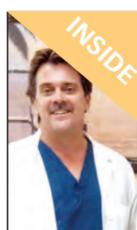


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**BEST OF THE  
BLOTTER**  
JAY MEISEL

Some criminal cases are unusual, humorous or just outright odd. And there's no shortage of them on the Treasure Coast.

This column highlights cases that often leave observers shaking their heads.

**In plain sight**

Here's a tip to criminals: Don't leave stolen goods in plain sight.

In one case where a criminal didn't follow that advice, a Martin County man reported he used a credit card to buy gas.

Not long after, he discovered someone had used his credit card to buy a motor kit.

He returned to the gasoline station and saw a bike with a motor on it.

And it turned out that the

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## Animal group wins highest nonprofit ranking

By **Samantha Joseph**  
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MARTIN COUNTY — The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast is again "top dog" according to an independent evaluation of thousands of nonprofits nationwide.

The local nonprofit won the highest ranking from Charity Navigator, the nation's largest independent charity evaluator.

Charity Navigator awarded the Humane Society of Treasure Coast a four-star rating for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency, an endorsement of the local group's faithfulness to its donors.

The news has served to further endear the Palm City-based organization to supporters, such as Kelly Miller, who said she had new-found respect for the animal shelter.

In assigning the rankings, Charity

Navigator evaluates more than 5,600 of the nation's largest charities. Its methods have won praise from well-respected business journals, such as "Forbes," "Business Week" and "Kiplinger's" financial magazine, for its application of data-driven analysis to the nonprofit sector, said publicist Doreen Poreba, president

of the PR Czar.

This year marks the fourth consecutive year the group has won the top ranking.

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## State volleyball title winners



Mitch Kloorfain/chief photographer

Martin County High School senior Nicole Walch mastered the kill shot to assist her team in winning the Class 7A state semi-final contest against St. Thomas Aquinas at Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee Friday, Nov. 18. The Tigers went onto win and then won the finals to earn the state title against Winter Springs the following day. More photos on page B9.

## Specialty grocer opens in town

By **Samantha Joseph**  
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MARTIN COUNTY — The Fresh Market, a specialty grocery chain, opened its 26th Florida store with a supermarket in Stuart at 2300 S.E. Ocean Blvd.

The new 18,500-square-foot grocery store is an upscale supermarket with a full-service meat counter, a bakery that produces 30 freshly baked breads and 14 pie varieties daily, offers several ready-to-serve entrées, more than 200 imported and domestic cheeses, a large selection of organic produce and seafood that arrives freshly delivered several times per week.

"When customers walk in, they find an environment that's warm and inviting," said Drewry Sackett, the company's media and community relations manager.

The publicly traded company has been considering expanding on the Treasure Coast for years, said Stephen Smith, real estate manager.

It operates 107 stores in 21 states, including a supermarket in Vero Beach. The company is based in Greensboro, N.C., and does business in the southeast, midwest, mid-Atlantic and northeastern United States, with plans to expand nationwide.

"We had such great brand equity in Florida, and the Stuart and Jensen Beach areas would be such a great market to penetrate both geographically and demographically that we decided this was the right move," Mr. Smith said.

The move created 90 jobs, most of which went to Treasure Coast residents, Ms. Sackett said.

"We are excited to open our store in Stuart and to expand our reach in Florida," said Craig Carlock, president and CEO.

"We look forward to introducing The Fresh Market's concept of quality perishables, excellent customer service and a unique atmosphere to an expanded customer base, and we look forward to offering neighboring communities a rewarding new food shopping experience."

## Veteran visits Washington memorial

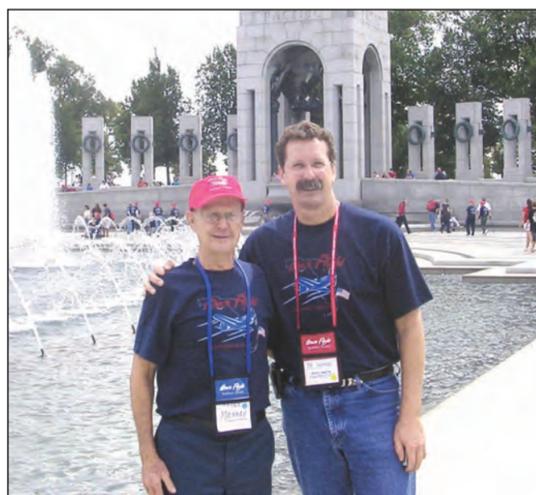
By **Samantha Joseph**  
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MARTIN COUNTY — The enthusiasm of the crowds coming to greet them brought tears to the eyes of Frank Menagh and the other World War II veterans headed on an Honor Flight to visit the Washington, D.C., memorial that commemorates their service.

Cheering crowds waving flags came out to greet the retired soldiers, who traveled in three buses with a police escort and a 12-member motorcycle-club procession to the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in West Palm Beach before boarding the flight.

From about 3 a.m., supporters gathered to show their appreciation to the Stuart man and 84 other retired soldiers heading to the nation's capital.

"To see that many people waiting that early in the morning and wanting to honor us, it brought tears to many of our



Frank Menagh, World War II veteran and Martin County Commissioner Doug Smith in Washington, D.C. Mr. Menagh recently took an Honor Flight to visit the war memorials.

Photo courtesy of Frank Menagh

eyes," said Mr. Menagh, an 86-year-old Navy veteran.

Honor Flight Southeast Florida covered all the expenses to fly the veterans to the D.C. area for a one-day trip to visit the World II Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Iwo Jima Memorial and the changing of the guard at the Unknown Soldier monument.

Volunteers or

guardians, travelling at their own expense, accompany the veterans, so that each retired soldier has an assigned assistant. Two doctors and two paramedics also make the trip.

"The thing that touched me the most was that my guardian picked me up at my front door and took me to the Knights of Columbus at about 3 a.m., where there

were cadets saluting us as we came in," said Mr. Menagh.

It was the start of a day that saw the former soldier leave his home at to Sandhill Cove Retirement Living and embark on a trip that he said showed him and the other veterans the country had not forgotten their service.

Organizers and sup-

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**Friday:** Partly cloudy; high: 79; low: 66; high tide: 8:02 a.m.; low tide: 1:55 p.m.  
**Saturday:** Partly cloudy; high: 77; low: 66; high tide: 8:52 a.m.; low tide: 2:46 p.m.  
**Sunday:** Partly cloudy; high: 78; low: 57; high tide: 9:42 a.m.; low tide: 3:38 p.m.

Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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## Veteran

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porters treated the soldiers to two breakfasts in Martin County and at the veterans center in West Palm Beach.

On their way to Palm Beach, Martin County firefighters parked along the sides of streets and overpasses on Interstate-95 to flash their lights in tribute as the soldiers drove past.

Additional supporters waited at the local airport and in Washington to thank the veterans.

For Mr. Menagh, the visit to the memorials was an opportunity to reflect on the time in his life when, as a 17-year-old, he volunteered for sea duty and served three years in the Pacific as a trainer and radioman on the Destroyer U.S.S. Halford.

During that time, he participated in costal bombardments for nine island invasions including on Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, the Philippines with Leyte Gulf, Luzon and other islands of Japan.

The Honor Flight trip brought to mind a near-fatal encounter in which the U.S. destroyer had a near-fatal encounter with several enemy battle ships, but was able to escape.

Looking at the memorial with 4,000 gold stars, each star representing 100 soldiers killed in combat, he found that about 44,000 Americans died in World War II.

"People acknowledge that. The fact that so many people were coming and thanking us for our service just brought tears to our eyes."

## Conference helped women embrace change

For Hometown News newsfp@hometownnewsol.com

MARTIN COUNTY — More than 250 local women participated in the "Women Empowering Women Conference" on Nov. 3 in Stuart, with the purpose of raising their awareness and implementing solutions for the challenges faced by women today.

All three keynote speakers approached the stage to motivational music that got the crowd fired up and on their feet like cheerleaders before a big game.

Speaker Nancy Matthews, the "Visionary With Guts," shared, "within each of us is a visionary, the 'guts' comes from having a team to support you, encourage you and guide you."

Gina Carr, chief tribe builder, advised how to "Share Your Brilliance with Xtreme Social Media Magic" and provided direction for so many attendees on the advantages of social media.

Presenter, Jane Garee, revealed to the audience how to uncover their

strongest business traits and position themselves for success wearing her colorful boa and at the same time, advising women to be strong-willed, vocal, ambitious and clear about their goals.

All attendees networked, shopped, had makeovers, were advised by experts on finance and received home-design tips by more than 35 local vendors.

"This was a day filled with inspiring speakers, unique programs and opportunities to expand professional and personal skill sets. We achieved our goal of creating the best networking and professional opportunity for the women on the Treasure Coast," said Robin Delgado, organizer.

The hard-working executive committee included: Linda Probst, Tami Karol Nicholas, Susan Somerset Webb, Holly Altman, Ms. Delgado and Melissa Barnes.

More than \$2,000 will be presented to the Treasure Coast Food Bank as recipients from the proceeds of the event.

## Group

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secutive one in which the Humane Society has garnered top awards from the charity watch dog group.

The group has won the top ranking despite dramatic increases in demand for its services and shortfalls in its budget. In 2010, for instance, it won when, despite limited resources,

it rescued more than 2,000 animals.

"We have been able to consistently achieve the highest ranking possible due to our dedicated staff and volunteers who help make our humane society among the best in the country," said Frank Valente, the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast's president and CEO.

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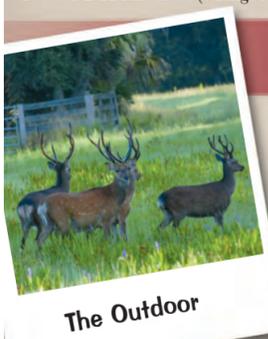
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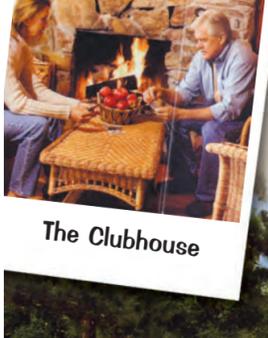
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# Community shows support



**Mitch Kloorfain**/chief photographer  
Karen Vaughn thanks the supporters of the Aaron Vaughn Memorial Walk, named for her son and organized by Kara Russell, 18, left, Saturday, Nov. 19 at Flagler Park in Stuart. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Vaughn was one of 17 Navy SEALs killed in an attack on their helicopter in Afghanistan last August. The inaugural walk raised \$9,100.

Participants cut a swath along SE Osceola Street during the Aaron Vaughn Memorial Walk, Saturday, Nov. 19 in Stuart. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Vaughn was one of 17 Navy SEALs killed in an attack on their helicopter in Afghanistan last August. The inaugural walk of 180 folks raised \$9,100.



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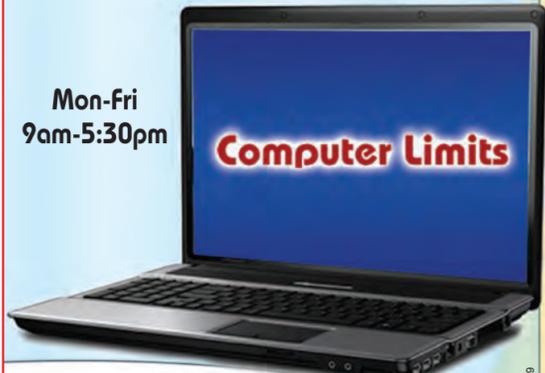
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Butterfly garden sponsor David L. Smythe, left, and Louise Murtaugh, Molly's House executive director, look at plans for the new serenity garden in the backyard of the house. The garden is expected to be completed in 2012.

Photo courtesy of Samantha E. Kayser



# Smythe donates \$10,000 to build butterfly garden at Molly's House

For Hometown News  
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MARTIN COUNTY — Patients and their families experiencing a medical crisis staying at Molly's House,

a hospital hospitality house in Stuart, will soon be seeing a lot of butterflies in thanks to David L. Smythe, a well-known supporter of non-profit organizations.

Mr. Smythe sponsored the new butterfly garden for \$10,000 as part of the serenity garden that is currently under construction in the backyard of Molly's House.

Serenity gardens are a form of relaxation for patients and their families and the new garden will provide a beautiful outdoor respite during a stressful time.

The garden is expected to be completed 2012. Sponsorship and in-kind opportunities are available.

In addition to the butter-

fly garden, the new backyard will feature a rose and oriental garden along with native plants and flora. There will also be a water feature and a pergola donated by Courtyard by that is fully equipped with power, lighting, tables and chairs, and grill accessories.

The pergola will accommodate a play area for small children and serve as a special event field. The sidewalks will be made of pavers with several arbors and seating areas strategically placed throughout.

For a truly peaceful, relaxing outdoor experience, the serenity garden will be secluded from busy Ocean Drive by a wall of hedges.

Architect Lee Henderson, Butterfly Garden designer Wendell Cave and surveyor Steven J. Brown, donated their services for this project to Molly's House. Without their support, the garden might still be just a dream.

Molly's House is a hospital hospitality house that provides temporary lodging for adult and children patients and their families who are in a medical crisis and receiving medical care on the Treasure Coast. Molly's House services Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties

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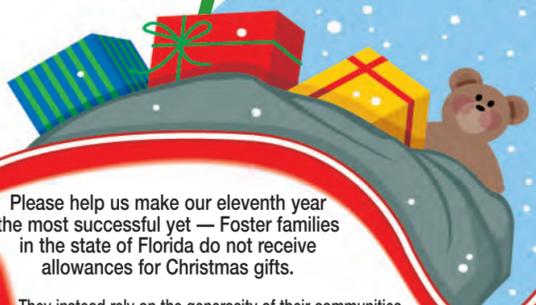


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# Police report

*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.*

## Martin County Sheriff's Office

•Lonald Jason Moment, 49, 5741 Southeast 47th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested Nov. 13 and charged with driving under the influence resulting in serious bodily injury, driving under the influence with property damage and driving under the influence.

•Manuel Castillo-Garcia, 34, 404 Southwest 35th St., Vero Beach, Palm City, was arrested Nov. 12 and charged with trespass on a construction site.

