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Hi Hometown News readers,

Federal complaint filed against radio station owner

A half dozen people banded together to file a federal complaint against Ormond Beach radio station owner Doug Wilhite and several other people associated with WELE-AM. The group claims others say they have been

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Airport noise task force makes recommendations

By Wayne Grant
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ORMOND BEACH — After six months and a dozen meetings, the Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force has delivered its recommendations to the City Commission on managing noise near the Ormond Beach Municipal Airport.

Airport manager Steven Lichliter presented the report at a recent commission meeting.

When the meeting was opened for public comment, a few residents expressed doubts about the value of the recommendations and a commissioner suggested building a remote landing

strip to reduce some of the traffic at the airport.

The task force was made up of citizens who volunteered to study the problem after the commission received complaints from residents earlier this year.

Mr. Lichliter said they

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City, county could become hoteliers

By Wayne Grant
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DAYTONA BEACH — If you want it done, you'll have to do it yourself.

That's what economist Hank Fishkind of Orlando is telling government officials who want a large hotel constructed near the Ocean Center to help bring a thriving convention business to the city.

The only way to build one in the next few years, he said, is for the city, county and local businesses to form a public/private partnership.

Mr. Fishkind said that difficulty in borrowing money makes it practically impossible for private companies to develop large hotels. He has outlined a plan to obtain financing, and is asking officials to agree to phase one, which would cost \$20,000 and would only involve preliminary planning.

The total for the hotel and other improvements such as a garage would be about \$200 million.

The Daytona Beach City Commission and the Volusia County Council, which recently voted to take part in phase one, have scheduled a meeting on Jan. 13 to discuss the idea.

The City Commission, after hearing his presentation last week, told Mr. Fishkind they would be

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All I want for Christmas is...



Randy Barber/staff photographer

Santa Claus asks Savannah Justice, 2, of Ormond Beach what she would like for Christmas during the annual 'Kids Christmas Party' at the Ormond Beach Elks Lodge on Saturday. The Elk's Lodge 2193 raises money throughout the year to make Christmas a little brighter for local children in need.

City makes Web site more user friendly

By Wayne Grant
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DAYTONA BEACH — The Daytona Beach Web site, www.codb.us, has a new look and many new features.

City spokesman Susan Cerbone said the goal of the new design is to provide "easier navigation, greater citizen interaction and upgraded features."

One of the more unique features is the "I want to" menu. What do you want to do? ... File a report? Find some information? This button can quickly lead you to your objective.

The new City Commis-

sion agenda page should make life easier for those who like to keep tabs on what elected officials are doing.

Several clicks have been removed from the task of finding an agenda, and the meeting minutes and video are at the same location.

Site visitors can also have the agenda link e-mailed to them by subscribing to the service.

Also making life easier is the "click and submit" feature which allows citizens to request a city service, report problems, or submit comments quickly online.

Residents can also fill out and submit a public records

request, code enforcement violation or other form. In the "old days" a few had to be printed out and mailed or dropped off at city hall.

Ms. Cerbone said the site was designed to be user-friendly. On the old site, to find Code Enforcement, for example, users had to know that the operation is structured under the Police Department. Having inside knowledge such as that is no longer necessary.

New nomenclature also should help individuals find their way around.

"We now use the term 'Parks and Recreation,' even though the name of the department is 'Leisure Ser-

vices," Ms. Cerbone said. "It's listed both ways on the site."

The upgrade was designed and built completely by city workers in the city manager's office and information technology department, Ms. Cerbone said.

"When we first decided to upgrade the site, we received quotes for just the design for \$25,000. Quotes that included design and content went up to \$100,000," she said. "We saved a lot of money by doing it in-house."

Suggestions for improvement are welcome, she said, and there are user surveys on many of the pages.

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Popular music styling of the '50s and '60s comes to Ormond Beach

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Photo courtesy Tyra Roberson
Tyra Roberson speaks at the MS Walk in 2008 at City Island.

Local woman is MS volunteer of the year

By Wayne Grant
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ORMOND BEACH — Tyra Roberson often says that her dad, Ty Wilson, has multiple sclerosis, but multiple sclerosis does not have him.

"My dad is an example of someone who has multiple sclerosis who also has a full life," she said. "He does everything everyone else does."

The Ormond Beach woman was recently named Volunteer of the Year by the Mid-Florida Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

She said there are many people who cannot afford the necessary drugs and equipment to help them lead better lives and that's what

motivates her to work to raise money.

"I do it to honor my dad," she said.

Doris Lill, associate director of community development for the organization, said Ms. Roberson was recognized because she is the driving force for two Volusia County fundraisers, MS Walk and Night at the Aquarium.

She has raised more than \$100,000 since 2003.

Mr. Wilson started the fundraising efforts in Volusia County in the mid-90s, Ms. Roberson said.

She helped him in the summer on her college breaks, and then took over the fundraising activities completely when she moved back here in 2001.

Ms. Lill said that Ms. Roberson was recognized for her creativity as well as hard work.

"She created the Night at the Aquarium event and handled it from start to finish," Ms. Lill said.

Ms. Roberson said she started the Night at the Aquarium, a fundraising dinner at the Aquarium Restaurant at Halifax Harbor Plaza, because she wanted to try something different.

"There are so many walks in the area," she said.

The event included a silent auction and entertainment and \$11,000 was raised.

A volunteer who works with Ms. Roberson, Vicki Dimaria of Palm

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Police recruit dies after completing agility test

For Hometown News
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At approximately 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 19, Robert Tramaine Williams, 24, of Daytona Beach, died suddenly following completion of a pre-employment physical agility test conducted by the Training Division of the

Holly Hill Police Department.

Mr. Williams was a student in the Basic Law Enforcement Recruit Training Program at Daytona State College's School of Emergency Services.

On Oct. 9, Mr. Williams applied for employment as a sworn law enforcement offi-

cer with the Holly Hill Police Department and was participating in the pre-employment evaluation and testing process with four other candidates.

Following completion of a physical agility test designed to measure balance, flexibility, muscular endurance and strength, Mr. Williams became unresponsive and collapsed. CPR was begun immediately by Holly Hill police officers at the scene; and advanced life support

was provided by Volusia County Fire Department paramedics and EVAC ambulance personnel. Despite all efforts, Mr. Williams was pronounced dead at Halifax Hospital Medical Center at approximately 3 p.m.

Mr. Williams was a 2004 graduate of Lyman High School in Longwood and a 2009 graduate of Bethune-Cookman University where he played football and earned a Bachelor of

Science degree in psychology.

"Robert Williams died pursuing his dream of serving others in the field of law enforcement," Holly Hill Police Chief Mark Barker said. "Everyone here is deeply saddened by the sudden and tragic loss of this dedicated young man; and our thoughts and prayers go out to the Williams family and to everyone who knew and loved Robert."



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Recently married, Jean and Thad McCollum of Ormond Beach dance to Christmas Music from The Moonlighters Orchestra during Holiday at The Casements last Thursday.

Randy Barber
staff photographer

Casements redo complete for the holidays

By Wayne Grant
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DAYTONA BEACH — The Casements is back to its old self.

A \$1.1 million, seven-month remodeling project has restored the building more to the way it looked in 1912. Changes were also made to enhance events at the facility and improve safety.

Those who missed the grand opening last week can still see the renovations. Free tours are once again being offered by the Casements Guild.

Phyllis Lowry of the guild

said visitors should be sure to take a look at the new patio outside the gallery.

"Memory bricks can still be purchased," she said.

The bricks are placed as a permanent part of the patio with the buyer's own personal message.

The 4X8 inch bricks will be \$75 until Jan. 1 and then the price will go up to \$100. The reason for the increase is that the guild will have to arrange for the bricks to be placed. They are currently being installed by the contractor.

The 8X8 inch bricks will remain at \$150 each because there are only a few

left, Ms. Lowry said.

For historical accuracy, the Casement renovations were based on old photographs and the original plans for the building.

Siobhan Daly, cultural center coordinator, said another touch adding to the more historic look is that the new mansard roof blocks the view of the modern air conditioners on the roof.

Events, parties and the like will be improved, Ms. Daly said, because the remodeling has created a better flow between rooms and allows more natural light into the interior.

"There's a double door

between the gallery and dance room and French doors open up to the courtyard," she said. "It's exciting to have it finished."

Changes affecting safety include a new fire alarm system and upgraded elevator. Also, the building now conforms to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

An ECHO grant provided \$500,000 toward the cost of the renovation and the rest was paid by Ormond Beach.

The building was purchased in 1918 by John D. Rockefeller who used it as a winter home. It is now city property.

Volunteer

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Coast, said she was very happy to hear about the award.

"She has been so dedicated for so many years," she said.

Ms. Dimaria has MS, and has seen the difference the money has made for others in her support group who also have the disease.

"People can get grants to get computers or remodel their homes to help them adjust," she said. "We also have speakers who tell us

about available services."

Ms. Roberson said MS is a unique disease.

"It's a prime of life disease that affects the whole family," she said. "It happens when people are in their 20s, 30s and 40s, when people are starting careers and families."

The disease is also unpredictable, she said, and affects people in different ways, which makes treatment more difficult.

Ms. Roberson has new plans the 2010 MS Walk.

"We want to make it more family-oriented rather than a sports deal," she said. "We'll

have face painting and a bounce house for the kids, so families can come and make a donation and don't have to walk."

The walk will be held in March in Rockefeller Gardens and will include a short walk of about a mile and a longer walk over the bridge and back of about two and a half miles, she said.

The Volunteer of the Year award was presented at the annual conference of the Mid-Florida Chapter in November in Tampa, though Ms. Roberson was unable to attend.

Ms. Roberson said she continues her efforts because she knows how important the money is to those with the MS. She sees her dad lead an active life, working every day at his business, TW Realty, and she knows others with MS could also have better lives if they received the help that is available.

"The drugs are expensive," she said. "Many people need the financial aid, equipment and support the society provides."

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Work continues on the new shops set to open in the spring of 2010 at The Pavilion of Port Orange.

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First Pavilion tenant opens with a blockbuster

By Dale Smith
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PORT ORANGE – Call it karma, fate, coincidence or luck. Any way you look at it it's got the Hollywood touch written all over it.

"It" was the opening of Avatar, the new James Cameron epic that movie critics are calling the biggest blockbuster in decades. Its showing occurred the same week as the area's biggest and newest theater, Hollywood Theaters Pavilion Stadium 14 in Port Orange, opened with great fanfare.

Hollywood Theaters is the first business to open at the new Pavilion at Port Orange, an open-air shopping complex at the inter-

section of I-95, Taylor Road and Williamson Boulevard.

The official grand opening for The Pavilion at Port Orange is spring of 2010.

Hollywood Theaters Senior Vice President for Real Estate, Scott Hall, said they were "thrilled" to be the first tenant at The Pavilion.

"The developers had a vision and we're happy to a part of this project," he said, during a pre-opening event last week. "The theaters are top-of-the-line and are the latest and greatest."

Movie-goers will see the difference for themselves as they experience a 4K image resolution versus the 2K now used on the sil-

ver screen.

"Sony is the only company with this 4K technology," Mr. Hall said. "It's a phenomenal picture."

Doug Hawkins, vice president of facilities and concessions for the theater group, said the newest theater features full rocking "love" seats in all 14 stadium-style theaters.

"Seven of our screens are for 3-D projections," he said. "The other seven are standard digital projections with the highest image enhancements."

Erin Anderson, vice president of marketing for Hollywood Theaters, said they were thrilled to provide their patrons "an unsurpassed presentation as set by the standards and

high values of Hollywood Theaters."

"We were very happy with the audience's reaction (to opening night)," Ms. Anderson said. "Our guests seemed excited to have Hollywood Theaters open."

Ms. Anderson said more than 400 patrons saw the midnight showing last Friday morning.

