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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 will highlight cases that often leave observers shaking their heads.

Déjà vu

You would think someone involved in criminal activity would come up with a new story when confronted by police if the previous story didn't work.

That was not the case with a Port St. Lucie woman.

An officer stopped a vehicle and the driver claimed she was the passenger who somehow with the officer not seeing her exited the vehicle and got in the driver's side. She claimed the driver left and

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Week recognizes those who take calls for help

By Jay Meisel
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MARTIN COUNTY — Martin County residents won't likely see Tami Howard out on the streets chasing criminals or making arrests.

But she may well be the first person with whom they have contact when they need assistance from law enforcement.

Ms. Howard, a dispatcher who currently also trains new people in the job, is one of probably thousands holding the same job who were recognized last week during National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

At the Martin County Sheriff's Office, where sheriff's office and Martin County Fire Rescue deputies occupy the E911 dispatch center, employees receive appreciation for the jobs they perform.

Some of the dispatchers have to work nights. In the event of a natural disaster, such as a hurricane, they work 24 hours a day at the center.

Martin County Sheriff Robert L. Crowder recognized Ms. Howard and the other dispatchers in a press release.

"A telecommunicator job is not a position to be taken lightly," he said.

"It is a true calling with

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County celebrates libraries

By Patrick Bernadeau
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY — On April 8, the quietest places on earth kicked off a week filled with events in an effort to create awareness of the various activities and items offered at the local public library.

Starting in 1958 and sponsored by the American Library Association, National Library Week takes place at libraries throughout the country every April to promote library use in local communities and celebrate the contributions the library makes within its local community.

The Martin County Library System and its six public libraries, Blake, Cummings, Elisabeth Lahti, Hobe Sound, Hoke and Robert Morgade took part

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Running for Brianna

Ryan Taylor and Kylie Price, both 13 of Stuart cross the finish line together at the Brianna Cooper Heavenly Smiles 5K run. The race was created in honor of Brianna Cooper, who was killed in a car accident in Sept. 2010. The Brianna Cooper Heavenly Smiles Foundation supports children with cleft lip and palate. More photos page A7.

Mitch Kloorfain
chief photographer

Join in National Volunteer Week

By Patrick Bernadeau
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY — A small sign can go a long way. For the past eight years, that has been the strategy for Martin Volunteers.

The United Way of Martin County's Martin Volunteers program is asking local businesses and organizations that have signs or marquees to help them participate in National Volunteer Week running through April 21.

To that end, Martin Volunteers created "Signs Across Martin." The group asks businesses and organizations in the community to relay a message of thanks to volunteers in the county for the tremendous contributions that they've done made their community. This is a gesture that has taken place annually since 2004.

By simply saying "Thank you, Martin Volunteers" or "Volunteers make a differ-

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Columnist followed his own path in life

By Jay Meisel
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James Preston Tucker, a psychic by trade and a columnist for *Hometown News* for nearly 10 years, came into the world as a surprise, a niece recalled Monday.

"And for the remainder of his life, he remained a surprise at what he did," said Ellen Tucker, the niece.

Mr. Tucker, 73, who wrote "Spirit Guide" and "Star Scopes," was found deceased on April 11 at his home in Jensen Beach, a Martin County Sheriff's Office report said.

The house had no signs of forced entry, the report said.

Neighbors told investigators that Mr. Tucker had been ill and bed-ridden around the time of his death.

Funeral and burial arrangements for Mr. Tucker have not been finalized or announced.

Steve Erlanger, publisher of *Hometown News*, expressed sadness about Mr. Tucker's death.

"Everyone from the *Hometown News* family was terribly saddened by the news of James' passing," he said. "James has been part of our family since the very beginning. Tammy Raits (managing editor of *Hometown News*) and several of our crew, and I had worked with James back in the old *Forum* days. When we knew we were going to start *Hometown News*, we knew James had to be a part of it."

Mr. Tucker was born on Nov. 29,

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Performers drive unique fundraiser for area nonprofit

By Samantha Joseph
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MARTIN COUNTY — Talented children from area schools and local entertainers helped stage a successful, first-time fundraiser for a group which connects families with nonprofits.

The young performers were part of Whole Child Connection's "Centerstage" show on March 30 at the Lyric Theatre's Flagler Center.

The unique fundraiser was a variety show that started off with hors d'oeuvres, free wine, coffee and dessert.

But it was the performers' singing, jazz-hands waving, sequin-wearing, guitar-strumming, hopping piano-playing and Nut Cracker-style pirouetting that had the audience most entranced.

"This was one of the best events I've been to in a long time," said Jackie Michaels, a Palm City resident. "Martin

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April adoption orientation slated

By Patrick Bernadeau
For Hometown News

TREASURE COAST — The Treasure Coast division of the Children's Home Society of Florida will hold its April adoption orientation on Thursday, April 26 at the Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County office at 5:30 pm.

The Children's Home Society is a state wide, nonprofit agency; the largest and oldest nonprofit agency in the state.

The Treasure Coast division encompasses St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee counties.

The Treasure Coast divi-

sion's purpose is to find forever families for kids through special needs, private/newborn and international adoption services. The division also provides post-adoption support services to families.

Although the Children's Home Society does provide services for people who may be interested in adopting infants or newborns, the orientation is centered around the adoption of children from foster care.

"Orientation is a very casual information session," said Frank Avilla,

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Sunday: Partly cloudy; high: 82; low: 55; high tide: 9:45 a.m.; low tide: 3:49 p.m.
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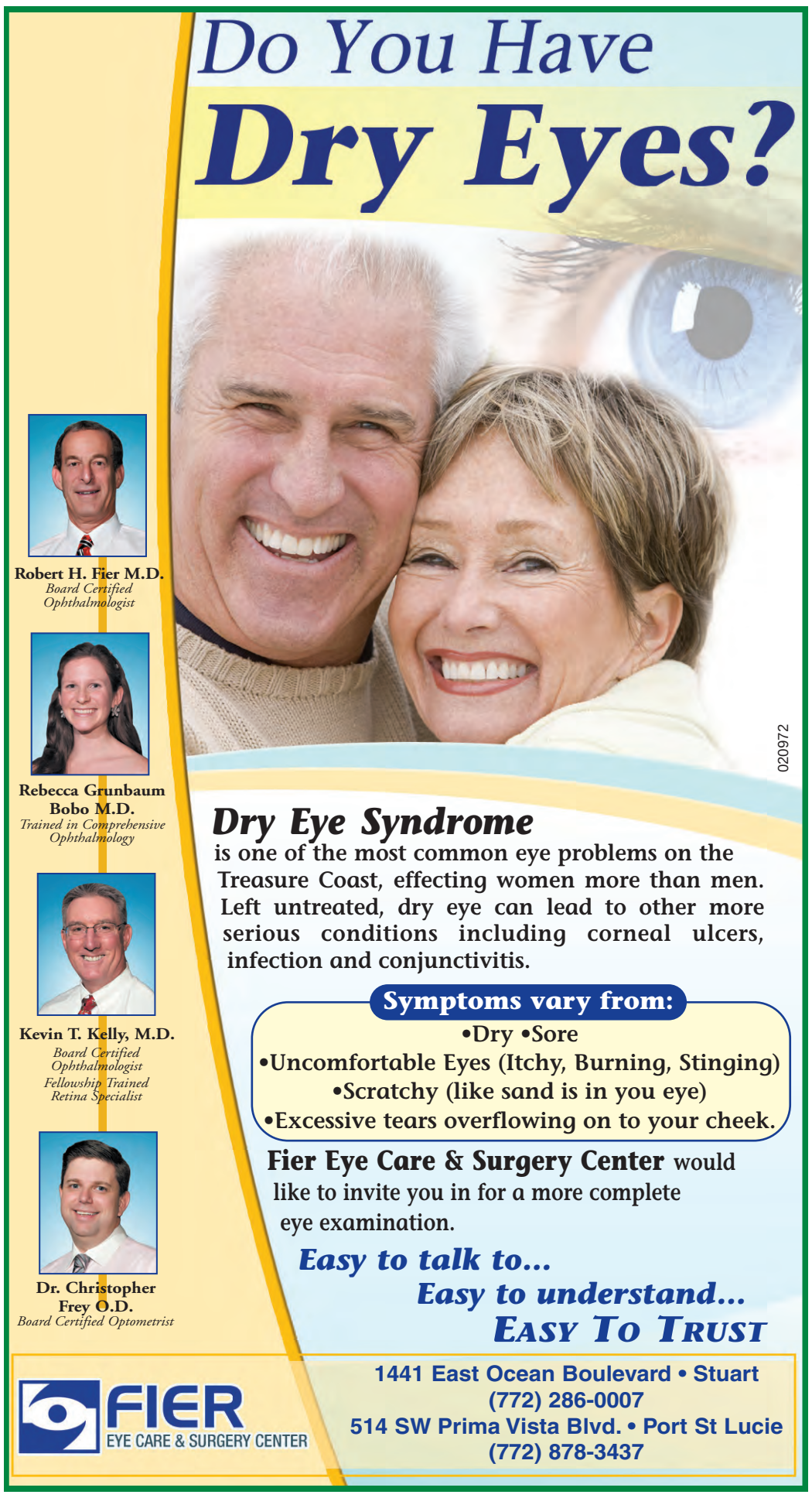

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Rick and Linda Spisak performed a short segment of Shakespeare's 'Taming of the Shrew' at Whole Child Connection's 'Centerstage' fundraiser at the Lyric Theatre's Flagler Center.

Unique

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County has a lot of charity fundraisers, but they're usually very similar. It's either a golf tournament or fishing. This was very entertaining."

Before the show, Chairwoman Sandra Stiger described Martin County as being "ripe with talent." It turned out she was right.

Southfork High School Choir gave a stellar performance, and poets and storytellers Rick and Linda Spisak performed Shakespeare.

Among a long list of talented performers were Amber Trimble and Stephanie Gary, members of Florida Arts and Dance, Mo's Dance, players from Jerry's Guitars, Stuart School of Music, The Executives, FLAD, Category 4, Due Friday, Marissa Dumascio, Bryant Holeman and Jonah, and Rachel and Kylie King.

