



INSIDE



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.

Incriminating thyself

A St. Lucie County woman reported she discovered a man on her property. After he left, she found some lithium batteries were missing. She gave deputies a description of the suspect and they eventually found him. He told the investigators he was only looking for junk. He also said he didn't take any batteries. The only problem with that was no one had told him batteries were missing. Oops!

Doing what you have to do

A Martin County man walked into a store and walked out with numerous cases of beer without paying. When a clerk noticed him walking out, he said, "I've got to do what I have to do." The clerk no doubt felt he/she had to do what he/she had to do when he/she notified authorities of the theft. And it turned out surveillance showed the thief had previously stolen beer. The Martin County deputy who found the

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Group wants to start center to turn trash to art

By Samantha Joseph
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MARTIN COUNTY — The Hobe Sound Women's Club is talking trash, or rather ways to turn garbage into material for art. The General Federation

of Women's Clubs and Hobe Sound Women's Club have joined forces with its Stuart counterpart to work on a plan to bring a major recycling project to the county. The groups hope to open

See **TRASH, A2**

Man accused of stealing campaign signs

By Jay Meisel
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MARTIN COUNTY — A Stuart man accused of stealing 57 campaign signs told authorities he did not have a political agenda, an arrest affidavit said. Nicholas Joseph Caputo, 23, 5370 S.E.

Marion Way, was arrested Aug. 10. See **SIGNS, A5**



Program formed to fight drug abuse

By Jay Meisel
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MARTIN COUNTY — When Donielle Bonnie died of a drug overdose at age 25 a decade ago, she didn't fit the picture that many have of drug addicts, her mother said last week. She was a young woman celebrating life, as opposed to perception of a drug addict being someone living on the streets, committing crimes and facing a downward spiral, said Rose Bonnie-Bosley, her mother. "She was a very gifted young woman," Ms. Bonnie-Bosley said. For years after her daughter's death, she fought to prevent other young people

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Fruit of the season



Jordan Golden, 10, of Palm City races through a slice of melon during a watermelon eating contest at the Hobe Sound Bible College Summer Band Camp Thursday, Aug. 9. The students performed their annual concert the following day.

Mitch Kloorfain
chief photographer

Fund to help youth ranch program

By Jay Meisel
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MARTIN COUNTY — For decades, Martin County Sheriff Robert L. Crowder and his wife, Debbie, have supported the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches program. To recognize that support, another long-term benefactor of the program from Martin County has started the Bob and Debbie Crowder appreciation fund to help troubled youth in Martin County. "With his upcoming retirement, I thought it would be nice to name something in appreciation of both of them for what they've done for the youth ranch program," said John T. Pratt, who started the fund along with his wife, Janey. Mr. Pratt said the fund will pay for troubled youth to attend the summer camp of the youth ranch program. He hopes others will donate to the endowment fund and that interest from

See **RANCH, A4**

Church offers free wedding hall

It's to benefit victims of planner fraud

By Samantha Joseph
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PALM CITY — A local church has stepped forward to help victims of a wedding planner now charged with fraud. Immanuel Lutheran Church is offering its Palm City reception hall to former clients of Marc Bergeron, who say he unexpectedly left town with thousands in deposits. "We're basically opening our facility to wedding parties," said administrator Alphaenia Shine. "The church is community-minded, and when we saw this need, we wanted to assist in any way that we could. We know it's a benefit to the community if we all help." The hall is located at 2655 S.W. Immanuel Drive, between Mapp Road and Matheson Avenue. It has a sound system, stage, com-

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Parents give school gift of music in son's memory



Photo courtesy Doreen Poreba
Stuart Middle School band director Chris Kalwa, left, accepts one of two saxophones that were donated by Ginny and Jack Luther, center. Carlyle Weber, right, owner of the Band Box, also contributed.

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MARTIN COUNTY — Robert "Bart" Fletcher was a "difficult" and "defiant" child during his time at Stuart Middle School, until a music teacher there became his mentor and set him on a path that made him an exemplary and ambitious student. That's why his parents

have donated two musical instruments to the school in memory of the boy who later excelled in school and eventually grew up to become an Army lieutenant. "As we look back over our lives, we look at key things that happened and we think that his relationship with (former instructor Al Hager), and his involvement with the Stuart

Middle School band, were integral parts of what made him who he was," said stepfather Jack Luther. His mother, Ginny Luther said, "Bart was not easy at this stage of his life but Al Hager believed he was a valuable player. It was then Bart believed in himself. His experience in middle school with the band

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ENTERTAINMENT B1

DANCE OFF



Contestant Jade Smith gearing up for dance competition

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Trash
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a local branch of the Resource Depot, a center that prevents useful corporate discards, samples and scraps from ending up in landfills.