•Braulio Tirado Serrano, 30, 315 Norfolk Blvd., Stuart, was arrested Nov. 12 and charged with trespass on a construction site.

•Daniel Salica Jr., 37, 2925 S.W. Lauren Way, Palm City,

was arrested Nov. 12 and charged with two counts of forgery of bank bills or promissory notes.

•Matthew James Lyke, 23, 3091 S.E. Clayton St., Stuart, was arrested Nov. 12 and charged with third-degree grand theft.

•Jason Willis Hubbard, 50, 1148 N.E. Ixoria Drive, Jensen Beach, was arrested Nov. 9 and charged with burglary of a structure and dealing in stolen property.

•William Robert Hamilton, 28, 2400 N.E. Rustic Way, Jensen Beach, was arrested Nov. 10 and charged with two counts of giving false information to a pawnbroker.

•Lewis Leon Dodge, 46, no address given, was arrested Nov. 9 and charged with sexual battery on a child under the age of 12.

•Joshua E. Christie, 36, 5770 S.E. Wilsie St., Stuart, was arrested Nov. 10 and charged with driving while license revoked, possession of a controlled substance

and possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana

•Lorenzo Haynes, 54, 333 S.E. Norfolk Blvd., Stuart, was arrested Nov. 10 and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver.

•Gary Lee Reed, 33, 10181 S.E. Williams Drive, Hobe Sound, was arrested Nov. 14 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for fleeing and being a habitual traffic offender.

•John Joseph Murray, 20, 1900 S. Kanner Highway, Building 2, Apt. 207, Stuart, was arrested Nov. 14 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for two counts of burglary, grand theft and battery on a law enforcement officer.

•Dennis Leslie Bryan, 45, 6300 Southeast 128th Ave.,

Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 14 and charged with third-degree grand theft.

•Miguel Saucedo-Alman, 33, no address given, was arrested Nov. 15 and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a park.

•Melissa Ann Weaver, 25, 5833 Southeast 47th Ave., Unit 102, Stuart, was arrested Nov. 15 and charged with burglary of a dwelling and grand theft.

•Marcus Arthur Ricker, 21, no address given, was arrested Nov. 7 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for burglary.

•Joshua Bryan, 23, 1021 S.W. Monterey Road, Unit A34, Stuart, was arrested Nov. 15 and charged with credit card fraud, theft, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of 20

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•Jar Terrion Marquez Howard, 26, 1602 N.E. Fifth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 15 and charged with possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana, carrying a concealed firearm and driving while license suspended.

•Tasneem Nance, 28, 3843 S. Langley Ave., Chicago, was arrested Nov. 15 and charged with possession of alprazolam (Xanax) without a prescription.

•Jonathan D. Young, 22, 3116 Canal Road, Miramar, was arrested Nov. 16 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for possession of cocaine and possession of oxycodone without a prescription.

•Alexis Lynn Fredricks, 18, 2024 S.W. Danforth Circle, Palm City, was arrested Nov. 15 and charged with carrying a concealed firearm and grand theft of a firearm.

## Blotter

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bike belonged to the employee who ran his credit card. Video surveillance showed the employee using his cell phone camera to take a photo of the credit card.

The employee was charged with credit card fraud and theft.

In another Martin County case, an employee of a hotel saw some patio furniture in front of a residence across the street from a hotel.

The furniture was identical to that which was stolen from the hotel.

Martin County deputies arrived and saw some additional items on the porch. They also saw more

furniture inside through a window.

The occupant of the residence admitted she decided to steal the items while walking her dog. She said she had been drinking.

**A bit too young**

Parents often help teach their children to drive. But there's a limit to that, as one father discovered.

Port St. Lucie police said a man allowed his 12-year-old to drive.

She drove the car over a concrete median and struck another vehicle in the parking lot. The father ended up being charged with child abuse and reckless driving.

**Admitting stupidity**

A Port St. Lucie woman went out drinking and later had a car accident in Fort Pierce.

A friend took her home and after getting some rest, she realized she had left a damaged car in a parking lot.

The woman then came up with the idea of reporting it stolen.

But after the friend would not go along with the story and told police what happened, the woman admitted to making a false report.

"What am I going to get for being a dumbass?" the woman asked police as she was being arrested. "I was driving; the road was wet; I crashed. I should have told the truth."

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## A way to keep your machine maintained

Computer repair is a tricky business. I never know what kind of problems I am going to be asked to solve and there is always the pressure to get it done quickly. Every call is a different challenge and most of the time it can take a half hour or more just looking around trying to get a handle on what's going on before the actual repairs even start.

Virus and malware cleanup calls usually always involve running one or more scans to "sweep" the computer for infected files and these scans can really run up the clock. There is nothing more frustrating than having to wait for a scan to complete and watching as the progress bar inches its way across the screen. The temptation to do other things while a scan is running is high, but if you do that on an already sick machine, it can just make matters worse. It's best to tackle additional tasks after an infection is cleaned.

Let's face it, computer maintenance is expensive. At the typical hourly rate, one unexpected glitch such as a virus infection or registry problem can quickly add up to hundreds. And who's to say that next month it won't be something different?

And, to add insult to injury, most of the issues that I regularly clean up wouldn't be an issue if people would just take the time to keep their machines properly maintained.

"Everyone" knows that they should have their system backed up and their anti-virus up to date, but hardly anyone takes the time to learn how to do it properly, let alone do it every month!

Most computer manufacturers assume that everyone already knows what they need to do to keep their new machine maintained properly, but that can be an unreasonable assumption to make, especially if the new



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computer owner has little or no experience.

And with computers as inexpensive as they are today, more people who have never used one are coming home with powerful systems that can confound even the most seasoned computer user.

Without proper maintenance it's only a matter of time before something goes wrong and the repair bill can approach the price of a new machine! There's got to be a better way.

Wouldn't it be smarter to have an expert set up your machine and then maintain it every month and avoid costly repairs? Doesn't it make sense to have someone who knows what they're doing keep regular tabs on things and nip problems in the bud rather than letting them grow to the point where an expensive service call is inevitable?

Well, I think it is, and I've spent the last couple of months putting together a program that does just that: gives regular computer users a way to keep their machines maintained on a regular basis at a cost that won't break the bank.

What I've put together here, a computer service club, if you will, is a way to offset the high cost of sudden repairs by performing regular monthly "check ups" to make sure things are running smoothly. This way we can stop little issues before they become big ones.

We want to start out with a clean system, so when a person joins our club, we connect to their system and do a full tune up and get it running in tip top shape. Even if it's infected with viruses or malware, we'll clean it first. We'll even set up the backup system and make sure it's configured properly.

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## Spring fashion show

Dale Martinez of Stuart shows off the new fashions during a spring wardrobe fashion show at Bealls in the Cove Shopping Center in Stuart Saturday, Nov. 19.



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Why is it that local counties refuse to create work, affordable housing and eliminate homelessness?

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These same people want to work, even keep their jobs, and also want affordable housing not only for themselves, but for their families. Why is it they look the other way and not solve the problem?

This is the reason why we have a bad reputation nationwide; they blame everyone else for their own ignorance.

### Don't forget about the little guy

In the day and age of Internet shopping, let's try to remember to patronize our mom and pop businesses in order to keep them alive during this bad time. Small restaurants also need our help. This area has almost no atmosphere and we do need to hang onto any of the neat, small restaurants we've got. Please eat an extra meal, if you can, at your favorite little hang-out.

### Concerned about school safety

My daughter is currently a freshman at a local high school. In the last month, there have been a number of security issues at that school.

A student was detained for assaulting a faculty member with a box cutter.

On another occasion, there was a huge fight at a football game.

I received a phone call from another parent, who urged me to pick my child up from school immediately, because a student had threatened to bring a gun to school.

Last week, the school was on "lock down" because officials thought there was a criminal on school grounds.

I know that school officials and the sheriff's department are doing all they can to keep my child safe, but I have to wonder if she is truly safe.

I paid property taxes just like every home owner. I do not understand why there is not more security on the campuses. If we can afford metal detectors to protect our court houses, why can we not afford to protect our children?

### Remember Fannie Mae?

Mortgage giant Fannie Mae has just admitted that it lost an incredible \$7.8 billion in the July-September quarter. Guess who is expected to cover their losses? They were egged on by the Dodd-Frank legislation, which is supported by the Obama administration.

The really pathetic part is that they have obviously not learned their lessons. They have received \$112 billion in taxpayer funds so far, the most expensive bailout in history, and they are continuing their absolutely insane policies.

### Frivolous law suit?

An appeals court has ruled that a group of vegetarian Hindus, who were inadvertently served meat at a Moghul Express, can sue the restaurant. Apparently, eating meat is forbidden by their religion.

This decision is a prime example of lenient judges.

Only in America do we permit such an out-of-control legal system.

### Potential or achievement

Washington and Tallahassee have poured billions into our public schools but powerful teachers' unions continue to stonewall teacher evaluations based on students' academic proficiency.

The education establishment recommends teachers nurture rather than challenge children in the classroom. Many schools embrace the concept of social promotion where pupils move ahead from grade to grade even if they can't read or do basic math.

Liberals prefer a system where each child is evaluated on his or her potential, not on his or her actual achievement. No wonder test scores continue to decline.

### Worms in the woodpile?

We suspected there were worms in the wood pile, and now we know who put them there.

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In 1982, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled states may not deny student access based on whether or not they are here legally. We should have known that liberal judges were guilty of this outrage.

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# Manage your money carefully this holiday season

As you know, the holiday season can be joyous, hectic, celebratory and expensive.

And while you certainly enjoy hosting family gatherings and giving presents to your loved ones, you'll find these things even more pleasurable if they don't add a lot more weight to your debt load. And that's why you'll want to follow some smart money-management techniques over the next few weeks.

To begin with, try to establish realistic budgets for both your entertaining and your gift giving.

When you host family and friends, don't go overboard on your expenditures. Your guests will still appreciate your efforts, which, with a little creativity, can create a welcoming and fun experience for everyone.

As a guiding principal, keep in mind these words attributed to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, the famous German poet and philosopher: "What you can do without, do without." Set

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a budget and stick to it.

And the same rule applies to your gifting. You don't need to find the most expensive presents, or overwhelm recipients with the sheer volume of your gifts.

This is especially true if you, like so many people, have been affected by the tough economy. Everyone you know will understand that gifts don't have to be lavish to be meaningful.

Furthermore, by sticking to a budget, you won't be tempted to dip into your long-term investments to pay for fabulous parties or mountains of gifts. It's never a good idea to tap long-term investments for short-term needs, but it can be especially bad when your investment prices are down, as they may well be this

year.

So, if you want to stick to a budget but you don't want to raid your investments, how can you pay for your holiday season expenses?

If you can spread out your purchases, you may be able to pay for them from your normal cash flow. But if that's not possible, you might want to consider using "plastic," your credit card. Using your credit card does not, by itself, need to amount to a financial setback, especially if you've chosen a card that offers favorable terms and you've already shown the discipline not to over-use that card. Just try to minimize your credit card usage over the holidays and pay off your card as soon as you can.

Of course, you can make your holiday season much easier, financially speaking, if you've set up a holiday fund to cover your various expenses. While it's too late to set up such a fund this year, why not get an early start on the 2012 holiday

season? All you need to do is put away some money each month into an easily accessible account, separate from your everyday accounts. You don't have to put in a great deal, but you do need to be consistent, which is why you may want to have the money moved automatically, once a month, from your checking or savings account to your holiday fund.

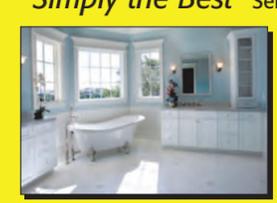
When next year's holiday season rolls around, you might be pleasantly surprised by how much you've accumulated.

But for now, following some common-sense, money-management practices can help you get through the holiday season in financial shape and that type of result can get your New Year off to a positive start.

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# Caveat emptor and car dealers

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Almost everyone has read Abraham Lincoln's popular saying, "You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

I think Abe meant this to be a positive assertion that government may get away with deceiving us for a while, but in the long run, truth justice and the American way will prevail and I think he was right.

However, it doesn't work that way with unethical car dealers and car buyers. It always has been "caveat emptor" or "buyer beware" when it comes to buying or servicing a car.

Unfortunately for a buyer to "beware" he must be "aware," that is to say educated, mature, sophisticated and experienced. This excludes a very large segment of our population including the very young, the very old, the uneducated, those with low IQs and those not proficient in the English language. Is this one reason our regulators and elected politicians don't seem to care or take action with respect to the rampant unfair and deceptive sales practices of a large number of Florida car dealers?

Most elected officials and regulators are lawyers and are highly educated and sophisticated. They don't have a problem buying or servicing a car. In fact, the car dealer who tries to take advantage of a lawyer, regulator, or politician is asking for trouble.

I sometimes feel that I'm preaching to the choir when it comes to advising people how to avoid getting ripped off by a car dealer. You, my readers and listeners, largely fall into the category of the educated and sophis-



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EARL STEWART

ticated, "aware" buyer. Most of you aren't taken advantage of when you buy or service your car because you won't allow it.

Unfortunately, there are enough uneducated, naive and otherwise vulnerable consumers to feed those unethical car dealers who prey on the defenseless among us.

All you have to do is read some of the car ads in the Saturday (the biggest selling day for most car dealers) auto classifieds. To the educated, sophisticated buyer, these ads are actually funny if you can forget the fact that so many fall prey to them and are taken advantage of by the dealers.

For example, it's hard for you or me to believe that anybody would respond to an advertisement without reading the fine print. Many dealers today are advertising prices that, when you read the fine print, are understated by many thousands of dollars.

When you or I see a dealer stating that the car price is plus "freight" we are educated enough to understand that the law requires the freight cost be already included in the price.

A shrewd buyer knows that "dealer list" is not the same thing as MSRP and that a large discount from "dealer list" means absolutely nothing. We know that the "lowest price guarantee" is worthless if the dealer reserves the right to buy the car from the other dealer that offers a lower price.