Eileen Hatt and Craig Galvin, who took home first prize in Martin County's "Dancing with the Stars" contest, performed their winning routine.

Kherri Anderson, Martin County deputy of elections, was charming as mistress of ceremonies.

About 100 guests attended the show and silent auction, which raised about $10,000 for Whole Child Connection, which connects families of all incomes with community resources to improve their lives.

"We met our modest goal, so that was encouraging," said the organization's executive director.

Feedback from attendees and the board was so positive the group is considering a similar event for the end of January 2013. It is also planning a larger fundraising goal, this time about $15,000 to $20,000 to offset anticipated revenue cuts. Lost grant funding in a tightening economy means the agency will lose funding of between $10,000 and $15,000 in the next fiscal year from the Allegany Franciscan Ministries.

"We're hoping we don't get cut any further in 2013-14," Ms. King said.

For more information about Whole Child Connection, call (772) 286-7827 or visit www.connecting-martinkids.com.

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Jennifer Wilson, assistant manager of the 911 center at the Martin County Sheriff's Office, works with a dispatcher. Last week, the work of dispatchers was recoginzed during National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

Staff photo by Jay Meisel

Calls

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long hours, stressful working conditions and constant training."

Nevertheless, Ms. Howard said, "I love my job."

She recalled one time she answered a call from a young boy in Sewall's Point.

The boy had left a party before his parents and got lost while returning home.

The boy had a cell phone and called 911.

"We got him home," she said. "I talked to him until he got home."

"Those types of incidents make this job rewarding," she said.

Other dispatchers said there've been times when children called believing someonewas breaking into their house.

In one case, for example, fortunately it turned out that it was only a water meter reader, they said.

Jennifer Wilson, assistant 911 manager, said the dispatchers, who work in shifts of six, 24 hours a day, answer emergency and non-emergency calls. All 911calls in the county, except on landlines in the city of Stuart, which go to the Stuart Police Department, come into the center.

The sheriff's office also handles all dispatching for the town of Sewall's Point.

She said in the 13 years she's worked in the dispatch center she's seen major advances.

One was when they moved from a much smaller location into the current center about three years ago, she said.

Computer technology also has advanced considerably, she said.

They have the capability to receive text messages if there's a problem with the regular 911 call, she said. There's also increased ability to locate people with GPS tracking.

The system allows all dispatchers to see what their colleagues are doing, which may be helpful in cases such as when receiving multiple calls regarding the same incident.

One dispatcher handles requests for information on suspects, such as if they have outstanding arrest warrants, Ms. Wilson said.

That person also handles some animal control calls, she said.

Computers also provide maps of destinations for deputies receiving calls, she said. If a deputy is in a particular neighborhood, the system has the capability of zooming in and getting images of houses, Ms. Wilson said.

That may allow the dispatcher to help a deputy find a particular location, she said.

It's rewarding when dispatchers are able to help deputies in their pursuit of crime, she said.

"We like the times where we can help them chase the bad guys and catch them," said Ms. Wilson, whose husband is a deputy.

But unlike what may occur on a television show, the images aren't live, she added.

The dispatch center does get calls that really don't relate to law enforcement, such as someone having trouble with their cable television, Ms. Wilson said.

They certainly don't want people to tie up lines with such calls, but "we're still going to try to help you with your problem," she said.

Columnist

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1938, in the small town of Rocheport, Mo., on the Missouri river.

"Jim was a surprise baby," his niece said.

His oldest sister, Anna Margaret Stroud, was more than 20 years old at the time of his birth, she said.

His father, Henry Dewitt Tucker, was a Methodist minister, she said.

"Ladies of the church shared with me that she (his mother, Kathleen Estelle Munro Tucker) was not showing at all (when she went to the doctor)," Ellen Tucker said. "The doctor was ready to do an appendectomy when he realized she was in labor."

She said the birth also was unusual because his mother carried him behind, instead of in front of her internal organs.

Besides the circumstances surrounding his birth, another unusual event involving a doctor occurred when as a young man he and his friends played around with a pistol, his niece said.

He accidentally shot himself in the leg and a doctor had to use a new medical technique he had just learned at a conference to save Mr. Tucker's leg, the niece said.

Much of his life was spent growing up on a farm in Columbia, Mo., and in 1957, Mr. Tucker graduated from Hickman High School, Ms. Tucker said.

Although he got a bachelor's degree in agriculture from the University of Missouri, working in that field was not part of his future,

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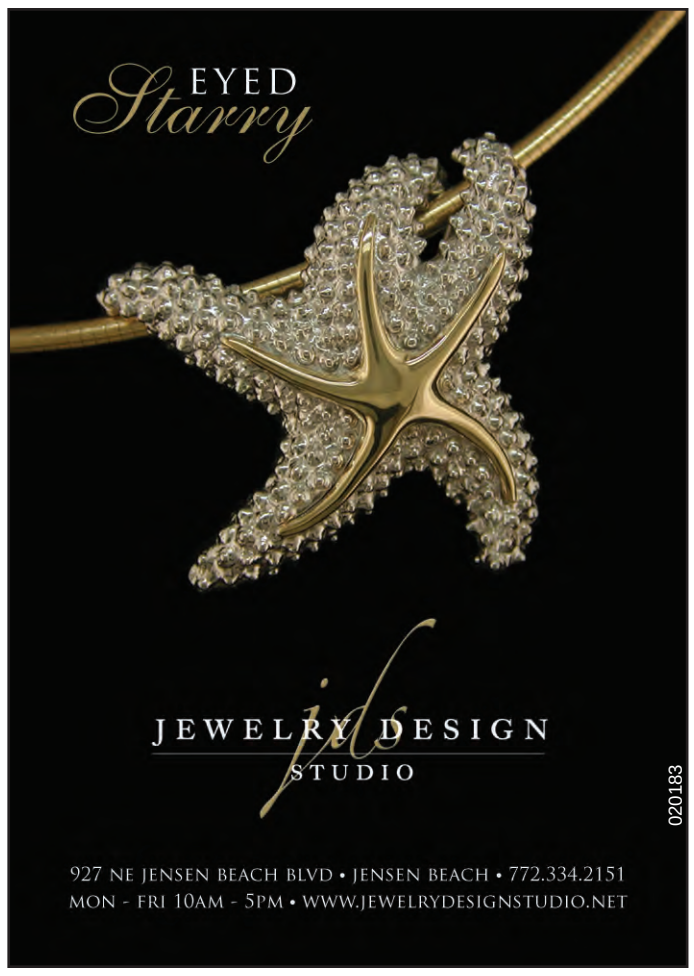

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Library

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in the week-long celebration and will be highlighted with an open house on April 14 from 2-4pm. Cake will be served during the open house, where patrons can "discover how you can belong @ the library."

"The theme behind that is that libraries welcome everyone," said Brett Lear, library director at the Martin County Library System. "With that theme, we remind folks that libraries are more than books. "

During the open house, there will be demonstrations on several online resources the Martin County Library offers such as researching family history, finding newspaper, magazines or journal articles and learning foreign languages.

In addition to the service that'll be explained during the demonstrations, the six locations in the Martin County Public System provide their patrons with the chance to download e-books to their iPads and Kindles and download music to listen on their phones or mp3 players with a program called Freegal, where patrons can download up to three songs a week to keep.

"As society changes and as things emerge, it's our role to keep pace with that."

Brett Lear
Library director

It's a sign of how the local library has kept up with the times of advancing technology.

"As society changes and as things emerge, it's our role to keep pace with that," said Mr. Lear, who has been in the profession since his undergraduate days at the University of Florida.

Outside of the fun and new services that are offered, the role within the community of providing to all people, old and young, wealthy or not, easy access to information is also a vital part of the library experience, something that is not lost on Maureen Gallager, Hoke library branch manager.

"It was my observation that as the economy took a downward spin, newspaper and magazine subscriptions were one of the first things that people eliminated from of their budget," said Ms. Gallagher, who has been a member of the Martin Library for the past six years.

"They came into the libraries and have been using them all the time."

Beyond promoting reading, the Martin County Library System also promotes using the library as a possible social gathering spot, whether it's for book groups or other programs or even a ballroom dancing class.

"Libraries are trying to connect to their communities to promote the well being and interest of those communities," said Ms. Gallagher.

Blotter

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she was waiting for that person to return.

But the officer recalled the woman, who does not have a valid driver license, told him a similar story the last time he stopped her.

During the previous incident, he also found she was in illegal possession of prescription drugs.

This time around, a search of the vehicle found she once again had drugs for which she had no prescription.

Maybe next time she could come up with a different story. Or better yet, she should simply not drive or illegally possess drugs.

Wrong target

A Vero Beach woman was arrested after she admitted shattering a car window with a shovel.

She told police she thought the car belonged to a man with whom she was having a dispute.

However, as it turned out, the car belonged to someone else.

The woman said the man started coming after her and she got into the car she thought belonged to her and drove off. Only then did she notice a juvenile in the car.

She returned the car.

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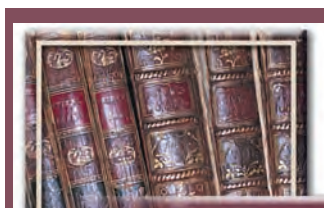
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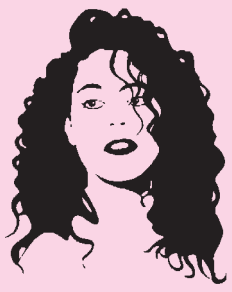
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Police report

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.*

Stuart Police Department

•Gino Albert Solomini, 17, 4107 Palm Bay Circle, Apt. A, West Palm Beach, was arrested April 11 and charged with burglary of a dwelling with a firearm.

Martin County Sheriff's Office

•Craig Steven Masse, 30, 256 S.W. Ridgecrest Drive, Port St. Lucie, was arrested April 5 and charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle.

•Darrell Matthew Barton, 28, 7405 Salerno Road, Fort Pierce, was arrested April 4 and charged with petit theft and organized fraud.

•Roberto Argueta, aka Robert Alfaro-Argueta, 29, no address given, was arrested April 4 and charged with child abuse and domestic battery.