"This is a perfect location," said Elaine Kwan, arts chairman of the Hobe Sound Women's Club.

The nearest Resource Center is in Rivera Beach and is one of 20 in the state and 40 nationwide.

Creating a local one would prevent tons of still-useful material from going to waste, the women's group said.

Depot crews collect clean and safe products from businesses and make them available to teachers from nonprofits for use in projects such as arts and crafts.

The timing's right, too, because of financial shortfalls that leave many classrooms struggling for such material, Ms. Kwan said.

"It's a way for people to express themselves. They

make things out of recycled material, and the schools love it," she said.

Businesses that recycle through the program also enjoy a valuable perk.

"They get a tax deduction, fair market value for their discards, which otherwise would just end up in a landfill," Ms. Kwan said.

The Hobe Sound Women's Club is working to rev up support for the idea of bringing the nonprofit to town.

It's organized its latest "Treasures from Trash" workshop for 1-3 p.m. on Sept. 8 at the Robert Morgade Library at the Indian River State College campus, 5851 S.E. Community Drive, just off Salerno Road in Stuart.

The presenter will be Walter Drew, founder of the Reusable Resources Association in Florida.

"His vision is to get the businesses to work with the community and give children and others an inexpensive means of creative expression," Ms. Kwan said.

For more information, call (772) 545-9939.



Photo courtesy Elaine Kwan
Yalana Weaver, 8, displays a car she made from discarded foam at a workshop in Hobe Sound. The Hobe Sound Women's Club wants to open a nonprofit that would collect corporate discards for use in art projects.

Hall
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mercial kitchen and can seat 250.

It usually rents for \$125 per hour, with a price tag of about \$400 for most weddings.

"We decided to step up to the plate and right the wrong that had been done," Ms. Shine said. "We'll open to anyone who was affected by this situation and try to book whatever dates they had planned for their wedding."

Church leaders made the decision during a monthly council meeting after news broke of Mr. Bergeron's alleged theft.

More than a dozen couples and other clients have come forward, accusing the Stuart resident of abruptly shutting down his business while holding deposits for weddings, birthday celebrations and other parties.

Authorities said Mr. Bergeron left town with about \$17,000 in deposits for unfulfilled contracts.

The party planner operated the Crystal Reception Hall, located at 4195 S.W. High Meadows Ave. in Palm City.

He remains at the Martin

County Jail, following his extradition from Texas, where Arlington authorities arrested him after a routine traffic stop that led to the discovery of outstanding warrants in Florida.

He faces charges of committing an organized scheme to defraud of less than \$20,000, as well as an unrelated count of violation of probation for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Bond has been set at \$80,000 for the 52-year-old Stuart man, of 2740 S.W. Martin Downs Blvd.

Immanuel Lutheran board members voted unanimously to offer the church's reception hall free of charge.

They are the latest group to offer assistance to Mr. Bergeron's former clients.

Members of the Wedding Professionals of the Treasure Coast, a network of licensed and bonded service providers, have provided thousands in

free services.

Traxx Entertainment, Michael & Josephine Photography, Cakes by Elena, Silver Platter Entrées and Country Club Florists are among those who contributed.