There are those who argue that all buyers have the responsibility to guard against unethical sellers, to take care of themselves. In fact, that's the literal translation of the Latin legal term "caveat emptor" let the buyer beware. That sounds good, but what about the elderly widow whose husband recently died and who never had to make a decision on a major purchase in her entire life?

What about the young person just out of school with no experience in the real world?

How about the immigrant who struggles with English? Should we be concerned

about our underprivileged classes who often drop out of school because they have to go to work to support themselves or their family?

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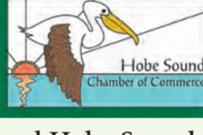
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## Club selling coupon book to benefit scholarship programs

**For Hometown News**  
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TREASURE COAST — The Rotary Club of Port St. Lucie is selling Treasure Coast "Enjoyment Books" for sale at \$35 each with coupons starting Nov. 1, and valid through November, 2012.

Minimal proceeds from the sales of each book will help to fund the club's College Scholarships for outstanding high school students to reach their career goals.

The Enjoyment Book holds hundreds of invitations for patrons to experience substantial discounts and "buy one get one free" offers.

The coupons cover several categories of service and entertainment from fine food and casual dining, fast food treats, recreation adventures, golf outings, movies, museums, parks, and river cruises throughout the Treasure Coast from West Palm Beach to Vero Beach.

Services in the book include car care, car washes, auto detailing, dry cleaning, tax preparation, carpet cleaning and maid service. The book even includes some hotel discounts. The book pays for itself if used just a few times.

To obtain a book, call (772) 418-8185, or visit [www.enjoymentbook.net](http://www.enjoymentbook.net).

## Organization needs car seats

**For Hometown News**  
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TREASURE COAST — The Children's Home Society is in need of six infant car seats, 12 booster seats and 12 convertible seats for case managers to transport clients to their placements, school, doctor's appointments, therapy appointments and visitations with their parents and/or siblings.

"We are reaching out to the communities that we serve in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties to help us to meet this need," said Jan Swink-Huffert, executive director, Children's Home Society of Florida.

"We can accept new car seats or monetary donations to purchase these much-needed items."

The Children's Home Society is the sixth largest of more than 1,200 private organizations currently accredited and/or in process of accreditation in North America.

The Treasure Coast Division, which is one of 14 divisions in Florida, served 11,607 children and their families in fiscal year 2011 in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties.

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# Teacher happy teaching

You went all the way through Brown University to become a teacher?"

Apparently, my Uncle Kenneth found my new career shocking, pitiful and humorous, all at the same time. I was home in Pennsylvania for the first time since I began my first year of teaching. I was there for a funeral where I saw my Uncle Kenneth for the first time in years.

When he asked what I was doing now that I had graduated, I explained that I was teaching high school and middle school English at The Pine School, an independent school in Florida. His reaction stunned me. I am well aware of the under-appreciation of the teaching profession, but I've also been lucky enough to grow up in a time and place in which people don't usually profess this kind of overt disrespect.

"You mean I should have been something like a business person?"

I was confused and desperate to respond.

"I'm very happy with what I've done, and I'm very happy with what I'm doing."

I looked at my grandmother, whose face was as red as mine, and we both knew it time for us to leave.

I've done some thinking about what exactly my uncle might have meant. Maybe he was thinking of something like that most

horrible adage (dare I even write it): "Those who can't do, teach."

Maybe he was thinking that with my education I could be "doing" something, rather than teaching it. I look around me at the passionate, professional colleagues with whom I work, and I can tell you that I have never in my life seen people who do more. In fact, they do it so well that they are able to teach it and inspire others to do it, too.

Though conscious of the privilege that I know it affords me, I am very proud of my education and what I've done. I am most proud, privileged and honored, however, to be a teacher.

Most likely my uncle also mistakenly believed that I, like he, would see my education as a means to make as much money as possible, in which case teaching would obviously be a less-than-logical choice. I'm teaching because my teachers were extraordinary. As a great friend and an English teacher once said, "We are in the business of making meaning."

My own teachers taught me how to see the world in a meaningful way and to articulate my own perspective within it. They showed me that education is not just a means to a more lucrative end, but rather, a way of learning to understand, interpret and find significance in what's

around me.

As I reacted to my uncle's comment, I was infuriated at first not for myself, but rather for my own teachers, the extraordinary, tireless people who have made me who I am and taught me how I want to live.

I know the lack of appreciation for teachers is nothing new. I am certainly in no position to speak about or represent the plight of veteran teachers who have experienced these attitudes for generations.

But I'm able to feel immensely proud to count myself as part of this educational community.

Now, as I write this, I realize that I'm doing exactly what a great teacher once asked of me and in turn, what I ask my English students to do every day: take a small event and make it meaningful. I ask them to try to understand that moment, either in literature or in the world around them, and to articulate something important about it.

I take this strange, unfortunate question from my uncle in Pennsylvania, and I use it to remember how utterly proud I am of what I do and the people with whom I work. I'm happy to be at school, and I'm happy to be home.

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## Center launches annual campaign

For Hometown News  
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TREASURE COAST — Hibiscus Children's Center has launched its 2011-12 annual support campaign.

For more than 25 years, Hibiscus Children's Center, along with support from the community, has been fulfilling the vision of its Founder, LaVaughn Tilton.

Her dream was to create a safe haven for abused and neglected children in our community. Today, its partners have helped the center protect vulnerable children

and provide prevention, intervention and recovery services for abused and neglected children and families in crisis across the Treasure Coast.

Every month, more than 1,100 children and families are provided critical services to help repair broken lives and strengthen families through the Tilton Family Children's Shelter in Jensen Beach, the Hibiscus Children's Village in Vero Beach, the Hibiscus foster care program and the Hibiscus mental health and community outreach programs with offices in Fort Pierce and Okeechobee.

This year, Martin County campaign co-chairs, Tony Losh of Comerica Bank and Judie Price; Indian River campaign chairman, Clay Price of Harris, Cotherman, Jones, Price & Associates; and St. Lucie County campaign chairman, Michael Waninger, will spearhead

the campaign throughout the region.

Under their leadership, the goal of the 2011-12 Hibiscus Children's Center campaign is to raise \$900,000 to directly support Hibiscus' mission.

"Each day I have the unique vantage point of seeing a dynamic organization of volunteers and staff working together to positively impact the lives of children with serious needs," said Tom Maher, CEO.

"For over 25 years, Hibiscus has sheltered children, strengthened families, nurtured futures. Our commitment is unwavering as we move forward to continue helping improve the lives of children and our community's support is critical to accomplishing this important goal."

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Care Net is located on U.S. 1 in Stuart, just south of Salerno Road in the Winn-Dixie Plaza. The Salerno office is currently open on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m., and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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## Ongoing classes for twirlers

The Treasure Coast Superstars Twirl Team, coached by Terri Zechiel, is offering baton-twirling instruction for all levels of twirlers. Classes are sponsored by the Martin County Parks and Recreation Department,

and instruction for beginner and intermediate level twirlers will take place at the Vince Bocchino Community Center at Langford Park in Jensen Beach.

The class takes place on Tuesday afternoons and are aimed at girls ages 6 to 13.

Beginners are scheduled from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Intermediates are scheduled from 4:45-6 p.m.

A registration fee of \$25 applies per family, with class fees of \$40 per twirler, per month, with additional siblings at \$30 per month.

Class fees do not include equipment or uniforms.

Advanced instruction is available at \$45 per twirler, per month. Intermediate and advanced classes are by audition or invitation only.

For more information, contact Langford Park at (772) 334-1954.

## Join city line dance sessions

Instructor Maureen Saseen, in cooperation with the Martin County Parks and Recreation Department, is offering a no-partner-needed class, which incorporates R&B, rock and pop music to motivate participants and keep them moving.

Classes are held on Fridays at the Vince Bocchino Community Center at Langford Park in Jensen Beach from 8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., at a cost of \$25 per student, per month or \$7 per class.

Participants must be 18 or

older and are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes.

For more information or to join this class, contact Langford Park at (772) 334-1954.

## Suburban line dance classes offered

The Martin County Parks and Recreation Department is offering suburban line dance classes, instructed by Kathy Parker. Formatted as an introduction to line dancing, the classes will cover the basic line dance steps, the history of line dancing and the etiquette of line dancing.

The classes will feature a variety of music styles, including country, jazz, Latin, zydeco, funk, doo wop and disco.

Classes are held at the Vince Bocchino Community Center at Langford Park in Jensen Beach on Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 8 p.m., and on Thursday mornings, from 10 to 11 a.m.

Offered to students 16 years and older, the monthly tuition is \$25 per month and walk-ins are welcome at \$7 per class session. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring a water bottle and towel. No partners needed to participate.

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## Yoga classes in Hobe Sound

The Martin County Parks & Recreation Department and instructor, JoAnn Greco host Yoga 4 You.

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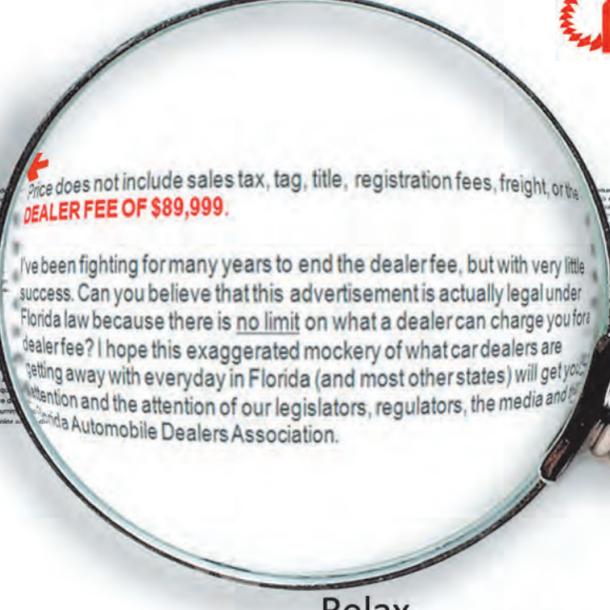
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He worked in the dairy industry.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Raymond.

He is survived a brother, Robert; a sister, Irene; his

wife of 39 years, Ellen; two sons, Donald and Jeffrey; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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and one great-grandchild.

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## Jacqueline Claire Gersbach

Jacqueline Claire Gersbach, 83, of Hobe Sound, died Nov. 9, 2011.

She was born in Lynn, Mass., and lived in Hobe Sound for 13 years.

She was an Episcopalian.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Charles; two sons, C. Peter and Mark; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Forest Hills Funeral Homes Young and Prill Chapel.

## Goldie T. Beckwith

Goldie T. Beckwith, 99, of Palm City, died Nov. 5, 2011.

She was born in Dorchester, Wis., and lived in Palm City for eight years.

She is survived by two daughters, Joyce and Sharon; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Forest Hills Funeral Homes Palm City Chapel.

## Pierre C. Laurent

Pierre C. Laurent, 86, of Jensen Beach, died Nov. 4, 2011.

He was born in New York and lived in Stuart for the past 30 years.

He was a member of the U.S. Marines during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Alice and a sister, Ann.

He is survived by three sons, William, Arthur and John; six grandchildren

nephew.

Arrangements by Cox-Gifford-Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Agnes B. Hochhauser

Agnes B. Hochhauser, 87, of Palm City, died Nov. 6, 2011.

She was born in Sesser, Ill., and lived in Palm City for 35 years.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory Treasure Coast Chapel.

## Carl T. Parker

Carl T. Parker, 78, of Jensen Beach, died Nov. 9, 2011.

He was born in Port Jervis, N.Y., and moved to Jensen Beach 14 years ago.

He served with the U.S. Army military police.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Arlene; two daughters, Dale and Jill; a son, Craig; a sister, Mary; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey and two sisters, June and Shirley.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory Treasure Coast Chapel.

## Dorothy J. Russ

Dorothy J. Russ, 65, of Indiantown died Nov. 7, 2011.

She was born in Darby, Pa., and lived in Indiantown for three years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Elva.

She is survived by her husband, Stanley; a daughter, Geneice; a son, Stanley; a brother, Walter and five grandchildren.

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For more information, call (772) 781-7002 during these hours, or (772) 209-2532 after hours.

## Calvary Chapel Stuart

Children in the community ages 2-12, to join them in a new study "A Walk Through The Bible", at 10a.m. through the summer months. The study will also feature crafts and refreshments.

The community is invited to a verse-by-verse teaching of the Bible on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Prayer, questions and answers, fel-

lowship and refreshments will follow the study. The gospel of Mark will be taught

- The Bible Bee program. Children ages 5 to 12 in the community are invited and will be studying how to grow closer to Jesus and learning about his will for their lives. Music, prayer and crafts will be offered. The classes take place on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
- Bible study starts at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. This class allows questions during the study and interaction. After the study, there will be a time for fellowship, refreshments and prayer.
- Volunteers are needed to help teach the children's ministry and to join the praise team.
- Other programs include prison ministry, feeding the poor and homeless through the LAHIA group, sharing hope at the CareNet pro-life center, visitation at nursing homes, Bible studies and gospel outreach.
- Men's Bible study, Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. All men in the community are encouraged and invited to attend. Studies will include the application to daily living. Enjoy good Christian fellowship, prayer, devotions and refreshments.

For more information, call (772) 288-7277. The church is located at 5122 S.E. Federal Highway, Stuart, just north of Salerno Road in Concord Square.

## In His Love Church & Ministries

Sunday services are held 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Hobe Sound Community

Center, 8980 Olympus Ave., Hobe Sound. Free Bibles are available at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

For additional information, call the church office at (772) 545-9778.

## Chabad Jewish Center

Services take place Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Hebrew school, camp, educational programs and family activities are also offered.

The center is located at 2809 S.W. Sunset Trail, Palm City. Visit [www.chabadm-sl.com](http://www.chabadm-sl.com) or call (772) 288-0606 for more information.

## Christian Business Fellowship

Join the Christian Business Fellowship of Martin County, for a luncheon on

the third Thursday of each month, at the Elliott Room of the Ramada Inn at 1200 S.E. Federal Highway, Stuart, from 11:30 a.m.- 1p.m. Enjoy an inspirational, educational & motivational message, plus opportunities for networking and prizes. Cost \$16 per person. Reservations are necessary. Call (772) 286-6972.