•Garrett Sandburg, 26, no address given, was arrested April 4 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for possession of cocaine.

•Christopher Howard Barbour, 26, 4415 S.E. Beckett Ave., Stuart, was arrested April 4 and charged with burglary of a dwelling and third-degree grand theft.

•Scott Joe Saip, 43, 2085 S.W. First Way, Okeechobee, was arrested April 5 and charged with being a fugitive from Indiana on a felony charge not specified in the report.

•Joshua Dyess, 23, 2620 S.E. Normand St., Stuart, was arrested April 4 and charged with lewd/lascivious exhibition.

•William Rosado Jr., 19, 5893 Mango Road, West Palm Beach, was arrested April 4 and charged with grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

•William Rosario De Jesus, 22, 4721 Lake Ave., West Palm Beach, was arrested March 4 and charged with grand theft of an automobile and dealing in stolen property.

•Moses L. Johnson, 20, 5686 Inez Ave., Stuart, was arrested April 8 and charged with unauthorized possession of a driver's license, disorderly intoxication, affray and resisting an officer without violence.

•Joseph Boettigheimer, 35, 3309 Red Tail Hawk Drive, Port St. Lucie, was arrested April 7 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for possession of oxycodone without a prescription.

•Kimkeisha Y. Henry, 32, 347 West 29th St., Riviera Beach, was arrested April 5 and charged with grand retail theft.

•Rekha Pillai, 32, 3822 S.W. Coquina Cove Way, Unit 207, Palm City, was arrested April 8 and charged with second-degree grand theft.

•Craig Steven Masse, 30, 256 S.W. Ridgecrest Drive, Port St. Lucie, was arrested on a felony warrant. The charge was not specified in the report.

•Charles R. Strom, 27, 7560 U.S. 1, St. Augustine, was arrested April 7 and charged with battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting an officer with violence and defrauding an innkeeper.

•William Jones, aka James Watson, 61, 3150 N.W. Fifth Court, Fort Lauderdale, was arrested April 8 and charged with grand theft.

•Emmilio Juarez-Juarez, 18, (no street number given) S.E. Jackson St., Indiantown, was arrested April 8 and charged with burglary of a conveyance.

•Jami Lynn Frost, 55, 1110 S.W. Blue Water Way, Stuart, was arrested April 8 and charged with battery and battery on a person 65 years old or older.

•Dayron Tapanes, 21, 851 West 79th Place, Hialeah, was arrested April 6 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for uttering a forged instrument.

•Paul Michael Iverson-Rumbolo, 33, 4700 S.W. Cherokee St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested April 5 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for issuing a worthless check.

•Daniel Griffin, 29, 8196 S.E. Croft Circle, Hobe Sound, was arrested April 5 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for felony charges not specified in the report.

•Jessi Lee McMurtry, 20, 4565 S.E. Manatee Terrace, Stuart, was arrested April 5 and charged with uttering a forged instrument and third-degree grand theft.

•Jonothan Glenn Smith, 17, 917 S.E. Dixie Lane, Stuart, was arrested April 5 and charged with possession of cocaine.

•Sean A. Powell, 23, 1271 S.W. Sudder Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested April 9 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for forgery of a credit card.

•John Thomas Ferrehi, 52, 5000 Railroad Ave., Stuart, was arrested April 9 and charged with third-degree grand theft.

•Christopher S. Ricci, 45, 18385 S.E. Heritage Drive, Tequesta, was arrested April 9 and charged with battery on a person 65 years old or older.

•Hal Blake Ridgeway, 61, 1007 N. Atlantic Drive, Lake Worth, was arrested April 9 and charged with failure to appear in court on a felony charge, which wasn't specified in the report.

•Mark E. Sedor, 52, 20 S.E. Broadway St., Stuart, was arrested April 9 and charged with possession of cocaine.

•Adrian Maurice Jackson, 29, 5249 S.E. Ebbtide Ave., Stuart, was arrested April 10 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for possession of cocaine.

•Misty Dawn McReynolds, 33, 739 S.W. Goodrich St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested April 10 and charged with possession of oxycodone without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Ian Arthur Mulvanerton, 21, 825 S.W. Lighthouse Drive, Palm City, was arrested April 10 and charged with burglary, retail theft, criminal mischief and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Lorin Velez, 42, 4596 Happy Landing, West Palm Beach, was arrested April 10 and charged with violation of probation. She was on for

•Regon Patricia Brownville, 37, 1033 Orange Ave., Jensen Beach, was arrested April 10 and charged with resisting an officer with violence.

•Donald Brush, 36, 5890 S.E. Mitzi Lane, Stuart, was arrested April 11 and charged with third-degree grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

•Leland Jay Wheaton, 45, 5760 S.E. Tangerine Blvd., Stuart, was arrested April 11 and charged with obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.

•David Lee Black, 30, 634 Barber St., Sebastian, was arrested April 11 and charged with failure to appear in court on a charge of obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.

•Kemblin Marie Stephens, 46, 161 Coley Drive, Lot 2, Morabianf Falls, N.C., was arrested April 11 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for uttering a forged instrument and grand theft.

•Carol Lynn Hughes, 51, 5127 S.E. Isabelita Ave., Stuart, was arrested and April 11 and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

•Jamie Lynn Benjamin, 35, no address given, was arrested April 11 and charged with obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.

Florida Highway Patrol

•Albert Lee Clark, 50, no street address given, West Palm Beach, was arrested April 10 and charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle and forgery of a motor vehicle title registration or bill of sale.

•Michael Prinz, 47, 8169 S.E. Foxhill Place, Hobe Sound, was arrested April 10 and charged with third-degree grand theft.

Florida Department of Corrections

•Nicholas Sorgenfrey, 27, 499 N.W. Emelia Way, Jensen Beach, was arrested April 6 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for three counts of possession of child pornography.

If you have information about a crime, call Treasure Coast Crimestoppers at (800) 273-TIPS.

Volunteer

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ence in Martin County," the signs provide a level of recognition to the caring and helpful individuals who take the time out to do a service within the area.

"It might not seem like much, but the signs really do provide a sense of pride in the volunteers, their friends and family," said Carol Hodnett, director of Martin Volunteers and who has been with the organization since 1990.

"They are a reminder to everyone about the impact volunteers have in Martin County and serve as a call to action to people who do not currently volunteer."

The number of registered volunteers at the end of 2011 was 1,746. They combined to contribute nearly 136,000 hours of community service in the area. That averages out to over 88 hours of community service per person.

The most staggering figures come from the value associated with the work the volunteers have done. A "value wage" is the amount a job would have to pay someone for the work that has been contributed. The amount of work that was done in 2011 was valued at $2,963,000 or $21.79 per hour.

"Because we are an area where there are so many caring, giving individuals, we have been quite successful by having Martin Volunteers, which engages people of all ages and backgrounds in volunteer service that not enriches the individual but strengthens the community at the same time," said Ms. Hodnett.

For more information on volunteer work contact Martin Volunteers can be at (772) 220-4472 or visit MartinVoluteers.org.

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VIEWPOINT

Survey shows value of belonging to chamber

CHAMBER PRESIDENT
JOE CATRAMBONE

Advocates of chambers of commerce have long believed when a company is active in its local chamber, it is doing the right thing not only for the community but for its own success, as well.

While there is plenty of evidence to show the impact of chambers of commerce on their communities, it is much harder to find data that quantify the impact of belonging to a chamber.

The following information is the result of a study. The study is designed to determine the real value to companies in terms of consumer outcomes of joining and being active in their local chamber of commerce. Do consumers really support businesses because they are chamber members?

Data for the study come from a scientific web-based survey of 2,000 adults nationwide. Unlike for probability samples common in telephone and mail surveys, it is not possible to compute a margin of sampling error for web-based surveys that rely on panels of survey respondents. Nonetheless, the respondents to this web-based survey are demographically and geographically representative of the adult U.S. population.

What makes the study unlike most, however, is that almost every question on it is part of one of several imbedded experiments. This means respondents were randomly assigned to different groups at several points during the survey.

Each group reads something slightly different, such as a description of a company that changes only a little for each group, but then everyone is asked the same questions thereafter, regardless of which company description they just read.

Therefore, when there are statistically significant differences in how different groups answered the same questions, we know exactly why it happened. This approach yields powerful results because it bypasses the subjectivity of most opinion polls. A sampling of some of these results proves this to be the case.

• Most consumers, 59 percent, think being active in a local chamber of commerce is an effective business strategy overall. It is 29 percent more effective, however, for communicating to consumers that a company uses good business practices and 26 percent more effective for communicating that a business is reputable.

• If a company shows it is highly involved in its local chamber (e.g., sits on the chamber board) consumers are 12 percent more likely to think its products stack up better against its competition.

• When a consumer thinks a company's products stack up better against the competition because the company is highly involved in its local chamber of commerce, it is because he or she infers the company is trustworthy, involved in the community and is an industry leader.

• When consumers know a restaurant franchise is a member of a chamber of commerce, they are 40 percent more likely to eat at the franchise in the next few months.

• When consumers know an insurance company is a member of the chamber of commerce, they are 43 percent more likely to consider buying insurance from it.

• When consumers know a small business is a member of a chamber of commerce, they are 44 percent more likely to think favorably of it and 63 percent more likely to purchase goods or services from the company in the future.

Joe Catrambone is president/CEO of the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

Nice day for a flight

Mitch Kloorfain/chief photographer

Dub Davis of Stuart inspects the classic 1929 Ford Tri-Motor 4AT-E plane before taking the co-pilot's seat for a flight over the Treasure Coast. The plane tours the country and is owned and operated by the Experimental Aircraft Association. It will be in Vero Beach this weekend.

Being fair to customers is not only right, it's fastest path to long-term success

ON CARS
EARL STEWART

Earl Stewart is the owner and general manager of Earl Stewart Toyota in North Palm Beach. The dealership is located at 1215 N. Federal Highway in Lake Park. Contact him at www.earlstewarttoyota.com, *call (561) 358-1474, fax (561) 658-0746 or email* earl@estoyota.com.

