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2012 Hurricane Season... June 1 - Nov. 30

See the *Observer's* special Hurricane Edition coming in August.

NOMA predicts:

- 13 named storms
- 5 hurricanes
- 2 major hurricanes

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"The God of peace ...
equip you in every
good thing to do
His will."
Hebrews 13:20-21

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GRADUATION
DEERFIELD BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

From the seats above, Nova Southeastern University's arena was a field of scarlet caps with gold tassels donned by 2012 seniors as they prepared to graduate from Deerfield Beach High School last Saturday.

Due to space requirements, Nova was chosen as a location for this meaningful occasion. Seniors officially said "goodbye" to their school on the last day, May 24. The rest of the students have their last day today, June 7. See more from DBHS 2012 graduation, pg 17.

Photos by Rachel Galvin



Students wait for the ceremony to begin.



Salutatorian Pia Iribarren speaks.



Valedictorian Rithi Chandy speaks.



Rocking their diplomas.



Hillsboro Canal Bank Stabilization Project

By Carol Porter

Area residents took part in an important information session with representatives of South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on Wednesday, May 30 at Broward Sheriff's office, 580 S. Powerline Rd. in Deerfield.

The meeting was about the Hillsboro Canal Bank Stabilization Project, a project the SFWMD is undertaking, scheduled to begin in June of 2013 and run through March 2015, depending on available funding.

SFWMD representatives spoke to residents about how improvements to the 7.6-mile

stretch of the canal from the G-56 structure, located near Military Trail, to 3 miles west of U.S. 441/State Road 7 would continue to efficiently move water for another five decades.

This section of the canal

has been in existence for about 50 years.

Also attending the meeting were Deerfield Beach Mayor Peggy Noland and Vice Mayor Bill Ganz, who asked many questions about the project and the impact on residents.



Sunday a.m. alcohol sales – a "GO" in Deerfield

By Diane Emcott

Those who wish to buy alcohol on Sunday mornings just got a wider open window to do so.

From 3 a.m. to 8 a.m. Sunday is now the only time alcohol CANNOT be purchased in Deerfield Beach – following passage of a revised ordinance amending city code on Tuesday night, June 5.

Sale of alcohol on Sundays used to be prohibited from 3 a.m. to noon.

Since 1980, when the city had a population of 39,000, residents have had to wait until noon on Sundays to buy alcohol, said Mayor Peggy Noland. Now, with a population close to 74,000, it's time for a change, she said.

After 1½ hours of a public hearing, during which numerous residents came up to the podium to speak "for" or "against," the city commission voted 4-1 in favor of changing the ordinance. Commissioner Ben Preston was the sole "no" vote.

The revised ordinance takes effect as soon as the mayor signs it, according to City Attorney Andy Maurodis on Wednesday morning. Asked if it would be in effect for this weekend, Maurodis said, "it should be."

Mayor Noland said the subject was brought to her attention by the owners of JB's, Ocean's, Café Med. "And at Publix, people go through the checkout line to get their

sub[marine sandwiches] before a football game or fishing and wonder why they can't buy beer."

Preston asked why the business community didn't come forward and make their own point (albeit the owner of Tipperary Pub, who got up to speak). "It was not an outpouring from the business community, just a suggestion," said Preston.

"How much more do we make in fiscal dollars? We don't know. So we just change it?" Preston asked.

Commissioner Bill Ganz said that, for example, "JBs sells an average of 200 Saturday morning breakfasts. If 50 percent of those buy a cocktail at \$8 each, that's \$800... If some 80-year-old grandma wants a mimosa with her Sunday morning brunch, the family goes to another city for brunch."

Preston asked the commission to consider that while on one side of the community it might be viewed as a positive fiscal impact, one person enjoying a mimosa and the view of the beach, to someone in another part of the community, without hope, those few hours may be all that keeps them from making an irresponsible decision.

Commissioner Joe Miller said his initial reaction was to leave the ordinance status quo. "After taking time to talk to constituents, initial feedback said: relax the law. The Residents speak, see Alcohol, pg 7

Beach Sounds (formerly Moonlight Melodies) starts TOMORROW!

Friday, June 8, 7 p.m.
David Shelley & Bluestone (blues)
Main Beach Parking Lot
Deerfield Beach, 33441

FREE summer concert series. Bring beach chairs, towels. This week's band features an eclectic fusion of blues rock and world rhythm sounds.

Save the date:

- Friday, June 22, 7 p.m.
The Resolvers (reggae)
- Friday, July 20, 7 p.m.
William Pennhouse Jr. & Motown Revue (Motown)