## First Baptist Church of Stuart

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**Dance events offered**

The following are sponsored by the Treasure Coast Salsa Club.

Tango intro classes every Monday evening from 7-9. Cost is \$10.

Tango practica in Vero Beach every Sunday night. From 6:30-8 p.m. at 2109 14th Ave. Cost is varies.

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For more information call (772) 871-2211, or Calvary Chapel Stuart at (772) 288-7277 or visit [www.CareNetTC.com](http://www.CareNetTC.com).

**Join photography group**

High-school students and adults are welcome at the Treasure Coast Photography Group, which meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month at the Court House Cultural Center in Stuart from 6:30-8 p.m.

Kevin Boldenow, professional photographer and past president of the Lighthouse Gallery Photography Club, is leading the group and has high hopes for the doors it will open for its members.

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Participants in last year's Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties Santa Claus Open golf tournament included from left to right: Jim Vojcsik, CEO/president of BBBS Bill Bee, Evans Cray and Mike Cray.



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## Golf fundraiser benefits mentoring program

**By Samantha Joseph**  
 sjoseph@hometownnewsol.com

MARTIN COUNTY — A golf fundraiser by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach and Martin County will support the nonprofit's mentoring programs for children.

The Santa Claus Open, set for Dec. 9 at the Hobe Sound Golf Club, is in its seventh year and one of the

group's major annual events. For \$250 per golfer and \$900 for a foursome, players can participate in the tournament, plus take part in the raffle and live auction that will be held as part of the event.

In addition to the entry fee, participants also bring an unwrapped toy for children in the nonprofit's programs.

Julie Coker, a mentor or "big sister," will provide massages to help raise additional funds as golfers arrive.

Another supporter, the Martin County Advisory Board, will donate toys for the auction, in the hope that the highest bidder will then donate the items back to the nonprofit's beneficiaries for distribution during a Dec. 17 children's party.

Several area businesses and sponsors, including *Hometown News*, have rallied behind the event for the program that matches children in need with positive adult role models.

Last year's Santa Claus Open raised about \$25,000, and organizers hope to raise at least that much this year, said event coordinator Aleisha Garcia.

The golf tournament is

set to begin with registration at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

This year, for first time, the organizers are allowing online registration through the event website, [www.SantaOpen.com](http://www.SantaOpen.com).

The Hobe Sound Golf Club is located at 11671 S.E. Plandome Drive. For more information, call (772) 283-8373 or visit [www.mentorbig.org](http://www.mentorbig.org).



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**Aries-March 21-April 19**  
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**Taurus-April 20-May 20**  
 You have successfully weathered the recent storms in life. Your ideas are sound, your direction is positive and your focus is right. Keep on releasing old habits, attitudes or things outdated and unneeded. You have respect. Others admire you. You are very valuable to family and associates. Life is in divine order.

**Gemini-May 21-June 21**  
 Keeping a lighter touch continues to pay off. Your recent financial challenges have helped you redefine your financial goals. This is bringing light to priorities. Put first things first and take action each day on your main goals. The stronger the balance the easier the results. Just be sure to ask for help when you feel overloaded.

**Cancer-June 22-July 22**  
 Your strong sense of direction has returned. You have survived recent unplanned changes. Worrying about things that might have been is wasted energy. Ask for guidance from trusted associates. There is still a lot left to do during the holidays. You have a superior mind and an awesome heart. Use them in harmony and the universe will bless you greatly.

**Leo-July 23-Aug. 22**  
 Your strong sense of responsibility continues to pay off.

See SCOPES, B2

## Out & about

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 26**

• **Hidden Harbour annual Christmas bazaar** from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 4300 St. Lucie Blvd., Stuart. For more information, call (772) 219-1989.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 1**

• **Molly's Gallery December opening reception.** From 5:30-7 p.m. at Molly's House, 430 S.E. Osceola St., Stuart. Molly's Gallery, part of the Molly's House Art and Healing program, features a variety of art forms including photography, painting and woodworking that will be on display from Dec. 1-31. Exhibiting artists are Thomas Goebel, Linwood Fuller, Carin Wagner-Brown and Susan Clifford. The opening Champagne reception sponsored by Sharkey Air, Tropical

Smoothie Cafe and Total Wine & More. The reception features captivating art, the opportunity to meet and mingle with the artists, sample hors d'oeuvres and cocktails all while listening to music provided by Taafkab Etalia. The event is free, but donations are gladly accepted and will help subsidize room costs for adult and children patients and their families experiencing a medical crisis on the Treasure Coast. Contact (772) 223-6659. For more information about Molly's Gallery and/or Molly's House, visit [www.MollysHouse.org](http://www.MollysHouse.org)

• **Holiday favorites concert** by the Port St. Lucie Community Band will start at 6 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place in Port St. Lucie. Tickets can be purchased at the civic center or the community center. For more information, call (772) 807-4488.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 2**

• **51st annual Stuart Christmas parade:** 'It's a Wonderful World.' Presented by Stuart Main Street. Schools, churches, civic clubs and businesses design and build the nearly 50 spectacular lighted floats that make up the parade, along with marching bands, twirling groups and Santa. Contestants must complete an application, available on Stuart Main Street's website at [www.stuartmainstreet.org](http://www.stuartmainstreet.org), under the 'sponsored events' link. Submit it with the \$50.00 entry fee by Oct. 17. For more information, call (772) 286-2848.

• **Take Back the Night** will be held at 5 p.m. at the Backus Museum and Gallery. This event is to raise awareness of women's safety. For more information, call Mindi Fetterman at (561) 909-9991.

• **Friday movies,** 2-4 p.m., Fort Pierce

library branch, 101 Melody Lane. For more information, call (772) 462-2787.

• **Friday Fest** featuring the Humdingers, 5:30 to 9 p.m., downtown Fort Pierce.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 2- SUNDAY, DEC. 4**

• **St. Lucie County Senior Amateur Men and Women's Golf Championship,** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, Fairwinds Golf Course, 4400 Fairwinds Drive. For more information, call (772) 462-2272.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 3**

• **Steve Solomon's 'My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm Home for the Holidays,'** Sunrise Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$45 and

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When you feel that strong sense of inner rightness it's your instincts telling you that all is well. Never give up on your plans. When you believe, others pick up on the right feelings and want to help you in your pursuits. There is no stopping you now.

**Virgo-Aug. 23-Sept. 22**

Your ideas about how to handle the upcoming seasonal plans are sound. Fear not. You have strong favor from the spirit world. Why? Because you have given so much the universe wants to pay you back ten-fold. Everything is in divine order. Your faith has prevailed. Relax and enjoy. You are doing a great

job.

**Libra-Sept. 23-Oct. 22**

You continue to experience positive results in life. Your focus is getting stronger every day. You can't do everything at once but you can remove nonessential things from your life. If your heart isn't in it don't do it. Just be sure to make quality time for yourself. Patience is a virtue in

itself. Let it unfold and all will continue to be well.

**Scorpio-Oct. 23-Nov. 21**

Your mastery of small details is preparing you for larger responsibilities. You continue to excel at life's challenges. Your warm, loving nature continues to carry you through life's storms. Your natural sensitivity always warns you of challenging sit-

uations before they get out of hand and attempt to take over. You are divinely gifted and guided.

**Sagittarius-Nov. 22-Dec. 21**

Your words are respected by others in ways you may not even know. Others quote you because of your good advice. One of your greatest rewards is encouraging and helping others find their direction in the world. Your positive attitude is contagious. Also your individuality is inspirational to those wanting to learn and grow. Keep it up forever.

**Capricorn-Dec. 22-Jan. 19**

This gives you an edge in heartfelt decisions. Your guardian angel protects you from harm. You are well known for making wise decisions rather than hasty ones. Be patient with those around you whose choose to take a different view. Listen. You never know what you might learn.

**Aquarius-Jan. 20-Feb. 18**

There is strong energy around

you for the next two weeks. The year should end with a bang for you. Try to find a little time for fun things even with your extra responsibilities. Enjoy the ride. Take it a day at a time. Seize every moment like there is no tomorrow. Your strongest wishes will prevail because you have others best interests in heart as well as your own.

**Pisces-Feb. 19-March 20**

You are on your way to a better life. You have a great heart and fresh ideas. Continue to stand up for your beliefs. The timing is right to move your best ideas forward. Listen to your first impressions. Manage a few timely projects. Finish them and then move on to the next group. Sometimes less is more. No reason to be overwhelmed now.

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\$39 depending on seating. For more information, call (772) 461-4775.

- **A visit with Santa** will take place from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. for children 12 and under at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd. in Port St. Lucie. For more information, call (772) 337-1959.
- **Hobe Sound Christmas parade** at 1 p.m. on southeast Bridge Road and southeast Dixie Highway. Organized by the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce.
- **Martin County Christmas boat parade** From 6-7:30pm. Sandsprit Park, 3343 S.E. St. Lucie Blvd. For more information, call (772) 692-7599.
- **Rock-a-thon**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lowe's, 3620 S.E. Federal Highway, Stuart. Teams and individuals are invited to rock

in rocking chairs, relay-style, to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Martin County. Funds will be used to build homes for deserving families throughout Martin County. To register or to learn about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.HabitatMartin.org](http://www.HabitatMartin.org) or call (772) 223-9940.

- **Snowflakes in Paradise gala**: 26th annual winter gala at the Stuart Yacht and Country Club. Cost is \$250 per person. Contact Lori Swift on (772) 334-9311, Ext. 404 or [lswift@hcc4kids.org](mailto:lswift@hcc4kids.org).

**SUNDAY, DEC. 4**

- **Sights and Sounds Christmas festival and parade**, 1-6 p.m., downtown Fort Pierce.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 9**

- **Children's Museum of the**

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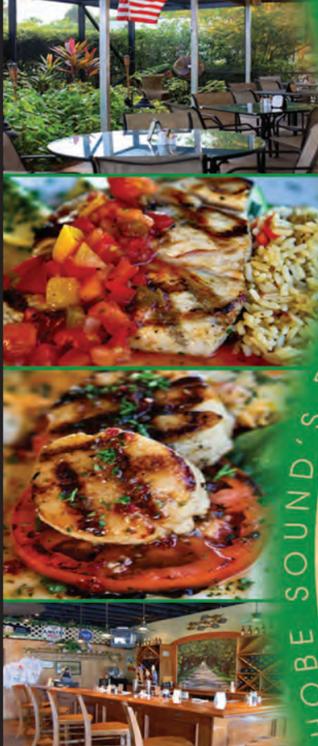
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# Mall to open early, extend hours for sales, holiday events

**For Hometown News**  
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MARTIN COUNTY — Treasure Coast Square in Jensen Beach will offer shoppers a head start on their holiday gift buying, opening at 4 a.m. on Nov. 25, Black Friday.

The first 100 shoppers to visit guest services, beginning at 4 a.m., will receive an exclusive survival bag from Treasure Coast Square. Shoppers can get an earlier start on taking advantage of good deals at Macy's and Old Navy, which will open at midnight.

In addition, Coast 101.3 FM will broadcast live at the mall from 5-7 a.m., giving shoppers the chance to win prizes and register for a raffle to receive an ocean-front cruise, courtesy of Celebration Cruise Line.

"We are excited to officially kick-off our holiday season with a 4 a.m. opening on the busiest shopping day of the year," said Michele Pence, director of marketing and business development at Treasure Coast Square.

"By making it easier for shoppers to complete their gift-giving list all in one place, we know this will be

another successful holiday season at Treasure Coast Square."

Industry experts agree this year's budget-minded shoppers will again seek great bargains and exceptional customer service to make the most out of the holiday season. Treasure Coast Square will post a retailer showcase on their website, informing shoppers of the unmatched savings available on Black Friday.

Shoppers will also enjoy the following throughout the holiday season:

**Festival of trees:** 20 decorated Christmas trees, com-

plete with presents and gift cards, will line Treasure Coast Square. For a nominal donation in support of Tykes and Teens, shoppers will have a chance to win a tree. The raffle will take place on Dec. 4 at 5 p.m.

**Santa's magical forest photo set:** Now through Dec. 24, kids can visit with Santa in his magical forest to have a photo taken and tell him what they want for Christmas. Photos will be available for a nominal fee.

**Milk, cookies and story time with Santa:** On Dec. 8, kids will have the opportunity to enjoy free milk, cook-

ies and story time with Santa, compliments of Mullan's Beach House Bar and Grill. The first 50 kids, age 12 and under, to pre-register for the event will receive a free book, autographed by Santa. Kids can also have their photos taken with Santa for a nominal fee.

**American Red Cross:** The American Red Cross will provide materials for shoppers to create greeting cards for service men and women who will be stationed overseas during the holidays. The effort will continue through Dec. 11.

**Gift cards:** For the fifth

year in a row, gift cards are the top requested holiday gift this season, and the American Express Simon gift card is available in denominations from \$20 to \$500 and can be used anywhere American Express is accepted in the U.S. Gift cards are available in festive holiday designs and have no monthly fees or expiration dates on the funds.

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**FRIDAY, DEC. 9**  
- **SUNDAY, DEC. 11**

• **'Portraits of the Holidays'** at the Barn Theatre in Stuart. Visit [www.barn-theatre.com](http://www.barn-theatre.com) or call the box office Mondays-Fridays noon to 4 p.m. on (772) 287-4884. Box office is also open one hour prior to the show.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 10**

• **Holiday Extravaganza:** The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast is bringing the holidays to its shelter animals. From 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the shelter's Towl Building, 4100 S.W. Leighton Farm Ave., in Palm City. You can get some of your shopping done by exploring tables of arts and crafts. There also will be delicious baked goods. Be sure to bring your pet for photos with Santa. The best present of all might be providing a home to one of the shelter animals up for adoption. For more information, call (772) 600-3211 or visit [www.hstc1.org](http://www.hstc1.org) for more information.