Listen to him on Seaview AM 960, FM 95.9 and FM 106.9, which can be streamed at www.SeaviewRadio.com *every Saturday morning between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.*

I was shocked to read the AP news story last week about the RL Polk study on hybrid loyalty, the measurement of how many owners buy another hybrid.

My first shock was that only 25 percent of hybrid buyers buy another hybrid. Based on my dealership's experience (I thought to myself) this cannot be right. In fact, the article was brought to my attention by a Prius customer of mine who had just bought his fourth Prius from me.

My second shock was to learn that my market in Palm Beach County was the No.1 market in the U.S. for hybrid loyalty. RL Polk termed it the West Palm Beach market, but that identifies the central, major city in a given market, which is all of Palm Beach County. How could my market have a greater hybrid loyalty than Los Angles or Seattle? These markets are where the demographics are skewed heavily toward environmentally sensitive people, often disparagingly referred to as "tree huggers." Now I was sure that this RL Polk report was wrong.

I Googled the report and found it at *www.HighestHybridLoyaltyInUSA.com* . After studying the report, I learned with Prius — the No. 1 selling hybrid by a wide margin — removed from the study, the national hybrid loyalty was only 25 percent vs. 35 percent. Now I felt a little better. I knew from my dealership's experience selling Priuses that we had a very high percentage of repeat buyers, more than 75 percent.

Finally, it all dawned on me. My dealership sells more hybrids than any other dealership in the southeast U.S. and ranks very high nationally. The only dealers that outsell us are a few in California and the Pacific Northwest where, as I said, the demographics skew toward very environmentally sensitive

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About public transportation

As the area grows, more teens and elderly people are in need of transportation. It would be in the best interest of the entire community if there were better forms of public transportation for these two populations to use.

More teens and older people cause accidents, so why not give them an alternate way to get around?

Oil shortage?

A lot of folks can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage here in our country. Simple answer: nobody bothered to check the oil. We just didn't know we were getting "low." The reason for that is purely geographical.

Our oil is located in Alaska, California, coastal Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, North Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania. Are you hearing this America? We do have oil all over this United States. Our "dipsticks" are located in D.C Why do we let the people trying to break us have their way?

Why can't we boycott twice a week? Maybe not on a Friday as lots of people get paid that day. How about Mondays and Thursdays? We could start something big right here in our area. Could turn into something such as protests, marches, etc. It could start right here, you know? Twice a week, buy no gas unless absolutely necessary. Two days could really hurt these people. It's a good way to fight back. We can do it. Most of us have made it through tough times together. Would like to hear back from people who realize most can do this, some can't. There's strength in numbers. What do you say?

Stand your ground?

The "Stand Your Ground" law allows people possessing a Florida concealed weapons permit the right to defend their property, themselves or others against imminent attack and threat of serious boldly harm or death. It specifically does not permit the pursuit of a fleeing suspect. Nor does it allow a person to act as a "freelance policeman."

Former Gov. Jeb Bush is the only person quoted on TV news who got it right when he stated "Stand Your Ground means just that; stand your ground."

George Zimmerman did not stand his ground. He chose instead to ignore not only the limitations imposed by the law concerning non-pursuit, but disregarded the direct order of the police dispatcher to "stop following the suspect now."

He chose instead to pursue and confront the suspect. Thus, Zimmerman was the aggressor and did not act in self-defense.

Had he chosen to allow a police officer to investigate, Trayvon Martin would probably be alive today and Zimmerman would not be facing probable jail time

Mr. Zimmerman should have been charged, arrested and taken to jail at the time of the incident. Then we could allow the law to take due course and the courts to ultimately decide his guilt or innocence.

Regarding Trayvon Martin

A couple of questions regarding the Tayvon Martin case:

1. Why does Neighborhood Watch carry a gun?
2. What did T.M. have that Zimmerman felt he had to defend himself against?
3. Why is law enforcement so quick to deny any accusation?

More on Martin

From day one of the publicity over the death of Trayvon Martin from George Zimmerman's gun, we all were given a "first impression" seeing photos of the two men in newspapers and TV and still seeing them almost every day. Trayvon Martin, the young 17 year old looked so young, innocent and sweet and George Zimmerman in a jail suit, unshaven, appeared tough and looking like a thug.

We all had the immediate reaction of "poor Trayvon." Along comes the Rev. Al Sharpton, as usual, turning this into a racial situation, which he's been doing at every opportunity for years. The public reacted in kind. Then we learn that "young Trayvon" is now 6 feet 2 inches tall and not the baby-faced little boy whose photo is still being used in news stories and "hefty, rough, looking George" I read stands about 5 feet 8 inches tall. Both photos were more than five years old!

As for racial, first should come the legal action to decide if Zimmerman is guilty because if so, then the decision to add "racial" to it would affect the punishment. That isn't the first decision to be made.

When you reconsider the size of the two young men now, if there were a fight, and we don't know for sure at all, then who might have been the winner if a gun had not been there?

The only thing I can see now to be sure of is that Mr. Zimmerman had a gun, Mr. Martin did not, Mr. Zimmerman kept following Mr. Martin after he was told not to continue following. So, if he continued following, what really happened? Why are the newspapers and television still showing us photos of two people who are nothing like the two who had that terrible event occur?

Let us all wait to see who is guilty in a legal court and if being racial had anything to do with it.

Pray for less fortunate

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Everybody wins in 5K run

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Todd and Cindy Cooper flank Katie Douglas after she earned her first-place medal for her age group at the Brianna Cooper Heavenly Smiles 5K run. The race was created in honor of the Cooper's daughter, Brianna, who was killed in a car accident in Sept. 2010. The Brianna Cooper Heavenly Smiles Foundation supports children with cleft lip and palate.

Adoption

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Treasure Coast division adoptions marketing specialist.

"We're going to talk about who can adopt, the process of adoptions and how things take place."

The adoption process consists of four steps: mutual approval, Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting training (which also can be provided by the Hibiscus Children's Center), initial interview and home study, and placement and post-placement visitation.

The Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County office is located at 804 S. 6th St. in Fort Pierce.

Due to the start time and possible scheduling conflicts that may occur for prospective adoptive parents, the hour-long orientation is voluntary.

For addition information, contact the Children's Home Society of Florida Treasure Coast division at (772)-429-2001

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Ethan Scammell, 13, of Stuart and John Keelor of Port St. Lucie cross the finish line together to finish 24th and 25th overall at the Brianna Cooper Heavenly Smiles 5K run. The race was created in honor of the Cooper's daughter, Brianna, who was killed in a car accident in Sept. 2010. The Brianna Cooper Heavenly Smiles Foundation supports children with cleft lip and palate.

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Robotics team wins regional championship

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MARTIN COUNTY — The Martin County School District's SPAM robotics team, which includes students from South Fork, Martin County and Jensen Beach high schools and Clark Advanced Learning Center, took first place at the 2012 For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Robotics South Florida regional championships, held at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton on March 31 to April 1.

As part of the competition, the team had to design a robot to perform specific skills to be used during the competition.

This year, the team had to design and build a robot that could play basketball. The SPAM team's robot could pick basketballs up off of the floor, play defense and shoot baskets.

"In the autonomous mode, our robot was shooting baskets with 95 percent accuracy. It was just incredible shooting," said Mark Hendrix, one of the team's coaches.

"The students worked incredibly hard and built this fantastic robot. I can't put into words how proud I am of the whole team. It is all about teamwork. You have to work together to win the game."

The team is now qualified to compete in the FIRST Robotics Competition Championship, which includes teams from around the world, April 25- 28 in St. Louis.

"We are all so excited for the SPAM team. Their creativity and innovation is absolutely inspiring and we wish them the best of luck in the international competition," said Superintendent Nancy Kline.

For more information, visit http://spamrobotics.com/index.php/alumni. *For more information on the FIRST Robotics Competition Championship visit* www.usfirst.org/robotics-programs/first-champi-onship.

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Job fair offered to veterans

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MARTIN COUNTY — The city of Stuart, Martin County, the Business Development Board and Stuart/Martin County Chamber are hosting a job fair for veterans on April 26 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Lyric's Flagler Center.

Join the likes of Armellini Express Lines, Waste Management, FPL, STS Aviation, Construction Journal, Leighton Security and iVox that will offer opportunities to veterans.

Those interested in participating can call (772) 221-1380.

Consumers warned about misleading postcard

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TREASURE COAST — Jeff Atwater, Florida's chief financial officer, warned consumers about a scam that involves misleading postcards sent to seniors about an annuity they may have that has reached the end of its surrender period.

An unlicensed company, Unlimited Fulfillment Services, has been allegedly contacting senior consumers with these postcards

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Stewart

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people.

Also, California and some of the other northwestern states give special subsidies to purchasers of hybrid and all electric cars. Because we sell so many, in Palm Beach County, we moved the average from only 25 percent loyalty all the way up to 43 percent, the highest in the U.S. I sell a lot of hybrids on the Internet to markets outside of Palm Beach County, too. If I sold all of those in Palm Beach County, the average would have moved much higher toward 75 percent.

So what has all of this got to do with the title of this article? The answer is in how I became the largest volume hybrid seller in the southeast U.S. and one of the largest in the U.S.

Flash back to 2001 when the Toyota Prius was first imported into the U.S. Toyota began selling them in Japan in 1997 and just a few were exported in 2001. My dealership received only one Prius every couple of months or so. But word had spread the Prius was a remarkable vehicle from the experience of the first four years they were sold in Japan. Toyota could not keep up with the demand. Consequently, everybody wanted to buy a Prius. We had a waiting list more than a year long.

Other dealers do what they usually do when they have a high demand, low supply vehicle, they marked their Priuses up over MSRP by thousands. They do this by adding another sticker next to the Monroney label with a markup they sometimes call ADM for "additional dealer mark up" or MAA for "market adjustment addendum." I refer to this as the phony Monroney.

Crazed customers gladly paid egregious prices to have the first Prius on their block.

My dealership took, and still takes, the approach to never charge over MSRP for any vehicle, no matter how low the supply and high the demand. In fact, we wish we could sell all of our cars for MSRP because it represents a generous profit to the dealer.