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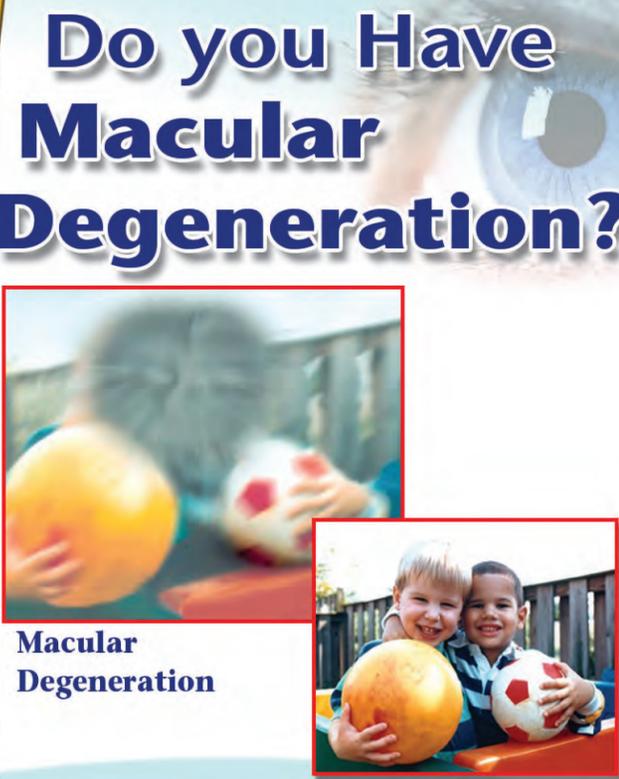
Sam Hager is the Immanuel Lutheran Church board member who suggested offering its reception hall.

"To have one of the happiest moments in a couple's life spoiled by the greed of one man was upsetting to me," he said.

The church's goal, its members said, was to ensure that "one of the most memorable moments in married couples' lives was memorable for a positive reason."

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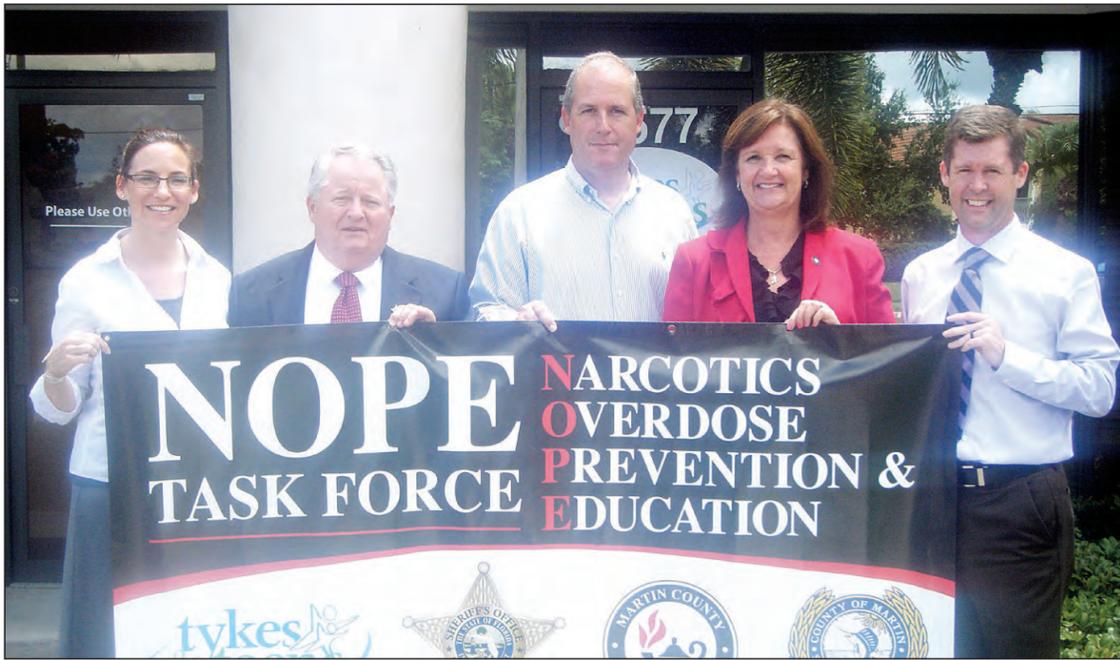


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From left, the Martin County NOPE task force includes Stacey LoSardo of Tykes and Teens, Martin County Sheriff Robert L. Crowder, Martin County Commissioner Ed Ciampi, Nancy Kline, Martin County superintendent of schools and Jeff Ralicki, executive director of Tykes and Teens.

Abuse

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From sharing the same fate. But much of her efforts were focused in Palm Beach County because Martin County did not have a chapter of the Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education program.

When the program started last week in Martin County, Ms. Bonnie-Bosley became one of the first volunteers.

The need for such a program, that teaches young people abusing drugs puts them at risk for an early death, is just as great as it was when her daughter died on Sept. 25, 2001, following her 25th birthday party, she said.

"We have lost many children since my daughter died," she said, talking about the community as a whole.