• **Holiday nonprofit market,** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission for everyone. Shop for special gifts offered by Treasure Coast charities and nonprofit organizations. Season tickets, original art, fair-trade imports, memberships, unique, meaningful and handmade gifts along with ethnic foods and holiday treats. The holiday See **OUT, B5**

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# Hospital named tops in cardiovascular care

**For Hometown News**  
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MARTIN COUNTY — The Frances Langford Heart Center at Martin Memorial, was named one of the nation's 50 top cardiovascular hospitals in an annual study by Thomson Reuters.

It was the second consecutive year the hospital has been recognized as a winner and was one of just two hospitals from Florida to receive the honor.

Selected from more than 1,000 hospitals across the U.S., winners of this prestigious award provide top-notch cardiovascular care, according to results from an exhaus-

tive analysis.

Martin Memorial was also named a Thomson Reuters 100 top hospitals award winner earlier this year, the sixth time it has earned that honor.

"We are committed to offering the communities we serve the best possible cardiovascular care," said Mark E. Robitaille, president and chief executive officer of Martin Memorial Health Systems.

"We have an incredible team of physicians and clinical staff, who combine skill, professionalism and compassion to provide exceptional cardiovascular care to residents of the Treasure Coast."

Martin Memorial part-

ners with cardiologists at Cardiology Associates of Stuart, Stuart Cardiology Group and Florida Heart Center, as well as the Ocala Heart Institute for open-heart surgeries.

The creation of the heart center was made possible, in part, thanks to the generosity of the Frances Langford Foundation. The foundation demonstrated its support of the community by providing a leadership gift of \$5 million, which assisted the Martin Memorial Foundation in raising more than \$18.5 million to fund the cost of developing the heart program.

To learn more, visit mmhs.com.

# Leagues event a success

**For Hometown News**  
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MARTIN COUNTY — The Hobe Sound Animal Protection League's recent fundraising festival, Paws For A Cause, was a resounding success, thanks to the support of close to 300 attendees. The event was held at the organization's sanctuary, located on 23 acres in Palm City.

Guests enjoyed live music, lunch, a variety of activities for the entire

family and a silent auction. Bidding on a variety of items, from a private helicopter ride to fine jewelry and objets d'art, participants good-naturedly opened their wallets and hearts to vie for prizes and benefit the cats.

This year's VIP lounge had a "Sun and Sand" theme. Guests relaxed in the serene setting as they enjoyed complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres before returning to the main festival.

More than \$41,000 was raised at the event to cover operating costs for the upcoming year.

The sanctuary houses approximately 175 cats, and an additional 30 or more cats and kittens are cared for in foster homes prior to adoption.

The organization also offers a low-cost feline spay and neuter program on a weekly basis.

For more information, visit www.hsapl.org or call (772) 463-7386.

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• **Bowzer's Rock and Roll Christmas Show** Sunrise Theatre, 8 p.m., Tickets cost \$65, which includes meet and greet or \$45 and \$39, depending on seating. For more information, call (772) 461-4775.

• **St. Lucie County inaugural holiday golf tournament** will take place at the St. James Golf Club. Registration is at 7:30 a.m., followed by shotgun start at 9 a.m. \$80 per player.

• **Treasure Coast Hospice holiday party** will take place at the Santa Lucia River Club, 3325 Ballantrae Blvd. in Port St. Lucie. For more information, call (772) 462-6252.

• **The Well Community Church** is hosting a Christmas

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Play called 'The Christmas Bee,' at 12:30 p.m. This is a family fun event. The first 50 kids present will get a free stocking stuffed with toys. We will also be giving out school supplies for the next semester for free. This event will be at The Refuge. It is located at the corner of Prima Vista and U.S. 1 in Kings Plaza, beside McDonalds. Visit [www.TheWellPSL.com](http://www.TheWellPSL.com) for more information.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 10- SUNDAY, DEC. 11**

• 11th annual **Raid of Fort Pierce Civil War re-enactment.** For more information, call (772) 318-8258.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 11**

• Fifth annual **St. Lucie County toy run** starts at Best Buy Victory, 3525 South U.S. 1, Fort Pierce at 8 a.m. Leaves at 11 a.m. For more information, call (772) 468-6888.  
 • **Cabaret Concert Series** held at the new Charles and Rae Kane Center, 900 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart, by the

Council on Aging of Martin County. The monthly concert series will run from December 2011 through March 2012. Each performance will be held on a Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. December's concert will have the theme, 'Sounds of the Holidays.' Tickets cost \$12 for members or \$15 for non-members. Call (772)223-7800 or visit [www.kanecenter.org](http://www.kanecenter.org).

**MONDAY, DEC. 12**

• The **Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens** membership holiday social will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd. For more information, call (772) 337-1959.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14**

• **'A Conversation With Robert Wagner'** at the Lyric Theatre in downtown Stuart at 7 p.m. Event will benefit the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast. Mr. Wagner will host a meet-and-greet after the show, inviting ticket holders to the new Lyric Flagler Center. Mr. Wagner is one of the most popular and successful stars in the entertainment industry, boasting three hit series and an impressive list of both feature and television films. Tickets cost \$100 and are

available from the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast. It includes the meet-and-greet reception, beverages and hors d'oeuvres. For more information, call Jackie Rinaldo on (772) 600-3211. Buy your show tickets from the Lyric Theatre box office or call (772) 286-7827 for additional details.

• **Second Wednesday Artwalk**, 5-8 p.m., downtown Fort Pierce.

• **Art Mundo**, Art Wednesday, 5-8 p.m., open house with refreshments. For more information, go to [www.art-mundo.org](http://www.art-mundo.org).

• **Jazz Jams** will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 Westmoreland Blvd. in Port St. Lucie. For more information, call (772) 460-5299.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 16**

• **Port St. Lucie High School Band's winter concert** will be at 7 p.m. at Port St. Lucie High School, 1201 Jaguar Lane in Port St. Lucie. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call (772) 337-6770.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 17**

• **Sinbad at the Sunrise Theatre**, 8 p.m. For more information, call (772) 461-4775.

• **Making ornaments art class** will be held for adults from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and for kids from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 St. James Blvd. in Port St. Lucie. Cost is \$20 and includes all supplies. Reservations are required. For more informa-

tion, call (772) 785-5833.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 20**

• **A Taste of Jensen**, from 5:30-8 p.m. Come experience all the varieties of food and beverage Jensen Beach has to offer as local restaurants offer specials and show off their best. For more information, call (772) 334-3444.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21**

• The National Touring Production of **'A Christmas Carol'**, Sunrise Theatre, 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 and \$39 depending on seating and \$15 for children 12 and under.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 27**

• State Ballet Theater of Russia presents **'The Nutcracker'**, Sunrise Theatre, 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$55 and \$45 depending on seating. For more information, call (772) 461-4775.

**BARS AND CLUBS**

**FRIDAY, NOV. 25**

• **Cobb's Landing**, 200 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, Alex Kash, 6-10 p.m. (772) 460-9014.

• **Conchy Joe's Seafood**, 3945 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, Reggae by Rainfall, 8 p.m. to midnight. (772) 334-1130.

• **Crawdaddy's**, 1949 N.E. Jensen Beach Blvd., Jensen Beach, Call for performers. 8 p.m.-midnight. (772) 225-3444.

• **Finz Waterfront Grille**, 4290 S.E. Salerno Road, Port Salerno. (772) 283-1929.

• **Hutchinson Island Marriott Resort Tiki Bar**, 555 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Hutchinson Island, (772) 225-3700.

• **Manatee Island Bar & Grill**, 4817 S.E. Dixie Highway, Port Salerno. Robbie Bullard, 8 p.m. (772) 872-7288.

• **The Original Tiki Bar & Restaurant**, 2 Ave. A, Fort Pierce, Live music 5-9 p.m. (772) 461-0880.

• **Pirate's Loft**, 4307 S.E. Bayview St., Stuart. OPM, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. (772) 223-5048.

• **Rinelli's Yellow Tail**. Live music, 101 Second Street, Fort Pierce. (772) 466-5474

• **Tradewinds Restaurant & Lounge**, Captain Ron, 6:30-9:30 p.m. (772) 621-0822.

• **Tropical Jerk Restaurant**, Enjoy live Reggae Music from 6-9 p.m. 722 S.U.S. 1, Fort Pierce. (772) 466-5517.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 26**

• **Bogey's & Stogey's**, 1032 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Call for performers. (772) 337-7778.

• **Café Crème**, 1068 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, 6-8:30 p.m. (772) 337-2111.

• **Conchy Joe's Seafood**, 3945 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, Reggae by Rainfall, 8 p.m. to midnight. (772) 334-1130.

• **Crawdaddy's**, 1949 N.E. Jensen Beach Blvd., Jensen Beach, Call for performers, 7:30-11:30 p.m. (772) 225-3444.

• **Courtyard Marriot in Jensen Beach**, 10978 S Ocean Drive, Jensen Beach. Capt. Ron will be Poolside from 4-8 p.m. (772) 229-1000

• **Finz Waterfront Grille**, 4290 S.E. Salerno Road, Port Salerno. (772) 283-1929.

• **Kings Head Pub**, 2838 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd. Call for performers. (772) 340-1223.

• **Manatee Island Bar & Grill**, 4817 S.E. Dixie Highway, Port Salerno. Jason Montero, 8 p.m. (772) 872-7288.

• **The Original Tiki Bar & Restaurant**, 2 Ave. A, Fort Pierce, live music 5-9 p.m. (772) 461-0880.

• **Pirate's Loft**, 4307 S.E. Bayview St., Stuart. Move the Dog Band, 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. (772) 223-5048.

• **Rinelli's Yellow Tail**. Live music. 101 Second Street, Fort Pierce. (772) 466-5474.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 27**

• **Cobb's Landing**, 200 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, Matrix, 4-8 p.m. (772) 460-9014.

• **Conchy Joe's Seafood**, 3945 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. Reggae by Rainfall, 7-10 p.m. (772) 334-1130.

• **Finz Waterfront Grille**, 4290 S.E. Salerno Road, Port Salerno, (772) 283-1929.

• **Manatee Island Bar & Grill**, 4817 S.E. Dixie Highway, Port Salerno. Floridian Band at the Tiki Bar, 3 p.m. (772) 872-7288.

• **Pirate's Loft**, 4307 S.E. Bayview St., Stuart, Reggae with Frenz, 2-6 p.m. (772) 223-5048.

• **Wahoo's on the Waterfront**, 400 N.W. Alice Ave., Stuart, features various classic rock bands, 4:30-8:30 p.m.

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# Out

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1223.  
 • **Original Coconut Bar**, open Mic with Rich from 9 p.m.-midnight. 4787 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart. (772) 219-1945.  
 • **The Original Tiki Bar & Restaurant**, 2 Ave. A, Fort Pierce, Dynamic Entertainment Trivia at 7 p.m. (772) 461-0880.  
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**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30**

• **Finz Waterfront Grille**, 4290 S.E. Salerno Road, Port Salerno. Every Wednesday, open mic night, 8:30-11:30 p.m. (772) 283-1929.  
 • **Hutchinson Island Marriott Resort Tiki Bar**, 555 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Hutchinson Island. Call (772) 225-3700.

• **Mickey Finn's Comedy Night**, 269 Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie. 8 p.m., no cover. (772) 873-5522 for reservations.  
 • **Rinelli's Yellow Tail**, free wine-tasting 6-7:30 p.m. Exclusive "on-premise" wines available. Dinner for two and a select bottle of wine, \$35. 101 Second St., Fort Pierce. (772) 466-5474.  
 • **Sonny's Real Pit Barbeque**, 10180 South U.S. 1, Port St. Lucie. 5-9 p.m. Child eats free with adult entree. Bingo, prizes, games trivia, face painting and music with AJ the DJ.  
 • **Thirsty Turtle**, 2825 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, Davee Bryan, 7:45-11 p.m. (772) 344-7774.  
 • **Wahoo's on the Waterfront**, 400 N.W. Alice Ave., Stuart, various solo artists, 6-9:30 p.m. (772) 692-2333.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 1**

• **Archie's Seabreeze**, 401 S. Ocean Drive, Fort Pierce, jazz and steak night every Thursday, 7-10 p.m. (772) 460-3888.  
 • **Conchy Joe's Seafood**,

3945 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. The Nouveaux Honkies, 7-10 p.m. (772) 334-1130.  
 • **Dolphin Bar & Shrimp House**, 140 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. (772) 781-5236.  
 • **Finz Waterfront Grille**, 4290 S.E. Salerno Road, Port Salerno. Every Thursday, guitarist Darrell Gwinn, 5-8 p.m. (772) 283-1929  
 • **Dresa, Asian fusion**, U.S.1 and Kanner Highway, Stuart. Capt. Ron will perform from 7:30-10:30 p.m. (772) 288-6262.  
 • **Rinelli's Yellow Tail**, Bike Night in downtown Fort Pierce. 6-9 p.m. Music, Prizes, 50/50 Vendors. (772) 466-5474.  
 • **Sonny's Barbeque**, 3120 S. U.S. 1, Fort Pierce, Family day, face painting, Music by AJ the DJ, bingo, games and trivia. 5-9 p.m. For more information, call (772) 468-9068.  
 • **Thirsty Turtle**, 2825 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, Davee Bryan, 7:45-11 p.m.

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# Plenty of fish out there

Surf anglers had a few days that were fishable and a few day that were not, but plenty of fish.

The blues have arrived along with the macs and have made for some good fishing.

Anglers casting spoons had plenty of takers. Anglers casting cut bait had plenty of takers also you just had to find their zone.

Casting a spoon you cover the area, cut bait you have to pay attention. Cast out your bait and give it some time then move it in, once you get the strike you have to cast back to that area that is the zone.

Plenty of jacks and yes, there were some pompano, but for them you needed to spend a lot of time finding their zone. Pompano have been there early and late but not for very long, they have been on the move. Anglers pay attention to the way they are moving and

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Nettles, lots of reds, best part is they are chewing, live baits soft rubber and spoons all are getting attention. Problem, blues, macs, jacks and lady fish are all there and just as hungry, so bring some extra baits you will use them.

