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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.

Anti-smoking campaign reaches new level

These days, smokers find that just about everywhere they light up, someone expresses disapproval. And there are increasingly fewer places where they can legally smoke.

In Martin County, the campaign to snuff out smoking reached a new level recently when one man confronted another man about smoking while pumping gasoline.

When the man refused to put out his cigarette, the other man returned to his vehicle and got a gun. That worked.

Most would agree smoking while pumping gasoline is not smart, but threatening to shoot someone over it may be even less smart.

The man who threatened the smoker was the one who ended up being arrested. He was charged with aggravated assault.

War against dog owners

When a woman was confronted by Martin County deputies as to why she poked another woman, while she was walking her dogs, with an umbrella, she replied that she "was in a fight against people who owned dogs."

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GARDENING

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Columnist proud to be part of newspaper

WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday: Overcast, scattered storms; high: 88; low: 73; high tide: 10:59 a.m.; low tide: 4:51 p.m.
Saturday: Overcast, scattered storms; high: 84; low: 73; high tide: 11:43 a.m.; low tide: 5:34 p.m.
Sunday: Overcast, scattered storms; high: 86; low: 72; high tide: 12:10 a.m.; low tide: 6:04 a.m.
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Sound policies recognized

By **Samantha Joseph**
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MARTIN COUNTY — As she starts her third term as Martin County's supervisor of elections, Vicki Davis is doing so with her office's expenses down about 20 percent since 2008. For the upcoming year, she has also cut costs nearly 8 percent.

Ms. Davis, who on June 8 was re-elected to office

without opposition, has also seen her staff shrink to eight, down from 11.

"We're doing more with less, like everyone else is," she said.

Ruth Pietruszewski, Martin County tax collector, who won a second term unopposed in this election, has also gained recognition for sound financial management.

Last year, the Florida See **SOUND, A4**

Drug bust nets 28

10 suspects still sought

By **Jay Meisel**
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HOBE SOUND — Many of the 28 people arrested in a drug operation here last week have already spent time in prison, and in some cases, on more than one occasion.

"Many of these folks have been to prison, so

they qualify for our frequent flyer plan," Martin County Sheriff Robert L. Crowder said.

The remainder of the suspects haven't spent

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Caterer comes to rescue

She jumped in after wedding planner split

By **Samantha Joseph**
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MARTIN COUNTY — One evening last February, Amy Jeacoma paid a \$1,200 deposit to Marc Bergeron, a wedding planner whom she said promised a dream wedding to her 21-year-old son, Justin, and his fiancé, Michelle.

She has since become one of 13 clients to come forward to say what seemed like too-good-to-be-true deals on wedding and party packages turned out to be just that.

"He seemed like a great

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Great smash!



Mitch Kloorfain/chief photographer

Jaime Chamberlin, 16, of Palm City scores a kill during the 'Life's A Beach' volleyball tournament Saturday, June 16 at South Fork High School. For more images and team results please visit www.hometownnewsol.com.

Amateur radio operators host expo

By **Samantha Joseph**
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TREASURE COAST — When disaster strikes, a little-known group of hobbyists turn their past times into life-saving action.

Members of the Martin County Amateur Radio Association typically use their equipment for their own amusement, communicating with fellow enthusiasts.

But these "ham" radio operators, as they call themselves, also provide crucial communication during emergencies.

And on June 23 and 24, they want to introduce the public to the systems that have let them lead communications during massive storms, tornadoes and other natural disasters that toppled more traditional methods.

Their event is part of activities to celebrate amateur radio week, and is set for Sandspruit Park, located at 3443 S.E.

St Lucie Blvd., Stuart. It will focus on emergency power sources.

"The idea is to preferably use a generator and get off the power grid, so to speak," said Eric Boyd, president of the Martin County Amateur Radio Association.

That's important, because when deadly hurricanes such as 2004's Frances and Jeanne eradicate phone and electricity lines and towers, radio operators lend their services to local disaster coordinators.

As soon as area shelters open, Joe Sawyer, the group's emergency coordinator, deploys operators to each site. He also sends hams to area hospitals, emergency operation centers and Red Cross headquarters.

"What ends up happening is the storm, tornado or disaster comes in, takes out communication towers, and even emergency responders lose the

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Happy birthday, HTN!

TAMMY RAITS
MANAGING EDITOR



The little newspaper that dared turns 10 this month

Ten years ago, I got a phone call that changed my life. It was an invitation to be managing editor of *Hometown News*.

I thought I knew what the project would entail: start a group of community newspapers from the ground up. My job would be to design the paper, plan content, hire staff, order equipment, gather news and start putting out a newspaper.

Simple, right? It started out that way. If I'd had any idea of the wild ride ahead of me, I might have answered that phone call differently.

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Paper turns 10

By **Samantha Joseph**
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MARTIN COUNTY — In honor of *Hometown News*' 10th anniversary and its growth since then from a four-edition paper in 2002 to one that has covered about 250 miles on Florida's east coast, we take a look back at some of the issues that shaped Martin County in the last decade.

Hometown News launched editions in Martin County, Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce in June 2002.

At that time, the census count showed around 127,000 people living in Martin County, about

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Eric Boyd, president of the Martin County Amateur Radio Association, teaches Caroline Nolan, left and Sami-jo Harding how to work on a basic circuit as part of a learning activity at the association's annual public event in Stuart.



Photo courtesy of William Laakkonen

Radio

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ability to communicate. And even when the storm doesn't take the cell phones out, (the systems) are typi-

cally overloaded and you can't get calls out anyway," Mr. Boyd said.

"In these instances, we provide any emergency communications that might be required of us."

The weekend activities

also promise educational activities suitable for children and there will also be information for people looking to learn about the latest amateur radio technology and licensing requirements, organizers said.

"We hope that people will come and see for themselves. This is not your grandfather's radio anymore," said Allen Pitt,

spokesman for the American Radio Relay League, the national association.

"The communications networks that ham radio people can quickly create have saved many lives in the past months when other systems failed or were overloaded."

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Blotter

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She told the deputy she doesn't like dogs because they do their business on her front door step and "she does not like people who own dogs," a report said.

The dog owner reported that while walking her dogs, the other woman was following her. At one point, apparently she got behind the other woman and when they passed she greeted her, but the woman began to "yell and curse at her," and said she did not like her dogs.

Shortly afterward, the dog owner reported the woman hit her with the umbrella, although the other woman only admitting to tapping her with the umbrella.

Maybe the dogs, having witnessed all that, were thinking, "Thank God we're not humans."

Bizarre burglary

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Caterer

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guy that was offering a lot for a really good price. He promised us the world but basically he disappeared on us," Ms. Jeacoma said. "He auctioned off everything in the building and took everybody's money. There's a criminal suit against him but nobody ever found him."

When she first met Mr. Bergeron, the planner looked slightly frazzled, with long hair and disheveled clothes. But his charming French accent, \$10,000 crystal chandelier hanging from his reception hall and talk that he was about to open two locations in Palm Beach helped put his clients at ease.

Another couple was even waiting in the parking lot for a chance to meet with Mr. Bergeron and pay the entire \$5,000 fee up front to take advantage of an incredible deal that included the wedding cake, catering, DJ, florist, photographer, limousine and use of the Crystal Reception Hall, located at 4195 S.W. High Meadows Ave. in Palm City.

"I thought he was unkempt because he worked so hard. He said he worked seven days a week, ran another company in West Palm Beach and was getting ready to open two other locations," Ms. Jeacoma said.

"But my 11-year-old son said, 'Did you notice that guy was wearing the same clothes from yesterday?'"

Clients who contracted with Mr. Bergeron said they would soon learn it was more than his appearance that was shoddy.

The landlord of the High Meadows Avenue property that houses the Crystal Reception Hall contacted Port St. Lucie-based caterer Jayne Reynolds, after he said Mr. Bergeron reneged on the lease. He knew she had a successful business and asked if she wanted to take over the reception hall. Once she agreed to do so, the calls started pouring in from 10 couples and the parents of a child planning a sweet 16 party and all of who said Ms. Reynolds' predecessor had made off with their cash.

"I really don't know anything about him and his place," Ms. Reynolds said,

but took responsibility to fulfill the contracts.

"When I started calling people, we assured them they would have their wedding," she said.

One of the first people she met was a distraught bride, who'd already spent her entire wedding budget with Mr. Bergeron.

Among the first planner's promises to the bride were decorated arches and columns items Ms. Reynolds' Silver Platter Entrées did not have on hand.

It meant the new planner had to turn to her network of fellow industry workers, Wedding Professionals of the Treasure Coast.

One donor, A Paradise Wedding, contributed an arch decorated with flowers, chair sashes, centerpieces and decorations for the bridal table. Silver Platter Entrées provided food, drink, staff and decoration all at no cost.

Thanks to their donations, the wedding proceeded as planned, with the companies absorbing the \$4,057

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Bust

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time in prison, but were previously arrested, Sheriff Crowder said.

Sheriff Crowder said the arrests, part of Operation Hit the Block, targeted the small community of Banner Lake in the Hobe Sound area.

During the investigation leading to the arrests, investigators received a lot of cooperation from residents not involved in drug sales, he said.

"They don't like their neighborhood turned into a marketplace for sale of illegal drugs," Sheriff Crowder said.

Investigators seized 250 cocaine rocks, 13 pounds of marijuana and two firearms, Sheriff Crowder said.

The investigation seems to show a resurgence in the sale of cocaine, possibly because prescription drugs are harder

to obtain on an illegal basis, he said.

Generally, the operation was carried out through use of informants who bought drugs during a four-month period, Sheriff Crowder said.

Some of the arrestees were related, such as Gerald Lee Preston and Lil' Gerald Preston, father and son, authorities said.

But no organized network of drug sales existed, they said.

Some of the suspects were recently out of prison, said Sgt. John Budensiek of the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

Authorities said they are still looking for 10 other suspects.

Most of those arrested were charged with sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a park and possession of cocaine.