The program was launched in Martin County after Nancy Kline, superin-

tendent of schools and Ed Ciampi, a Martin County commissioner, made a presentation about it, said Darcy Flieri, director of prevention services for Tykes and Teens, a Palm City nonprofit organization that works with families and children to deal with such issues as about and domestic violence.

The Martin County Sheriff's Office also is involved, she said.

Ms. Flieri said statistics show the need for such a program in Martin County.

Surveys show that almost 12 percent of youth abuse prescription drugs as compared to almost 10 percent statewide, she said.

"We have a prescription drug abuse epidemic in this country," and the epicenter is in Florida, she said.

To help combat the problem, program participants make presentations at schools, including the stories of other young people who died because of prescription drug abuse, she

said. The program also teaches young people to seek help if a friend using drugs passes out because in many cases those who die from an overdose do so in their sleep.

That's what happened to Ms. Bonnie, her mother recalled. She attended a birthday party and then took some pills after dancing and overdoing it, her mother said.

While many people see drug addicts as "derelicts living in the street, that was not my daughter," she said.

Her daughter had graduated nursing school, was physically active in sports and planned to become married two months after her birthday, Ms. Bonnie-Bosley said.

Her daughter's drug problems started in 2000 when she hurt her back and went to a pain clinic, she said.

The pain clinic prescribed several drugs for her and continued to do so, apparently without being con-

cerned a problem might exist since her daughter still needed the drugs a year later, she said.

Ms. Bonnie-Bosley said sharing the stories of her daughter and others give young people information about the consequences of abusing drugs.

"Kids are kids and they don't think something is going to happen," she said.

She said when she attends presentations oftentimes young people in the audience at the outset are laughing and not taking it seriously.

"I see by the end of the presentation there isn't a dry eye in the gym," she said.

Those organizing the program are hoping other parents such as Ms. Bonnie-Bosley will come forward and share their stories.

To volunteer or learn more about the program, call Stacey Losardo, coordinator, at (772) 220-3439 or email Stacey@tykesandteens.org.

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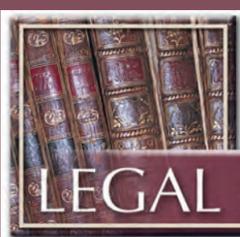
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Service dog dies at 14

By Samantha Joseph
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MARTIN COUNTY — The hospice dog that became a local celebrity after visiting thousands of patients near the end of their lives has died.

Shiloh, a golden retriever, was 14.

He died at home in Michigan with his master, Jerry Hill, who trained his pet to work as a service dog for hospice, church and other non-profits.

Shiloh made his first visit at 6-months old to a terminally ill patient. And for nearly a decade and a half, he visited about 6,000 more patients during the last days or hours of their lives.

"He was my best friend, and I'll miss him terribly," said Mr. Hill.

The dog's work with hospice patients was the subject of "Shiloh Speaks," a funny, uplifting and moving mem-

oir told from the perspective of the amazing service animal.

Written with humor and compassion, the book tells how one therapy dog's spirit brought joy to people most in need.

Mr. Hill and his wife, Barbara, were part-time Stuart residents until Mrs. Hill's death last May.

When the family was in town, Shiloh helped comfort animal lovers who were patients at the Treasure Coast Hospice.

News of his death has led to a flood of support for his longtime master.

"I got all these cards and letters after my wife died, and I've received as many already since Shiloh's died," Mr. Hill said. "It's been quite an outpouring."

The service dog made his last visit three days before his death on July 31.

He had been sick and after several visits to the veterinar-

ian, his master knew the senior dog was terminally ill.

When Mr. Hill took Shiloh to a Michigan hospice to say goodbye to the staff there, employees requested the dog spend some time with one more patient.

"He played with her and then fell asleep, so I knew his career was ending," Mr. Hill said.

Shiloh died at home, overlooking Lake Michigan, one of his favorite playgrounds, his master said.

"I'll take his ashes with me and spread it all the places he went, all the places he loved and all the places he helped," Mr. Hill said.

"Shiloh Speaks" is available from Treasure Coast Hospice and its thrift stores in Martin and St. Lucie counties, Stuart Congregational Church and online from www.Shilohspeaks.thebook.com, www.Amazon.com, and www.BarnesandNoble.com.

Ranch

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it will help more youth.

"We view it as seed money," he said.

He said he and his wife have supported the youth ranch program for more than 10 years.