Pompano are in the Sail Fish Flat and at the bridges, not a lot, but still enough to keep your attention. No special time you just have to be there. Snook anglers do not mind the wind and busy water, Flair Hawks all week in the low light, plenty of fish, just a few in the slot.

Black fins at the Hill and a few dolphin, sails in 80 feet on out to 130 feet, with a mix of a few dolphins and to the south more dolphins, small but there.

It has been a scattered week with big seas, so not too many anglers were comfortable going out. This

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# State champs



Martin County High School's Madisen Lydon goes air for the kill during the Class 7A state semi-finals against St. Thomas Aquinas at Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee Friday, Nov. 18. The Tigers went onto win and then win the finals to earn the state title against Winter Springs the following day.

**Mitch Kloorfain**  
chief photographer



Martin County High School's Jo Ann Martin celebrates the final winning point during the Class 7A state semi-final contest against St. Thomas Aquinas at Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee Friday, Nov. 18. The Tigers went onto win and then win the finals to earn the state title against Winter Springs the following day.

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## Out

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• **VFW Post 4194**, 2464 S.E. Veteran's Ave., Stuart. Live Big Band, dancing and snacks at intermission. \$5 admission. Door prize. Call (772) 220-0144.

### ONGOING EVENTS

• **The Mansion at Tucka-hoe in Indian RiverSide Park** is open to the public Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon during November. Docent Tours are at 10-11 a.m. A video on the history of the Indian midden, Mt. Elizabeth, the Mansion, and Indian RiverSide Park is shown from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Due to a busy holiday rental period approaching Christmas, the Mansion Tours are cancelled for all of December and will resume Jan. 4, 2012. For more information, call (772) 692-7501.

• **A new green market** will take place on the first Sunday of the month in Tequesta from noon-4 p.m. The Market will be held at Constitution Park. There will be live music. For more information, visit [www.tequesta.org](http://www.tequesta.org).

• **Jammin' Jensen** takes place every Thursday from 6-9 p.m., weather permitting, at downtown Jensen Beach. There's food, music and vendors. For more information, call (772) 334-3444.

• **Retro Swing** — Lindy Hop

— **West Coast Swing dance party** is from 7:30-11 p.m. every Saturday at South Florida Swing Dance Productions, 881 N.E. Jensen Beach Blvd., in Jensen Beach. \$7 admission. For information, call (772) 334-2112.

• **Big Band music**, snacks prizes at the VFW Hall, 2464 Veterans Ave., Stuart, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Public welcome. Cost \$5. For more information, call (772) 220-0144.

• **Commodores Singles Club**. Dance to live music from the 1940s, '50s and '60s, from 7:30-10 p.m. every Sunday at the American Legion Hall, 3195 Savannah Road in Jensen Beach. Different band each week. Dress code prohibits

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## Fishing

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is the time when you say I need a bigger boat. But when going to the fuel pump, I'll keep my boat and wait for better weather. "Till next week will some body please turn off the wind weapon?"

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The administration of the estate of WILMOT R. ROGERS, deceased, whose date of death was May 1, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, (to address of which is 100 East Ocean Blvd., Suite 200, Stuart FL 34994. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate (to whom a copy of this notice is required to be served) must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is November 18, 2011. Personal Representative: Dorothy Zeller, 3397 Kensington Street Stuart, FL 34997 Attorney for Personal Representative: James P. Covey, Esq. Florida Bar No. 846880 P.O. Box 657, Vero Beach, FL 32961 Telephone: 772-770-6160. Pubs: Nov. 18, & Nov. 25, 2011

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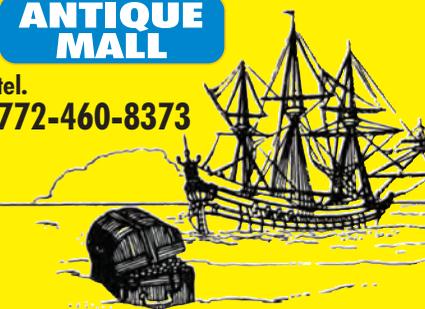


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# First taste of snow



File photo

Jack Mackey, 5, of Palm City gets his first experience of snow wearing short sleeves and gloves during the annual 'Holidays Around the World' celebration at the Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast in Jensen Beach last holiday season.

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# Give the gift of sailing

By Samantha Joseph

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MARTIN COUNTY — Sail through holiday gift shopping season with this idea: boating trips, lessons or annual memberships that would give loved ones unfettered access to sailboats.

At the U.S. Sailing Center of Martin County, experienced boaters, as well as novice sailors, can enjoy time on the water, thanks to programs that cater to visitors and members at all skill levels.

And during the holidays, administrators of the nonprofit, say the gift of sailing is a unique present that's sure to impress. They say for a small investment gift givers can allow their loved ones a fun and memorable experience.

"This is something for everyone, either those who are young, and want

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Photo courtesy Alan Jenkinson

Give the gift of sailing from the U.S. Sailing Center of Martin County in Jensen Beach. Ideas range from lessons for beginners to memberships for practiced boaters.



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## Sail

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to learn to sail, or those who have it on their 'bucket list,' as something they've always wanted to do," said Alan Jenkinson, the center's executive director.

"Giving sailing lessons is a really fun, unique and great gift."

The local U.S. Sailing Center is one of only four nationwide. Its staff and volunteers recommend giving a membership gift to someone who already knows how to sail.

Adult memberships cost \$395 annually for unlimited use of sail boats and no guest fees. Junior memberships are also available for children 18 and younger.

For beginners, they suggest a

package of sailing lessons. A 12-hour course costs about \$200.

For a one-time gift, consider a sail boat ride, a two-hour trip that costs about \$60.

"Often, sailboat lessons and rides lead to membership, because once you learn to sail you want to keep doing it," Mr. Jenkinson said.

"And these aren't just good gifts for Christmas or the holidays. People give them year round, because sailboat rides are always something unique, different from opening a present. They're ideal for individuals, families and couples."

*The U.S. Sailing Center of Martin County is located at 1955 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. For more information, call (772) 334-8085.*

## Christmas jamboree taking place Dec. 17

**For Hometown News**  
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MARTIN COUNTY — The Port Salerno Christmas Jamboree will take place Dec. 17 from noon- 6 p.m. on the corner of A1A and Dixie Highway in Stuart.

The day will include holiday music, a 60-foot Christmas tree, a snow mountain made from 15 tons of Cassidy's Ice, kids activities, a visit from Santa Claus at 3 p.m. and Christmas shopping.

This free event that has entertained more than 2,500 people in years past is sure to instill the spirit of the season in both children and adults

Vendors, crafters, artists and those interested in a community booth are

invited to participate in this holiday affair.

Sponsors are needed to help spread some holiday joy this Christmas. A variety of sponsorship packages are available ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 to purchase toys, bikes and other items for children.

The goal is to give away 100 bicycles and hundreds of toys. The sheriff's office will also give away helmets with every bicycle.

Port Salerno Community Promotions is a volunteer nonprofit organization.

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# Clowning around



Jennifer Ferrari, former Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce executive director and Laurie Gaylord, a Martin County School board member, watch Bella Brockman, 4, of Hobe Sound react to a clown with the Amara Shriners during the 25th annual Hobe Sound Christmas parade along Bridge Road last season.

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## ENSURE EXCITEMENT

### Christmas Present-Peekers Return in Record Numbers.

By Chris Mascure

**T**hey have been exploring the closet and rummaging under the bed: Beware the Christmas present-peekers!

Reports say that present-peekers begin their hunt the day after Thanksgiving and relentlessly continue their search for up to 35 days, leading right into Christmas morning. There is no way to identify these creatures, as they come in all ages, shapes and sizes.

"Nobody is safe from these excitement-sucking pests," says Chris Reynolds of Reynolds Pest Control services. Reynolds also noted that there is no secret hiding spot that these peekers cannot find. "No closets. No attics. Not even the trunk of your car is secure enough for them."

It seems the only remedy to this annual problem is to store your holiday gifts under lock-and-key

at an off-site location. The best solution would be to stuff your holiday stuff at a 24-hour access self-storage facility, such as **Gran Park Self Storage**. For hiding spots for as low as \$14.50 per month, you can ensure their holiday excitement.

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# This year's hottest electronic gifts

By **Tony Briggs**  
For Hometown News

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that one of the most popular gift-giving categories is electronics.

Just wander into Best Buy the day after Thanksgiving and check out the unruly mob of shoppers and the long lines at the checkout lanes. Lots of people like to give or receive gadgets for the holidays.

But which one to choose? It's always a daunting question, even for the experienced gadget freak. Here are some guidelines that might help, from someone who has bought more than his share of cutting-edge electronics over the past 30 years.

**Tablets:** No question about it. Tablets are the hottest thing out there these days and there are an increasing number to choose from. The two top sellers this year are likely to be two new 7-inch models — the Amazon Kindle Fire and the Nook Tablet from Barnes & Noble. Both are Android-powered devices

but the Nook boasts more storage — 16GB versus 8GB on the Fire — and is more expandable with a micro SD slot. The biggest appeal of these two new tablets will likely be their low prices, \$199 for the Fire and \$249 for the Nook.

No matter which one you choose, that's a real bargain compared to the industry-leading Apple iPad, which starts at about \$500. The iPad has a bigger screen, is more powerful and probably is still the only choice for Apple fanatics. But if you just want to find out what the big deal is about tablets, and don't want to spend an arm and a leg, the Kindle Fire and Nook Tablet probably will be good choices. Both tablets will be capable of streaming HD video (albeit from different specific collections) and tapping into each store's respective music and print libraries, as well as running a special collection of apps. Both are wi-fi only. No 3G option.

Prices are dropping quickly on the many of the iPad wanna-bes out there, including the Samsung Galaxy Tab, Toshiba Thrive, Motoro-

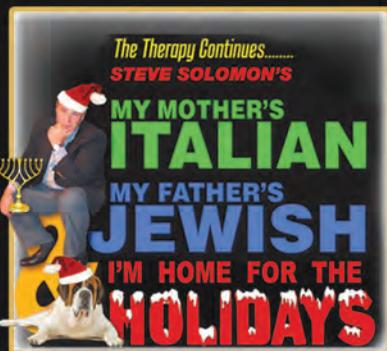
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# Memories of last year's Christmas parade

Suzanne Briley of Hobe Sound tosses T-shirts from 'Hobe Sound' magazine to the crowd during the 25th annual Hobe Sound Christmas parade last year along Bridge Road.



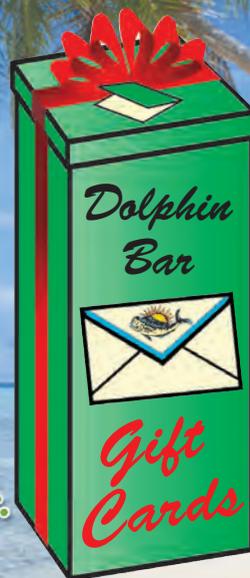
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# Approach thrift store shopping like holiday treasure hunt

By Samantha Joseph

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MARTIN COUNTY — Diane Tomasik has come across her share of bargain hunters. As communications director for House of Hope, the non-profit that operates food pantries, thrift stores and delivers other services in the county, she knows more residents are trying to increase their purchasing power in a tough economy.

The trick to thrift store shopping, she said, is figuring out each store's specialty and taking advantage of

each best deal.

"Every thrift store is a treasure trove," she said. "At House of Hope, for example, we have four stores, and every one has a different character."

The Stuart and Hobe Sound stores usually get donations of beautiful crystals and knick knacks, the kinds of gifts children like to purchase for their mothers.

Other stores have boutique sections stocked with designer clothes, jewelry and accessories that sell for about one-tenth their retail price.

"When I go, I never have any expectations. I just browse and see

what, if anything, I find," said Cindy Rander, a shopper at House of Hope's Stuart store, located at Stuart, located at 2484 S.E. Bonita St.

Open-minded browsing is a great strategy for bargain hunters, said Ms. Tomasik.

Keep an eye out for holiday decorations, other decorative items, jewelry and other hidden treasures that might make good gifts for shoppers with a limited budget, she said.

For more information, call (772) 286-4673 or visit [www.hohmartin.org](http://www.hohmartin.org).

# Give the gift of music

By Samantha Joseph

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TREASURE COAST — You know that saying, "Think outside the box?" This holiday season, it's a good idea to do the opposite.

The Band Box, a Stuart shop that specializes in wind instruments, offers alternatives to gifts carted out from department stores.

Its brass and wood-wind selections range from instruments suitable for beginners to those crafted for elite musicians.

"As far as the instruments go, we cover a broad range," said owner Carlyle Weber, a retired member of the U.S. Army Field Band of Washington, D.C., who spent 23 years touring with the military and now plays trombone and euphonium, a baritone horn, with several large local jazz bands.

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# Music

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The Band Box is a place where musicians can upgrade to higher quality instruments. Its large ticket items include intermediate- and even professional-level horns that would make great gifts for practiced musicians.

But its shelves are also stocked with items to stuff beginners' stockings.

Gift certificates for music lessons, for instance, will help beginners foster their talents and learn a skill that will last a lifetime.

For about \$25, a gift giver can put a loved one on the road to a new hobby or passion with a music lesson.

"One lesson a week for one month would give you a good start on an instrument, with practice, of course," Mr. Weber said.

Other gift options are plentiful, including

reeds, cleaning kits, instrument stands, neck straps, oils for valves, specialty cases and mutes to produce different tones in brass instruments.

"We also have many everyday accessories wind musicians would need for their horns, and items that are fun for wind players," Mr. Weber said.

Decorative pins shaped like instruments, mugs, framed art and sheet music from pop hits and movie themes are all among the stocking stuffers gift givers can purchase for musicians or music lovers.

"We have lots of little things the big stores don't carry," Mr. Weber said.

*The Band Box is located at 733 N. Federal Highway, Stuart. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is closed Sunday. For more information, call (772) 692-1355 or visit www.thebandboxinc.com.*

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The ways I remember eating artichokes are stuffed, marinated or with oil and garlic. Every recipe I've ever read has you dipping the leaves in either butter or hollandaise sauce. Mayonnaise and aioli are other popular choices.