My customers had to wait a long time to get their Priuses back in the first few years of its introduction, but they paid a much lower price than all of the other dealers charged. We actually had customers flying in from as far away as California, buying their Prius from us and driving it back home. They saved so much that they were able to cover their airfare and a Florida vacation while they were here.

Over the last 11 years, the price dealers charge for Priuses has fluctuated pretty much in direct correlation to the price of gasoline. But we have never varied from capping our price at MSRP. Now here comes the real interesting part. Auto manufacturers, including Toyota, distribute cars to their dealers based on the "turn and earn" system. This means the faster you sell cars, the faster they ship you fresh cars to sell. The dealers marking up their Priuses thousands more than sticker didn't sell their Priuses nearly as fast as I sold mine. Because we had a waiting list during times of high demand, all Priuses that came into my dealership by truckloads were sold and delivered immediately. Consequently, I began receiving more Priuses than any other dealership in the southeast U.S. and than most in the entire U.S.

Now you can understand what I meant by the title of this article. Now, after more than 11 years, I'm selling many times more Priuses and other hybrids than any other dealer in my market. I'm making a smaller profit per car, but I'm selling so many more that my total profit is much greater. Words and phrases such as karma, what goes around comes around, cast thy bread upon the water and as ye sow so shall ye reap come to mind.

You would think that the other dealers would catch on some day, but they still haven't. Gas is more than $4 per gallon again and they are price-gouging their customers on Priuses just like always. More of their customers are coming to me and buying their hybrid at a fair price. This is why my hybrid customers are so loyal. They know their next hybrid will be priced fairly, just like their last. My sales are soaring and other dealers' are plummeting. They do make a lot more on a Prius than I do, but I make a lot more in total, and I get their customer when they are ready for the next Prius.

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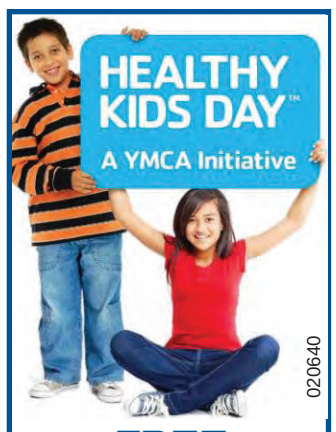
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Eric Wickstrom and Kym Shepard at a photo gallery benefiting House of Hope.

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Postcard

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advising them to contact the company's "scheduling department" to discuss options.

The Florida Department of Financial Services has filed a notice of intent to issue a cease and desist order against the company.

Unlimited, of Medina, Ohio, is not licensed in Florida as an insurance agency. The cease and desist order alleges it engaged in the unlicensed, and therefore illegal, business of insurance by soliciting annuity products to elderly Florida consumers. The notice also alleges the solicitations contained false or misleading information directed to elderly consumers.

Unlimited sent Florida seniors postcards indicating they were from Unlimited's insurance and annuity services department.

The postcard stated consumers might possess of an annuity that had reached the end of its surrender period. The postcard provided a toll-free telephone number and directed the recipient to contact an Unlimited representative to discuss options.

The postcard was intended to mislead consumers into believing a phone call was necessary and action was required regarding investments about which Unlimited had no knowledge.

Instead of possessing actual and relevant information regarding the consumers' investments, Unlimited sought to mislead the elderly consumers by inducing them to call a toll-free telephone number upon receipt of the postcard advertisement.

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The American Cancer Society's South Martin County Relay for Life kicks off next Friday at 6 p.m. at The Pine School's Hobe Sound campus, located at 12350 SE Federal Highway.

The event will raise funds for cancer advocacy and research. Teams are still welcome to register for the event at www.relayforlife.org/southmartinfl.

Whether or not you join a team, you can help advance cancer prevention research at the Relay for Life at The Pine School.

If you stop by the TPS Relay on Friday April 27 from 6 to 10 p.m. and are between the ages of 30 and 65, you can register for the historic cancer prevention study-3 The American Cancer Society is recruiting adults between those ages who have never had cancer (non-melanoma skin cancer is allowed) to participate in the study.

Interested parties will give a blood sample, have their waists measured and complete a 20-minute survey.

Over the next 20 to 30 years, those who begin the CPS-3 process at the relay will fill out other occasional surveys, all with the purpose of helping researchers better understand cancer. The study will focus on preventable causes of cancer including diet, alcohol consumption, cigarette smoking, obesity and exercise.

The Relay for Life runs until noon on Saturday April 27. By that time, The Pine School's annual booster club tennis tournament will have already started a few miles up the road at Mariner Sands Country Club in Stuart.

The event's morning session is an adult-child mixed doubles tournament, which runs from 10 a.m. until noon. An adult mixed doubles tournament follows from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is $50 per player, which includes snacks, beverages, lunch and a great day of tennis.

Proceeds from the tennis tournament benefit arts and athletics at The Pine School.

To register or learn about sponsorship opportunities, contact Nathan Washer Pine School athletic director at (772) 675-7005.

Shawna Gallagher Vega is director of communications and public relations for The Pine School.

Columnist

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his niece said.

Mr. Tucker moved to California in the early 1960s and became public relations director for Taco Bell, she said.

He left the job, but later regretted that, saying at the time he didn't believe Taco Bell was going to make it, Ms. Tucker said.

During the ensuing years, he sold real estate, did various types of jobs and sought success as a musician and country music songwriter in Nashville, his niece said.

Although he "was a good singer and a good guitar player," it was tough to compete, she said.

He also was an architectural welder and some of his work is still evident in Columbia, she said.

It was believed he had been named after a millionaire in Texas and Ms. Tucker believes he was influenced by that, she said.

"He wanted to be somebody very famous and he wanted to be a millionaire — and it never happened," she said. "I think through the years he recreated himself many times in his attempts to be famous and somebody important."

But although he may have not achieved the fame he wanted, Mr. Erlanger said he became well known.

"He had followers from all the country," Mr. Erlanger said. "People that read his column or the horoscopes while vacationing somewhere along the east coast of Florida would follow his writings on our web site. He had fans and admirers that just waited each week to read his words."

The late James Tucker, psychic and *Hometown News* columnist at an undated Christmas party.

File photo

For nearly 20 years, Mr. Tucker, for whatever reason, lost contact with his family.

When his mother died in 1984, family members searched for him without avail, his niece said.

But in the early 2000s, he regained contact with family members, who were surprised to learn he was running the Mystic Chronicle in Jensen Beach, Fla., and that he did palm readings and retrogression hypnosis where people learn about their past through the technique.

"It was a far step from Midwestern life in what he was doing in Florida and a far step from growing up as the son of a Methodist minister," his niece said.

She said she believes he often wore purple as a tribute to his mother, who was into gardening and grew flowers that were purple.

"I knew he was referring to his mother and how positive she was and how giving and loving she was," Ms. Tucker said.

But while some may remember him as a palm reader, a columnist or a musician, Mr. Erlanger recalls him as a friend.

"James became a friend over the years," he said. "He was especially fond of my son, Austin; he called him the little wizard. I knew he took Austin's passing very hard.

"James, I'm sure had a colorful past, but for the 16 years that we knew him, he was nothing but a quality guy, good-hearted, generous and giving. All of us, as well as our readers, are going to miss his words of wisdom and insight each week. May God bless him," Mr. Erlanger said.

He's survived by one brother, Dan Tucker of Goodlettsville, Tenn. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ms. Stroud and Mary Elizabeth Devore and two brothers, Frank Tucker and Dewitt Tucker Jr., who died as an infant.

"Jim felt he was reincarnated from Dewitt," his niece said.

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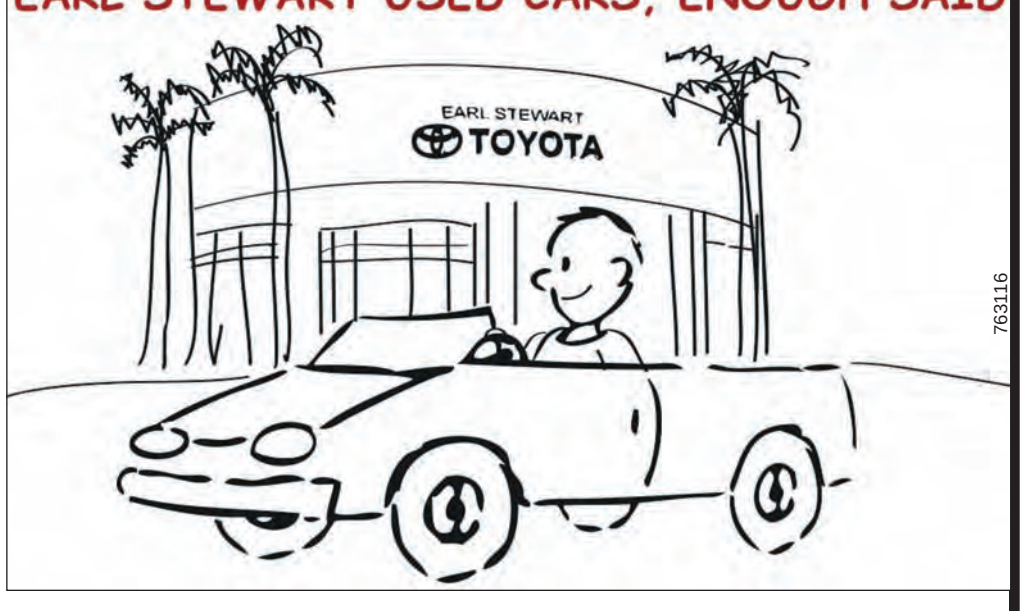

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Obituaries

Beverly Ann Halverson

Beverly Ann Halverson, 77, of Jensen Beach, died April 2, 2012.

She was born in Milwaukee and lived in Jensen Beach for 43 years.

She is survived by six children, Pamela, Wendell, Vicki, Lisa, Susan and Tammy; three sisters, Mary, Mary and Frances; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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Deborah Ann Blaugher-Myrhammar

Deborah Ann Blaugher-Myrhammar, 37, of Stuart, died April 1, 2012.

She was born in Fort Lauderdale and lived in Stuart for a year.

She was a massage therapist.