Those with multiple stays in prison, according to Florida Department of Corrections

records, included:

- Alvin Alonzo Brown, 54, 8529 S.E. Citrus Way, Hobe Sound, was charged with three counts of sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a park and three counts of possession of cocaine.

Florida Department of Corrections records show that Mr. Brown has had seven stints in prison, beginning in 1977.

His first conviction was for armed robbery and he was incarcerated for nearly three years.

Most of his subsequent convictions were related to sale or possession of cocaine, but he also was convicted of burglary and battery on a law enforcement officer.

He was last released from prison in 1999.

- James A. Haslom, 7858 S.E. Kings Way St., Hobe Sound, was charged with sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of

a park and possession of cocaine.

Mr. Haslam has served six stints in prison, beginning in 1986 after being convicted of trafficking stolen property, Florida Department of Corrections records showed.

He's been convicted on other charges, including grand theft of a motor vehicle, sale of counterfeit drugs, sale of cocaine and aggravated assault.

Steven Lewis, 52, 8509 S.E. Comus St., was charged with two counts of sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a park and two counts of possession of cocaine.

Florida Department of Corrections records show that he's been to prison nine times, beginning in 1986 after being convicted of grand theft. Most of his subsequent convictions were for sale or possession of cocaine.

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Caterer

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cost.
"It needed to be done," Ms. Reynolds said.
The story also had a happy ending for Ms. Jeacoma's son and new daughter-in-law, who honeymooned in Costa Rica after a June 10 wedding.
Michael & Josephine Photography, Country Club Florists and Traxx Entertainment all worked on their wedding event.
"It really did go beautifully," Ms. Jeacoma said. "After I got skinned once I said, 'I am not going to trust another person, but (Jayne) is an absolutely wonderful person.'"

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Loan

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need of additional assistance.
The state will provide lenders with matching CAP funds to build a loan loss reserve account, according to information from the Department of Economic Opportunity.
Both for- and nonprofit firms are eligible to participate, as long as they operate in the state and have fewer than 500 employees.
And on the Treasure Coast, a Stuart-based financial organization is taking the lead in capital access program lending.
Seacoast National Bank this month announced it was the first Florida-based bank to participate in CAP.

"The state of Florida was particularly anxious to get this underway, so it sought out Seacoast National Bank as a Florida-based bank to try to get some traction," said Russ Holland, the bank's chief lending officer.
Designed to enable small businesses to expand, CAP offers loans up to \$5 million. Borrowers may use the money to cover start-up, working capital, equipment, tenant improvements and other costs. They follow the same procedure as applying for a typical business loan, beginning the process by contacting a participating bank's commercial lending department.
Applicants must have strong operations, as the program is not suitable for companies seeking a credit resolution, bankers said.

"Anything that helps businesses obtain credit to grow is good," Mr. Holland said. "The businesses that seek this program out, they just have to evaluate themselves and see if it makes sense for them."
The goal, Mr. Holland said, was to assist profitable businesses that were not able to qualify for conventional loans, because one or two factors, such as being overleveraged, prevented them from meeting the stricter criteria.
"The federal government provides state funding to assist banks with additional coverage for these loans," Mr. Holland said. "Between the banks and the state, we have an agreement as to how we can extend credit where there might be an underwriting gap."

Sound

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Tax Collectors Association acknowledged her office's efforts at efficient audits, customer service, budgeting and innovation with its excellence in financial operations award.
One system, for example, cut waste and streamlined the distribution of the office's fee collections to various taxing authorities. It shaved weeks from each process, resulting in faster revenue for these agencies.
"We reduced it to five clicks of the mouse," Ms. Pietruszewski said. "That's saving thousands of hours and thousands of dollars for the rest of the time that we are here."
Both Ms. Davis and Ms. Pietruszewski started their new terms thanking supporters and pledging to continue their missions.

Her major goal, Ms. Davis said, is to continue to provide fair, accurate and transparent elections, ensuring no voter is disenfranchised and that "all votes are counted and every vote counts."
To that end, her office created a website providing updated information, including features that allow voters to find their precincts and other information by typing their last name, date of birth and address. Voters can also request vote-by-mail ballots, access sample ballots, check all personal information for accuracy, read candidate information, get data on voting trends and other updates.
At the tax collector's office, staff are continuing several projects ahead of schedule and working to bring ease-of-use to customers. They'll make notes for state officials when cus-

tomers turn in vehicle tags to help prevent inadvertent license revocations.
"We really take care of the people. We do things people even don't know about," Ms. Pietruszewski said. "We're very efficient and accurate, and we do our jobs very well."
In addition to Ms. Pietruszewski and Ms. Davis, this month also saw a third candidate win unopposed.
Rebecca Negron, wife of Sen. Joe Negron, R-Stuart, also coasted to an early victory.
Ms. Negron, a first-time candidate won the District 3 seat on the Martin County School Board this month after no challenger came forward before the end of the qualifying period.
One of her goals is salary increases for teachers, according to published reports.
She will replace Laurie Gaylord, who is running for superintendent against incumbent Nancy Kline.

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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

•Christen Marie Stephenson, 34, no address given, was arrested June 9 and charged with disorderly conduct, resisting an officer without violence and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

•Richardson Boco, 30, 1213 Handy Oak Circle, Royal Palm Beach, was arrested June 9 and charged with driving under the influence, possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, having more than one valid driver's license, violation of driver's license restrictions and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

•Brittany Frances Smith, 20, 1637 S.W. Bucksin Trail, Stuart, was arrested June 12 and charged with aggravated battery, retail theft and resisting a merchant.

•Jacob William Hannigan, 19, 1604 Havana Ave., Fort Pierce, was arrested June 13 and charged with introduction of contraband into a correction facility and loitering and prowling.

•Patrick Louis, 30, 5871 19th Court, Lauderhill, was arrested June 13 and charged with battery on a person 65 years old or older.

Martin County Sheriff's Office

•Jorge Luis Isern-Suarez, 38, no address given, was arrested June 7 and charged with child abuse.

•Anthony Levon Ivory, 25, 273 S.E. Norfolk Blvd., Stuart, was arrested June 7 and charged with possession of cocaine.

•James Paul Crocker, 41, 1305 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart, was arrested June 7 and charged with aggravated assault.

•Markee Deshawn Felton, aka Keese, 20, 8459 S.E. Camis St., Hobe Sound, was arrested June 7 and charged with two counts of sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a park and two counts of possession of cocaine.

•Brian Avery Dames, 24, 8460 S.E. Citrus Way, Hobe Sound, was arrested June 7 and charged with two counts of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, resisting an officer without violence, battery on a law enforcement officer, fleeing/eluding and driving while license suspended.

•Vincent Lawrence Roback, 33, 8800 Hampton Drive, Miramar, was arrested June 7 and charged with three counts of solicitation for sale of cocaine and second-degree petit theft.

•Reginald Edwin Straughter, 20, 8529 Citrus Way, Hobe Sound, was arrested June 7 and charged with sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a park and possession of cocaine.

•Michael Fontana, aka Gary Peterson, 23, 410 S.E. Parkway Drive, Stuart, was

arrested June 7 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for dealing in stolen property and giving false information.

•Carlin Rashaud Christie, 21, 5830 S.E. Mercedes Ave., Stuart, was arrested June 7 and charged with failure to appear in court on a charges of tampering with evidence, possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana, resisting an officer without violence and driving while license suspended.

•Carl Rudolph Thomas, 19, 1201 S.E. Palm Beach Road, Apt. F208, Stuart, was arrested June 7 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for two counts of felony battery and possession of a weapon on school grounds.

•Ericka Jo Bates, 41, 644 Wrights Creel Road, Caryville, was arrested June 10 and charged with failure to redeliver leased property.

•Andrew Feriola, 46, 24 N.E. Bay Drive, Jensen Beach, was arrested June 10 and charged with aggravated assault and resisting an officer without violence.

•Anthony Joseph Brulewicz, 40, 126 Moonstone Court, Port Orange, was arrested June 10 and charged with uttering forged bills and possession of certain forged bills.

•Lester Edwardo Hernandez, aka Edwardo Hernandez, 18, 2666 S.E. Carroll St., Stuart, was arrested June 9

and charged with armed robbery and aggravated battery.

•Jesus Salgado, 23, 13228 S.E. Flora Ave., Hobe Sound, was arrested June 10 and charged with robbery by sudden snatching, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting an officer without violence.

•Byron Demar Dames, 22, 13667 S.E. Flora Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested June 9 and charged with violation of probation and having an open house party.

•Richard Castillo, 40, 2736 S.E. Grand Drive, Port St. Lucie, was arrested June 8 and charged with making a false statement to obtain public aid and third-degree grand theft.

•Fred Anthony Stanford, 49, no address given, was arrested June 9 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for grand theft.

•Walter Alan Morrison, 34, 3130 S.E. Fairmont St., Stuart, was arrested May 12 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for third-degree grand theft.

•David LeClarence Harris, 20, 4065 S.W. Mackener Road, Port St. Lucie, was arrested June 12 and charged with battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting an officer with violence.

•Pedro Luis Gonzalez Rodriguez, 25, 1201 S.E. Palm Beach Road, Apt.

C106, Stuart, was arrested June 12 and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver, tampering with evidence and having no motorcycle endorsement.

•Perry Gunnar Smith, 30, 50 N.E. Dixie Highway, Unit B4, Stuart, was arrested June 11 and charged with dealing in stolen property.

•Maximillian A. Anderson, 19, 3467 S.E. Jefferson St., Stuart, was arrested June 11 and charged with failure to appear in court on a felony charge not specified in the report.

•Ryan P. Flattery, 28, no address given, was arrested June 11 and charged with burglary of a dwelling and grand theft.

•Richard Paul Bailey, 33, 5165 S.E. Matousek Ave., Stuart, was arrested June 11 and charged with giving false information to a pawnbroker.

•John G. McCarthy, 46, 2580 N.E. Indian River Drive, Apt. 12, Jensen Beach, was arrested June 11 and charged with two counts of aggravated assault.