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Okeland Shirley decorates his Christmas tree following the Habitat for Humanity home dedication ceremony last December in Stuart. The five-member family moved into their new home in time for the holidays.

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# Art show, fair to take place Dec. 3

For Hometown News  
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MARTIN COUNTY – This year's HO-HO-HO Holiday Art Show and Fair will take place Dec. 3 at Cedar Pointe Plaza, 2611 S.E. Ocean Blvd, Stuart from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Artists from three Art Associates of Martin County, the Hobe Sound Fine Arts League and the Palm City Art Associates have joined together once again to offer original fine art paintings, photographic prints, exquisite hand-crafted jewelry, one-of-a-kind, hand-thrown pottery, textile art, sculpture, matching gift cards/tag magnets and mini, and homemade goodies.

A portion of the profits benefit the scholarship funds of each art league, all of which are nonprofit organizations.

## Thursday, Dec. 1

- **Molly's Gallery December opening reception.** From 5:30-7 p.m. at Molly's House, 430 S.E. Osceola St., Stuart. Molly's Gallery, part of the Molly's House Art and Healing program, features a variety of art forms including photography, painting and woodworking that will be on display from Dec. 1-31. Exhibiting artists are Thomas Goebel, Linwood Fuller, Carin Wagner-Brown and Susan Clifford. The opening Champagne reception sponsored by Sharkey Air, Tropical Smoothie Cafe' and Total Wine & More. The reception features captivating art, the opportunity to meet and mingle with the artists, sample hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, all while listening to music provided by Taafkab Etalia. The event is free, but donations are gladly accepted and will help subsidize room costs for adult and children patients and their families experiencing a medical crisis on the Treasure Coast. Contact (772) 223-6659. *For more information about Molly's Gallery and/or Molly's House,*

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visit [www.MollysHouse.org](http://www.MollysHouse.org)

## Friday, Dec. 2

- **51st annual Stuart Christmas parade:** "It's a Wonderful World." Presented by Stuart Main Street. Schools, churches civic clubs and businesses design and build the nearly 50 spectacular lighted floats that make up the parade, along with marching bands, twirling groups and Santa. *For more information, visit [www.stuartmainstreet.org](http://www.stuartmainstreet.org), or call (772) 286-2848.*

## Saturday, Dec. 3

- **Hobe Sound Christmas parade** at 1 p.m. on southeast Bridge Road and southeast Dixie Highway. Organized by the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce.

- **Martin County Christmas boat parade** From 6-7:30pm. Sandsrit Park, 3343 S.E. St. Lucie Blvd. *For more information, call (772) 692-7599.*

- **Rock-a-thon**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lowe's, 3620 S.E. Federal Highway, Stu-

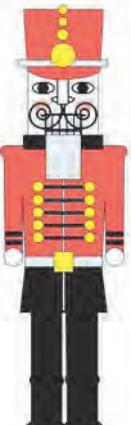
art. Teams and individuals are invited to rock in rocking chairs, relay-style, to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Martin County. Funds will be used to build homes for deserving families throughout Martin County. *To register or to learn about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.Habitat-Martin.org](http://www.Habitat-Martin.org) or call (772) 223-9940.*

- **Snowflakes in Paradise gala 26th annual winter gala** at the Stuart Yacht and Country Club. Cost is \$250 per person. *Contact Lori Swift at (772) 334-9311, Ext. 404 or [lsswift@hcc4kids.org](mailto:lsswift@hcc4kids.org).*

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- **Hobe Sound Chamber's holiday celebration and luncheon** to install board of directors. Set for Mariner Sands Golf Club, 6500 Mariner Sands Drive, Stuart. RSVP required. Cost is \$25. *For more information, call the chamber at (772) 546-4724 or e-mail [jotten@hobesound.org](mailto:jotten@hobesound.org).*

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# Plant safety tips so you can enjoy beauty

**H**i, everybody. With the holidays getting into full swing, many of us are going to purchase one or more colorful holiday plants that are available.

For the most part, these plants are safe, but some safety precautions should be taken. With some common sense precautions, you can have a safe and happy holiday season.

**Poinsettia.** These colorful holiday plants are safe plants to have around your home during the holidays. As with any ornamental, they should be kept out of reach of small children and should never be ingested. Although not particularly toxic to humans, they can be very toxic to small animals. If you have pets that have a habit of chewing your plants, opt for the artificial variety. They can often look just as spectacular as the real thing and you can reuse them year after year. Over time, this can save you a pile of money.

**Mistletoe.** Using mistletoe as a decoration is a tradition that has been carried out for centuries. During Pagan times, troops at war who met with the

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presence of mistletoe were required to lay down their weapons and unite in a day of truce. Mistletoe was also used during rituals that celebrated the winter solstice. It was used as a symbol of the eventual return of the sun.

In Christianity, mistletoe has been used as symbol of love ever since the Middle Ages. During this era, mistletoe was blessed by a priest and all those who walked under it kissed as a sign of friendship and all bad feelings were extinguished.

In modern times, the tradition of being kissed under the mistletoe is still in full force. A trip to your local holiday shop will usually yield both live and artificial versions of this popular holiday plant. The "live" mistletoe plant is toxic if ingested and should be kept out

of the reach of small children and pets. As long as it is not ingested, this plant can still create a warm feeling of friendship to all who walk under it.

**Live Christmas trees.** Although live trees are the main symbol of this great day, they can pose hazards if not handled and cared for properly. The main hazard from live trees is fire. When you first bring your tree home, be sure to cut a slice off the bottom before placing it in its new location. This will help the tree to absorb water faster, which will greatly lengthen its useful life.

There are many products on the market that are labeled as "tree savers" that are useful in helping the tree to absorb water faster and over a longer period of time. It is important when choosing the location for your new tree to place it away from any heat sources or sparks. In the past, using faulty Christmas lights that either shorted out or sparked has caused most tree-related fires.

In addition, lights that produce too much heat can be a problem on a tree that has been in use for an extended

period of time.

Today, one of the best ways to stay safe is to use the new LED lights that are available for decorating. They look great and besides running cooler than other lights, they also save you green. They use a fraction of the power of conventional lighting methods.

Use only UL-approved extension cords and power strips. Using LED lights will not create as much as a load on your extension cords and power adapters.

With the availability of a large selection of artificial trees, for many people this will be a great alternative to the live tree. Most are now in three pieces with all the lights already attached and they last year after year saving you lots of money over time.

As you can see, with some common sense practices, you can stay safe this holiday season.

*Joe Zelenak has 28 years experience in gardening and landscape. Email hometowngarden@gmail.com or visit his website www.hometowngarden.com.*

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MARTIN COUNTY —

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Ornaments including dragons, fish, turtles, angels and small round discs with words such as "Believe" and "Joy" are now available with prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$10.

To purchase, visit Molly's House at 430 S.E. Osceola St., Stuart.

Proceeds benefit the Molly's House Adopt-A-Family program that subsidizes room costs for patients and their families experiencing a medical crisis on the Treasure Coast.

To view photos of the ornaments,

visit [www.Facebook.com/MollysHouse](http://www.Facebook.com/MollysHouse).

Molly's House is a hospital hospitality house that provides temporary lodging for adult and children patients and their families who are in a medical crisis and receiving medical care on the Treasure Coast. Molly's House services Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties.

The house has 14 bedrooms with private baths, a living room, two kitchens, laundry, chapel and outside areas for relaxing.

Since opening in 1996, Molly's House is dedicated to keeping families together and has helped more than 12,000 individuals.

For more information, call (772) 223-6659 or visit [www.MollysHouse.org](http://www.MollysHouse.org).

## Calendar

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### Friday, Dec. 9

- **Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast's holiday around the world**, 4-7 p.m. Members enter free of charge; seniors, adults, teens and children ages 3-12 pay \$6; children 12 months to 2 years pay \$3; and there's no charge for children younger than 1. At 1707 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. For more information, please call (772) 225-7575.

### Friday, Dec. 9-Sunday, Dec. 11

- **"Portraits of the Holidays" at the Barn Theatre in Stuart.** Visit [www.barn-theatre.com](http://www.barn-theatre.com) or call the box office Mondays-Fridays noon to 4 p.m. at (772) 287-4884. Box office is also open one hour prior to the show.

### Saturday, Dec. 10

- **Holiday Extravaganza.** The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast is bringing the holidays to its shelter ani-

mals. From 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the shelter's Towl Building, 4100 S.W. Leighton Farm Ave., Palm City. You can get some of your shopping done by exploring tables of arts and crafts. There also will be delicious baked goods. Be sure to bring your pet for photos with Santa. The best present of all might be providing a home to one of the shelter animals up for adoption. For more information, call (772) 600-3211 or visit [www.hstc1.org](http://www.hstc1.org) for more information.

### Sunday, Dec. 11

- **Cabaret concert series** held at the new Charles and Rae Kane Center, 900 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart, by the Council on Aging of Martin County. The monthly concert series will run from December 2011 through March 2012. Each performance will be held on a Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. December's concert will have the theme, "Sounds of the Holidays." Tickets cost \$12 for members or \$15 for non-members. Call (772)223-7800 or visit [www.kanecenter.org](http://www.kanecenter.org).

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# Annual holiday concert

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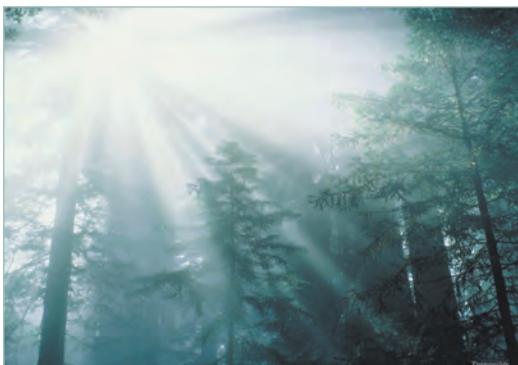
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# Electronic

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la Xoom, Acer Iconia and others. Expect most of those to be quite a bit cheaper than a comparable iPad (although probably not as cheap as the Fire) after Thanksgiving, if not earlier. All run on the Android operating system, which will look and feel different from the custom-built versions of the same OS used on the Kindle Fire and Nook Tablet. Any of those larger tablets would be a good choice if you want a bigger screen than the Fire and Nook have, but don't want to spend the big bucks for an iPad. Expect to pay between \$300 and \$450, depending on the size and features.

Many tablets offer the same 3G option as the iPad, but the best advice is to skip that unless you are sure you need it. A tablet that can access the cellular network is not only more expensive on the front end, it costs the user \$30 a month or more for a data plan. Wi-fi only tablets don't require a data plan.

Also, you probably should avoid the "no-name" tablets. They may cost a lot less but there's a reason for that. No-name tablets are likely to suffer from poor reliability and build quality, dated or closed operating systems, and/or a lack of applications that will run on them.

If price is no object, the iPad is still the best of the bunch.

**E-book readers:** This was a hot category last year and is likely to be even hotter this year, again thanks to Amazon. It has cut the price on its base Kindle e-reader to \$79, about \$50 less than last year. That model would be the best choice if you want the best deal and are a big reader. The black and white e-ink screen on the Kindle is easier on the eyes over the long haul than color models and is readable even in bright sunlight.

If you want to spend a little more and like the idea of a touch screen, there are two good choices: for \$99, you can get a touch-screen version of the Kindle or the competing Barnes & Noble Nook Simple Touch. Barnes & Noble recently slashed the price of its Nook by \$40 so it can compete head-to-head with the Kindle. These two readers are very similar so the decision comes down to personal taste. Study each model, including the libraries they can access, and choose the one you like the best. Most color tablets can also be used as e-readers, but don't work as well as the dedicated black-

and-white readers, whose e-ink display most closely mimic the printed page. Still, Barnes & Noble does make a color version of its Nook e-reader and recently cut the price from \$250 to \$199.

**Smartphones:** These gadgets are always a popular choice for gift giving, since almost everyone can use one and new models seem to hit store shelves on almost a daily basis. Apple's new iPhone 4S is a good choice for Apple fans and newcomers to the smartphone world, since the OS is arguably better than the many Android competitors and the apps are often more capable. And with prices starting around \$199 (with two-year contract), it won't break the bank. Opt for the older, but almost as capable iPhone 4 if money is tight, it starts at \$99, half the price of the 4S. Or the even older iPhone 3GS, which in some cases, is free with a two-year contract. The iPhone 4 looks almost identical to the 4S but lacks the 4S internal improvements, including a faster processor and better camera.

On the Android front, the choices are more numerous and complicated.

Among the newest offerings is the Samsung Galaxy Nexus, due in mid-November and the first to run on the new Android 4 operating system code named Ice Cream Sandwich. This dual-core phone is 4G LTE capable, the fastest data service available, and has a larger screen than the iPhone. Prices have not been set but expect to pay between \$200 and \$300 (with contract) to have this latest and greatest smartphone. Other options include the less-popular, Windows-based and BlackBerry phones. Steer clear of those unless you need any special features they may offer. Apple and Android are now the dominant players in the cell phone marketplace.

For those who don't need the latest technology but still want the convenience of a cell phone, consider a pay-as-you-go service such as Tracfone. If you don't need a lot of minutes or the most modern smart phone, you can get a year's worth of cell phone service for less than \$9 a month (you also have to buy the phone, which generally costs from \$20 to \$50).

**HDTV:** Prices continue to fall on HDTVs, while the feature set improves. The sweet spot can be found in the 46-inch to 50-inch models, which are now going for as little as \$500 and are likely to go even lower as the holidays approach. The price of 32-inch models See **ELECTRONIC, 17**

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## Electronic

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is now routinely below \$300. That could make HDTVs a good choice for gift giving this year.

The big push this holiday season, however, will be the more expensive models with wired or wireless Internet connectivity, which is usually tied to a feature often called Smart TV. These TVs have built-in apps, similar to the ones found on smartphones. There are lots of different apps, but most consumers probably will focus on those that allow for the direct streaming of movies or TV shows, including Hulu, Vudu, Netflix, CinemaNow, Blockbuster and others.