"We were very happy with the attendance the first day and we are looking forward to full houses in all 14 of our theaters," she said.

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Police report

Editor's note: This is a list of arrests, not convictions, and all arrestees are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in a court of law.

Daytona Beach Police Department

•Ashley K. Campbell, 27, of 1717 Shason Ave., No. 834, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 11 on charges of domestic aggravated assault. No bail was set.

•Decoria Leshawn Smith, 29, of 551 Sandra Ave., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 11 on charges of grand theft and possession of cocaine. Bail was set at \$10,000.

•Chequila L. George, 27, of 712 Hawk St., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 11 on charges of grand theft. Bail was set at \$7,500.

•Lamarvin Williams, 42, of 732 Green Ave., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 11 on charges of grand theft. Bail was set at \$7,500.

•Warner Dermald Mayweather, 50, of 149 S. Ridgewood Ave., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 11 on charges of grand theft. Bail was set at \$1,000.

•Charles Edward Williams, 42, of 1045 Peter Drive, No. 6, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 12 on charges of possession of cocaine. Bail was set at \$1,750.

•Marquese Lavon Meyers, 22, of 1200 Beville Road, No. 48, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 12 on charges of battery/domestic violence by strangulation. Bail was not set.

•Meggan Rae Cross, 29, of 1254 Marina Ave., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 13 on charges of prostitution. Bail was set at \$1,000.

•Ann Mehl Smith, 49, of 162 Edwards St., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 13 on charges of unlawful possession of cocaine. Bail was set at \$1,500.

•Joseph Francis Kriedler, 40, of 218 N. Hollywood Ave., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 13 on charges of unlawful possession of Methadone.

Bail was set at \$1,500.

•Helen Rogena Butts, 34, of 140 Carl Brinkley Circle, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 14 on charges of aggravated battery. Bail was set at \$1,500.

•Jeffery Lane Benjamin, 42, of 205 S. Hollywood, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 14 on charges of burglary to a residence and possession of burglary tools. Bail was set at \$3,000.

•Doraic Franklin Robinson, 21, of 413 Jackson Ave., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 14 on charges of aggravated assault. Bail was set at \$1,500.

•Charles Rodriguez Smith Jr., 19, of 109 Raceway Point Drive, No. 207, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 14 on charges of aggravated battery with a weapon. Bail was not set.

•Alisa Tocirre Jelks, 20, of 1017 Imperial Drive, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 15 on charges of aggravated assault domestic. Bail was not set.

•Nicholas Antonio Hill, 25, of 731 Indiana St., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 15 on charges of trafficking of cocaine. Bail was not set.

•Stephen A. Marazita, 27, of 600 Jimmy Ann Drive, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 15 on charges of aggravated battery on a pregnant person/domestic violence and battery strangulation/domestic violence. Bail was not set.

•Zachary Torrence Edwards, 28, of 731 Indiana St., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 15 on charges of trafficking cocaine more than 400 grams and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Bail was not set.

•Denise Brooks, 35, of 605 N. Seagrave St., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 16 on charges of unlawful possession of cocaine. Bail was set at \$2,000.

•Antwon Sureys Streeter II, 37, of 1049 Brentwood Drive, No. 402, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 16 on charges of possession of cocaine. Bail was set at \$1,250.

•Michael Javon Toby, 26, of 1200 Beville Road, Apt. 131,

Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 16 on charges of aggravated battery with deadly weapon. Bail was set at \$2,500.

•Scott E. Young, 21, of 1 Bishop Butts Circle, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 16 on charges of grand theft motor vehicle. Bail was set at \$1,000.

•Thomas Edwards Townsend, 44, of 549 Mulberry St., No. 3, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 16 on charges of grand theft. Bail was set at \$1,000.

•Adrianna Latricia Gardner, 28, of 1115 S. Ridgewood Ave., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 17 on charges of solicitation to commit prostitution. Bail was set at \$1,500.

•Eric Latoya Carn, 26, of 789 Kentucky St., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 17 on charges of principle to burglary. Bail was set at \$1,000.

•Linda Susan Willis, 47, of 711 Harvey St., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 17 on charges of solicit to commit prostitution. Bail was set at \$1,000.

•Billie Jo Deffenbaugh, 36, of 131 S. Halifax Ave., No. C, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 17 on charges of solicit to commit prostitution. Bail was set at \$1,500.

•John Melvin Jr., 29, of 789 Kentucky St., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 17 on charges of possession of burglary tools. Bail was set at \$1,000.

•Vincent Anthony Polizzi, 18, of 141 S. Oleander Ave., No. 2, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 17 on charges of unlawful possession of Alprazolam. Bail was not set.

•Delroy Keith Young, 61, of 524 S. Beach St., No. 1202, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 17 on charges of strong-arm robbery. Bail was set at \$5,000.

Ormond Beach Police Department

•Ryan Nicholas Campell, 27, of 282 Sanchez Ave., Ormond Beach, was arrested Dec. 14 on charges of sell-

ing/manufacturing/delivering/possessing a controlled substance. Bail was set at \$1,500.

Holly Hill Police Department

•Amanda Armstrong Vanburen, 51, of 460 Ridgewood Ave., No. 46, Holly Hill, was arrested Dec. 11 on charges of aggravated battery (domestic violence). Bail was not set.

•Eric Scott Harrell, 38, of 806 Daytona Ave., Holly Hill, was arrested Dec. 16 on charges of aggravated assault domestic violence. Bail was not set.

Volusia County Sheriff's Office

•Rachel Renee Over, 46, of 336 S. Palmetto Ave., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 11 on charges of possession of cocaine. Bail was not set.

•Michael Vincent King, 28, of 622 N. Beach St., Apt. No. 1, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 11 on charges of uttering a forgery. Bail was set at \$1,500.

•Andrew Charles Tintle, 20, of 4801 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., No. 803, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 11 on charges of sale of cannabis. Bail was not set.

•John Richard Rogers, 47, of 155 Ocean Terrace East, Ormond Beach, was arrested Dec. 13 on charges of fugitive out of state (Missouri). Bail was not set.

•Dejuan Leonard Willis, 26, of 1329 Beacon Drive, Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 14 on charges of possession of cocaine. Bail was set at \$2,000.

•David R. Gambrel, 34, of 1290 Ninth St., Daytona Beach, was arrested Dec. 15 on charges of possession of cocaine. Bail was set at \$2,000.

•Melinda Nicole McFall, 19, of 1704 Center Ave., Holly Hill, was arrested Dec. 16 on charges of unarmed burglary to an unoccupied dwelling, dealing in stolen



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Wanted

Wanted person:
Nicholle Fawn Titus

Birth date:
Oct. 18, 1982

Reason wanted:
Forgery, possession of a controlled substance

Distinguishing features:
Tattoo on back

Last known location:
Daytona Beach



Nicholle Fawn Titus

Crime Stoppers of Northeast Florida is seeking information on the whereabouts of Nicholle Titus, 27.

Ms. Titus is wanted on two open warrants after she failed to show up for trial on charges of forgery and also failed to appear in court for an arraignment on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Ms. Titus' last known address was on South Peninsula Drive in Daytona Beach. She's 5-foot 6-inches and weighs about 135 pounds and

has brown hair and brown eyes. If you see Ms. Titus or know where she is, don't attempt to apprehend her.

Anyone with information regarding Titus' whereabouts is asked to call Crime Stoppers toll-free at (888) 277-TIPS. You can also Text your tip by texting "TIP231 plus your message" to CRIMES. Anyone who provides information to Crime Stoppers will remain anonymous and can qualify for a reward of up to \$1,000.

property, false information pawned items less than \$300 and grand theft property between \$100 and \$3,000. Bail was set at \$4,000.

•Joshua Daniel Wenzens, 20, of 826 Daytona Ave., Holly Hill, was arrested Dec. 17 on charges of possession of a scheduled II substance. Bail was set at \$1,500.

•Damien L. Dupee, 31, of

840 Center St., Holly Hill, was arrested Dec. 17 on charges of burglary to a dwelling. Bail was set at \$2,500.

•Jason Ian Miller, 29, of 21 Carol Road, Ormond Beach, was arrested Dec. 17 on charges of possession of cocaine and destroy/tampering with physical evidence. Bail was not set.

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It's good to give

This letter is to remind people how good it makes you feel to give.

The Southeast Volusia Humane Society on Glencoe Road needs blankets, towels or comforters, or anything that you are going to replace. It could help the animals stay warm and comfortable in their time of need.

The Volusia County Sheriff's Office will accept donations of old cell phones.

If you have good citrus hanging on your trees, put it in a box marked free in front of your house, so you can share the abundance.

Life is good when you can help others. Happy holidays.

Is tone deafness a disease?

Tone deafness is a disease usually spread at bars and clubs that do karaoke Thursday to Saturday nights.

It is inert to the person that has it, but it is ravenous to the listeners. It is as painful as being a driver stuck on Interstate 95 during rush hour.

I completely understand that it is all in fun especially after having a few bravery cocktails. But before running out the following week and buying a case of all your favorite tunes you sing in the car, get an honest opinion. Not all of Americans have got talent and the drunk sitting next to you may not be the best critic.

So here are a few tips:

• Find a song you like in your voice range (trying to hit notes that don't exist is not good)

• If you do find a tune you can do fairly well, don't do it week in and week out, (the original hit didn't last that long)

• Don't get plastered before your turn, (slurring and miscues is not good)

• If you can't sing acapella, karaoke won't help

Try to remember some people are meant to be the audience, so enjoy the people who can sing and have a repertoire and find something you are truly good at.

Please be courteous with cell phones

In regard to cell phones being opened in movie theaters, especially the Regal Theaters in Ormond Beach.

It is very distracting when someone near you keeps opening his or her cell phone. The light comes on, and you can't enjoy the movie having the light shine in your eyes. Some people do try to shield their cell phones, but it is difficult to do.

In response to

'I shouldn't have to pay taxes for schools'

Well think about living in an illiterate society. If you work for someone, and that person is replaced by someone who didn't know how to read, write or do arithmetic who you have a hard time getting paid, and it wouldn't be much of a fun place to work.

In response to

'If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all'

I want to apologize for what that misguided person did to her in the checkout line, and I hope she's had some really good days since. I was offended, too.

The offender doesn't understand the dynamics of negativity versus positivism, and that behaving as he did is likely to bring bad things on himself.

In most stores, the express item limit is taken as a rough figure, and most people (myself included) have no problem with a few extra items.

Kickin' it



The Apollo U-9 Boys Ormond Beach Soccer Team has finished an undefeated soccer season. The Apollo team also recently went undefeated against four teams at the "Fire and Fury" two-day four-game tournament in Merritt Island. Left to right, first row: Luke Korfant, Graham Geis, Hunter Sweat, Chris Mays, Jaden Collins, Zach McNeely, Riker Casey, Noah Gettman, Orel Bitton and Connor Rioux; left to right, second row: Coach Kevin Sweat and Assistant Coach Jeroen Kistemaker.

Photo courtesy of Kevin Sweat

Letters

'Twas the night after Christmas'

'Twas the night after Christmas, and all through the house, lay the empty gift boxes from me and my spouse.

The stockings that hung from the chimney with care, are now to be found at heaven knows where.

The toys and the games and the bright-colored sox, now lay to the side, while kids play with the box.

The turkey and dressing and all the desserts, still bulge at your waistline to the point where it hurts.

The tree that was bright and so perfectly trimmed, now looks kind of tired and the lights, kind of dimmed.

The cards that were taped all around the porch door, are now one by one winding up on the floor.

And the fire that roared with a crackling of barks, has now dwindled down to a few gentle sparks.

All the an-ti-pa-tion, and the thrill of it all will eventually lead to the bills on the wall.

But I have no regrets, as I look round the room, for I see my whole family with their faces in bloom.

