Briefs

Deerfield Beach Volunteers needed to plant at rainforest

Volunteers interested in planting vegetation at the rain forest in the Arboretum at Constitution Park should meet at the east side of the park Saturday, July 2, 9 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. The park is at 2841 W. Hillsboro Blvd. Wear closedtoe shoes and bring work gloves.

This is final push to plant the area. A grand opening is planned for the end of July.

- Judy WIlson

Deerfield Beach Pier bait shop opens with a party

The city's new souvenir, bait and tackle shop at the fishing pier will open Thursday, July 7 with the city's line of signature items, beach bags, t-shirts and hats. A launch party for shop will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, music and a fashion show to unveil the merchandise.

Shoppers on that day will receive 20 percent discount on clothing purchased at the pier. A year ago, the city created the E-commerce store, shop, available at deerfieldbeachshop.com.

- Anne Siren

The kids are fine!

President's list

Madison Therese Bailey of Pompano Beach has been named to the President's List at Clemson University for the spring 2016 semester. Bailey is majoring in Language and International Health. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all As) grade-point average.

- Anne Siren

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Pelican readers invited to the Black on Black crime solutions panel on Saturday July 16

Making a Difference



Phyllis J. Neuberger wants your suggestions about people making a difference. Phyllis's book, China Dahl, is available on amazon.com. Call 954-783-8700.

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

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This will be the third year for Black on Black Crime Solutions Panel, created and developed by Kevin Dorival who says, "This year's theme is The Power of the Vote. There are over three million people in America who can't vote and almost half of them are black."

The purpose of this panel is to bring tangible solutions to the voting issues faced by the urban community. Courage to Believe International, a non profit mentoring organization, has invited hand picked experts to the table to improve the lives of those at risk.

Dorival, president of this organization, says that the free event will be on Saturday, July 16, at the Worldwide Christian Center Church, 450 N. Powerline Rd. in Pompano Beach. Pastors Rev. O'Neal Dozier and Rev. Leketia Dozier are long time supporters of this goal.

The panel members,



Kevin Dorival speaking at last year's Black on Black panel. [Photos courtesy of Kevin Dorival]

hosted by Suzette Speaks, are: Broward Sheriff Scott Israel: his challenger Willie Jones; Florence Taylor Barner, group 3 judicial candidate; Judge Kal Evans, retention election, group 2; Dale Holness, Broward County Commissioner District 9; Phyllis Pritcher, judicial candidate group 2; Judge Matthew Destry, retention election, group15; Rochawn Banks, attorney; Neva Rainfort-Smith, assistant state attorney; Dr. Ak Touse, international socio pathologist; Valencia Gunder, Miami community activist; student minister Roland Muhammad, Nation of Islam; Gino M. Herring, supervisor of elections office; Anthony Malcolm, radio show host.

Dorival says the event will



Hand-picked panel for Black on Black Crime Solutions.



Live entertainment was a hit at last year's event.

feature live entertainment, refreshments and network opportunities. The goal is to help keep urban youth out of the criminal justice system and to alert the audience to the constructive activities and organizations that are currently working on these issues.

He cites data from the Bureau of Justice. "Current statistics show that about 38 percent of the black males in America now are either in prison, on probation or on parole which means they can't vote." Many of these black men are incarcerated for killing other black men in the

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commission of a crime.

Dorival says there are significant reasons unique to black on black crimes. "It has to do with the socio-economic state of black men. There is a lack of jobs; a lack of resources and a lack of stable homes."

He adds that for some young men, their fathers are in jail. "But that is not saying that white on white crime does not exist, but crime happens in the community, Murder is the major crime in the black community. It is the number one cause of death of

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