You can also buy stand alone boxes from a variety of companies that do much the same thing or Blu-ray players that include the Smart TV feature. In concept, this is a good idea. But the implementation is lacking in my experience. Smart TV features can be slow and clunky, and just don't bring much usefulness to the party unless you don't have cable. They are certainly not worth paying a huge premium for.

Ditto for the other HDTV gimmick that was the hot ticket last year, 3D. It

works, but content is limited and you need to buy a special 3D Blu-ray player to watch 3D Blu-ray movies and the glasses you have to wear are a pain. If you can get 3D or smart TV for little or no extra money, go for it. But generally speaking you're better off sticking with a good basic HDTV. Look for a name-brand LCD or plasma model in the size that best fits your budget with 1080p resolution (that's less important on screens less than 40 inches). Picture quality and reliability have improved to the point now where almost all available models are very good. However, if you want a TV with the widest viewing angles, go for a plasma set.

If price is no object, go for the absolutely huge 80-inch LCD HDTVs that are available this year. Cost: about \$5,000.

**GPS:** Like nearly every other electronic device, the cost of stand alone GPS units has been falling fast in recent years. They start at less-than \$100 and you can get a top-of-the-line model, with voice recognition for around \$300. While the el-cheapo models work, most consumers will be happier with a more advanced model with features like text-to-speech (the names of the roads are spoken), lane-

assist (tells you more about the next turn, including the number of turn lanes, which side of the road the exit is on) and Bluetooth (pairs with your Bluetooth phone for hands-free phone calls). Stick with a name brand, such as Garmin, Tom-Tom or Magellan and go for at least a 4.3-inch screen. The larger 5-inch screens don't cost a lot more so if you like idea of a bigger screen, go for it. Speech recognition, which allows you to control the device with voice commands, also is a convenient feature but sometimes it is not well implemented. Check online reviews before you buy. Lifetime maps and traffic service are also desirable features if you plan to keep the GPS unit for more than a year.

**Odds and ends:** If you or someone you know suffers from remote control clutter, solve it with a unified remote that allows you control everything with one device. I have tried lots of them but the best I have found is the Harmony One from Logitech. It handles up to 15 devices and all programming is done via the Harmony One Web site, so there are no frustrating multi-number codes to enter. And when you are done, it's easy to start your TV, stereo receiver, cable box, DVD or Blu-

ray player and gaming devices with one touch. The customizable LCD touch screen on the Harmony One is activity based. So to watch TV, you simply choose "watch TV" and all the correct devices come on with all the right settings. Ditto for "play video games" or play DVD."

The Harmony One is not cheap — between \$150 and \$200, and the setup can be challenging. But it can save you a lot of headaches and allow you to shove all those other remote controls into a drawer somewhere. (Harmony also makes less expensive versions starting at around \$30 that can be programmed online.)

Another good inexpensive gift from someone who has an iPod or other music device that supports Bluetooth is a good pair of wireless Bluetooth stereo headphones. Everyone who has ever used earbuds knows the cord that connects the earpieces to the player can be a pain. Bluetooth headphones, which cost between \$30 and \$100, allow you to get rid of the cord, without loss of sound quality. Shop online for the best selection and price, since these gadgets are scarce and expensive in most area retail stores.

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# Calendar

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• "A Conversation With Robert Wagner," at the Lyric Theatre in downtown Stuart at 7 p.m. Event will benefit the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast. Mr. Wagner will host a meet-and-greet after the show, inviting ticket holders to the new Lyric Flagler Center. Mr. Wagner is one of the most popular and successful stars in the entertainment industry, boasting three hit series and an impressive list of both feature and television films. Tickets cost \$100 and are available from the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast. It includes the meet-and-greet reception, beverages and hors d'oeuvres. *For more information, call Jackie Ranaldo at (772) 600-3211. Buy your show tickets from the Lyric The-*

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# Romancing

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to do is, I would have to say teaching a little child how to eat an artichoke.

Trivial? No. Sheer joy!

If you've never eaten one, come along with me and we'll learn how.

The base, or heart, of the artichoke is the part you want to eat. Every time you pull a leaf off the base, it has a little piece of the delicious heart clinging to it. You do not eat the whole leaf; you put it between your teeth and then pull the leaf out, catching the pillow of flesh with your teeth.

When my granddaughter, Meagan, was 2, she watched her daddy, Steve, eat an artichoke and reached out for it. When I asked her if she wanted to try one, she shook her head yes. How do you explain to a 2 year old that "bite down" does not mean hang on for dear life? She clamped her teeth down on that leaf as I struggled to pull it out of her mouth. Once she got a taste of the delicious flesh, though, she quickly learned the proper technique.

Once all of the leaves have been pulled off and enjoyed, you are left with the "choke" and the heart. You never want to learn what the "choke" in artichoke really means. The inedible florets in the center of the vegetable will most definitely make you choke and must be removed.

Getting to the artichoke heart is like getting to the prize at the bottom of a cereal box. It is superb and can be eaten out of hand or used in many dishes. You can also peel the stem, slice and cook it with the artichokes. Enjoy, see you next week!

## STUFFED ARTICHOKEs

### Serves 4

4 large artichokes  
3 cups soft bread crumbs, (four slices of bread)  
1 tbsp. parsley flakes or few sprigs chopped Italian parsley  
1/2 tsp. each, dried oregano and salt

1/4 tsp. black pepper  
1/4 lb. fresh mushrooms, chopped (optional)  
4 cloves garlic, chopped  
1/3 cup grated, imported Parmesan cheese  
1/2 cup lightly toasted pine nuts, coarsely chopped  
Extra virgin olive oil  
Dry white wine, such as chablis or Chardonnay

Prepare artichokes by cutting the stem end even with the bottom. Break off small leaves at the bottom and snip off tips of the leaves. Smash top down on cutting board to loosen leaves.

Place in cold water to which you have added 1 tablespoon lemon juice for 15 minutes. Rinse, drain and pull open as much as possible. Place upright in a large pot with 1-inch water and a little lemon juice.

Cover, bring to a boil and simmer for 30 minutes. While the artichokes won't be fully cooked they will be easier to stuff. When cool enough to handle using a small knife or grapefruit knife spread leaves and cut down into center to remove the inedible choke (fuzzy stuff).

Process or blend bread slices and mix with next seven ingredients.

Press stuffing between as many leaves as possible. Place artichoke upright back in the pot. Add about 1 cup water, 1/2 cup oil and 1/2 cup wine. Cook covered about 30 minutes until an outer and inner leaf pulls out easily. The liquid should evaporate leaving only the oil. Add more water, wine or oil if necessary to complete cooking. Serve at room temperature drizzling each with remaining oil in pot.

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The Diamond Cut Finish line features four new models, with two mallets on the way. The putter was designed to work in concert with the Super Stroke grips. The result is a beautiful putter that performs even better than it looks. You can even custom build your own right on the website for an even more perfect fit.

If you know someone who's not swinging the club as fast as they used to, or simply want something lighter, faster and ultimately longer in their hands, try Tour Edge's ([www.touredge.com](http://www.touredge.com)) new Bazooka HT Max-D drivers and fairway woods.

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The travel cover features lots of padding and extra pockets and also has in-line skate wheels for a smooth, easy roll. The duffle bag is just the right size for a carry-on.

Every golfer could use some practice. Improving your putting is the quickest way to lower your score. Fan Mats and Tour Links ([www.TourLinks.net](http://www.TourLinks.net)) has combined the logo from your favorite professional team, or college or military branch into its new line of putting greens.

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Kangarila ([www.kangarila.com](http://www.kangarila.com)) is a new way of playing golf that will add an extra level of fun or frustration to your game. In this game the balls act as dice. The balls are printed with the names of different clubs such as "wedge" or "7-iron." You tee off and hit your Kangarila golf ball. When you arrive at the ball, the side facing up will tell you which club you must use for your next shot.

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While we don't experience snow and seldom see freezing temperatures for any extended period of time, we Floridians still need jackets and sweaters.

Abacus Apparel ([www.abacus-outdoor.com](http://www.abacus-outdoor.com)) is the company that outfitted the European Solheim Cup team. Its new pebble fleece jacket is perfect for those cool days that we see in the winter here. The soft, warm polyester fleece features a full-length front zipper and flat-lock seams that allow you to stay warm and unrestricted while swinging.

The newest apparel from Sunice ([www.sunice.com](http://www.sunice.com)), outfitter to the U.S. Solheim Cup team, is its Typhoon Collection. The company has added the benefit of full-stretch to this line. Now in addition to a breathable, lightweight, quieter performance fabric, you get the benefit of a garment that stretches with you while keeping the wind and rain away.

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# Golf

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Whatever you decide I'm sure the golfer on your list will love the thought that went into it. Just be sure to avoid the topless lady tees!

*James Stammer has been an avid golfer and golf enthusiast for nearly 40 years. He hosts the Thursday Night Golf Show on WSTU 1450-AM. Contact him at [stammerglass@yahoo.com](mailto:stammerglass@yahoo.com).*

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# Dos, don'ts of holiday travel

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The holidays are a festive time of year, but they can also prove stressful for the millions of people who travel to visit friends and family or use time off during the holidays to go on vacation. Because so many people travel during the holidays, airports are more crowded than usual and the nation's roadways often experience heavy traffic, especially on the days immediately before and after a holiday.

While there's not much travelers can do to reduce the number of fellow travelers come the holiday season, there are certain dos and don'ts that can make holiday travel much easier.

- **DO plan ahead.** Leaving holiday travel plans until the last minute is a recipe for disaster. Some air travelers feel it's more affordable to book flights in the weeks leading up to the holidays rather than months in advance. While it's possible to find last minute airline deals, it's very possible such deals will put travelers on standby. That's potentially disastrous during a travel season that has frequent flight delays or cancellations due to inclement weather. Book travel plans as early as possible to avoid the hassles of last minute bookings.

- **DON'T blame airport staff if things go awry.** The holiday season can be stressful for those who have to travel, but it's exceedingly stressful for the men and women who work in the travel industry. Airline employees, particularly those who work at ticket counters, are too often treated poorly by travelers who need someone to blame for flight delays and cancellations. The same goes for the people who work at bus or train stations. Regardless of how inconvenient interrupted travel plans can be, it's never the fault of the person working at the airport. It's often a result of inclement weather, which is something no one can control. Should travel plans be delayed or cancelled, remain courteous, compassionate and respectful of staff. Doing so is the right thing to do, and it might just garner you some consideration when the time comes to reschedule plans.

- **DO insure your trip.** As mentioned above, flight delays and cancellations are common during the holiday season. Heavy snowfall can wreak havoc on travel plans, even for those people who live in relatively temperate climates. Travelers

traveling to or from regions where heavy snowfall is a possibility should always protect themselves against flight cancellations or delays by insuring their trips. Insurance is often inexpensive and can protect travelers if their flight plans go awry. The peace of mind insurance provides can also reduce the stress of holiday travel.

- **DON'T try to make up for lost time.** While there's little air travelers can do to make up for lost time, those traveling by automobile often try to make up for lost time by driving aggressively. Nothing could be more dangerous, as the roads are often overcrowded and driving conditions during the holidays are rarely ideal. Even if a traffic jam or other delay makes it impossible to stick to your travel schedule, don't risk disaster with aggressive driving. Instead, call your destination and explain you will be a little late because of delays on the roadway. No matter where you are going, be it a hotel or to a friend or family member's house, they will understand the situation and they will certainly prefer you get there safe and sound, even if that means getting there a little later than originally planned.

- **DO be an early bird.** The early bird gets the worm, and when it comes to holiday travel, the early bird can also significantly reduce the stress of traveling. If traveling by air, get to the airport extra early. This way you won't have to fret when the lines at baggage check or security checkpoints are long. If traveling via automobile, get up early and hit the road before most drivers are even out of bed. It might not be fun to get up so early, but you will likely start your trip off with little to no traffic.

- **DON'T overdo it.** It's tempting to try to see everyone during the holiday season, but most travelers would prefer to stay in one place for more time than to continue traveling from place to place without spending much time at any one place. Traveling too much can lead to exhaustion, which is especially dangerous for those traveling by automobile. If possible, spread out holiday travel as much as you can, and attempt to spend at least two nights sleeping in the same bed before hitting the road again.

Holiday travel doesn't have to be so difficult. Adhering to a few dos and don'ts can make this year's holiday travel far less stressful.

# Make your holiday shopping more personal

I cannot tell you how many times I have seen a small business open up in my community, say to myself, "Oh, that's great, I'll have to get in there," and then drive by months later and realize that I have yet to make that first stop to see what this new venture is all about.

This frustrates me. My intentions are good. And maybe if I had seen various advertisements reminding me about the place, I would have made that visit.

The best part is when it's locally owned; it's not just a business, but a person — possibly a neighbor or someone I know from the gym or the park or school events.

It's personal.

I think of the excitement they must have had when first getting the idea for the business, putting it together and actually seeing it take shape. Then, as the excitement slowly fades and the reality of success or failure is in plain view, the realization of such a brave move takes hold.

It is all of our responsibility to help our local business people succeed. It is the core of a community. The lifeblood. Without our local business partners, we would be left with only the large national chains with no ties to our community, only looking to take our money and run when times get rough.

So, this holiday season, I have made a pact with myself to purchase everything I possibly can from local purveyors. Bikes, music, wine, gourmet food, books, even

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clothes for my trendy wife can be found in businesses owned by those who live among us.

Sure, I might pay a little more, but that extra coin will stay in my community, not be shipped off to some corporate headquarters up north.

And by purchasing local, you get hometown service. It's nice to be able to pick up the phone and get an actual person on the line or walk into a place and talk to the same person who sold you an item.

Holiday dinners and parties? Local restaurants only. There's something to be said about walking into a place "where everyone knows your name."

Not that all locally owned businesses are perfect. Many of them are owned by people who have never been in business for themselves before. But because they dreamed and dared, I think we can cut them a little slack while they work out the kinks. If we stick with them now, think of the gratitude they will show us later.

I hope you will join me in patronizing locally owned businesses this holiday season. Because it's not just business, it's personal.

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