And I say to myself, "thank the Lord up above," for having this Christmas with the people I love,

And I wish that this feeling of love and good cheer will remain with us all year, every day, every year.

Jerry Genovese
Daytona Beach Shores

In response to

'I shouldn't have to pay for school taxes'

It seems as though the letter writer believes he is being

treated unfairly because the disbursements of real estate taxes pertaining to schools has touched a nerve.

There is much to be said about both sides of this argument.

Let's examine the tax in question here, that of taxing real property. This tax is supposed to be for the support of local and county services to residents of its jurisdictions; services such as police, fire, school and water resources, to name a few. These taxes are levied on just the homeowner, but the services are provided to all of the residents, both property and non-property owners alike. Many recipients of these services could be renters, squatters and even the homeless, basically anyone occupying space in these taxed communities.

Is a homeowner being taxed fairly in this case? Of course not, it's done solely because they are easy marks and the incentive for paying this tax is not losing their home. Non-property owners are getting a free ride when it comes to shelling out for these services. The only fair, equitable form of taxation for services such as those paid by real estate taxes is a head tax.

In this manner everyone pays their fair share for services rendered. The government doesn't see it this way because of the problems they would encounter with both collections and enforcement. So, we are now stuck with real estate taxation.

The revolution fought in this country was in large part about unfair taxation.

Have we lost our moral compass by expecting others to support our responsibilities through forced taxation?

Anthony Cavicchia
Ormond Beach

Woman lays dead in bed for 8 months

Spend any time surfing the Web and you are bound to find stories that are just too bizarre to be true. Here's a sampling, edited for length. And remember, just because it's online doesn't mean it's true!

From msnbc.msn.com:
Woman lay dead in bed for eight months

The body of an elderly woman remained in her bed for up to eight months even though caretakers paid daily visits to the house and kept it tidy, authorities said.

New Hanover County District Attorney Benjamin David told a news conference that a concealment of death charge would be filed against a family member, although he declined to identify the person by name.

"There is no question it was known to the family and should have been communicated to law enforcement," he said. "This is not tolerated under North Carolina law and it is not tolerated by this law enforcement community."



HOW WEIRD IS THAT?!
SEAN MCCARTHY

Failure to report a death is a low-level felony in North Carolina. David said the person charged may not face jail time depending on any prior criminal record.

From news.yahoo.com:
Self-styled vampire jailed for threatening judge

A man who claims to be the leader of a group of vampires has pleaded guilty to charges he threatened to torture and kill an Indianapolis judge and his family.

Rocky Flash, 45, also known as Jonathon Sharkey, was sentenced in a Marion County court to more than two years in jail. Prosecutors say the man threatened to beat, torture, impale, dismember and decapitate Judge David Certo, who is presiding over another case involving Flash.

Flash claims to be the leader of a group called "Vampyre Nation."

From oaklandtribune.com:
Teen runs up dad's cell bill to nearly \$22,000

A 13-year-old teen was probably in hot water with his father after running up a cell phone bill of nearly \$22,000. Ted Estarija said he was expecting his bill to be higher this month after adding his son to his plan, but wasn't expecting a bill of \$21,917 in data usage charges.

The Hayward man said his Verizon Wireless bill soared after his son apparently downloaded about 1.4 million kilobytes of data last month. His plan didn't cover data usage, so he was charged by the megabyte. Estarija said after the first media reports, Verizon said they would credit his account for the entire amount. He has also suspended his son's account.

From argusleader.com:
Pair accused of faking death from bad oysters

A couple was charged in federal court in Sioux Falls with faking the husband's death to collect on life insurance.

A woman, 39, and her 45-year-old husband pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to commit mail fraud. The wife was free on bond, while the husband was being held without bond.

Authorities said the woman claimed her husband died after eating bad oysters during a family vacation in Malaysia in 2003. She eventually settled the insurance case with two insurance companies for \$2 million. FBI agents informed Sioux Falls-based Midland National Life about a year ago that husband walked into the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, and asked to renew his passport. The man was arrested in Guam last month.

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Caring for holiday plants through the new year

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas holiday and a have a happy and safe New Year!

Now that the holidays are coming to a close, many of us will have an abundance of holiday plants to nurture for an entire year so we can enjoy them again next year.

One of the most popular gifts of the holiday season are amaryllis bulbs.

Amaryllis bulbs are relatively easy to take of. If you give them adequate water and bright light, they should bloom in about six weeks. The best way to water is to keep the plants evenly moist. Do not water so much that the plants are sitting in standing water.

Keep the plants on a windowsill or protected porch for best results. If your bulbs are too small,

GARDEN NOOK
JOE ZELENAK



you may have to wait until next year before you get blooms to form.

If you received a Norfolk pine as a gift or bought one for yourself, you can

successfully grow them indoors. As a matter of fact, I recommend that you either grow them indoors or plant them in a container. I do not recommend planting them outdoors.

These trees do not fare well in hurricane-force winds and they grow extremely large. With that said, Norfolk pines will do

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Son refurbishes table, family memories

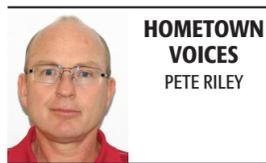
While most people will associate money or valuable property with things left in a last will and testament, the gift to me from my father was something completely different, but very special.

At 11 inches wide and almost seven feet long, it wasn't your normal cocktail table.

This anomaly, fabricated from angle iron, half-inch plywood and multicolored two-inch square tiles that had been laid in no particular pattern or order was a labor of love created by my father sometime in 1956.

The table had been in our family for as long as I could remember. Often the subject of discussion between my father and me, I always liked the table and hoped one day to have it passed on to me. I told dad that the only thing I really wanted from the small group of family treasures once he was gone was the cocktail table. He obliged, and after his passing in 1999, I learned that he had kept his word and left it to me in his will.

After recently realizing that it had been almost 10 years to the day that my dad had passed away, while sitting on the back porch enjoying the Florida sum-



HOMETOWN VOICES
PETE RILEY

mer evening, I decided it was time to refurbish the table. I was ready to



breathe new life into our old family member...bring new color to her face, new grout to her joints, and a fresh coat of shiny black paint to her frame. She would become as good as new...just like she was in 1956.

I removed and cleaned each tile and numbered each one by row and placement. I wanted the table to be in the exact condition and look it had started with.

As I worked, I questioned things this old table had been through. Where did the tiles come from? What was

with the three red tiles in a row in row 26?

Maybe it was dad's passion for art that moved him to place the tiles in the order they were in. I suppose that will always be one of the secrets that the table holds. I also recalled some of the significant events that this table and I had shared. I remember sitting on it as a boy of 5, glued to the old black and white television for three days after President John F. Kennedy was shot.

Another significant memory occurred not long after the JFK event. It was the Beatles and their appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show. As I recall, we sat and watched it with the babysitter as she sang along with the Fab Four.

For a week, I sanded and

cleaned her rusty frame, then painted the table with a fresh coat of primer and a nice glossy coat of black. With each pass of the sprayer, it was almost like a feeling of rebirth — of renewal. As I laid the tiles in exactly the same order that they were removed, I couldn't help but think about my dad; his idiosyncratic methods, his meticulous manners and his spirit.

Three weeks to the day when I started the project, it was completed. The table shone with a fresh glossy black coat on her frame, the tiles replaced carefully to original locations (yes, including the three red tiles in row 26), and a topping off with fresh, tan grout. As I stood back and admired my work, I couldn't help but think that although the table looked new, it still holds the many memories of our family inside. That is one thing that can never be updated, changed, or modified.

Zelenak

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extremely well in an indoor environment, as long as there is ample light. Position your plant near a window where it will receive a bit of sun daily.

These plants will do best if they are watered on a regular schedule. Keep the plants evenly moist but not dripping wet. Do not allow the plants to sit in standing water. Norfolk pines also enjoy a humid environment so if the plant is indoors, you may find it beneficial to lightly mist it from time to time to help increase the humidity around the plant.

Improper watering can result in needle loss that will not regenerate itself. In addition, never try to prune the tree to shape it. The only pruning that should be done on this plant is for basic maintenance, such as trimming off dead or yellow lower branches.

In the past, I have discussed about how to

choose and nurture poinsettia plants during the holidays. These delicate plants can also be planted outdoors after the season is over.

First, choose a location that is sheltered away from strong winds and the full direct rays of the summer sun. Also, choose an area where you can control the artificial light at night, so you can get your plants to bloom next season with minimal effort.

Use a good-quality potting mix to place your plants in the ground and be sure it is a well-drained location. It might be wise to repot your plant in a large pot until all danger of frost and cold weather has past. March would be a great transition month to place your prize in the ground.

Once it's planted and established, be sure to trim off all the old red bracts. You will need to do this in order to get blooms

next season.

Now comes the tricky part. Starting around November or sooner, the plant is going to need long nights in order to rebloom. During this two-month period, you will need to eliminate, as much as possible, all signs of artificial lighting at night. Keep the area as dark as possible. This is the key to getting new blooms for the holidays.

One of the biggest problems you might encounter with a poinsettia plant is root rot. Oftentimes, you will see poinsettia plants wilting as if they were not watered in days. You go to check the soil and it is still moist. So why is the plant wilting?

Actually, the poinsettia most likely has a root fungus or disease that is preventing the plant from taking on water. That explains the wilted condition. This is usually caused from the plant being in

soil that is overly moist.

This condition will almost always lead to a dead plant. In addition, you must also keep a watchful eye out for whiteflies. Treat them at the very first indication with Orthene.

With a little luck and some skill, you should be rewarded with some great holiday color in your garden next season.

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The service is available to everyone.

The New Year's Eve trolley route will run along A1A between Granada and Beachcomber Avenues. Connections also can be made between regular night service routes No. 1, 3, 4, 10, 15 and 17.

For more information, or to purchase an advance New Year's Eve pass, call (386) 761-7700 or the Hotel and Lodging Association at (386) 257-6828.

Dedicate a walk for World Peace Day

The Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department invites the public to dedicate a walk in the labyrinth in honor of World Peace Day on Thursday, Dec. 31.

Participants may come by the labyrinth any time from dawn until dusk.

Information at the site includes a peace song and meditation to be read.

Carol Bertrand and Joan Baliker will be there from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to assist participants.

The Harmony Labyrinth is located in Central Park II on Hammock Lane between Orchard Street and Old Kings Road.

Free H1N1 vaccinations available

The Volusia County Health Department is offering a number of opportunities for residents to get no cost vaccinations

for protection against the H1N1 flu virus including vaccination outreach teams that will come to businesses, organizations or events to provide vaccinations.

To date, more than 100,000 doses of the H1N1 vaccine have been distributed throughout Volusia County to health and medical providers including hospitals, clinics, fire departments, pharmacies and more.

The Volusia County Health Department offers the following vaccination options:

- Free H1N1 vaccination clinics from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays, Dec. 30, Jan. 6 and Jan. 13, at the Volusia Mall, 1700 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. The clinic will be near the Dillard's Men's Store.

- Outreach Vaccination Teams group vaccinations are available for 20 or more people. For more information, call (866) 821-7704.

- Free H1N1 vaccinations from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at 1845 Holsonback Drive, Daytona Beach and 717 W. Canal St., New Smyrna Beach.

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Help the city get ready for the census

Daytona Beach Mayor Glenn Ritchey is calling together community leaders, business professionals, organizations and other interested individuals to join the city's efforts in preparing Daytona Beach residents for the 2010 Census. A meeting will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the Daytona Beach Police Department, 129 Valor Blvd.

The meeting will also review the work that has already gone into the city-wide census preparation.

Lunch will be provided. For more information, e-mail goodmanb@codb.us, or call (386) 671-8203.

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Libraries closed for holiday

Volusia County's 15 public libraries will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The libraries will close at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

Patrons will be able to visit the library system online at www.volusialibrary.org during the holiday closings.