Colleen Lockwood, a spokeswoman for the youth ranch program, said Sheriff Crowder and his wife deserve to have a fund named after them.

During the past few years, Sheriff Crowder has helped raise thousands to support the program, Ms. Lockwood said.

Besides that, he's served on the board of directors, she said.

"He deserves the accolades," she said.

Ms. Lockwood said Mrs. Crowder has also raised about \$58,000 for the ranch program.

She said Mrs. Crowder has hiked the Appalachians in segments and sought sponsors, with the money going to the youth ranch program.

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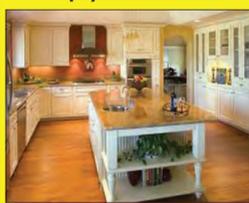
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Police report

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- Reginald Dotson, 41, 933 S.E. Nassau Ave., Stuart, was arrested Aug. 6 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for throwing a missile.
- Reynaldo M. Otero, 34, 980 S.W. Gwendolen Terrace, Port St. Lucie, was arrested Aug. 7 and charged with burglary of a conveyance, grand theft and criminal mischief.
- Omar R. Tellez-Avila, 32, 7845 W. Fourth Lane, Hialeah, was arrested Aug. 7 and charged with four counts of credit card fraud

and eight counts of possession of a counterfeit credit card.

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- Reginald Saul Spann, 27, 2165 N.E. Rustic Place, Jensen Beach, was arrested May 2 and charged with shooting a deadly missile.
- Alpheus B. Marshall, 27, 4235 Waverly Drive, West Palm Beach, was arrested Aug. 2 and charged with failure to appear in court on a charge of being a habitual traffic offender.
- Kevin Lee Losh, 32, 660 N.E. Crescent Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested Aug. 2 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for possession of cocaine and driving under the influence.
- Randy Dale Alexander, 35, 1156 S.E. Tropical Terrace, Stuart, was arrested Aug. 2 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for second-degree grand theft.
- Christopher Jermaine Johnson, 24, 3609 36th Way,

- West Palm Beach, was arrested Aug. 2 and charged with possession of a concealed firearm and possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana.
- Brian Robert Allabastro, 46, 47 S.W. Osceola St., Unit 206, Stuart, was arrested Aug. 3 and charged with aggravated stalking.
- Jose Sebastian Miguel, 20, 15607 Southwest 151st St., Indiantown, was arrested Aug. 4 and charged with resisting an officer with violence and having an unregistered vehicle.
- Lisa Brown, 23, 2825 S.W. Mustang Terrace, Stuart, was arrested Aug. 5 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.
- David R. Landis, 28, 3142 S.E. Hawthorne St., Stuart, was arrested Aug. 5 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for two counts of

- sale/delivery of a controlled substance.
- Jennifer Trethanay Sadae, 508 S.W. Riverpoint Drive N., Stuart, was arrested Aug. 6 and charged with aggravated assault and domestic battery.
- Markee Felton, 21, 8549 S.E. Comus St., Hobe Sound, was arrested Aug. 2 and charged with two counts of battery on a detainee by a detainee.
- Luis Orduna-Para, 21, 3300 Kirby Drive, Titusville, was arrested Aug. 5 and charged with battery on a detainee by a detainee.
- Yandi Villavinceni, aka Yandi Sanchez-Villavinceni, 24, 1837 Fairview Villas Drive, Apt. 1, West Palm Beach, was arrested Aug. 6 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for first-degree grand theft and grand theft of an automobile.
- Jose Lopez-Sangermas, 22, 801 Cherry Road, West Palm Beach, was arrested

- Aug. 6 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for grand theft.
- Alex Antonio Byrnes, 26, 570 S. Dixie Highway, Lantana, was arrested Aug. 8 and charged with conspiracy to possess marijuana with intent to sell or deliver, sale of marijuana and possession of cocaine.
- Patricia Calhoun, 34, 904 W. Wheeler Road, Brandon, was arrested Aug. 7 and charged with failure to appear in court on a charge of dealing in stolen property.
- George Enman, 42, no address given, was arrested Aug. 7 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for fleeing or eluding, burglary and two counts of third-degree grand theft.
- Nathaniel Joseph Holden, 24, 3000 Northwest 60th St., Apt. 1, Miami, was arrested Aug. 7 and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver and possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana.
- Jonathan Daniel Holden,