She is survived by her father, William; a sister, Dawn; a brother, William and a sister, Maryann.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Geraldine.

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Irene Jacobson

Irene Jacobson, 56, of Jensen Beach, died April 4, 2012.

She was born in Indianapolis and lived in Jensen Beach for 34 years.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Ross; two sons, Carl and Keith; two brothers, Gene and Mark and one granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Erskine and Edna.

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Caroline Holland

Caroline Holland, 79, of Palm City, died April 8, 2012.

She was born in Carson City, Mich., and lived in Palm City for eight years.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ralph; two sisters, Evelyn and Shirley and a brother, William.

She is survived by two daughters, Karen and Joanne; a son, Rex; four sisters, Louise, Marion, Lillian and Dorothy; a brother, Raymond; a half-sister, Michelle; a half-brother, Patrick; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

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Isabel Judith Nix

Isabel Judith Nix, 83, of Stuart, died March 8, 2012.

She was born in Woburn, Mass., and lived in Stuart for 26 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Julie and Jeannie; a brother, Donald; a sister, Frances; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles and two sisters, Ruth and Barbara.

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Patricia Ann Waller

Patricia Ann Waller, 79, of Palm City, died March 19, 2012.

She was born in Reading, Pa., and lived in Palm City for 50 years.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Robert and Donald and a son, Robert.

She is survived by two daughters, Gina and Sonia; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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Helen R Geral Fuhs

Helen R Geral Fuhs, 84, of Jensen Beach, died April 9, 2012.

She was born in Pollocksville, N.C., and lived in Jensen Beach since 1966.

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• **Hooked on Music festival** in downtown Fort Pierce, from 3-10:30 p.m. Live music, vendors, kids' activities area.

• Help heal the hearts of hurting children by participating in the **Lt. Robert Fletcher Memorial Foundation's second annual golf tournament**. Lt. Fletcher attended Martin County High School and Indian River State College. The tournament and luncheon will be held from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at PGA Village in St. Lucie, 1916 Perfect Drive, Port St. Lucie. The event was established to commemorate the late Lt. Fletcher, who was tragically murdered in 2008 in Fort Hood, Texas, while investigating a possible theft of Army property by one of the soldiers in the battalion he served. The proceeds will be donated to grief counseling camps, weekend and summer camp retreats and other charities that offer social and emotional support to parents and teachers, and will also benefit organizations that help children through the healing process. *For more information, call (772) 225-1471 or visit* www.bartsbluestar.org/golf.

• **Treasures in the Trunk**, a unique gathering of antiques, artists and authors, sponsored by Treasures of Fort Pierce. Downtown Fort Pierce, between Orange Avenue and Avenue A, from 8 a.m.-noon.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21-SUNDAY, APRIL 22

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Play takes place in intimate venue

For Hometown News
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Starstruck Performing Arts Center will be presenting 'Rent: the School Edition' beginning Friday, April 20 through April 29. Visit *www.starstruckfl.com* for specific information.

MARTIN COUNTY — StarStruck Theatre is presenting its next student series production of "Rent: School Edition" from April 20-29.

Music Theatre International granted StarStruck the privilege of producing the world premiere of "Rent: School Edition" in 2007 and now the musical that changed Broadway is coming back to the Treasure Coast.

"'Rent' explores themes that resonate in every generation and with every human being," said Jennifer Jones, director.

"The teens that are performing it love to put themselves into these characters that are going through extremely stressful situations, everything from health issues to emotional issues," Ms. Jones said.

"Falling in love, breaking up, questioning who you are and really figuring out the value of life. Teenagers that ask themselves those questions in their own lives get to explore those themes through their characters."

"Rent," written by the late Jonathan Larson, debuted on Broadway in 1996 and tells the story of a group of friends trying to overcome life's struggles in New York City's East Village at the height of the AIDS crisis and the city's drug epidemic.

The epitome of a rock opera, Ms. Jones is quick to note this show is for the young and the young at heart.

"Although 'Rent' is a rock musical, certainly it is a way for older people to understand the younger generation and the angst that goes along with growing up," she said.

"It is also a great way to relive what was going on in certain parts of New York in the 1980s and see how far we've come. At the same time, we can see what still needs to improve in our society," she said.

StarStruck produced the world premiere of "Rent" at Stuart's Lyric Theatre, but Ms. Jones said she is excited about bringing the show to StarStruck's new space.

"I'm thrilled to do the show differently than the

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Arts awards returning as nighttime event

By Patrick Bernadeau
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY — The mARTies are back.

The seventh annual mARTies Arts Awards presented by the Arts Council of Martin County will take place on May 3 at 6 p.m. at the StarStruck Performing Arts Center and Theatre.

For only the second time in its history that dates back to 2003, the mARTies will be a nighttime, red-carpet affair, as the Arts Council celebrates the contributions made in art, philanthropy and volunteerism within the community.

"It's really designed to let us stop and recognize all the creative types in our community who make Martin County a more special place to live and work," said Nancy Turrell, executive director of the Arts Council and one of the many people responsible for putting the mARTies together.

"The mARTies recognizes artists, volunteerism and students who are pursuing the arts in all fields, from visual to performing and digital media."

There are two tracks of awards that are given out. A board of directors at the Arts Council is responsible for appointing named awards where nominations are not taken. Within this track, there are five awards:

Lifetime achievement in the arts: Rita Vallis, a performing artist and vocal coach

Excellence in arts education: Marcus Rabb director of the art from The Pine School

Philanthropy in the arts: Barbara Trimble

Arts leadership: Jeanette Mueller, post chairwoman, Arts Council executive committe and Robert E. Valle, director, Arts Foundation of Martin County

Corporate leadership: Publix Super Market Charities.

The second track of awards involves nominees for the following seven categories: outstanding performing artists, outstanding visual artists, outstanding media artist, outstanding student media artist, outstanding student visual artist, outstanding student performing artist and outstanding volunteer in the arts.

This year's event will include cuisine from some of Stuart's finest gourmet chefs and restaurants, as well as a silent auction to support various programs within the Arts Council.

Some of the prizes offered in the auction will include a selection fine art, dining, spa and golf outings and hotel packages.

The cost for the general public to attend is $75; that includes one complimentary cocktail and a gift of art.

For members, the cost to attend is $60.

Reservations are available through the Arts Council website, www.martinarts.org.

For additional information, contact the Arts Council at (772) 287-6676.

The StarStruck Performing Arts Center is located on 2101 S. Kanner Highway in Stuart.

STAR SCOPES

James Tucker
Week of 4-20-2012

Aries-March 21-April 19
Pay a lot of attention to details right now. It's better to be over prepared than under. This starts with creating new causes and then acting on them to bring them to life. The odds of success are in your favor when you follow through on the action. The universe wants you to succeed. You will be amazed at the results.

Taurus-April 20-May 20
When a strong first impression rises from your soul, raise it up, write it down, take action and see positive results happen. Few things can hold you back when you listen to and trust this divine inner guidance. You were born to carry out the plans that come from the instincts, up through the heart and then acted on.

Gemini-May 21-June 21
Have a kind word for and do something nice for someone every day. The joy you give comes back multiplied, you know. When you are psyched up and feeling good, life flows easier because of your strong human values. Forgive others when needed. These are divine human virtues and part of your heritage when you use them.

Cancer-June 22-July 22
You deserve the best in life because you give the best. Your good heartedness is the talk of the zodiac. If it isn't fair for everyone, you don't want to be involved. This is your greatest blessing. Others are love of family, loyalty and compassion. Your deep insights into truth are treasures that continue to amaze all your friends. Thanks for the inspiration.

Leo-July 23-Aug. 22
You reflect all the good stuff in life. You live by truth. Best of all is that you have the courage to stand up for your

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world premiere. My husband, Peter Jones, wrote music that is used in conjunction with Jonathan Larson's original score in order to incorporate more kids into the cast. I'm also excited to stage 'Rent' in a more intimate venue," she said.

StarStruck Theatre is located at 2101 S. Kanner Highway in Stuart.

For more information, visit http://florida.broadwayworld.com/article/RENT-School-Edition-Coming-to-StarStruck-Theatre-in-Stuart-420-29-20120403#ixzz1rawSyMLU.

Summer camp scholarships available

For Hometown News
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HOBE SOUND — The Hobe Sound Community Chest is providing scholarships for the Martin County parks and recreation summer camp that is held at the Hobe Sound Community Center, located at 8980 Olympus Ave.

Summer camp starts on May 29 and will run until Aug. 10. Campers will go on field trips to Sailfish Splash Waterpark, bowling, to the movies, Indian RiverSide Park, Chuck E Cheese and more.

Parents will need to provide lunch, snacks and water daily. A schedule is posted weekly with the field trips for the following week so that parents can anticipate what they will need to pack for their children.

The criteria needed to apply for a scholarship is applicants must be residents of Hobe Sound and provide proof of financial assistance.

Forms are available at the parks and recreation office at 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart.

For more information, call (772) 221-1430.

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• The **Treasure Coast Community Singers Classical Choir** will perform the Poulenc Stabat Mater and the Rutter Gloria April 21 at 7 p.m. and April 22 at 3 p.m. at the North Stuart Baptist Church, 1950 N. Federal Hwy, Stuart. Advanced sale tickets are $15 with group and student discounts available. Tickets may be purchased online through PayPal at *www.tccsingers.org*; by calling (772) 224-8807 or at the church. Admission at the door is $20. Seating is limited.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

• **Saturday in the Park presents Waterfest**, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Memorial Park in Stuart. Event includes music, contest, bounce houses, activities, demonstrations, live animals and more.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

• An **event to celebrate the life of Carl Edward Gardner**, original lead singer and founder of The Coasters, who died on June 12, 2011, will take place at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center at 4 p.m. There will be live performances by The Coasters, videos of Mr. Gardner, guest appearances, a sit down dinner and cash bar. Tickets are $50. Seating is limited and by invitation only. *For more information, call (772) 380-9607.*

Bars and Clubs

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

• **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.

• **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, APRIL 21

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

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Spring bingo to benefit Alzheimer's Association

For Hometown News
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FORT PIERCE — Archie's Seabreeze invites everyone to join them for spring bingo each Monday in April and May to benefit the Alzheimer's Association Southeast Florida Chapter.