Hoteliers

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interested in hearing more, although a couple of the commissioners expressed reservations and a speaker from the audience criticized the idea.

A member of the business community said his company is willing to be the "private" part of the deal. John Dahl, vice president of Pyramid Hotels, which operates the Daytona Hilton, said they will financially contribute to phase one.

"In exchange, we would like to be part of the committee and assist you in developing and financing the project," he told the Daytona Beach commissioners. "You want to stick your neck out? We want to stick our neck out too."

Mr. Dahl said the hotel is important to the success of Daytona Beach because currently there are not enough rooms to support the expanded Ocean Center.

Longtime local hotelier George Anderson said he also wanted to be involved.

"I'm a player in the community and I want to stay a player," he said. "The county has built the convention center and if we don't take advantage of what's been done, I see a problem for a long time."

Mr. Fishkind predicted it would be another two years before large hotels are built by private companies.

"If the commission wants to get things started, this is the way," he said. "If there is no public/private partnership, then it won't happen for a long time."

Mr. Fishkind said the project would be done in phases.

He said he would organize the finances and act as advisor and his fee would be \$5 per thousand, taken from

the sale of the bonds. He said that is the industry standard for this type of financing.

"I've laid this out in a step-by-step roadmap to move this forward to successful financing," he said.

For an example, Mr. Fishkind cited a similar project that was done in the last few years in Dallas, in which government bonds were used. He said the same could be done here.

In addition to the hotel, Mr. Fishkind said the partnership would also need to finance a skywalk over State Road A1A, a parking garage and landscaping.

He also said the "ezone" or entertainment zone would be an important part of the plan. The ezone is an area around the Ocean Center the city wants to improve with restaurant, shops and attractions.

"All that is necessary to succeed," he said. "We need to make it a compelling area for market planners."

The project would be financed with government bonds, and the bond holders would be paid by proceeds from sales tax in the tourist area and revenue from the hotel and garage.

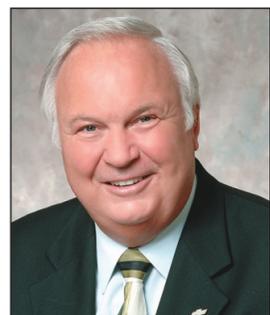
Commissioner Pam Woods asked Mr. Fishkind what would happen if the hotel failed to make money.

"I want to know what tax payers will be on the hook for," she said.

Mr. Fishkind said there would be no risk to taxpayers.

"If the project fails, the bond holders don't get paid," he said. "You would pay a higher interest rate to give the bond holders a reason to take a risk."

Mr. Fishkind said the only way the project can be done is for the government to own the hotel, but it would be easy to get a private compa-



Mayor Glenn Ritchey

ny that would operate it.

"They will come in a heartbeat," he said. "They would make no investment; they would operate if for a percentage of the profits."

Mayor Glenn Ritchey said the city should move forward.

"I don't know how you can dismiss something without exploring it," he said. "I think a \$200 million project would be a catalyst and linchpin for the community. We're not proud of the way it looks along A1A. I would be willing to take another look."

Commissioner Robert Gilliland said he believed if the project were successful, it would encourage developers to build smaller hotels in the area.

Others were less enthused. Commissioner Shiela McKay-Vaughan said she wanted to hear other ideas for developing the area.

"I have heartburn over \$200 million in bonds," she said. "I want to see other options."

There was a dissenting opinion from a speaker from the audience, Ken Paz.

"The government is not good at developing property," he said. "You've got no skin in the game. You're using taxpayer money. There's got to be incentives you can offer the private sector. Please don't do this."

School News

Spruce Creek High School teacher Andrea White for "Futures" meets "Strong Science" and "A+ Funding" in Genetic Discovery." This project is the culmination of all that has been learned by higher-level biology 12th graders in molecular genetics.

Creative Award (\$630) to Cypress Creek Elementary School teacher Richard West for "Racing into Learning-Otter Slot Car Club." The slot car clubs will meet after school. A local business will

bring the track, cars, & accessories to school. Age appropriate hands on experiments involving weight, balance, force, motion, place value, scale, design and graphing will be completed.

Creative Award (\$550) to New Smyrna Beach High School teachers Tina Curry and Deborah Samuels for "Caught Reading." The goal of the project is to promote increased school-wide reading, visual literacy and an appreciation of graphic design.

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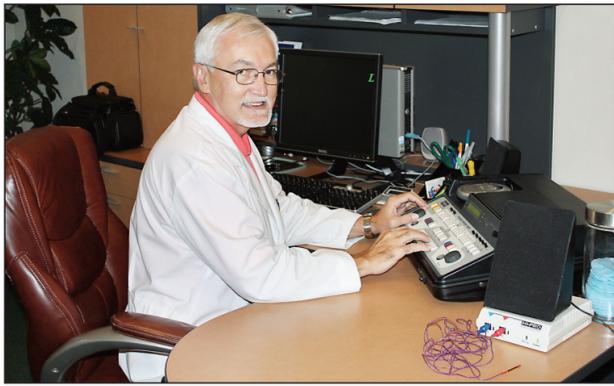
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Virgil Baker, regional director for AccuQuest, uses an audiometer to test the hearing of a patient who is in a nearby booth.

AccuQuest Hearing Centers offer latest technology

By Wayne Grant
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DAYTONA BEACH — In case you haven't heard, Florida Better Hearing Centers has merged with AccuQuest Hearing Centers, a national company.

The new company has the AccuQuest name, and the local centers are in Ormond Beach, Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach and Palm Coast.

Virgil Baker, regional director, said the larger company is beneficial to consumers.

"AccuQuest is a large, national company that provides stability even in recessionary times," he said. "They will be here tomorrow to service what they sell today."

The company performs hearing tests as well as selling and servicing hearing aids.

"Once you get a hearing aid, it's important to have it checked periodically, every three months for most people," Mr. Baker said, "We can change the settings to adjust to hearing or lifestyle changes."

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Anyone who suspects they have a hearing problem should

make an appointment, Mr. Baker said. Specialists can perform tests to determine if a hearing aid will help or if the person should see an eye, nose and throat specialist.

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Mr. Baker said that he is proud to sell the Starkey line of hearing aids, which is made in the United States.

"Most hearing aids are made overseas," he said.

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"It weighs less and is less cumbersome," he said. "It has a more natural feel, and there's more amplification and less feedback."

Mr. Baker recommends everyone have their hearing checked once a year if they have noticed any problem.

There are AccuQuest locations throughout the area, so stopping by one of the locations should be easy for everyone.

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Brief

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defrauded by the station and its travel show and are asking for class action status. In the complaint, sent to us by local resident Murray Steinberg, the group claims they bought travel packages that came with hidden fees and restrictions. In some cases, the group says they were sold packages they could never use. Mr. Wilhite, an admitted nudist, was recently found not guilty in a criminal case where a teenager, who is close to Mr. Wilhite, claimed Mr. Wilhite sexually abused him. Mr. Wilhite faces additional criminal charges lodged by friends of the teenager who say they were given alcohol at Mr. Wilhite's home, shown pornography and encouraged to have sex with each other so Mr. Wilhite could watch.

Suspect in Ormond Beach rape turns himself in

A suspect turned himself in on a rape charge after a young woman was attacked in her home in Ormond Beach. Donald Woulard Jr., 52, is facing a host of charges in connection to the assault on the victim in the Village Subdivision east of Nova Road. Police widely circulated a composite sketch of the suspect and less than 12 hours later, Mr. Woulard came in to the station and told authorities he was the man they were looking for, though he claims he invaded the home, but didn't rape the 25-year-old woman. Police say she was home alone when Mr. Woulard knocked and asked for the homeowner, the victim's roommate. He said he had done yard work for the homeowner and was looking for another job. He returned a short time later under the ruse of leaving a business card, according to police, then pushed his way in and terrorized the victim for more than an hour. WESH 2 obtained the victim's 9-1-1 call for help and she told authorities the man raped her, and chased her into the backyard when she finally escaped. Police say a neighbor heard the commotion and ran to help the young woman as the suspect ran away.

The victim was clearly distraught in the call, but aware enough to tell investigators she tried to calm the angry man by offering him something to drink, hoping to get his fingerprints on the cup. The homeowner says her roommate is a hero. She says she is stunned by her bravery and relieved the suspect is in custody because the assault had the entire community on edge. Mr. Woulard, who has an extensive criminal history, is being held without bond.

Suspect pleaded not guilty

The last suspect arrested in the murder of a 13-year-old boy in Daytona Beach pleaded not guilty at a recent arraignment. Ervin Shipman had to be extradited out of Seminole County where he was arrested so his arraignment was delayed. Shipman and four others are accused of killing Lloyd Robinson Jr. last summer. The teen was shot during a home invasion.

Judge removed from hearing some cases

A Volusia County Circuit Court judge will no longer handle cases in which people may be involuntarily held for psychiatric issues or problems with substance abuse. Judge John Doyle was recently removed from hearing those cases after the Circuit's Chief Judge got complaints that Judge Doyle behaved rudely in some cases. According to written letters to Chief Judge David Walsh, Judge Doyle refused to let anyone speak and used words like drunks and drug addicts about people seeking treatment. The Chief Judge planned to talk with Judge Doyle about the situation, but when Judge Doyle refused to have a conversation, he was immediately removed from that particular rotation schedule.

Man killed when hit by car

A man in his 50s was hit by a car and killed in the 3200 block of Daytona Beach Shores. Police say they were called to the scene of the crash and found the victim unresponsive, lying in the roadway near the curb. He was rushed to the hospital but died before doctors

could help him. Police say Jodi Ascherman, 38, of Ponce Inlet was driving a vehicle northbound when she struck the victim, but there's no word on why he wandered into the road and in this early going, police have not been able to identify the victim. Charges are still pending.

Subway robber sentenced to life

A man who robbed a Subway restaurant in Port Orange will go to prison for life without the chance of parole. Prosecutors say Isaac Andrews committed the crime less than three years after being released from prison on another stint so as a result he faces a far more significant punishment. Mr. Andrews robbed the restaurant at gunpoint in April, but was seen on store surveillance and later arrested when an officer recognized him.

Motel fire was arson

Investigators say a fire that did more than \$20,000 damage at a motel in Port Orange was deliberately set. The blaze broke out in the office at the Triangle Motel on Ridgewood Avenue in the pre-dawn hours and firefighters were able to contain it and prevent it from spreading to adjacent rooms. No one was hurt, but state investigators say the fire is definitely a case of arson and are offering a \$2,500 reward for information.

Carjack victim escapes after being punched

A 76-year-old man was punched in the face in Port Orange when a suspect claiming to have a gun attacked him in his car. Fortunately, police caught up with the suspect. They say 40-year-old Lawrence Singletary of New Smyrna Beach approached the elderly man who was sitting in his car at a business plaza. Police say Mr. Singletary told the victim he had a gun and ordered him to move over into the passenger seat. Mr. Singletary punched the victim in the face according to authorities, but the victim managed to get out of the car and the suspect took off in it. He was captured in Daytona Beach and police say the gun turned out to be a plastic toy.

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Gingerbread man



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Art instructor Vera Lvoff of Ormond Beach helps Conner del Castillo, 5, of Daytona Beach Shores with his gingerbread house at the Arthaus in Port Orange last week.