•Brandon Richard Lasher, 18, 740 S.E. Arton Lane, Port St. Lucie, was arrested June 11 and charged with possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana.

•Ralph Jody Yother, 52, 1155 S.W. Tropical Terrace, Stuart, was arrested June 12 and charged with cultivation of marijuana and possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana.

•Todd Anthony Glover, 43, 2888 S.W. Ann Arbor Way, Port St. Lucie, was arrested June 13 and charged with

robbery.

•Jeremy Mariar, 23, 12894 S.E. Hobe Hills Drive, Hobe Sound, was arrested June 13 and charged with grand theft, two counts of dealing in stolen property, giving false verification of ownership and petit theft.

•Charles Langford Pursley, 21, 6849 S.E. Burnett Ave., Stuart, was arrested June 14 and charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Ventura Manuel Correia, 32, 2602 N.E. Myette St., Jensen Beach, was arrested June 14 and charged with two counts of fraudulent use of a credit card, two counts of third-degree grand theft and violation of probation. He was on probation for battery.

Florida Highway Patrol

•Joseph Molos, 42, 1551 S.E. Wilshire Place, Stuart, was arrested June 8 and charged with counterfeiting of a public record, using false information except date of birth to get a driver's license or identification card and making a false affidavit.

•Eduardo Mendiola, 18, 3747 Northwest 53rd St., Fort Lauderdale, was arrested June 8 and charged with possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, sale/delivery of marijuana and possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver.

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

Blotter

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When a Vero Beach couple returned home, they discovered that someone

had burglarized their residence. Oddly enough, they found some keys that did not belong to them. Later, Vero Beach police discovered that one of those keys opened the door of a

residence of the suspect in the burglary. Earlier that evening, police had come into a contact with a man wearing gray sweat pants and having in his hand a pair of pink lace underwear. When he took the man

home, he saw the man dispose of the underwear in a garbage closet. After the burglary in which it was reported that underwear may have been stolen, the police officer recalled the man with the underwear and

returned to the residence. It was then that he tried the key, which worked. And he retrieved the underwear, which the burglary victim identified as being her property. She also said the gray sweat pants

belonged to her. The man who had been disposing of the underwear was then charged with burglary. He might as well as have left a photo of himself with a confession at the scene.

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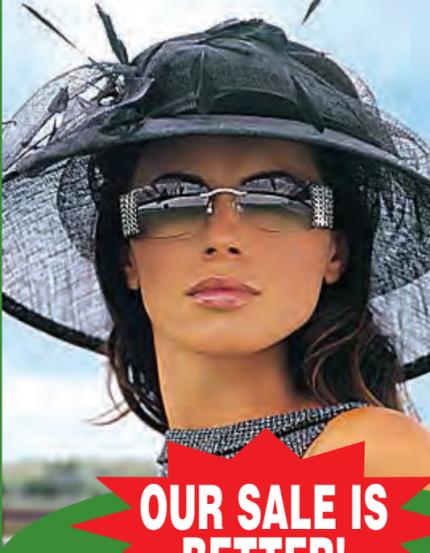
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Letter

Community makes displeasure known

To the editor:

In May, a few homeowners in Highlands Reserve, who wanted to remain anonymous, decided to take it upon themselves to tell this paper how unsafe this community is. Well this is also my community and I feel that it is time to tell the true story about what goes on here.

Two years ago, my family and I were looking for a new home. We were fortunate enough to stumble upon a developing community in Palm City called Highlands Reserve. We decided to purchase a home here and couldn't have been happier with our decision. We started meeting good people all around us, not only in our community but in the ones that surrounded us as well. Bikers, joggers, and walkers were quick to say hello and introduce themselves.

Children became friends and eventually classmates. We enjoyed seeing our new friends from the surrounding communities as they passed by on their bikes or morning jogs just as they enjoyed seeing us in their communities when we passed by.

Sometime in early 2011 things started to take a turn. We started noticing the bikers and joggers weren't coming by quite as often. We started hearing stories that they were being confronted by a certain individual who told them they were no longer welcome here. Children were being confronted and told to leave the community. Some of the people confronted were actually residents here. Good, honest people were having the police called on them for doing what they had always been allowed to do here. Suddenly, one homeowner had taken matters into his/her own hands.

A gate was eventually put up on Roby's Way. This gate was voted on by the community, myself included. The only problem was that the gate we all voted on, was not the gate that was put up. One individual homeowner decided to force the hand of the community leaders and have a much different gate installed. This new gate was extended out more than 20 feet forming, for lack of better words, a cattle shoot. This was done to appease this homeowner by allowing him/her to see who was coming in and out of the gate. The cost escalated to more than \$8,000 just to provide the extra security this homeowner demanded. Suddenly, anyone coming in or out of this gate had to deal with constant harassment about what their business was here. The police were being called on a more consistent basis, more than 80 times in the past two years, all from the same address. There were 80 calls to 911, not the non-emergency number. The reason for these calls was anything from a small dog off a leash, to people loitering by the gate.

Now to be honest, a few legitimate incidents have occurred here. No neighborhood is 100 percent exempt from this happening, ours included. However, it has not ever been proven that these sporadic crimes were committed by outsiders. For all we know, the individuals who committed these acts could be from our own community.

Most of the violence seems to be targeted toward one specific location in the community. It also happens to be the same area where people are continuously confronted and harassed.

Are these really random acts of "violence" or are people retaliating against a bully who can't mind their own business?

Demands for more security are constantly being made from this anonymous individual. Cameras have been installed at the gate. Police patrols are randomly sent by. Brighter spotlights are currently planned to be installed. All for one house that seems to have issues with people being upset at them.

All of this is coming at the expense of the rest of the homeowners, many of which, have fallen victim to the harassment that comes from simply walking by a gate. This house is not the only one in this area, either. It is just the one that has an owner who feels it is his/her right to tell anyone if they are or are not welcome here.

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A word to bike riders

The Martin County Metropolitan Planning Organization has a map for bicycle riders. Therein it states: "sidewalks are built for pedestrians, not bicyclists."

Bicyclist's argument is and I quote from bicyclists: I am not riding on the road it is too dangerous.

Well, guess what, join the club. That's exactly how I feel about you riding on the sidewalk.

How did it ever happen that bicyclists have more rights on the sidewalks than pedestrians? They have the full right of the road plus they demand the rights of the sidewalks, too.

Martin County and city of Stuart, it is time to pass some ordinances for the pedestrians, not the bicyclists.

Other towns and cities have that already, since they were confronted with the same growing pains. St Augustine is just one example. No bicyclists on sidewalks in city limits.

Other towns and cities made it very clear pedestrians have the right of way on sidewalks, 100 percent. Period.

A link to a site any bicyclist, motorized bicyclist or scooter user needs to go to:

www.commutebybike.com/2008/07/09/top-5-rules-for-riding-on-the-sidewalk/

What about ditches?

Hurricane season is here and the drainage ditches have not been cleared and/or graded. Many have had standing water for months. Pray for another uneventful season. Also, when are we going to be brought into the 21st century by getting a sewer system? How many businesses and potential homeowner's have bypassed Sebastian because of this? Everybody's property value would be higher.

Maybe a study of costs should be made then put onto a ballot so the citizens can decide if the costs justify the needed upgrade.

Don't like it? Don't watch it

The verbatim ranting of Fox news spin can hardly be called plagiarism. I suppose that his favorite channel is MSNBC, where the speakers (not newscasters or journalists) daily spit out hate for anything Republican. And, by the way, if you hate Fox so much, why do you watch it?

You also seem to have trouble with religion, calling Romney, "a millionaire Mormon." My religion does not matter, just as no one else's should, when running for office. The voters will have to use their common sense and knowledge of the people running.

By the way, using any of the many fact-check vehicles, you would see that your Speaker of the House, Mr. Reid, is also a Mormon. Should that alone disqualify him, as well?

The next subject in that June 15 edition of Hometown News happened to be on the deficit. The writer seems to be writing in a very intelligent manner, but if he is that smart, he should not base his findings solely on the writing of one person. Going about it that way, one can make numbers do just about anything one wants.

Check and compare facts. Don't rely solely on one aspect, just because it is one that you agree with. You or Zfacts may be right, but before I would take anything as gospel I would try to read/research what other professional economists have to say on the subject.

My final offering is about President Obama's speaking on TV. He is a great reader; with the Teleprompter in front of him, he does not miss a step; adlibbing, he seems to stop and stutter often looking lost in trying to find words to answer the questions; just an observation.

You see, I watch other channels, NBC, CBS, ABC, Fox, CNN,

but not MSNBC anymore. I don't need to listen to so much hatred instead of news.

I'm no mouthpiece

I am a Republican but I am not a mouthpiece for the party, or any news network. The problem with persons such as yourself is that you are truly amazed when someone has an individualized thought. Persons such as yourself must use another person's thought, or refer to, and plug an author's book.

It's a shame that you lost your 2012 gains (by the way, 2012 is only five-and-a-half months long so far), you lost on paper, you didn't lose in your pocket. This is an argument of ideology.

You want to pit this against a "millionaire Mormon" (opposed to a sitting millionaire president) with business skills who knows that the private sector is not doing fine. You believe in big government, and higher taxes, but yet you whine that you lost on gains, so for your sake, good for the Democrats. I hope you make the gains, just so the

Democrats can raise the capital-gains tax and take 30 percent of the money that you were already taxed on when you purchased your investment (that will be Bush's fault also in your book).

What I read here was me, me, me. So you think Obama is in your best interest? Well, buddy it's about the country's best interests. If I was willing to give my life as a military combatant for my country, I can give up some of my benefits for the future of our children. That past statement was used by a VFW member when the VFW PAC supported Democrats. As a result, the VFW PAC was fired!

I watch Fox, I watch MSNBC, I watch CNN, I even read The New York Times. Just because you can't balance yourself with total pros and cons, and talk with lips that even David Axelrod would look squeamish about, don't think that of other, more intelligent people, you certainly are calling the kettle black.