The fun takes place each Monday from 3-6 p.m. at Archie's Seabreeze, 401 S. Ocean Drive, Fort Pierce, with all proceeds from bingo card sales going to support the upcoming Treasure Coast Walk to End Alzheimer's. Bingo cards are $5 each or three for $10.

The Treasure Coast Walk to End Alzheimer's will be held on Nov. 3 at the St. Lucie Civic Center in Port St. Lucie. The funds raised through Walk to End Alzheimer's benefit the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

To participate in this event as a walker, team or sponsor, contact the Alzheimer's Association Southeast Florida Chapter at (800) 861-7826 or visit www.alz.org/walk.

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N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, Reggae by Rainfall, 8 p.m. to midnight. (772) 334-1130.

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

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

• **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.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

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Cocktails, couture

Amy Eversole and Sonya Fronsoe, both of Palm City attended second annual 'Creative Cocktails and Creative Couture' benefiting the Woman's Club of Stuart Friday, April 13.

Mitch Kloorfain
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• **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.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

• **Rinelli's Yellow Tail:** Trivia nights at 7 p.m. 101 Second St., Fort Pierce. (772) 466-5474.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

• **Conchy Joe's Seafood**, 3945 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. Trivia, 7-9 p.m. (772) 334-1130.

• **Cowboys' BBQ & Steak Co**. 2902 S.E. Gran Parkway, Stuart, Capt. Ron from 8-11 p.m. (772) 287-8100.

• **Finz Waterfront Grille**, 4290 S.E. Salerno Road, Port Salerno. Every Tuesday, Ronnie, the One Man Band, 8:30-11:30 p.m. (772) 283-1929.

• **King's Head Pub,** 2838 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd. Hypnotist Rich Alexander, 8-9 p.m. Free admission. Call (772) 340-1223.

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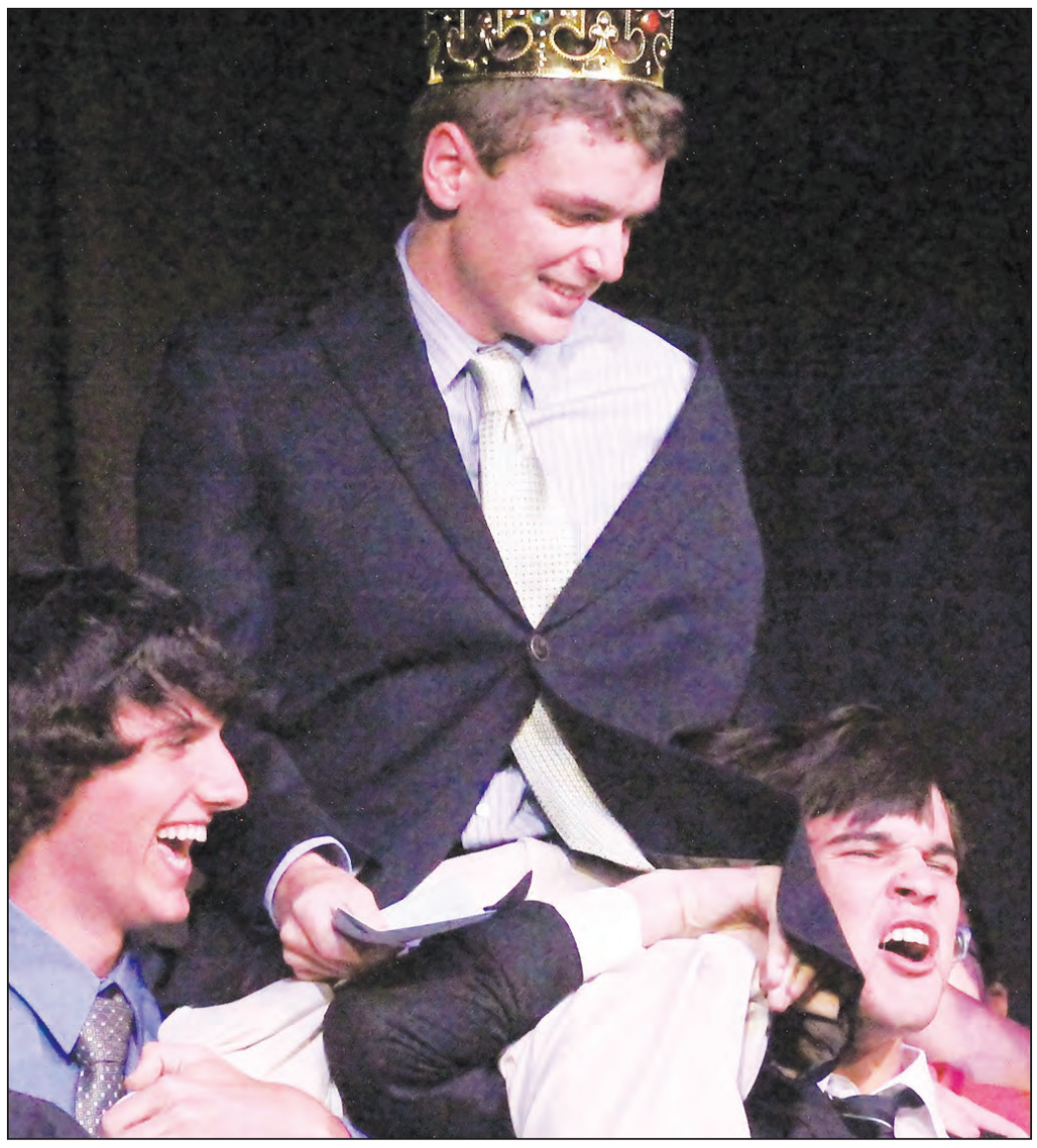
Top model selected



Mitch Kloorfain/chief photographer

The fifth annual Red Cross youth fundraiser 'County's Next Top Model' was held on April 13th at StarStruck Theater. The event, organized and run by the youth department, raised more than $3,000 for the measles initiative and for the Red Cross youth department. Students from Clark Advanced Learning Center, South Fork and Martin County high schools participated as models. Chris Hurt, above, a senior from Martin County High, was voted top model by the audience. He's band captain of the Tiger regiment and particpates in the Best Buddies school club.

Scopes

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convictions. You refuse to let worry, fear or frustration run your life. You live close to the source. You live a higher form of life. You make wise choices. The list is endless. Yours is a masterful life and example for us all.

Virgo-Aug. 23-Sept. 22

A divine perfect plan has been living inside your heart and soul since birth. You continue to unfold and use it to live a new and better life. Your courage to try new ideas is one of your greatest gifts. When you follow this inner guidance, there is little that can stand in your way. Stay focused and more of your higher dreams will be on the way.

Libra-Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Your generous attitude to others is your strongest blessing. It starts with family, friends and associates. You are happy. Your energy is high. Your spirit is strong. Refuse to let anyone pull you down from this natural high. Stick to your plans and you will continue to manifest positive results. More joy, love and hope are just ahead.

Scorpio-Oct. 23-Nov. 21

You have emerged victorious over a number of personal and professional challenges the past few months. Proceed with the main plan that has been on hold. Communicate your desires to your closest friends. This positive reinforcement is like fertilizer in the garden. Now you are ready to grow, bloom and enjoy many new rewards.

Sagittarius-Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Your continuing spiritual growth is giving you a greater understanding of yourself, others and life's deeper mysteries. You are more peaceful and patient because of it. This is bringing new respect, love and honor. You have made it safe thus far, but there is still a ways to go. Go full steam ahead and victory is assured.

Capricorn-Dec. 22-Jan. 19

The love you feel for life and the encouragement and support of those around you continue to grow. This is a great time to be alive. Your passion is the fuel that drives your magical soul. Claim this as your greatest truth. Your very first impressions are always the best. There are no short cuts or quick fixes. Your life is about joy.

Aquarius-Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Do you know the main reasons for your success? There are three. First, you are not fearful of taking risks and trying new things. Second, your motivation comes from heart and spirit. It's your depth. The third is you are always there for a friend in need. You deserve all the zest, abundance, love and joy that life had to offer as your reward.

Pisces-Feb. 19-March 20

Yours is a great life. Most of your dreams come true. You have a rich history filled with memories of the past, present and future dreams. Be grateful and give thanks every morning for all your blessings. There are so many new and exciting adventures ahead. Take real good care of yourself and enjoy the coming good to the max.

Have a starry week, everyone.

— **James Tucker**

DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Golf tournament to celebrate 15 years

For Hometown News
News@hometownnewsol.com

TREASURE COAST — The 15th annual Friends Swing Fore Hospice golf tournament will take place at Harbour Ridge Yacht & Country Club in Palm City on April 24, with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

There are lots of things planned for the tournament including a golf clinic led by LPGA player and Stuart resident Laurie Rinker.

The tournament format will be four-person scramble and prizes will be awarded to the best men's, women's and mixed foursome teams.

After a day on the links golfers will enjoy a cocktail reception featuring a silent auction.

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Wind still making it tough for anglers

FISHING
HENRY CAIMATTO

A beautiful week of sunshine and temperatures that are easy to live with, along with that came the sea breezes keeping most happy. Problem is, wind would be a better description. Wind from the east at 17 mph has made the seas less than polite, put a chop on the river and made the surf a hard scene. But what can I say other than it has made some beautiful days just hard on anglers.

Yes it is that time when the permit make a show, from 30 feet out, from many locations and there are lots of them. The only problem is bait. It seems the only one that will catch their eye is a crab. Sounds easy but wait until you try to find a crab. Any other time they would be all over your bait but now that you need one?

You will see the gold school under your boat and you can start casting and maybe one will take your bait, but if it is a crab it is a guarantee they will be on it. Where was the last place the crabs were making you crazy? That is the place to start and maybe they will be there. Spend some time looking, it will be worth it.

While you are playing with the permit — where is the pitch rod — keep in mind you are the flotsam and the cobia will come to see. Dolphin from 80 feet out; keep on the move. That is the only way you will find them; troll the weed lines.