Checklist for holiday visits to aging relatives

Know the signs: when a loved one may need help

As your family visits senior relatives this holiday season, here are some signs to look for that your loved ones may need help taking care of themselves. One of the most important signs is your own gut reaction. If you're left with nagging concerns after a visit or conversation or if you see other worrying changes in their behavior, follow your instincts and consider extra help. Here are some common signs that your loved one may need additional care:

- Poor grooming (stains on clothes, infrequent bathing).
- Changes in eating habits (one meal a day, snacks instead of a nutritious meal).
- Sudden mood changes (angry, suspicious, paranoid).
- Reluctance to socialize.
- Depression (not sleeping, not eating, lack of energy).
- Poor or decreased judgment (burners left on, doors unlocked).
- Loss of initiative or lack of interest in activities (stopped participating in social, church or volunteer groups).
- Increased forgetfulness (missed doctor appointments or family events).
- Difficulty walking, unsteadiness, or frequent falls.
- Mishandling finances or medications (not taking medication or not taking the correct dose, not paying bills).
- Unsafe home environment (cluttered pathways, poor lighting, needed household repairs).

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Pavilion

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play area, walking trails surrounded by water and an outdoor performance venue with plenty of free parking.

"Construction is progressing ahead of schedule right now," Katie Reinsmidt, vice president of corporate communications for developer CBL, said.

"The other anchors (stores), shops and restaurants will begin opening in January with the majority opening around the official grand opening day in March."

Ms. Reinsmidt said other store openings will continue throughout the following months.

"We are excited about great shopping and dining opportunities at The Pavilion at Port Orange," said Geoff Smith, said CBL & Associates Properties, Inc., Vice President of Development. "We have listened to the requests of area shoppers and are delivering a diverse mix of retail, restaurants and services."

CBL owns or manages four regional malls and open-air centers in Florida including Volusia Mall in Daytona Beach, Gulf Coast Town Center in Fort Myers, Panama City Mall in Panama City and Lakeshore Mall in Sebring.

In addition to Hollywood Theaters, the other anchor store coming to The Pavilion at Port Orange is fashion department store Belk. Junior anchor stores

include Home Goods, Marshall's, Michaels, PETCO, and ULTA.

Other shops and restaurants include Adornments Boutique, Alfredo's Restaurant, AT&T Mobility, Café Fresh, Cold Stone Creamery, David's Bridal, Five Guys Burgers and Fries, General Nutrition Center, Hibbett Sports, Kirkland's, Lee Nail Spa,

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Airport

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reviewed information provided by the FAA, researched other airport procedures, heard from industry professionals, and listened to complaints and ideas from area residents.

"Many comments from residents at our meetings found their way into the decisions we made," Mr. Lichliter said.

Two workshops were also conducted. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University supplied staff and two airplanes so that task force members could observe the results of various flight patterns.

Recommendations from the task force include asking pilots to fly "high and tight," that is, at a high altitude and as close to the airport as possible.

Another suggestion is for pilots to stay west of the Tomoka River when flying south to avoid large population centers.

To facilitate compliance with recommended procedures, the task force recommends that the flight schools post the new procedures prominently.

Mr. Lichliter said the schools have shown a willingness to cooperate.

"We sometimes demonize the flight schools but they have been receptive," he said.

Procedures have already been published and Embry-Riddle has made them mandatory. Other schools make sure their pilots read the rules and encourage them to participate, Mr. Lichliter said.

The task force also recommended the city explore the possibility of acquiring a monitoring system that would record flight patterns.

Two residents said they believe noise will continue to be a problem.

Hal Perkins said the recommendations may help but it would be a mistake to assume they will solve the problem because they are voluntary.

He also said the number of flights is a big problem.

"When I was putting out Christmas decorations I counted 11 planes in a 15-minute period," he said.

Sean Daly said traffic volume causes a problem because the tower must send the airplanes out in holding patterns around the airport.

"The pilots know the

procedures and I'm still getting flights over my house," he said. "The tower people tell me that if there are enough planes in the pattern, they will be over my house."

He also expressed a concern for safety, pointing out instances of private planes crashing throughout Florida.

An idea to reduce the number of flights at the airport was brought up by Commissioner Bill Partington.

"I'd like to look at working with the county to put a strip in an unincorporated, nonresidential area for schools to practice 'touch and go' procedures," he said.

Mayor Fred Costello said it was worth exploring.

"That is an idea that makes sense to everybody," he said.

Stimulus money might be available for such a project, said city manager Joyce Shanahan. She said that city staff would look into it.

Commissioner Ed Kelley said he would accept the task force recommendations for "what they are

worth."

He said most of the complaints were from just a few people.

"If the problem was that serious, everybody would be feeling the same way and you'd have more than just a small number complaining," he said.

He said there may be a noise problem, but the city is limited in what it can do.

"If an airplane is three miles above a person's house, I don't know how responsible we are," he said. "Some of the complaints are probably from military or other aircraft from outside our area."

Ted Baldwin, an aircraft noise expert who assisted the task force, said solving the problem is all about cooperation and communication.

"The one piece of advice I can give you is to communicate," he said. "That is where I recommend you put your efforts. It would be more effective than even putting in a monitoring system."

City staff will now have the task of analyzing the suggestions and reporting back to the commission.

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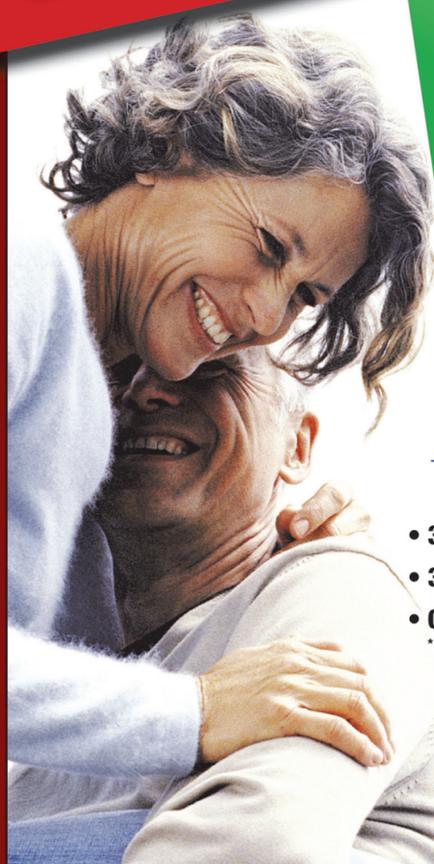


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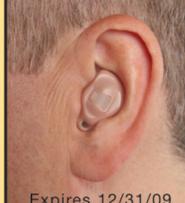
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Out & about

SATURDAY, Dec. 26

•Espresso: The group Espresso will perform from 5-9 p.m., on the deck of the Rivergrille at 950 N. U.S. Highway 1, Ormond Beach. They will perform with Jonathan Brady on keyboards.

•Ballroom dance: The Greater Daytona Chapter of U.S.A. Dance will hold a ballroom dance from 7-10:30 p.m. at the City Island Recreation Center, 108 E. Orange Ave., Daytona Beach. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for non-members and \$3 for students. Admission includes a one-hour group lesson from 7-8 p.m. Attire will be dressy casual. The public may attend. For more information, call (386) 756-8433 or (386) 427-4591 or visit greaterdaytonachapter.org.

SUNDAY, Dec. 27

•Historical bus tour: A scenic historical bus tour presented by the Ormond Beach Historical Society will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday. Bus tours leave from The Casements parking lot, 25 Riverside Drive. This two-hour tour includes the Ormond Scenic Loop, Fairchild Oak, Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Ruins, Ormond Indian Mound and historic homes along the way. A knowledgeable tour guide will interpret the 30 sites on the route. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors 65+, \$7 for ages 7 to 12, and can be purchased at the OBHS Welcome Center, 38 E. Granada Blvd. or by phone using Visa or Master Card. Reservations are required as space is limited. For more information, call (386) 677-7005 or visit www.ormondhis-tory.org.

•Walk: The Happy Wanderers will hold a 5K /10K walk at 1 p.m., Sunday, at Daytona Beach - City Island Library, 105 E. Magnolia Ave. Cost is \$3. For more information, call (386) 788-4026, (386) 676-9863 or visit www.happywanderersfl.org

MONDAY, Dec. 28

•Afternoon at the movies: The Port Orange Regional Library will show the film "Angels & Demons" at 2 p.m., Monday in the library auditorium, 1005 City Center Circle. This film is rated PG-13 and is 138 minutes. Harvard symbolologist Robert Langdon works to solve a murder and prevent a terrorist act against the Vatican.

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"Doo Wop With A Twist.... A Night Of Doo Wop & Rock N' Roll" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 N. U.S. Highway 1. Shown left to right are performers Frank Mancuso, Tony Passa, Steve Horn and Tommy Mara.

Doo Wop show comes to Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center

For Hometown News
Volnews@hometownnewsol.com

Richard Nader Entertainment's "Doo Wop With A Twist.... A Night Of Doo Wop & Rock N' Roll" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 N. U.S. Highway 1.

Cruise down memory lane with music featuring artists from the '60s, Joey Dee, Frank Mancuso, Tony Passa, Steve Horn, Tommy Mara and special guest Amanda.

Joey Dee and The Starlites were discovered while working at a nightclub called Oliveri's in Lodi, N. J. They were booked for a weekend at an New York City nightclub called the Peppermint Lounge. It was supposed to be a weekend stand that escalated into a 13-month run. In 1961, their first song "Peppermint Twist" went gold. This was followed by "Hey Let's Twist," "Shout Part 1" and "What Kind Of Love is This" to name a few.

Mr. Mancuso attended Tilden High

School in Brooklyn where he and his four school buddies became known as The Red Hot Chico and His Four Peppers. When his family moved to Long Island his search began for new singers who lived close by. It wasn't long before Mr. Mancuso and four new friends created The Imaginations. They are remembered for "Guardian Angel," "Good Night Baby," and "The Search Is Over." In 1988, he reorganized The Imagina-

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The Club Scene

•The Aquarium: Neil Freestone will perform acoustic '80s rock from 5-9 p.m. each Friday. The Fabulous Slidells perform classic rock from 4-8 p.m. each Saturday, and Nancy Heartline will perform folk acoustic music from 4-8 p.m. each Sunday. Aquarium nightclub hours are from 9:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday. The Aquarium is located at 125 Basin St., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 255-6477 or visit www.aquarium-daytona.com.

•Bank & Blues Club: Daytona Blues Society True Blues Jam is held at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday. The Show Case Act will be held at 8:30 p.m. Daytona Blues Society "True Blues" Live Jam open jam session is held from 10 p.m.-1 a.m. each Wednesday at 701 Main St., Daytona Beach. There is a \$3

cover. For more information and a full events schedule, visit the Web site at www.DaytonaBluesSociety.org

•First Turn Steakhouse: Larry Tomei will perform at 6 p.m., Saturday at the tiki bar. First Turn Steakhouse is located at 5236 S. Ridge-wood Ave., Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 788-5434 or visit www.first-turnsteakhouse.com.

•Five O'Clock Charley: This band will perform rock 'n' roll, blues and country hits from 7-10 p.m., Wednesday at Julian's Landmark, 88 S. Atlantic Ave., Ormond Beach. They will perform 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Thursday, at the Ormond by the Sea Eagles Club New Year's Eve party, 1544 Ocean Shore Blvd. For more information, visit www.fiveoclockcharley.com

•Frappe North: Wine tastings are held at 6 p.m.

the first Tuesday of each month. Reservations are required. Live Music Friday Nights are held from 7-11 p.m. Frappes is located at 123 W. Granada Blvd. in Ormond Beach. To make reservations, call (386) 615-4888 or visit the Web site at www.frappe-north.com.

•The Garlic: Blues and jazz musicians perform seven nights a week. "Muddy Harp" Hodgeson will play the blues from 7-11 p.m., Saturday. He will be joined by Ray Guiser at 9 p.m. Sax man Thom Chambers will also perform from 6-10 p.m., Sunday and Monday. Pianist and vocalist Michael Lamy will perform from 6-10 p.m., Tuesday. Mr. Hodgson will perform from 6-10 p.m., Wednesday and 6 p.m.-midnight, Thursday. Mr. Chamber will perform at 9:30 p.m., Thursday. The Garlic is located at 556 E. Third Ave., New Smyrna

Beach. For more information, call (386) 424-6660.