Good for me on my retirement. Unfortunately for me, it was while I was in the line of duty and was crippled from it. I'd rather be out there working and paying fair taxes.

You want a reason not to vote for Obama? I'll give you six trillion reasons. Whose congress did nothing? Which congress was warned about the impending housing bubble that would burst? By which president? So Obama has borrowed the equivalent of 125 years of debt but yet it still is Bush's fault? You are talking out of both sides of your mouth, and you don't even realize it.

If you want to debate politics and policy with me try a little more analytical and critical thought as tools to get your point across. All you did was come off as a typical Democrat who is just concerned about their own interests. Get some pride, stop watching Ed Schultz and lose the empty excuses.

Why now?

I'm just wondering why Gov. Scott did not raise the question about non-citizens and ineligible voters when he was running for governor.

Also, why wasn't that done when George W. Bush was running for president? Why now?

Is there anybody out there who has the answer or do we already know the answer?

Weird in L.A.

Not all weird ideas originate in California, but many of them do.

Los Angeles, the largest city in the nation, has decided to ban plastic bags at supermarket checkout lines. No mention, sadly, of how many plastics industry jobs will be lost.

We keep hearing about the need to create more jobs, but California politicians must be deaf.

Los Angeles City Council is now demanding that the ban be widened to extend state wide.

We anticipate busy-body environmentalists will soon be lobbying for the same ban here in Florida.

How to maintain peace

The way to maintain peace, stability and freedom is to talk quietly and carry a big stick.

When America has military capability and world-wide credibility, it can capitalize on international opportunities and deter tyrannies.

President Obama's proposals to gut the armed services moves us in a dangerous direction, exactly the wrong direc-

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Business

Just following orders on dealer fee policy

This column originally appeared in June 2010.

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For the benefit of new readers, the dealer fee is the dirty little secret of most Florida car dealers. It's an extra charge ranging from about \$400 to more than \$1,500 and averaging about \$800 that dealers surprise you with after you've been quoted a lower price.

If you want to learn more about this rip off to the car buyer, just Google "dealer fee" and "Earl Stewart."

Battling the dealer fee for years, I've often wondered why so many car dealers, sales managers and sales people could go along with this unfair and deceptive sales practice. I truly believe that most people (including lawyers, politicians and car dealers) are inherently good, honest people. I have to ask myself why an honest person would quote a price

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that he knows is a lot lower than the real one to a customer.

I was watching CNBC and there was a discussion about the Milgram experiment. This psychological experiment was conducted at Yale University by Professor Stanley Milgram. What motivated him to perform the experiment was to discover why millions of good Germans followed the orders of evil Nazis, such as Adolph Eichman, while conducting the Holocaust during World War II.

The experiment involved volunteers called "teachers" who questioned other people called "learners." The teacher asked the learner to correctly match certain pairs of words. The teacher and learner could not see each other, separated by a partition. The experimenter instructed the teacher to push a button sending an electrical shock through the learner for each incorrect answer. The initial voltage was very low and not enough to cause any discomfort.

However, the experimenter told the teacher to increase the voltage with each successive wrong answer.

The learner and the

experimenter were in on the ruse, which was that no electricity was actually flowing. The machine was connected to an audio device which emitted recorded shouts of pain when the fake voltage reached higher levels, all the way to 450 volts.

The amazing results were that 65 percent of the "teachers" went all the way to 450 volts, hearing screams of pain. They did this even though they believed their actions were causing intense pain and may also cause permanent bodily damage.

Psychologists ascertained there were two reasons for this. The first is called the Agentic state theory. This is the "I was just following orders" reason as repeated often in the Nuremberg Trials. The essence of obedience consists in the fact that a person comes to view himself as the instrument for carrying out another person's wishes, and he therefore no longer sees himself as responsible for his actions.

The second reason psychologists believe accounted for this behavior is the theory of conformism. A person who has neither ability nor expertise to make decisions, especially in a crisis, will leave decision making to the group and its hierarchy.

So there you have it. Car sales people follow the orders of their sales managers, who follow the orders

of their general manager who follows the orders of the owner of the dealership.

But why do the owners, the dealers, trick customers with the dealer fee? They aren't following anybody's orders. The car dealers fall under the theory of conformism. They feel that as long as everybody else is doing it, it must be OK for me to follow suit.

A great local example of this started about two years ago when Fort Pierce Nissan began charging a \$799 dealer fee plus a \$750 freight fee, totaling \$1,549.

Napleton Nissan in Riviera Beach picked up on this and matched Fort Pierce by adding \$750 freight to their current \$795 dealer fee.

Next, Royal Palm Nissan in Wellington followed suit. Then most Nissan dealers from Fort Pierce to Riviera Beach add more than \$1,500 to the price you are quoted on a Nissan.

Recently, I haven't seen advertisements adding the double charge for freight to the dealer fee and I suspect the Attorney General's office may have had something to do with this.

Now you can understand why that smiling salesman can so guiltlessly throw the lever causing 450 volts of electricity to course through your body which is about the way most car buyers feel when they realized that they've been deceived. The salesman was "just following orders."

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Guy Ginn

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Bobby D. Taylor

Bobby D. Taylor, 67 of Jensen Beach, died April 29, 2012. Arrangements by Treasure Coast Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory.

Rants

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tion. It is not sensible to talk loudly and carry a little stick.

The problem with ...

The problem with progressives, as democrats now like to call themselves since the word liberal has gone out of fashion, is they don't progress.

Progressives actually go backwards. Even though they believe that everything they say and do is new; as if preceding generations were simply out of touch, behind the times, or just too old and stupid to know any better, ignoring the fact that it's that same senile stupidity that invented democracy as we know it, won two world wars, overthrew the evil empire, and gave us all... well, life.

Progressives suggest that without them the world would go back to the dark days of slavery, stay-at-home moms, Ronald (gulp) Reagan

and when the word gay actually meant happy.

What they fail to recognize (or perhaps they do but are too far along their socialist agenda to admit it) is the old Biblical admonition: There is nothing new under the sun. Or maybe it's the source they object to.

Progressives, like their communist cousins, are old news; but they're just as dangerous and fall for the same propaganda. They wear Che Guevara T-shirts, join labor unions and OWS movements, vote for Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama, and whine. It's the 60s all over again, man, only without the mini-skirts and good music. It's all sex and drugs, and no rock and roll. It's Fidel Castro in Speedos! And it's ugly.

As G.K. Chesterton observed decades before Planned Parenthood, "They insist on talking about birth control when they mean less birth and no control."

Progressives are atheists in drag, which is precisely why they're so miserable, militant

and confused.

Their real problem, of course, is moral relativism. But morals are objective and truth and beauty have a name and a face. It's Jesus Christ. And that's what really drives them crazy.

Editor's note: This is the quote from G.K. Chesterton from The Well and the Shallows: "The proceeding these quack doctors recommend does not control any birth. It only makes sure that there shall never be any birth to control."



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Changes

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20,000 fewer than today.

And as the paper grew, so did the area, making changes that have amazed and impressed area stalwarts, such as Vicki Davis, Martin County's longtime supervisor of elections.

When Ms. Davis first won her post in 2004, voters largely came to the polls on Election Day to cast their ballots.

Not anymore. "The trends have changed," she said. "People are voting by mail and voting early."

In 2008, for instance, her office saw a dramatic drop in voter turnout at the polls. Come Election Day, 69 per-

cent of voters had already cast early ballots, leaving only 31 percent still needing to show up in person to vote.

The convenience of being able to receive ballots at home, educate themselves about candidates, mail in their votes and track them online or by calling the supervisor of elections office has proven an attractive option for many of today's voters.

The growing population also meant changes in the political landscape.

Even though the county remains largely Republican, with more than 50 percent of registered voters affiliated with the GOP, officials are noticing a new trend involving tens of thousands of residents.

About 18,000 voters are

currently registered with no party affiliation. The reason, offered Ms. Davis, might be migration from the north, where voters in some states were used to declaring their parties on Election Day, instead of prior to casting ballots, as required by Florida law.

Racially, the area has also grown more integrated in the last decade, as groups such as the East Stuart Historical Society, Stuart Heritage and Martin County Historical Society raise awareness about its rich history, said historian Jay Thompson.

"I've found out that young people of today are finally realizing that we have a great culture to appreciate, and have a renewed sense of pride in their culture," Mr. Thompson said.

"Even many of the buildings that were erected never showed any signs of the black community, for example. But Stuart Heritage and the Martin County Historical Society have done a tremendous job of bringing forward that heritage in the last decade. Otherwise, it was a one-sided history. Over the last 10 years, there has been a definite shift."

Concerted efforts to spread brochures and other literature to civic groups and other organizations have created awareness about cultural celebrations, such as Juneteenth, a holiday which observes the two additional years of slavery blacks in some Confederate states endured after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The last decade has seen

an expansion of the administration's efforts to focus on development outside the downtown area. The trolley, for instance, can now take visitors to East Stuart and along newly refurbished areas enhanced by the Community Redevelopment Agency, Mr. Thompson said.

The decade has also brought a major change for the area's constitutional officers.

About seven years ago, the local court house was home to the clerk of courts, tax collector, property appraiser and supervisor of elections.

All, but the clerk, have moved to new offices. The supervisor of elections office, for instance, has now streamlined its operations from three locations to one on Martin Luther King Boulevard in Stuart. Before its move, its base was at the courthouse, while it housed election equipment at the B&A Flea Market, kept records at the old jail and had to use jury rooms or libraries to train poll workers.

"Everything is now under one roof," said Ms. Davis, who took office in January 2005.

The extra room at the courthouse did not necessarily mean officials there saw a spike in crime.

In fact, Martin County has remained relatively safe with a crime rate that has held steady, increasing less than 1 percent in the first half of 2011, according to the latest information from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, which tracks murder, sexual offenses, robbery, aggravated

"We're talking about a time when we went from excess to having nothing to trying to get back on our feet again."

Richard Wallace
Resident, Palm City

ed assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft, among other crimes, in its annual statewide index.