- 23, 9272 S.E. Parkway Drive, Hobe Sound, was arrested Aug. 7 and charged with possession of Ecstasy and possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana.
- Tinesha Lashay Jones, 31, 14626 Southwest 169th Drive, Indiantown, was arrested Aug. 7 and charged with felony battery.
- Kristen Lynn Turner, 21, 14805 121st St., Puyallup, Wash., was arrested Aug. 8 and charged with third-degree grand theft and two counts of scheme to defraud a financial institution.
- Rebecca Jean Mitchell, 26, 273 N.E. Norfolk Blvd., Stuart, was arrested Aug. 8 and charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.
- Margaret Mary Ciccarelli, 49, 231 Faring Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested Aug. 9 and charged with aggravated domestic battery.
- John Loughran, 50, no address given, was arrested Aug. 8 and charged with shooting or throwing a deadly missile into a building.

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

Signs

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and charged with 57 counts of petit theft. Authorities discovered he had campaign signs for 18 candidate and multiple signs from one candidate in many cases. In some cases the signs were from multiple candidates in the same race.

A list of the candidates whose signs were in his possession included U.S. Rep. Allen West and Martin County Sheriff Robert Crowder, who are opponents in the Republic primary for Congress.



Nicholas Caputo

Other candidates included Ed Ciampi and Patrick Hayes, who are running for county commission, William Snyder, a

candidate for Martin County sheriff and Laurie Gaylord, a candidate for Martin County superintendent of schools.

When asked about why he had the signs, the affidavit said, "The defendant stated he did not think it was right for the signs to be out because it was littering. I (a deputy) advised the defendant it was not littering and the candidates have the right to place the signs out and after the election they are required to clean them up."

Most of the signs taken were near U.S. 1, the affidavit indicates.

It also indicates it was only by chance that the deputy discovered the missing signs.

The deputy wrote in the affidavit that he was traveling south on U.S. 1 looking for a possible reckless driver and passed a vehicle on the side of the road.

Unable to locate the reckless driver, the deputy started heading north and stopped near the vehicle parked on the side of the roadway, the affidavit said.

The deputy stopped to make a welfare check on the driver and noticed campaign signs in the vehicle, the affidavit said.

Blotter

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man did what he had to do and arrested him for theft.

At the wrong place

A Martin County man probably didn't expect what happened when he dropped off a co-worker after work.

When they arrived, the co-worker and his girlfriend started arguing and the girlfriend started yelling and cursing.

The driver decided to make a quick exit, but it wasn't quick enough. The

girlfriend turned her attention to him and started yelling and cursing.

Then she started pushing him and grabbing his shirt.

The man was able to get in his vehicle, but that wasn't the end of it. The woman picked up a shovel and threw it through the open door of the vehicle. It hit the windshield, which shattered.

The woman, who later claimed the man hit her in the head with the shovel — she had no visible injuries — was charged with criminal mischief.

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We are fortunate that many talented business leaders have chosen Florida as their home base. We have heard a lot about the need for the diversification of our economy, which is critical to our long-term prosperity. However, it is equally vital that the heart of our economic lifeblood, our small businesses, is not forgotten.

Small businesses have an enormous impact on the health of Florida's economy, contributing \$566 billion or 75 percent of our state's GDP and employing four out of five Floridians. Florida is a small business state and our small business community is a required component for our continued economic success.

While government does not create jobs, government can help support business development, promote innovation and growth, and reduce red tape.

Although we are seeing positive trends in business and employment growth, I know we can do more to assist small businesses already established in our state.

That is why I partnered with the Jim Moran Institute of Global Entrepreneurship at the College of Business at Florida State University to host the 2012 Small Business Leadership Forum, which will be held in Tampa on Sept. 6-7.

The forum aims to connect business owners with the right tools and information to help them succeed. But more importantly, the forum will serve as an opportunity for us to hear from small businesses on what they see as obstacles to growth and prosperity in our state.

The forum will also bring social media for small business development to the forefront. Over the past few years, the growing popularity of social media sites such as Facebook,



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Twitter, Foursquare, Google+ and LinkedIn, have changed the way entrepreneurs do business. Social media has reinvented word-of-mouth and has opened the doors for businesses to connect and engage with their customers in a way that was not as easy or even possible before.

Our keynote speaker, Gary Vaynerchuk, will speak to social media's influence and its return on investment for businesses. Mr. Vaynerchuk's business success and passion for digital integration will bring a unique perspective to the forum and provide attendees insight on how to grow their business using social media.