•Inlet Harbor: Rattle Shake will perform from noon-4 p.m., Saturday. Rockit hits the stage at 5 p.m., Saturday. Eddie Uzzle will perform from 12:30-4:30 p.m., Sunday. Gailforce hits the stage at 5 p.m., Sunday and at 12:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday. Mr. Uzzle will perform at 5 p.m., Monday. Mike Caso hits the stage at 5 p.m., Tuesday. Carl Bernard will perform at 5 p.m., Wednesday. Rattle Shake will perform at noon, Thursday for New Year's Eve. The Better Way will perform from 5 p.m. to midnight, Thursday for the New Year's Eve bash. Inlet Harbor is located at 133 Inlet Harbor Road, Ponce Inlet. For more information, call (386) 767-5590.

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STAR SCOPES
James Tucker
Week of 12-25-2009

Aries-March 21-April 19

You know what you want. Stay centered on your main goals. Listen closely. You are in a very positive energy pattern right now. Find a little quality time for yourself. Do a few deep breathing exercises when you first wake up. It's better than drinking two cups of coffee. Now you are running on your own steam. Good luck.

Taurus-April 20-May 20

Let go of the past and move on. Don't expect others to do things your way without a commitment. You can't rescue the wounded. Stop trying. Your place in this world is to keep a steady pace, move forward and live an exciting, inspired, joy-filled life. You have all this potential. Make the best of it. It's your destiny.

Gemini-May 21-June 21

You continue to shine in wonderful ways. Why? You listen to your inner guidance. You move forward when it feels right. Many friends are proud of you. Stay focused on your three top priorities. Less important things can wait. Keep this plan going in 2010 and you will have the best year of your life just ahead.

Cancer-June 22-July 22

There is much more to life than basic survival. All the earthly pleasures will not sustain you until you feed your emotional and spiritual needs first. Take it one day at a time and trust your very first impressions. This is possible for you because of your extra large heart. You can do it. Your personal happiness depends on it.

Leo-July 23-Aug. 22

Recent successes have motivated you to wanting even more. Just be sure to not take on too many things at once. No reason to get scattered now. You know what feels right. It's good to make a written plan or agenda every day. Be flexible but follow it closely. It will move you forward and insure success.

Virgo-Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Continue to keep a loving, open heart during the holidays and beyond. It puts you closer to the source and

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Out

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Tom Hanks stars. For more information, call (386) 322-5152 Ext.4.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30

•**Music for Healing:** Sponsored by the Port Orange Ministerial Association, "Music for Healing: Body, Mind and Spirit" is held from 12:15-12:45 p.m. each Wednesday at the All

Saints Lutheran Church, 751 Dunlawton Ave., Port Orange. Musicians from local churches and schools present instrumental music for peaceful contemplation, reflection, self-care and meditation. Barbara Kaufmann will provide the organ music. The public may attend. Instrumental musicians are needed. For more information, call (386) 761-9129.

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•**Opera Video Club:** The club will show "La Gioconda," the opera by Ponchielli, sung in Italian with English subtitles, at noon, Thursday at the Daytona Beach Shores Council Chambers' activity room, 3048 S. Atlantic Ave. The film is 162 minutes long. Admission is free. For more information, call (386) 767-6967.

ONGOING EVENTS

•**American Legion Post 17:** Spaghetti night is from 4:30-6:30 p.m. each Thursday. Surf and turf is served from 4:30-6:30 p.m. each Friday. Breakfast is served from 8-11 a.m., Sunday. American Legion Post 17 is located at 619 W. Canal St., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 427-5013.

•**American Legion Post 270:** A fish fry and music entertainment is held from 5-7 p.m. each Friday. Taco night is held each Monday from 5-7 p.m. Wing night is held each Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. The public may attend. American Legion Post 270 is located at 119 Howes St., Port Orange.

•**Chess club:** The Port Orange Regional Library hosts a chess club for ages kindergarten through adult from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Friday. All are invited to attend. The library is located at 1005 City

Center Circle. For more information, call (386) 322-5152, Ext. 4.

•**Cracker Creek's Pirate Cruise:** Featuring the Pirates of Spruce Creek, cruises are held at 1 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday at 1795 Taylor Road, Port Orange. Costumed pirates create a live, interactive experience as young buccanniers learn navigation, pirate weaponry, knotting or rope tying and pirate lingo, all the while searching for the lost treasure at Spruce Creek. Pre-registration is required by calling (386) 304-0778. Canoe and kayak launch and rentals, guided eco-history Pontoon boat tours and golf cart tours of the conservation nature trails also are available. For more information, visit the Web site at www.OldFloridaPioneer.com or send an e-mail to cracker-creek@OldFloridaPioneer.com.

•**Cruise night:** East Coast Cruisers hold a cruise night from 4-8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month on Canal Street in New Smyrna Beach.

•**Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club:** Duplicate Bridge is played Monday through Saturday at 600 Driftwood Ave., Daytona Beach. For the schedule, call (386) 255-7744 or visit the Web site at www.DaytonaBridge.org.

•**Democracy Now:** Internet news with Amy Goodman will

be presented at 10:30 a.m. each Thursday at Unitarian Universalist Society, 56 N. Halifax, Ormond Beach. News and analysis will be covered. Coffee and donuts will be served. The public may attend.

•**Edgewater Fire-Rescue Bingo:** Games begin at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at the Fire-Rescue Association Fire Hall, 2616 Hibiscus Drive. Two games have \$100 jackpots. The facility is non-smoking, snacks and soft drinks are available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Fire-Rescue Association's various causes. For more information, call (386) 424-2445.

•**Elks bingo:** Games begin at 1 p.m. on Sundays and 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at 820 W. Park Ave., Edgewater. The facility is non-smoking, food and soft drinks available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Elk's sponsored charities. For more information call (386) 427-2512.

•**Gospel open mic:** Faith Church will hold an gospel music open mic at 7 p.m., the first Friday of each month from November to April at the church, 4700 Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 761-5482.

•**Ormond Beach Historical Society Welcome Center and Museum:** This is the "Gateway to the Ormond Scenic Loop" featuring historical photo-

graphs, a 20-minute DVD, and interpretive panels that reveal the rich and diverse history of the Ormond Beach area. Located in the 1895 MacDonal House, the welcome center features information about the Timucua Indians, the Spanish and British Colonial Periods, early pioneer settlers, the Hotel Ormond, "Birthplace of Speed", and John D. Rockefeller. Hours are 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. Admission is Free. The welcome center and museum is located at 38 E. Granada Blvd. Ormond Beach. For more information, call 386-676-7005 or visit www.ormondhistory.org.

•**Ormond Memorial Art Museum & Gardens:** Bassmi Ibrahim of Clearwater, Florida will exhibit his collection of more than 40 large scale mixed media pieces from Dec. 4 to Jan. 8, at the Ormond Memorial Art Museum & Gardens, 78 E. Granada Blvd. The exhibited work is largely from his Inness Series, which he identifies as lyrical abstractions of the negative-sounding stain painting. Stain painting is a process of applying thinned down acrylics and/or oils to unprimed canvas. The Ormond Memorial Art Museum and Gardens is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday and from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. There is a \$2 suggested donation. See **OUT, B5**

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Doo Wop

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tions and in 1998 became a part of The Legends of Doo Wop.

The original members of the Fascinators came together in their hometown of Brooklyn. They were an offshoot of another group - the Clusters. Tony Passalacqua, who later shortened his name to Passa, was the lead of the group. They recorded on Capitol Records. From their first recording session in 1958 the group released the now-famous "Chapel Bells."

Mr. Passa would go onto a solo career. Later, he became a member of the Archies, singing on their last release "Who's Your Baby."

Mr. Horn began singing bass in junior high school in the Bronx. In 1960, he was asked to join a group called The Sharks, who made 26 singles and five albums. Their most memorable songs were "Stormy Weather" and "Canadian Sunset." Mr. Horn is responsible for forming the Legends Of Doo Wop

who have been touring since the late 1990s.

As a teenager, Mr. Mara played the drums in Brooklyn and sang in a local rock band. He then toured with Blonde. After moving to Florida, he joined The Saints and then The Crests. Mr. Mara, who is the present day lead singer and owner of The Crests, has been referred to as both "The Pavarotti of Doo Wop" and "The Meatloaf of Doo Wop." He sings hits that include "Cara Mia," "Sixteen Candles," and "Step By Step."

Special guest during the "Night of Doo Wop will be 13-year-old singer Amanda.

In 2009, she was showcased in a solo in "Cirque Dreams" and she performed twice with David Foster.

There will also be a grand finale with all of the artists performing together.

Tickets are on sale now. Tickets start at \$30. VIP tickets, which include a meet and greet with the performers are \$50.

For more information or tickets, call (386) 676-3375.

Doo Wop contest winners announced

Three winners have been chosen in the *Hometown News*/Doo Wop with a Twist contest. *Hometown News* reader Nadene Schantz, of Ormond Beach, won the grand prize of two VIP tickets that includes a back stage

tour, meet and greet, photos and dinner with the performers.

Readers Shirley Russell and Linda Scott, both of Port Orange, won the second and third prizes of two tickets each to the event.

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•Java Jungle: Open Mic Night with Wes Malone is at 7 p.m. each Thursday. Musicians, authors, singers, poets and composers are welcome. Java Jungle is located at 4606 Clyde Morris Blvd., Unit 2P, Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 760-8969.

•Norwood's Restaurant and Wine Shop: Free wine tastings are held from 5-7 p.m. each Friday on the deck and Saturday in the shop with complimentary cheeses. Norwood's is located at 400 Second Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 428-4621.

•Ohana Luau Dinner Show: This dinner show spectacular and family-style feast, with a 6:30 p.m. seating, dinner served at 7:15 p.m. and show

time at 7:30 p.m., is held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at the Hawaiian Inn, 2301 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores. Participants will learn traditional dances with Polynesian women, warriors and keikis (children). A flaming fire knife dance and hula with audience participation will be featured. For more information, call (386) 255-5411, Ext. 186, or visit www.myohanalua.com.

•Peanut's Restaurant & Sports Bar: Free Bingo and Comedy Auction is held at 7 p.m. each Tuesday. Mark River performs at 8 p.m. each Wednesday. Peanut's is home to all NFL and college football. Peanut's is located at 421 Flagler Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 423-1469.

•Peter's Wine Shop: Wine Events are held each week. Girlfriends Get Together is held from 4-7 p.m. each Wednes-

day. Thursday wine tasting is held from 5-9 p.m. Guest wine experts pour and discuss wine. Peter's Wine Shop located at 1665 Dunlawton No. 105, Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 689-1946, e-mail peter@peterswineshop.com or visit www.peterswineshop.com.

•Rockin' Ranch: The Native Skeeter band will perform at 9 p.m., Saturday. The Saloonatix will perform at 9 p.m., Thursday, New Year's Eve. There is no cover. The Rockin' Ranch is located at 801 S. Nova Road, Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 673-0904.

•Seabreeze Coffee Connection: A hand drum circle is held at 8 p.m. each Wednesday at 315 Seabreeze Blvd., Daytona Beach. For more information, visit the Web site at www.drumcircle.meetup.com/327.

Scopes

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helps guide your life toward positive results. Do something really personal and creative for your true love and it will be fondly remembered for all the coming year. You will be surprised how much will come back to you.

Libra-Sept. 23-Oct. 22

The universe is going to bless you with all the energy you need to make it safely through the holidays. Contact a few relatives and friends you haven't talked to in a while. This spreads joy to the world. Find a little time to exercise, as well. This will keep you in top shape and raring to go when the New Year rolls around.