Other statistics also paint a bright picture of life in the county.

The Business Development Board of Martin County shows the area has grown into a community where residents have a vested interest in their neighborhoods, with nearly 80 percent owning the homes in which they live.

About 60 percent of adults have at least some college education or a higher degree. And Martin County has emerged as one of the most prosperous in the state, targeting companies in science and other fields that offer high-paying jobs.

But residents, such as Palm City's Richard Wallace, said infrastructural changes, cultural shifts and economic developments have made for a decade of dramatic highs and lows.

"We're talking about a time when we went from excess to having nothing, to trying to get back on our feet again," said Mr. Wallace, a construction worker who lost his job and was out of work for three months.

His industry was perhaps hardest hit in the local economy, coming to a virtual standstill in Martin County. The number of building permits issued at the close of the last decade, compared to the beginning, dropped about 90 percent.

But Martin County managed to hold onto one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state at 8.1 percent as of last April, according to



U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The arts, too, saw dramatic ebbs and flows, and community theaters struggled to stay afloat.

After nearly 42 seasons, the Barn Theatre, the area's oldest community playhouse, was in dire straits with a crumbling roof, busted air conditioning and insufficient funds for its productions, said president Francine Beckstead.

Staging avant-garde productions and sold-out performances of "Biloxi Blues," "The Cemetery Club" and "The Boys Next Door" was not enough to keep the doors open.

A tough economy and waning attendance threatened the same fate for the Barn that Shiloh Theatrical Company suffered when that group was forced to permanently draw the curtains.

"We were doing some very edgy things but we knew we could only be successful if we could get butts in the seats," Ms. Beckstead said.

By the time Hometown News celebrates its 10th anniversary this month, the Barn will also toast its own survival in the county it has called home for more than four decades.

System meets community health needs

By Scott Samples
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY — Martin County Hospital officially opened its doors on March 8, 1939, with a ceremony featuring hospital authorities and the philanthropists who helped make it a reality.

More than 70 years later, Martin Health System continues to provide exceptional health care services to residents of Martin and St. Lucie counties.

Martin Health provides a continuum of care that includes preventative, primary and acute hospital care, as well as cancer and cardiac care, wellness and rehabilitation services.

Much has changed since the 23-bed hospital originally opened its doors on the banks of the St. Lucie River. According to the organization's first annual report, published Feb. 26, 1940, the hospital and its staff of 17 admitted seven patients on its first day of operation. In its first 11 months, Martin County Hospital admitted 389 patients, including 36 births.

As the area has grown through the years, Martin Health has expanded to meet the community's needs.

Today, Martin Health features two hospitals with a total of 344 beds and 12 locations throughout Martin and St. Lucie counties, providing acute, primary and preventive care.

A third acute-care hospital, Tradition Medical Center, is scheduled to open in west Port St. Lucie in early 2014. And Martin Health is partnering with HealthSouth on a 34-bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation hospital that will open in south Stuart in mid-2013.

In 2011, Martin Health had approximately 19,500 admissions and more than 82,500 visits to its three emergency departments. To accommodate that need, Martin Health employs approximately 3,000 associates, features a medical staff of 375 affiliated physicians and has 850 volunteers serving on its auxiliary.

Through the years, Martin Health has been committed to providing access to quality care, a mission that has been recognized nationally. Martin Health is a seven-time winner of the Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals Award, has twice been named a Thomson Reuters 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals award winner and has received numerous recognitions for the quality of care it provides.

"We are proud of the role Martin Health System has played in this community for more than 70 years of service to residents of Martin and St. Lucie counties," said Mark E. Robitaille, president and chief executive officer.

"Martin Health was created due to the vision and compassion of local citizens who recognized there was a dire need for health care services here. Today, that partnership with the community continues and our

mission of providing access to the highest quality health care services remains as strong as ever."

As the community's needs have grown, so has the breadth of Martin Health's service. Highlights include:

- 1942: The Martin Memorial Auxiliary began serving as volunteers for the hospital.
- 1963: The hospital expanded to 78 beds.
- 1970: The hospital expanded to 120 beds.
- 1976: The hospital expanded to 216 beds.
- 1979: The hospital expanded to 252 beds.
- 1983: The Martin Memorial Foundation was created. Since then, it has raised more than \$100 million, helping to provide access to care for residents of the Treasure Coast. Martin Memorial also first started offering services in St. Lucie County, with an urgent care facility on Port St. Lucie Boulevard.
- 1992: Martin Memorial Hospital became Martin Memorial Health Systems. The primary hospital became Martin Memorial Medical Center and Martin Memorial Hospital South, a second facility, opened its doors.
- 1995: Martin Memorial opened a facility in St. Lucie West.
- 1999: The Martin Memorial Cancer Center opened. It was renamed the Robert

and Carol Weissman Cancer Center in 2005.

- 2003: The emergency department at Hospital South was expanded.
- 2004: Martin Memorial received authorization to begin construction on a heart center. The cancer center's radiation-oncology department expanded to St. Lucie West.
- 2006: The Frances Langford Heart Center opened its doors after a 20-year battle to bring open-heart and interventional cardiology to Martin County.
- 2009: The Martin Memorial Emergency Center at St. Lucie West opens. Martin Memorial also begins its first collaborative research study with the Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute Florida, a life sciences organization located at the Tradition Center for Innovation in west Port St. Lucie.
- 2010: The Back and Spine Center opens on the campus of Martin Memorial Medical Center, providing comprehensive back and spine care.
- 2011: Martin Memorial Health Systems becomes Martin Health System.
- 2012: In March, Martin Health breaks ground on Tradition Medical Center, a 90-bed hospital in west Port St. Lucie. In May, ground is broken for the HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital at Martin Health on the Martin Hospital South campus.



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Martin County Hospital opened in 1939 in Stuart on the banks of the St. Lucie River.



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Area eye care practitioner grows her business

By Jeffrey Wall
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY — Dr. Jewell Chang, a native of Jensen Beach, is a board-certified optometrist licensed by the state of Florida. An alumnus of Martin County High School, Dr. Chang conducted her undergraduate studies at South Florida University where she took a bachelor of science degree. Upon completion she attended Nova Southeastern University where she earned her degree in optometry.

In 2002 Dr. Chang opened Osceola Optique. Originally located in downtown Stuart, Dr. Chang had a vision of creating a relaxing, comfortable environment where entire families could rest assured that their eye care needs were in able, caring hands.

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Realtors merge to form new partnership

By Carol Woodmansee
For Hometown News

TREASURE COAST — Three generations of two pioneer real estate families have combined their history into the largest regional real estate company on the Treasure Coast.

Coldwell Banker Paradise Ed Schlitt Realtors (www.FLColdwellBanker.com) merged with Hoyt C. Murphy Realtors. The merger created nine offices spanning all of the Indian River Lagoon area from Martin County through Brevard County. The company now consists of a dedicated team of 190 sales professionals, rental associates and property managers, and a staff of 30.

The combined companies want to recognize their long history and will be marketing under Coldwell Banker Paradise Ed Schlitt Realtors in Indian River and Brevard Counties and under Coldwell Banker Paradise Hoyt Murphy Realtors in St. Lucie and Martin Counties.

Brokers/owners Steven Schlitt and his sister, Linda Schlitt Gonzalez and Hoyt C "Pat" Murphy Jr. will be the management team guiding the combined company.

The original company was founded by Ed and Marguerite Schlitt in 1953 in Vero Beach. The Ed Schlitt Agency was founded as a real estate and insurance company in the Mews Building, which still stands on 14th Avenue.

Ed Schlitt moved the business two years later to the 1300 block of 20th Avenue, now the Irish American Club in Vero Beach. Ed's brothers, Bob and Louis, joined him and formed a business group in the late 1950s.

Over the past 60 years, the real estate market has changed dramatically.



Ed and Marguerite Schlitt

Photo courtesy of Schlitt family



When the company was founded, there was no multiple list service in the area. Realtors held their listings in secret to keep competing real estate brokers from selling them. It was not unusual for a seller to list with multiple brokers resulting in a half-dozen for sale signs in each yard.

Ed Schlitt realized this was an inefficient system. He worked with other local real estate brokers to establish the Indian River County multiple listing service.

In the early 1970s, Ed Schlitt helped to organize the building of the first two condominiums in Indian River County. He was instrumental in procuring developers to build The Ocean Chateau condominium and invested in the project, as well as being the primary selling broker for the condominiums in the Royal Riviera in the Vero

Beach. As the business continued to grow, the selling of real estate became more highly technical. Buyers from outside of the area were learning about this piece of paradise along the Treasure and Space Coasts.

For people to feel more comfortable investing in real estate, Ed Schlitt believed he needed to partner with a brand known for its integrity and real estate savvy. He joined Coldwell Banker in 1983 and the Ed Schlitt Agency became known as Coldwell Banker Ed Schlitt.

When Sears Corporation bought Coldwell Banker and Allstate Insurance, it was necessary to split the real estate and insurance divisions of the company. Ed Schlitt continued the real estate brokerage business, and Bob and Louis Schlitt took over the insurance company.

Through the decades, markets rose and fell in continuous business cycles. Rampant inflation followed by the gas embargos in the 1970s led to a crash in the real estate market in 1973 and 1974, which left buildings uninhabited and dete-

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Tattoo studio owner has seen good, bad times

By Linda "Lady Fish" Frank
For Hometown News

When I first arrived in Fort Pierce in 1978, Interstate- 95 ended in Fort Pierce.

Along with my late ex-husband, we opened the first and only tattoo studio Skin-Art Tattoo on U.S. 1 in Fort Pierce.

Hurricane David came through and the protection was using masking tape and plywood on the jalousie windows.

Shopping back then was at the Piggly Wiggly and K-Mart. Commercial rent was only \$250 a month on U.S.1 back then.

We were featured in the

Miami Herald in 1979.

Later, we moved our shop to Jensen Beach where everything was quiet after 5 p.m.