Grouper will open on the first, so they are eating anything you drop. Mix in the snapper and you will have a nice day but where is the vent tool?

Surf has been a real hard scene and the snook fishing has been red hot. This species likes a strong current and they have been eating anything that swims. Best part is they have been slot fish. Yes, you are going to get wet, you will be casting north and south. These fish are in the trough just waiting for the surf to overpower little fish and you need to be there. Bombers, krystal minnow, DOA Baitbuster will get their eye. If your bait stops set the hook. Still some blues on cut baits, pompano in and out all day eating clams and sand fleas, lots of fish at the beach guys, come on down.

East wind means east bank of the Indian River, look for the flat water. That is where the bait is and that is where the action is. Fish shallow; the fish are in there hiding from the bottle nose dolphin, shallow is their safety.

Lots of trout, most at the top of the slot or over with a mix of blues, jacks and lady fish to keep you busy. Noisy top water baits have taken their toll. Plenty of snook. Pick a bridge and wait for the sun to go down. Flair hawks will get you to the zone in this strong water.

Roosevelt Bridge for the big snook, bring your camera; these fish will all be over slot. Has anybody tried fishing those monster jacks on the west side closer to the marina? One of the great things about the north fork is, what wind?

'Till next week, please get the weather man to turn off the wind weapon so wimps like me can fish.

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Pirates slay Knights

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VERO BEACH — Pirates versus Knights sounds like a mythical battle. It was a lacrosse battle, but instead of swords there were sticks and everyone was able to walk away when it was over.

Last Wednesday, the Saint Edwards Pirates and The Pine School Knights went head to head, but the Pirates pulled it off, winning 10-6 at home.

After a few tough losses, the Pirates were ready for a win and the Knights were the target.

The first score by Pirates midfielder Terrell Sands saw him run an unassisted goal right past Knight goalie Andrew Dodds.

The Pirates kept pressure on Dodds, with another Pirate goal, this one from cornerstone Chas Moody. The Pirates took a 2-0 lead.

Pirate players Moody and Herman Englemann had yellow flags thrown against them for slashing, which put the Knights up by two players.

The Knights took advantage of the men down and retained possession of the ball. Grant Mortell found the back of the net, so the Knights were only trailing by 1 going into the second period.

Knight Reid Mortell tied the score on a breakaway, making it a one-on-one goal. Another goal on a breakaway from Ryan Edwards shortly after that put the Knights ahead 3-2.

"We had great teamwork and great passing by everyone," said Edwards. "We came up short, but there's always another game. We just can't give up we have to keep going."

The Pirates had a hard time finding the back of the net during the second. The ball was passed to Moody who was left to dodge and roll past the Knights to attempt to score.

Moody was able to score to tie the game 3-3 before the half.

The second half was a fight for the lead. The Pirates changed their tactics and relying less on one man and worked more as a team.

Alex Kowalski and Sam Ederle worked as a power duo. On their first goal, Kowalski ran around the back of the net while Ederle cut in front of the defense. Kowalski passed for a well - played goal. The same play was executed again, in opposite positions.

"This was a play designed by the coaches and it's finally coming together," said Ederle. "This is my first year playing and any time you score, especially at him, is amazing."

The Mortell brothers put in another two goals, to tie the score again at 5-5.

"We're going to try from the minute the whistle blows," said Knights' head coach Bradley Bobrick. "We threw it away a bit with the ground balls. We need to communicate better, but (we're) just trying to keep them positive and focused."

After another a score by Edwards and then Kowalski, the score was tied again at 6-6. Then the Pirates ran away with the game.

The Pirates tore through the Knights' defense, scoring goal after consecutive goal to finish the game 10-6.

"We did some things well," said Pirates head coach Andrew Scheffer. . "We came from behind and we pushed the lead out. We showed some things we haven't scored before so that was nice."

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The Pine School's Freddy Bizogno (No. 39) hangs tough with Saint Edwards' Josh Hurwitz (No. 6) during their match-up last Wednesday. Saint Edward's won 10-6.

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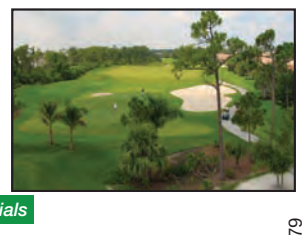

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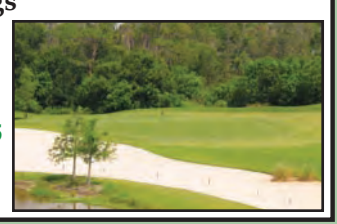

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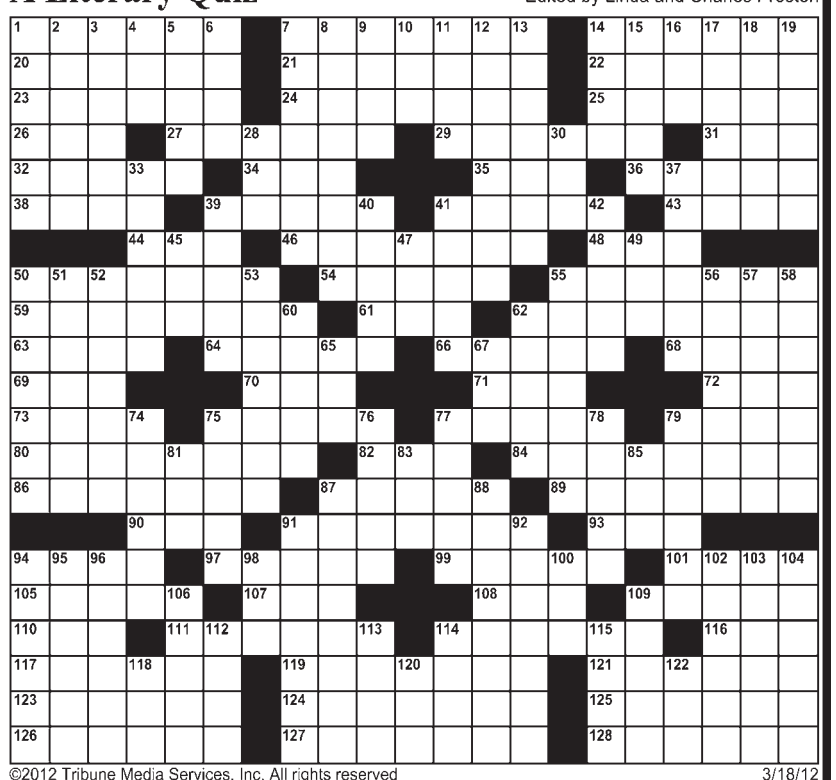

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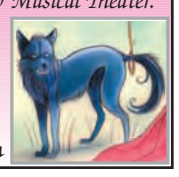

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• **Conchy Joe's Seafood**, 3945 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. Reggae by Rainfall, 7-10 p.m. (772) 334-1130.

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• **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.

• **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.*

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LEGAL NOTICES

5020 Notice to Creditors

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM G. FLYNN, Deceased. FILE NO.: 12-190-CP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of William G. Flynn, deceased, whose date of death was October 6, 2011, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-4258, file number 12-190-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division; the address of which is PO Box 9016, Stuart, Florida 34995. 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 on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 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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Personal Representative: Catherine V. Flynn 2600 S. Kanner Hwy., Apt. A-4, Stuart, Florida 34994 Attorney for Personal Representative: Stephen W. Screnci, Esq., Florida Bar No. 0051802, 3301 NW Boca Raton Blvd., Suite 201, Boca Raton, FL 33431 Telephone: (561) 300-3390 Pubs: Apr. 13, & Apr. 20, 2012

5020 Notice to Creditors

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF OSCAR EUGENE PROBST a/k/a OSCAR EUGENE PROPST, Deceased. File No.: 2011-805CP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Oscar Eugene Propst, deceased, whose date of death was August 7, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 9016, Stuart, Florida 34995. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is April 13, 2012.

Personal Representative: Vicki Junod Wackeen, Esq. c/o/ Fox, Wackeen, Dungey, et. Al., 3473 S.E. Willoughby Blvd., Stuart, Florida 34994 Attorney for Personal Representative: Richard J. Dungey Attorney for Vicki Junod Wackeen, Florida Bar Number: 197051, Fox, Wackeen, Dungey, Beard, Sobel, Bush & McCluskey, L.L.P., 3473 S.E. Willoughby Boulevard, Stuart, Florida 34994 Telephone: (772) 287-4444 Fax: (772) 283-4637 E-Mail: rdungey@foxwackeen.com Pubs: Apr. 13, & Apr. 20, 2012

5020 Notice to Creditors

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT MASON HERLIN, Deceased. File No. 12-233CP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Robert Mason Herlin, deceased, whose date of death was February 16, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 9016, Stuart, FL 34995-9016. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 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 April 20, 2012.

Personal Representatives: Carol M. Herlin, 17933 SE Federal Highway, Tequesta, Florida 33469 Robert Meyer Herlin, 8520 SE Sabal Street, Hobe Sound, Florida 33455 Ashley M. Sundar, Attorney for Personal Representatives, Florida Bar Number: 0021537 Joseph C. Kempe, Professional Association Ashley M. Sundar, Esquire, 941 N. Highway A1A, Jupiter, Florida 33477 Telephone: (561) 747-7300 Fax: (561) 747-7722 E-Mail: asundar@jckempe.com Pubs: Apr. 20, & Apr. 27, 2012

5020 Notice to Creditors

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF ANTHONY F. HANBURY, Deceased. File No.: 12-210-CP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Anthony F. Hanbury, deceased, whose date of death was January 20, 2012 is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 100 East Ocean Blvd., Suite 200, Stuart FL 34994. The names and addresses of the co-personal representatives and the co-personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 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 April 20, 2012.

Co-Personal Representatives: Daniel Hines, 23 Clark Street, Apt 1, Medford, Massachusetts 02155, James P. Covey, P.O. Box 657, Vero Beach, Florida 32961 Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives: James P. Covey, Esq. Florida Bar No. 846880, P.O. Box 657, Vero Beach, FL 32961 Telephone: 772-770-6160 Pubs: Apr. 20, & Apr. 27, 2012

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#158 James Garrette
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