Scorpio-Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Give yourself a little extra time during the holidays. You work hard all year. Let this be a present to yourself. Take an inventory of your life and make new plans for next year. It is a time for saving and being resourceful. Clean

out the hallway closet. You never know what you will find; maybe some hidden money.

Sagittarius-Nov 22-Dec. 21

Compassion and idealism along with a keen sense of humor best describes your attitude toward life. You have serious goals and high regard for the universal laws, but you wish to enjoy yourself while you work. Your cheerful attitude inspires others and makes them feel good. This wonderful gift is the rarest of treasures.

Capricorn-Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Your time is becoming more valuable. Stay close to your positive inner circle. Then, take this new energy and use it to manifest your special projects. This plan will keep you moving in the right direction and please you with the results. The universe blesses you because you bless it with "balance."

Aquarius-Jan. 20-Feb. 18

The focus you have been giving to your main goals is working. You are on a posi-

tive roll. Your spirit is strong. Your mind is clear and your desire is great. Much new learning is coming soon. Continue to release the past of old habits, attitudes, events and things that no longer serve you. A higher level is on the way.

Pisces-Feb. 19-March 20

Your home life is better now than in a long time. Why? Because you have the courage to stand up for your true beliefs. This is the path of respect. Continue on with this natural high. This resurgence of your spirit and truth will now spill over in your professional and social life. I predict a fine year coming ahead for you.

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The Artists Workshop will hold a "Color Emphasis - Acrylic Collage" class with artist Carrie Burns Brown from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Thursday, Jan. 11 to 14, at 115 Canal St., New Smyrna Beach.

The workshop will focus on color and design using fluid acrylic paint as a multi-layered, transparent opaque water medium.

There will be an introduction to collage transfers and collage techniques.

The cost is \$325 for Artists

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Workshop members and \$360 for non-members.

For more information, call (386) 943-9300 or e-mail billcaribrown@aol.com or waters_g@bellsouth.net.

The Capitol Steps to perform

The Daytona Beach Symphony Society will present the musical political satire, The Capitol Steps at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, at the News-Journal Center.

The Capitol Steps began as a group of Senate staffers who set out to satirize the very people and place that employed them.

General admission tickets are \$37.

For more information or for information regarding VIP packages, call (386) 253-2901.

Decorative Arts of Dining scheduled

The fourth annual Decorative Arts of Dining will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Hilton Daytona Beach, 110 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach.

Admission is \$20 per per-

son.

Reservations are required by Jan. 17.

This event is sponsored by the Daytona Beach Symphony society.

For more information, call (386) 253-2901.

Military band tickets available

The City of Daytona Beach and the *Daytona Beach News-Journal* will host the United States Air Force Reserve Concert Band from Warner Robbins, Ga., for one free concert Sunday, Feb. 7, at 1:30 p.m. at the Peabody Auditorium.

Tickets are free for this general admission performance and can be obtained now at the Peabody Auditorium Box Office, 600 Auditorium Blvd.

Tickets are limited to six per person. The box office is open 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturdays, except for holidays.

The 43-piece concert band is the largest and most versatile unit of the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve with a varied repertoire that ranges from classi-

cal overtures through Sousa marches to Broadway show tunes, popular music, movie themes and patriotic favorites.

Elvis tribute show planned

"The King in Concert," an Elvis Presley tribute show will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 3, at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 N. U.S. Highway 1.

Randy Elvis Walker becomes Elvis Presley as he is accompanied by his live band the Legendaires. Guest stars includes Camille Terry as Marilyn Monroe, Nashville country singers, VickiLee and Jennifer Acuff Milton (a relative of Roy Acuff).

Mr. Walker began performing as Elvis at age 4 in churches and community events.

Tickets for "The King In Concert" a 75th birthday celebration of the King of Rock & Roll are on sale now and can be purchased at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 N. U.S. Highway 1.

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•**Peninsula Woman's Club:** A luncheon followed by bridge or canasta will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursdays, at 415 S. Peninsula Drive, Daytona Beach. The cost is \$10. For more information, call (386) 760-0487.

•**Piggotte Community Center:** Cards and game playing is held from 1-3 p.m. each Monday and Thursday at the center. There is no cost.

Participants can bring their cards and games.

•**Pinnacle and Yoker:** New groups are starting at the Port Orange Adults Center, 4790 Ridgewood Ave. Residents meet at 4 p.m. each Friday to play games. For more information, call (386) 761-7633.

•**Scabble Club:** The Port Orange Regional Library will hold Scabble Club at 10 a.m. each Monday, at 1005 City Center Circle. For more information, call (386) 322-5152, Ext. 2.

•**Sica Hall Senior Center:** Nickel and dime poker is played at noon each Thursday. Donations are all that is asked to play. Several different games are played, and rules are posted. Line dancing takes place at 2 p.m. each Thursday

and costs \$4 for members. Also, from 2-4 p.m. each Tuesday, a live band plays music from the 1940s and up to dance to. Refreshments are served. Singles or couples may attend. The cost is \$4.50 for nonmembers and \$3.50 for members. Bingo is held at 1 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday. Drawings, prizes and free refreshments are available. The cost is \$1 for members and \$2 for nonmembers. The Sica Hall Senior Center is located at 1065 Daytona Ave., Holly Hill. For more information, call (386) 236-2997.

•**Super Singles of Florida:** A dance is held from 8-11:00 p.m. each Wednesday at the Eagles Club, 190 S. Nova Road, Ormond Beach. Music is provided by Jim & Vicki of Mr.

D.J. Entertainment. The cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Participants must be single. For more information, call (386) 736-0749 or send an e-mail to Darlin115308@yahoo.com.

•**Teen art group:** The Port Orange Regional Library will hold "Teen Zone" from 4 to 5

p.m., each Friday at 1005 City Center Circle. This program is completely teen run in conjunction with a knowledgeable college student. Learn to draw animals, manga, still life and other art forms. Participants should bring their own art supplies. For more information, call (386) 322-5152, Ext. 4.

To include an event on the Hometown News Calendar, send an e-mail to volnews@hometownnewsol.com or fax information to (386) 322-5901. For more information, call (386) 322-5900.

Sing out



Randy Barber/staff photographer
Christine Bartell (left) of Port Orange and Erma Gilliam of Daytona Beach perform during a Christmas Candlelight Concert at Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church in Daytona Beach Shores on Sunday.

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Celebrate the New Year with an Italian treat

Hello, smart shoppers. Hope you had a wonderful, blessed Christmas and Hanukkah. A reader e-mailed thanking me for this recipe her grandmother used to make. I'm writing on Dec. 14; how strange to write about the New Year when we haven't had Christmas.

Let's ring in year 2010! Here are a couple of New Year's traditions. Up north, eat a piece of pickled herring at midnight and touch a dollar bill. Symbolically, may there always be food on the table and money in your pocket.

Here in the south, you must eat pork and black-eyed peas on New Year's Day. I can remember New Year's eve being a celebration where we made as much noise as possible at

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midnight. I have some noisemakers from my parents, given to them by my dad's parents, that date back almost 100 years, wooden handles and all. No cut fingers from sharp metal, that's for sure.

To me, it's a capital sin to be sleeping at midnight. I used to wake my kids up just to make noise. Silly? Childish? Maybe so, but I hope to never lose that excitement.

Resolve to love one another more. Don't think there will always be tomorrow. Sometimes tomorrow never comes.

This week's column is a

tribute to mamma, my paternal grandmother. For New Years she made "cookies," not regular cookies but special Italian treats coated with honey and topped with colored candy sprinkles.

Many of you are familiar with Strufole (honey clusters), but her other specialty I bet you've never heard of. Tordillo, made with olive oil and wine, was everyone's favorite. When I finally decided to make them, I kept hearing mamma saying, "you have to feel when it's right." Back my memory went to when I was 17 and "I remembered mamma." I asked for the recipe and mamma said in her delightful Italian accent, "you come over and we do it together."

What I thought was going to be very easy turned out to be a bit of a fiasco when I kept questioning mamma's instructions. Here's how it went while making the tordillos.

Mamma: Dump flour on the board.

Me: How much flour?
 Mamma: "This much," she said as she pointed.

"Make a hole in the center of the flour and pour in 1 glass of wine and 1/2 glass oil."

Me: "What size glass?"
 Wouldn't you know I meant how many ounces?
 Mamma didn't. As her

voice started to rise, she held up the glass and shouted, "This size! Now mix it all together until it feels right," she said, determined to go on.

At that point I just couldn't resist and asked, "What does right feel like?"

Well, she threw her hands up in desperation and said, "Don't say another word, you ask too many questions; watch what I do and DO it."

In most traditional cooking, you have to feel when it's right. I've taken that "feel" and tried to put it into measurements for you in all family recipes I have written. While making these cookies, I think I really learned what "right" feels like as "I remembered mamma."

Enjoy. See you next year!

TORDILLO (NIB)

The wine used for these cookies was muscatel. If you can't find it, use a slightly sweet white wine or a dry white wine, such as chablis or Chardonnay, mixed with 1 teaspoon of sugar.

- 4 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2-cup extra virgin olive oil, warmed slightly in the microwave
- 3/4-cup wine
- Canola oil, enough to fill a medium saucepan halfway
- 1 cup honey

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Editor's note: This is the second of a three-part series on Oasis of the Seas.

All Royal Caribbean commercials said, "We built incredible" and they did with the Oasis of the Seas.

My first day was busy looking at the different room category staterooms. There are so many options for staterooms. There are 12 suite categories, 13 balcony categories, five ocean-view categories and six inside categories.

I was most impressed with the Aquatheater suites. These suites jet out the back of the ship on either side of the Aquatheater, are two bedrooms/two baths and can accommodate up to eight passengers. It has a

large living room area with floor-to-ceiling glass on two sides. The balcony overlooks both the ocean on the rear and side, as well as the end of the Boardwalk and Aquatheater. There is plenty of room for families or a group of friends to gather.

The public rooms were many and with varying themes. One of my personal favorites of all Royal Caribbean ships is the Schooner Bar and this was no exception. It's located on deck 6, above the guest services and opens to overlook the Royal Promenade. The piano player, Peter, was excellent.

My new favorite would be Dazzles, although no time to enjoy the music and dance there, the décor was gorgeous with its champagne-



TRAVEL
PATTY TOPPA

colored crushed velvet chairs and banquettes, mirrors and incredible chandeliers hanging above the winding glass stairways leading to the balcony area overlooking the dance floor. When you walk in there you would expect to see Fred and Ginger gliding across the floor.

As with the Voyager and Freedom class ships, you will find the Royal Promenade the place to be, especially in the evenings where you might be strolling along or sitting outside one

of the cafés and suddenly you hear music and people bursting into dance. The crews from the various theater groups are dancing in the streets and mostly everyone starts dancing. Well, I did, along with a few hundred other folks. It was a fun place to be.

I cannot go into detail about each of the venues, because there are so many, and because I was unable to experience them all in two days. I will, however, give a synopsis of the many venues you might experience aboard the Oasis.

Also located along the Royal Promenade you will find Sorrento's, a place for pizza almost anytime of the day into the wee hours of the morning, as well as Café Promenade for coffee, light

fare and desserts. Bolero's for those who love salsa music, On Air Club for up-to-the-minute sports and news, but also for Wii games and trivia. Globe and Atlas Pub, which sports Atlas holding up the globe high above the entrance and another Royal Caribbean first, the Rising Tides bar which, floats from deck five to eight. When the bar is on eight, there is a water light show where it would park on deck five.

Jazz on 4 sports a soft décor and feels reminiscent of the clubs of old.

Blaze, on the other hand, is wild with colors, with dungeon-like walls surrounding the dance floor. This, of course, is the nightclub for those who love to dance through the night.

Comedy Live has the look and feel of the subway. I did not have the opportunity to enjoy the comedians; however those we met later said it was very funny.