Summertime was slow, hot and after the snowbirds left, it was business with the locals.

There were hardly any cars on U.S. 1 from Fort Pierce to Stuart.

Then we moved to open the first tattoo studio in Port St. Lucie.

There wasn't a St. Lucie West and Prima Vista Boulevard ended at the Turnpike Bridge.

Our clients were from 18 to 70 years old.

The shop name was changed to Skin-art tattoo

boutique and was painted pink since the clientele had been changing.

I also opened Custom Thangs in Port St. Lucie. This was a bike and hot rod shop on Village Green Drive.

I appeared in many television, newspaper and magazine stories.

When I was at Tattoo World people were starting to ask more for the permanent make-up. This was due to the news media with Dear Abby trashing it as she did tattooing. It made people more curious, so they wanted to know more about it.

Doing a lot of consultations and educating the public and media through news-



paper and magazine articles, I decided to break out on my own and open Always Perfect Permanent Make-Up on Prima Vista Boulevard in 1993.

I introduced the medical field to the many benefits permanent make-up had to offer. Working in my studio

on my own, I applied eye-brows, eyeliner, full lips, including but not limited to applying areola and color reconstruction.

Now my clients were coming up in age, from 70 to 94 for permanent eyebrows due to eyesight problems, shaking hands and medical issues.

I opened another tattoo studio Artistic Designs and later with my son Beyond Reality Tattoo.

Port St. Lucie business was booming and people were moving here and building and buying homes. More commercial shopping centers were being built.

Then the hurricanes start-

ed hitting us in 2004 and shook us up. The businesses were closing and people were losing their homes.

The road construction on Prima Vista kept dragging out.

Always Perfect Permanent Make-Up made it 17 years on Prima Vista and with the rent climbing to almost \$1,000 for 600 square feet off of U.S.1.

I moved my studio to historical Fort Pierce and restored a house that was built in 1910 and painted it three shades of pink where it is still open for business.

I guess I've been busy in this area over the years. I've been through the good times and the slow times.

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But on blind faith, I said yes, and here we are today. In this capitalistic, entrepreneurial-driven economy, in which most businesses don't make it to five years, we are celebrating our 10-year anniversary.

In the very competitive media business, I don't think any of the local news outlets, some with 100 years on us, bet on *Hometown News* surviving a year, let alone 10.

The journalist in me would prefer to think of the newspaper as providing a noble and necessary

service, so important in this democratic society that the press is often referred to as "The Fourth Estate," the unofficial branch on par with the executive, legislative and judicial branches of U.S. government.

But newspapers are also a business. We have the right to a free press in this country, but somebody has to pay for it.

As a news organization, we worry about getting headlines right and writing fair and accurate stories. But as a business, we also worry about the fluctuating cost of goods (newsprint, gas for our delivery trucks) and availability of services (how do we publish without electricity after a hurricane?)

Over the last decade, I have gained a new appreciation for the small business owner, his struggles and challenges, as well as triumphs and successes.

That's why we invited local businesses that have also made it in the last 10 years to celebrate with us, and share their stories with you in this edition.

Also in this edition, we've invited officials in the markets we serve along Florida's East Coast to recap what's changed and shaped their communities in these 10 years in local history.

I can't tell the *Hometown News* story as well as the paper's founding publisher, Steve Erlanger, who wrote the company history some years ago. The account below, part history, part proud pronouncement, and part declaration of the brightness of the future, is the story of our newspaper company. I hope you find it as inspiring a piece as I do every time I read it:

"In September of 2001, longtime Fort Pierce resident and local businessman Vernon Smith contact-

ed publisher Steve Erlanger about starting a newspaper company.

Vernon was not happy with the print media situation on the Treasure Coast. He thought one of the country's fastest-growing markets should have more than one voice and more than one option when it came to providing news and offering advertising opportunities.

"On June 14, 2002, *Hometown News* debuted with what has come to be known as the largest launch of a newspaper company in the history of the industry: three separate editions, including Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce and Martin County with 65,000 circulation and 22 full-time employees, who were all about to embark on an amazing journey.

"In the next four years, *Hometown News* was publishing in 19 different markets with a little more

than 500,000 in circulation. *Hometown News* could now lay claim to having the fastest growth of a newspaper company in the history of newspapers.

"In our very first year, *Hometown News* was selected by two leading national community newspaper associations as one of the top three community newspapers in the country. We were also honored as being the top award-winning community newspaper group in the country.

"We were voted the No. 1 community newspaper in America in our second year, and have been in the top three nearly every year since then. We were also honored as the only community newspaper in history to be voted No. 1 by both national newspaper associations in the same year.

"Statewide, we have been honored as being the top award-winning community newspaper group by the Community Papers of Florida seven of the 10 years we have been in existence.

Over the past few years, *Hometown News* has adapted to the changing economy. We have tightened up, gotten smarter about how we do business,

combined some editions and focused our efforts in the counties that matched our model. We converted from saturation delivery to a subscription home delivery model. With more than 150,000 subscribers out of our circulation of 267,000, *Hometown News* is one of the largest subscription papers in the nation.

"With the changes we have made over the years, *Hometown News* is primed to move into the future as a lean, mean, newspaper. The strength of community newspapers has increased, while the competition is waning. Good, quality local community news will always be important to the residents of our cities and towns, and *Hometown News* will be here to provide that valuable information.

"Our success can be attributed to one main factor: our people. The team at *Hometown News* is indeed what makes the difference between us and the other advertising and local news sources in the communities we serve. As long as we continue to hire and bring the very best, most-skilled and committed individuals to our team, then our growth and success will continue.

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Columnist wishes paper happy anniversary

Hi everybody! First and foremost, I would like to wish *Hometown News* a very happy 10-year anniversary! It seems like just yesterday that the first edition ran off the presses to the delight of Martin and St. Lucie County residents. I am proud to have been a part of this for the past 10 years.

Most of the readers know me as the writer of the Garden Nook, but prior to that I did a weather column known as Joe's DiscoWeather Central Time Capsule (say that three times fast). This was a column that took you, the reader, back in time with local weather events that happened many years ago. Some of the events went as far back as the 1800s.

Let me rewind just a bit. As a kid, I always had an intense interest in the weather. I was never satisfied to watch the weather report and see what it was going to do. I wanted to know why it was going to rain or snow. I started to



GARDEN NOOK
JOE ZELENAK

read and study about weather systems, fronts and above all hurricanes.

To make the story a little shorter, actually a lot shorter, all this led me to the creation of Joe's Disco Weather Central (now hometownweather.net) in 1999.

Although the website was a great outlet, I still wanted to share my interest even further. My opportunity came when Carol, my wife, was just starting with *Hometown News* and she suggested that I do their weather. I thought about it and eventually decided to take the challenge. Carol then set up an appointment with Tammy Raits, managing editor of *Hometown News*. When we had our first meeting, we tossed around different ideas and

came up with the idea of talking about past weather events along with current forecasts. The main idea was to have the weather done from a local standpoint.

I must add that Tammy was my inspiration. It was her inspiration that made the column a success. In 2005, we decided to shift gears and that led me to a new challenge to proudly write the garden column, now called The Garden Nook, for the paper. Since I had 27 years of horticulture experience under my belt, it was an exciting transition. Ten years later I am still writing the Garden Nook and I also own a remote computer repair company. My interest in the weather and horticulture is just as strong as ever, if not stronger.

Hometown News is one of the greatest local papers in America and my wish is for their continued grand success!

Happy anniversary *Hometown News!*

Letter

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It is the house of an owner who feels he/she can write an article saying how unsafe an entire community is when he/she seems to be the only one with problems.

The days of a welcoming Palm City neighborhood have been taken from us by one individual homeowner. However, this is not the desire of a majority of this community.

Two weeks ago, more than 20 homeowners met at my house to discuss the article this paper had printed about us. We were not asked to contribute to this article, only two to three individuals who

wanted to remain anonymous, were allowed to give their opinions about what it is like to live here.

We as a community were hurt by what this article said and felt that enough was enough and it was time to take a stand. We are tired of our friends in communities around us being locked out.

One individual homeowner does not have the right to speak for the rest of us. Highlands Reserve was once a welcoming community.

I hope someday soon those days will return and I invite all of Palm City to come by and experience how great it is to live here.

Joe Swisher
Palm City

Realtors

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riorating. But by the late 70s, home and condominium sales were booming again. The old condos were refurbished and new condos built.

In the 1980s, high interest rates drove down market prices and caused many savings and loans to collapse. Once again, the market quickly recovered in the late 80s.

The current real estate recession, which started in 2006, is only one of a series that have come and gone.

The real estate market is currently recovering, and will once again become robust as it has in past cycles.

Linda Schlitt Gonzalez and Steven Schlitt continue in the tradition of their parents, Ed and Marguerite Schlitt, by continuously expanding the business and striving to be the most innovative brokerage along the Indian River, from Martin County through Brevard.

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Linda Schlitt said.

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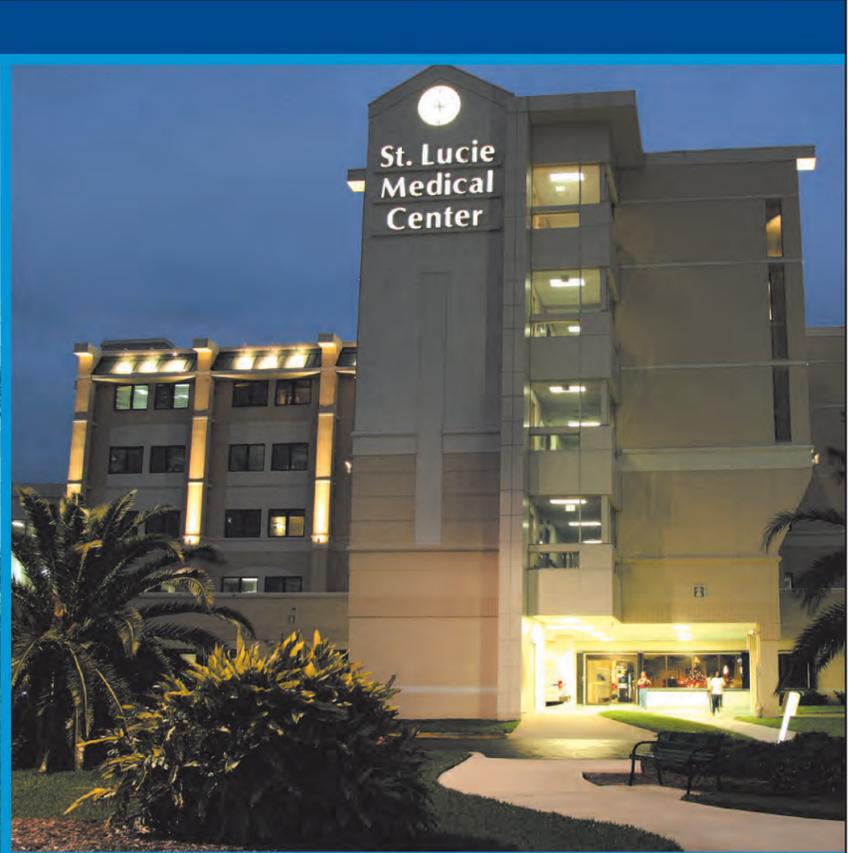


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Event celebrates theater's survival, recognizes achievers



File photo

Francine Beckstead, Barn Theatre president, at a recent event. An award show on June 23 will celebrate the theater's continuing success.

By **Samantha Joseph**
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MARTIN COUNTY — An awards dinner on June 23 will celebrate how the Barn Theatre has continued to thrive, surviving several harsh financial seasons and enduring as the area's oldest community theater.

It will also be an opportunity to recognize the group's most dedicated volunteers and supporters, while ushering in new officers who will serve in leadership roles. "This really is just going to be more of a

group hug. We're just celebrating that we're doing better than expected since a few seasons ago," said Francine Beckstead, the Barn Theatre's president.

"The community came together, our shows are wonderful, we're pulling new people, so we're just really going to pat ourselves on the back."

The dinner will allow the theater's well-wishers, actors, crew and volunteers to relax for an evening of festivity.

It is set for Pirate's Loft Restaurant, located at 4307 S.E. Bayview St.,

Stuart.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. and runs until 10 p.m. On the menu is a buffet of roast beef, lemon chicken, salmon, side dishes and dessert.

Dress is casual chic and dinner costs \$37 with a cash bar.

Organizers said the evening promises to be one of good food, fun and good friends in a beautiful waterfront setting.

But the highlights will include distributing about six awards to outstanding affiliates.

The president's award pays tribute to an excep-

tional volunteer, while the David Moon award, named for one of the Barn's founders, is given for exceptional service.

The group also bestows a technical director's award for set decoration, set design and stage management.

The goal, they said, was to say thanks to the up to 500 volunteers, directors, actors, sponsors and others who contribute to the group.

"We're feeling pretty positive," Ms. Beckstead said. "We really try to put community back into community theater."



Week of 6-22-2012

ARIES - March 21-April 20

You can have all the inspiration in the world, Aries, but without solid financial backing, your enterprise will not find its wings. Spend your energy finding investors.

TAURUS - April 21-May 21

You are torn between two choices, Taurus. Family matters are on one side and work responsibilities are on the other. It may take a few days to work out a decision.

GEMINI - May 22-June 21

It's difficult to contain all of your energy, Gemini, so instead you can choose to share some with others. Try tackling some other people's projects until your energy wanes.

CANCER - Jun 22-Jul 22

Some people may view you as being selfish this week, Cancer, but you view your actions as putting yourself first for a change. Either way, it's a decidedly "you-centered" few days.

LEO - July 23-Aug. 23

While some people are revved up with energy, Leo, you will seem to be stuck in neutral this week. Don't fret too much about it unless you have deadlines you need to meet.

VIRGO - Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Virgo, these next few days you will want to do activities that put yourself first. Whether it's a date or simply alone time, enjoy it and stop neglecting your needs.

LIBRA - Sept. 23-Oct. 23

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THURSDAY, JUNE 28

• **SCORE & Indian River State College will conduct a free understanding Florida sales tax workshop** from 9:30-11 a.m. in the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce's conference room, 1850 S.W. Fountainview Blvd., Suite 201, Port St. Lucie. Free and open to the public, but must register at www.treasure-coast.score.org.

Bars and Clubs

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

• **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. - 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.
 • **Harborcove Bar and Grill**, 1930 Harbortown Drive in the Harbortown Marina. Fridays, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Mike Denne. (772) 429-5303
 • **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.
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SATURDAY, JUNE 23

• **Bogey's & Stogey's**, 1032 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Call for performers. (772) 337-7778.
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 • **Courtyard Marriot in Jensen Beach**, 10978 S Ocean Drive, Jensen Beach. Capt. Ron will be Poolside from 4-8 p.m. (772) 229-1000
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and it can be hard assimilating back into your regular routine. You, however, have no problem getting back into a groove.

SCORPIO - Oct 24-Nov 22

Turning a hobby into something that makes money is an admirable goal, but it will take a little work, Scorpio. Don't give up too easily as it could take a few months to solidify.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Sagittarius, you may be adept at finding an easy way around a difficult thing, but sometimes taking the harder road offers good life lessons along the

way.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22-Jan. 20

When money issues arise, the only way to remedy them is to stop spending. This could involve taking a hard look at your lifestyle and what you may not be able to afford.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Everyone expects you to dole out the advice, Aquarius, but this week you will be looking for your own. It could be because you have been tackling so many projects lately.

PISCES - Feb. 19-March 20

There are few things that escape your attention, Pisces. However, this week you will be blindsided by certain news.

Hospital wins national award

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

MARTIN COUNTY — The Martin Health System Marketing and Communications Department is the recipient of a prestigious national silver ADDY award for the design of the 2011 MHS physician holiday party invite.

Sabrina Glover, creative designer, in collaboration with physician recruiter Jenny Flaugh, developed and designed the invitation which featured a colorful gift box fastened with a Band-Aid.

"We are very proud of this award and our creative team," said Miguel Coty, vice president of marketing and communications.

"The design was eye-catching and playful in inviting recipients to open it. This is a tough national competition that features top-tiered advertising agencies with national campaigns and funding. It is an honor to be in the same company of the country's greatest creative minds and to be recognized at this level."

The Martin Health entry

first won at the local Treasure Coast Ad Fed level, and then the regional level, before being submitted to the national competition.

The ADDY Awards competition is conducted annually by the American Advertising Federation, which comprises 40,000 advertising professionals. The contest is the advertising industry's largest and most representative competition for creative excellence.

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Fundraiser a savory success



Photo courtesy of Molly's House

From left: Deanna Doodin, Terry Rieger and her husband, Frederick, of The Diamond Tea Room & Bistro. The tea room took home second place in the entrée category.

For Hometown News
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MARTIN COUNTY — Molly's House third annual Prêt à Manger little taste fundraiser, held May 21, was a success.

The event, sponsored by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, Women's Health Specialists, Barbara Trimble, Edward Miller & Son, Dancan Sound and Eventmakers International, featured 12 area restaurants, savory samples, cocktails, a 50/50 raffle, auctions, house tours and musical entertainment by Andrew Scott.

The 140 guests, participating restaurants and auction-item providers helped raise \$11,000 for the Molly's House adopt-a-family program. The program subsidizes room costs for

patients and families that stay at Molly's House during a medical emergency.

The Green Mango, the Diamond Tea Room & Bistro, Silver Platter Catering, Hayes Gourmets Bakery & Café, Cabot Creamery Cooperative, Southern Pig & Cattle Co., Treasure Coast Confections, Ian's Tropical Grill, PRP Wine International, Bagel Brothers of New York, Paella Grill and 7 Orchids won first place in the appetizer category.

In the entrée division, Bagel Brothers of New York took home first place, the Diamond Tea Room & Bistro won second place and Southern Pig & Cattle Co. won third place. Treasure Coast Confections placed first in the dessert category and Hayes Gourmets Bakery & Café won second place. Guests also voted for their favorites in appetizers, entrees and desserts. 7 Orchids won the People's Choice award for best appetizer. Bagel Brothers of New York won the People's Choice award for best entree and presentation, taste, menu and ingredi-

ents, compatibility and creativity.

Ian's Tropical Grill won first place in the appetizer category.

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Nonprofit chooses new headquarters

For Hometown News
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STUART — The nonprofit Pink Tie Friends organization has selected Stuart for its new Treasure Coast headquarters.

The office is located at 901 S.E. Johnson Ave., near downtown Stuart and the Stuart Post Office.

"We are very pleased to have our first ever official headquarters," said Judy Schilder, president, Pink Tie Friends.

"Our leased space will serve the current and future needs of this very vibrant and growing organization," said Ms. Schilder.

The Pink Tie Friends were

welcomed to the city by Stuart City Commissioner Troy McDonald.

"We're proud to have our Friends in Pink select Stuart for their headquarters. Pink Tie Friends play a critical role in helping breast cancer patients throughout the Treasure Coast receive financial assistance to battle breast cancer. On behalf of all the citizens of Stuart, we welcome Pink Tie Friends," said Mr. McDonald.

The organization raises funds for women and men who have been diagnosed with breast cancer but who are either under insured or have no insurance.

"We now have the capability to sit down with an applicant to assess their

needs or meet with a potential donor who wants to help our organization save lives on the Treasure Coast," said Ms. Schilder.

The Pink Tie Friends office will operate on abbreviated hours Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Our main focus is still on raising funds, so at this time, we will be limiting hours of office operations. As we continue to grow, we do anticipate the office being operated more hours each day," said Ms. Schilder.

To become a volunteer member or to make a contribution, call (772) 486-6707 or visit www.PinkTieFriends.org



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Stuart City Commissioner Troy McDonald welcomes Judy Schilder, president of Pink Tie Friends, to its new corporate headquarters in Stuart.