The main show room is the Opal Theater where we were thrilled with "Abba-cadabra" and "Hairspray," both great shows.

Studio B is the ice skating rink, where we were entertained with an ice show featuring the works of Hans Christian Anderson' it was fantastic.

The Aquatheater show was not until 9 p.m. and 11

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Grammy

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1-1/2 tablespoons sugar
Multi-colored candy sprinkles

Using the dough hook on your electric mixer or food processor, mix first three ingredients together. Place dough on cutting board and knead for about 5 minutes until smooth and silky.

Break off small pieces of dough and roll into a cylinder about 1/2-inch wide and 2-inches long. Place thumb (or 3 fingers) in center of cylinder and press dough down firmly as you push forward then towards you, causing the cylinder to curl and look somewhat like a seashell.

Fry cookies a few at a time until golden. Drain on paper towels.

In medium saucepan, bring honey and sugar to a boil, lower heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Add cookies a few at a time, turn to coat. Remove to platter with a slotted spoon. Dust with sprinkles.

Note: Cookies can be made, fried and stored in an airtight container for weeks. Glaze the day you're ready to serve.

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Hometown News **\$UPER BUY\$** of the week

Do the math: stacking coupons adds up to big savings

I'm often asked how many coupons we can use on a single item. To answer this, you need to note the difference between manufacturer coupons and store coupons.

Manufacturer coupons always have the words "manufacturer coupon" printed on them. Regardless of whether a store's name or logo is also on a coupon, if those words appear on it, it's a manufacturer coupon. Store coupons will have the words "store coupon," or "retailer coupon" on them, and the name of the issuing store will also appear on the coupon.

Many stores allow us to "stack" coupons, using one manufacturer coupon and one store coupon on the same item. This gives us an even larger discount on that particular product.

But in order to successfully stack, it's important to make sure you are only using one store and one manufacturer coupon, not two manufacturer coupons. We can only use one manufacturer coupon per item. The register will never accept more than one manufacturer coupon on the same item; this would

be considered coupon fraud.

In my coupon classes, it's a common misconception that you can stack one Internet-printed coupon with a coupon from the newspaper inserts, but this is rarely the case. Most coupons available on the Internet for printing are manufacturer coupons, so double-check the wording. If you have a coupon you printed out and a newspaper coupon for the same item and both state "manufacturer coupon," you'll either have to choose which coupon you want to use, or buy two of that item in order to use both coupons on a given shopping trip.

As long as you note the differences in the coupons and play by the rules, though, you can definitely multi-stack deals. The goal? To maximize the number of items you take home while minimizing what's coming out of your pocket to do so.

To help you understand the way I will break down a sale, I'll share with you one of my recent deals involving multi-stacking.

An area grocery store had a sale on pork ribs, which were \$6.99 a slab or \$12.98

COUPON QUEEN
JILL CATALDO



for two. When I spot a good sale, I'll always look for coupons to see if I can bring the price down even more.

A common misconception many people have is that there aren't coupons for meats, but there are, you just need to look in the right places!

Since these ribs were labeled under the store's house brand, I went to the store's Web site to see if the store itself was offering any coupons for them. Many chain grocery stores offer coupons on their Web sites.

In this case, the store offered a printable store coupon for \$2 off a slab of house-brand ribs. Because most Internet coupons have a print limit of two, I printed two of them. Now my two slabs of ribs were \$8.98.

I wanted to get a bag of charcoal to grill those ribs with. It was \$7.99. The store's weekly flyer had a \$2 store coupon for the charcoal, bringing the price down to \$5.99.

I browsed the Web site of the charcoal company and found a valuable manufacturer coupon there, too: \$6 off pork when you buy a bag of charcoal plus a bottle of barbecue sauce. This was a valuable coupon!

Adding the bag of charcoal to my bill brought my

total to \$14.97, but the coupon took another \$6 off the ribs. Now my total for both was \$8.97, a penny less than it would have been had I bought ribs alone! But I still needed to buy a bottle of barbecue sauce in order to qualify to use the charcoal site's coupon. So I did. I bought a \$2 bottle of name-brand barbecue sauce, because I had a great coupon from my newspaper inserts: "FREE barbecue sauce with purchase of charcoal."

Buying the sauce added \$2 to my total and the coupon took that \$2 right back off.

Now, my end total for two slabs of ribs, an 18-pound bag of charcoal and a bottle of barbecue sauce was

\$8.97. This is a great example of multi-stacking.

A lot of coupons were involved, but I never used more than one manufacturer coupon on the same item. Remember, as long as you do not exceed more than one manufacturer coupon on the same item, you can use a manufacturer coupon for every single item in your shopping cart, and I often do!

Jill Cataldo, a coupon workshop instructor, writer and mother of three, never passes up a good deal. Learn more about couponing at her Web site www.super-couponing.com. E-mail your own couponing victories and questions to jill@ctwfeatures.com.

Downloading shouldn't be so mysterious

One of the things I often hear when I ask a new user what they want to learn about their computer is, "I want to learn how to download."

Of all the things people can do with their machines, downloading seems to be a concept that's shrouded in mystery.

We hear about it all the time, "just go to www.whatever.com and download your copy today," or "I just downloaded an update to my anti-virus software; my machine should be well-protected now."

What exactly do they mean by downloading? How come no one ever explains it?

Well, it's one of those concepts that, for the most part, is 90 percent automatic. That's why there isn't much written about it for the end user.

Let me explain. Whenever you visit a Web site, any picture, sound, text, etc., displayed is stored on the computer that hosts it. When you access the Web site, all of that stuff is transferred from their computer down to yours, so it can be displayed. Since this transfer is going from the Web site down to your computer, the data is said to be downloading.

So, basically, every time



COMPUTE THIS
SEAN MCCARTHY

you access a Web site, you are automatically downloading lots of stuff.

The direction the data flows is what makes the difference between downloading and uploading.

Data that comes down from the 'net to your machine is considered downloaded, while data that leaves your computer and goes up to the 'net is considered "uploaded."

When you send your mail, the data goes from your computer up to the mail server; it's uploaded. When you get your mail, it comes down from the mail server; it's downloaded.

Now when typical stuff is downloaded from a Web site, it's usually displayed as being downloaded (back in the days of dialup, the pictures would seem to slowly form before your eyes).

The confusion about downloading comes from those times when the file you are trying to access is something other than a file that can be displayed as it comes in. In these cases, you have to save the file to disk and then access the file manually.

This isn't as complicated as it may first seem. When you encounter a file like that, typically a "save as" dialogue box opens and the computer wants to know where on your computer you want to save the file.

This is logical; the machine needs a place to store it as it comes in. Save it to the desktop or create a folder specifically for it on the hard drive but, regardless of where you save it, you need to note what folder it is being saved in and what the file is named. That way, after the download is complete, you can use that to navigate to that folder and double-click the newly downloaded file.

The next thing that tends to cause confusion is what happens when you download something that your machine doesn't know how to open. For instance, say you just downloaded a .pdf file but you have no .pdf reader installed on your computer.

When you go to open it, the computer displays a message asking you what program to use! This can be very intimidating if you don't understand the message but you know what? The download worked fine!

The file did indeed transfer from the internet

down to the computer, the computer just doesn't know what to do with it and is relying on you to tell it what program to use.

Not sure what program to use? Here's a hint: take the three-letter extension (in this example .pdf) and search on google for "what program opens .pdf." Google will then come up with a list of what programs will open your file.

Another area of confusion comes from things that automatically downloaded, things such as anti-virus or Windows updates are often downloaded in the background so there is usually little (if anything) that you have to do but, since everyone knows how important updates are, people can get stuck trying to figure out how to download things that are already taken care of.

The trick there is learning how to verify automatic downloads worked the way they are supposed to have.

Well, that's downloading in a nutshell. Have a merry Christmas and I hope this helps!

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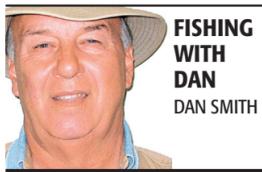
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Is it a fond childhood memory or just another fish tale?

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FISHING WITH DAN
DAN SMITH

Fishing trip! Granted you will need to be persuasive to get the youngsters to put down their new video games, but the weather is great, the insects are dormant and nature is waiting all around us.

At this point, I would ask each and every one of you to pause for a moment and allow your mind to wander back to your first fishing memory.

It was not difficult to summon up, was it?

If it meant enough for you to carry with you this long, surely you would not deny your children or grandchildren the same experience.

As you searched your memory, I was right there with you, but my first fishing memory is not actually a

memory at all.

It is one of those stories from our youth that we have all heard repeated so many times we only think it to be a memory.

At age 4 or 5, my grandfather (who was no fisherman) asked me to ride with him into town in his big old Buick with the twin side mount spare tires.

On the way, I spotted a large puddle left from the previous night's rain. The way the story goes, I pestered the old man until my gramps pulled over. He rigged a piece of twine onto a stick (no hook) and allowed me to fish in the rainwater until I was

satiated.

After some time, my mom and dad came by in their '49 Plymouth and got a good laugh from the sight of grandpa sitting, forlornly, on the running board of the Buick.

As I said, my gramps did not like to fish, but he did like kids.

My own son, Landan, who now teaches middle school, began fishing when he was around 3 years old. We would take him onto the pier beneath the Granada Bridge where he could catch sailor's choice, catfish and other assorted bait snatchers.

For some unknown reason, he declared that each one was a ratfish. Some were mommy ratfish, some were daddy ratfish, but all were designated ratfish. He was fast to point out to any passerby that he had just landed a ratfish. I am not sure if that is a good

memory for him, but it is a great one for me.

My daughter Shayla has fished since she was old enough to hold her Snoopy pole. These days the same Snoopy pole, which is now nearing 30 years old, is in the capable hands of her 6-year-old daughter Delayna.

She is by far the most serious of all the Smith fishermen and insists that I practice catch and release. When I have the nerve to suggest that one of my catches might be good for dinner her stock reply is: "Heartless!"

Delayna shows much more potential than her old grandpa did as a kid.

At this point, she has caught six species including a dogfish and an eel and as my wife, Lana points out, is much too smart to fish in a rain puddle without a hook.

I hope everyone will take

advantage of this great family time of year to get a bag of shrimp or box of worms and take the kids to a nearby stream or pond. Just watch their eyes light up when they get a bite. Who knows, you may even re-kindle that old excitement within yourself. Merry Christmas and happy

holidays to all.

Dan Smith has fished the waters of Volusia County for more than 40 years. E-mail questions and comments to apes123@mybluelight.com. His book, "I Swear the Snook Drowned," is available for \$10.95 at (386) 441-7793.

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As in many years past, we have friends, family, neighbors and even ourselves who may be celebrating this holiday season with a loved one at war overseas. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers, and set a seat aside at your table so that everyone will remember the sacrifice those men and women are making for us.

Take the time to tell your loved ones that you love them. Take a moment to say hello to a stranger. It's the



GOLF JAMES STAMMER

time of year where we all need to be more human, more kind and caring.

My favorite Christmas song is "Happy Christmas" by the late John Lennon. I hope you enjoy my "golf" version. It's my gift to all of you. God bless and happy holidays to all.

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Hope your drives will not slice
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Let's hope for a good one
No more 3-putting from fear
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And what have you done
Another round over
And a new one just begun
And so this is Golfmas
I hope you have fun
Play with a near and a dear one
Someone old and one young
A very merry Golfmas

No storms and bad times
Only joy and low scores
And now I've run out of rhymes.

Have a happy, happy Golfmas, and Merry Christmas, too. May all your rounds be merry and may your God bless you, too

James Stammer has been an avid golfer and golf enthusiast for 30 years. He hosts the Tuesday Night Golf Show on WPSL 1590-AM radio station. Contact him at jstammer@yahoo.com.

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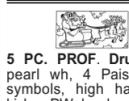
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