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Everyone should practice water safety

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TREASURE COAST — Florida loses more children under age 5 to drowning every year than any other state in the nation.

Hundreds more experience near-drowning tragedies that can cause permanent health problems and developmental delay.

The Department of Children and Families investigates accidental drownings to determine if neglect was a factor. In all cases, drowning is preventable. Children do not drown when someone is

dedicated to watching them.

"Parents and caregivers should remember that nothing is more important than keeping your eyes on a child in the water," said David Wilkins, DCF secretary. "A child can drown in less than 5 minutes."

DCF and the Department of Health are partnering to prevent drownings and save children's lives. About 5,000 books that teach children how to be safe around water are being distributed to children at safety events this summer, and more than 20,000 brochures with tips on drowning prevention

are being handed out to parents and other caregivers.

Unintentional drowning is the leading cause of death for children under age 4 in Florida. More than two-thirds of these deaths occurred in swimming pools. However, drownings also occur in canals, the ocean, bathtubs, toilets and buckets of water.

Young children can drown in less than 2 inches of water and in less than 5 minutes, the time it takes to use the restroom or answer a telephone. Many parents have only left their child alone for a few minutes before drowning.

"I urge Floridians and visitors to supervise children closely and keep toddlers within arms reach at swimming pools," said John Armstrong, Florida's surgeon general.

"Pool safety is everyone's responsibility across layers of protection, which include supervision, barriers (such as alarms on doors, pool fences and locking gates), and readiness to call 911 in case of emergency."

Follow the water safety tips below and never, ever leave a child unattended in or near any water.

- Install fencing and other barriers around pools and check regularly to make sure they are working properly.
- Make sure doors have alarms and child-proof locks.

- Adults should learn to swim and also teach their children how to swim.

Children from non-swimming households are eight times more likely to be at risk of drowning.

- Remove toys, especially riding toys, away from the pool area. Children can fall off of riding tools like bicycles and into the water.
- Never allow a child to be around any water unsupervised. That includes bathtubs, buckets, ponds, ditches, canals, pools, rivers, oceans, hot tubs and more.

- If there are multiple adults watching children in the pool, designate one adult at a time as the official "water watcher," to keep a constant eye on the children.
- Never allow a child to supervise another child near or in water.

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

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Having a groovy time



Mitch Kloorfain/chief photographer
Tom and Sue Whittington of Palm City at the St. Lucie Education Foundation's annual summer aolstice event at Torrey Pines Institute of Molecular Research Saturday, June 16.

time in order to understand the complete history. No tour on July 4.

• **Jazz Society events:** Tuesday, jazz jams at the Sunrise Black Box Theatre, 117 S. Second St., Fort Pierce, from 7-10 p.m. \$5 cover. Full bar available. Every other Wednesday evenings; jazz jams at the gardens, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$3 cover. Wine and beer available. 2410 Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Saturday mornings, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Jazz market in downtown Fort Pierce along the Indian River waterfront.

• **Karaoke nites** hosted by the Karaoke Kops at The Lyric's Flagler Center on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6 and 10 p.m. Come sing with the Karaoke Kops (Stripling Entertainment). Choose from many karaoke songs including top 40, oldies, classic rock, Broadway to country. Perform in front of a video projection screen so the audience can see and sing along. Take part in singing, dancing or cheering for the performers, while enjoying drink specials from the full bar.

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USGA should let go of 'par,' let players' talents shine

As I pen this column, I am sitting in my cozy recliner. Next to me sits my father. We are awaiting the start of the United States Open Championship. This Fathers' Day weekend promises to be special.

In addition to my father visiting, I have my oldest daughter here, as well. While the last thing she or her younger sister want to do is watch golf with us, they still appreciate time spent with dad and pop pop.

I hope we get to see a great tournament. Of golf's three majors, the U.S. Open is my third favorite. I put the Masters atop my list, with the Open Championship a close second.

What drives me crazy with our national championship is the silliness of the United States Golf Association and its obsession with making "par" the yardstick by which we measure a golfer.

At this, their signature



GOLF
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event, the USGA usually seems hell-bent on making a mockery of the course and the game.

I agree that any true championship should involve a stern test of mind, body and skill. It should require great ball striking, a little luck and mental toughness. The U.S. Open certainly provides all of these.

I'm all for challenging the best players in the world. But what is more entertaining? A Sunday filled with double bogeys, 5-foot putts that roll 20 yards off of cement-hard greens, rough a foot from the fairway that is so deep you can hardly see your feet much less find your golf ball? Or the final round of the Masters?

To the stodgy, must-

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Diving for a return



Shannon O'Connor/photography intern

DeAnna Mendocha of Martin County dives for a return during the 'Life's A Beach' volleyball tournament Saturday, June 16 at South Fork High School. For more images and team results please visit www.hometownnewsol.com.

Plenty of fish for the taking last week

Well sort of a quiet week on the fishing scene, not sure why the fish are home but not a lot of anglers.

Seas off shore have been a little sporty and this mornings' 10-mph wind may have dampened a few plans, but still it has been a beautiful week.

Let's start on the surf edge. Whiting and there has been a good catch, one just had to look for an area that was free of weeds. Keep in mind, weeds offer a lot of cover for our fish but I am sure glad when it leaves, Snook, tarpon, permit and more will be there.

Still the blues early with a very narrow bite time, but plenty to make up for. Big whiting and croaker, something to take home but



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the snook are there with them, so before you use one as bait, take the barbs off the hook for an easy release.

Still waiting to hear about the tarpon. We know they are rolling and we have had a few pick up a bait just not the hook and no, I don't know how they do it.

Permit again this week on sand fleas. Anglers looking for pompano found them with a long cast, not a lot, but still worth the effort and even you are not fishing the surf is the sight we all came to be with. Bring your coffee and come on down. You will

not be disappointed.

Offshore not a weed line or a color line and the dolphin are just as scarce, scattered, one here one there. This is the time when you need to take dinner to the fish. Trolled Bally is preferred, if you do find them, then live baits but do not wait for them to find you. Bonita a plenty; now is the time to think about strip baits for fall. Get them while you can.

Bottom fishing continues to be the place to fill the box from 50 feet out. Lanes, muttons, yellow tail and gags not to mention the AJs and the cobia. Where is the pitch rod? Still plenty of Cobia coming to the boat or following your catch to the surface; pay attention.

River anglers pick out a spot and be there before sun

up throwing a top water bait or a chugger, a bait that makes noise, one that will get some attention. After the sun has been up for an hour or two the fish will move to deeper water. Trout and reds are on this list. When these fish move to deeper water soft rubber or a suspending bait will find them, slow down. Turn the motor off and drift to the channel markers. Shrimp on a jig head, the triple tail love the warm sun, and the tarpon, who knows, but low light seems to work best.

Yes, it is warm and the sun is bright and that is what I love about south Florida.

Henry Caimatto is the owner of the Snook Nook Bait and Tackle shop in Jensen Beach.

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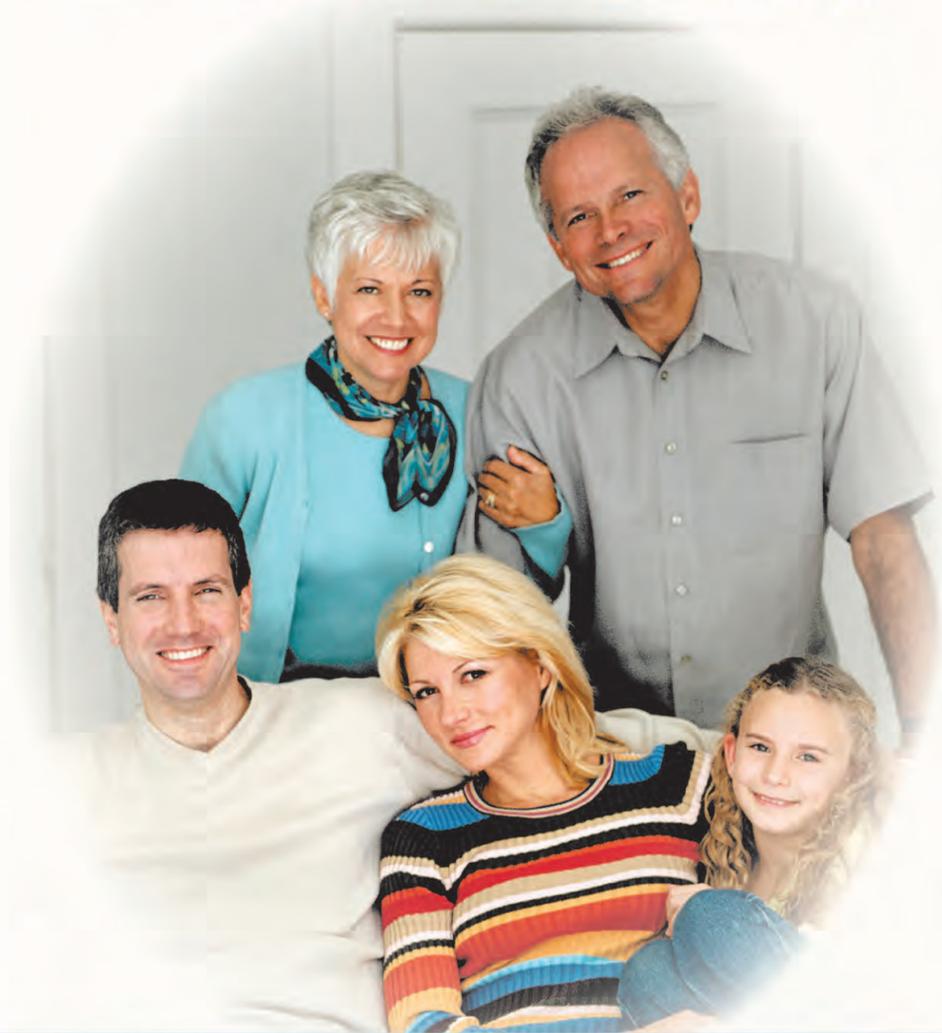
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