In addition to our dynamic keynote speaker, the forum will cover key topics and panel discussions including short- and long-term forecasts and trends of Florida's economy; ideas for attracting and creating an environment for investment, including improving access to capital; and ways to leverage resources and programs available through our public universities and small business development centers.

I am a firm believer that it is not enough to just provide information to our small business community. If we are to make a real difference, we must also listen to our business owners to learn how we can make the business climate better.

With this first-hand knowledge, we can bring policy recommendations back to Tallahassee and facilitate policy that will help nurture an environment for stronger economic growth.

To find out more information about the forum, including a list of panelists and how to register, visit www.flsmallbusinessforum.com.

Jeff Atwater, Florida's chief financial officer, oversees the state's department of financial services.

Practice makes perfect



Grace Long, 11, of Martin County rehearsed with the Hobe Sound Bible College summer camp music program Thursday, Aug. 9. The campers performed their annual concert the following day under summer band camp director, Doyle Bozone.

Mitch Kloorfain
chief photographer



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Doyle Bozone, Hobe Sound Bible College summer band camp director gave his students a break from rehearsing with some water play Thursday, Aug. 9.



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Fair rants equal happiness

I'm really happy that the paper finally had rants that covered both sides of the fence. Usually, you're way too slanted. It was a real pleasure to read rants that covered things fairly.

Code enforcement should step up

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion. I've got many letters into code enforcement. Every day, there's a yard that holds a bunch of junk for sale. It's not a yard sale. There are cars and all types of trash there and all kinds of riff raff in and out. I'm tired of looking at the junk.

I'm sick of my tax dollars going to waste and my time going to waste. I won't tolerate this anymore. It's ridiculous.

And when you drive by the residence, they give you signs of profanity with their hands. I will continue to complain and I just don't know what my next move will be.

I will end up going to the next council meeting and tell them that I've sent something to the paper that will probably do nothing about it, as well.

Buy American

In response to the letter 'A lesson about flags' there are websites that have not only clothes made in America, but also American flags. The price points are not much more than foreign made products. My New Year's resolution is to try to only buy "made in America" and, so far, I've been pretty successful.

More happiness

A couple of weeks ago, a person wrote to the Rants & Raves and stated that contrary to other people's experiences, s/he usually receives excellent treatment by the frontline workers in the establishments they frequent.

I too, seem to live what appears in this day and age to be, a charmed life. Personally, I never, ever am treated rudely

by any frontline workers be they at the bank, the library, the grocery, the post office or any other place including the medical establishments.

The other writer mentioned their dentist as "Dr. Tom" and his wonderful staff. I have been a dental patient of Dr. Tom Cogsil for several years and if this is the dentist they were referring to, I agree, his staff is spectacular!

Kids in a candy store

Rave for printing so many different opinions from a diversity of people.

Rant: What the Democrats lack is any responsible adult supervision. With the Democrats in charge, this country is like a kid in a candy store.

Who will act like an adult and say no, all that candy will make you sick? No, we can't afford all that. I think health care for everyone is an absolutely wonderful idea but who is going to pay for it?

The Democrats say we'll just tax the rich. Already the richest 20 percent pay 90 percent of the taxes (a fact no one denies). Do you think they'll just sit idly by and have all their money taken away? They will go somewhere else or do something else with their money, especially in the global world we live in today. Look at the mess Greece, Italy and Spain are in. That is where we are headed if we don't wake up and grow up and take responsibility for our actions.

Based on laws

This is a nation based on laws. For most of us, our parents or grandparents came here legally, assimilated and became loyal Americans. This is far different from today's illegal immigrants.

Once we start to forget the reasons for our laws, God help us.

Abusing the system

Paying taxes is painful. But when we learn how the money is wasted, it is excruciating. Welfare cheating may be the worst. Recipients use tax money, which is supposed to keep them in necessities, for all kinds of frivolous things.

Some money goes to liquor stores, strip clubs and for gambling, cruises and porn. If they had the will, our politicians could stop these abuses. Reforms have wide populist appeal in both Democratic and Republican states. That Washington ignores the taxpayer is an outrage.

Who paid?

As a young man, Barack Obama went to college. Who paid for it?

He went to graduate school. Who paid for it? He took a job as a community organizer. What's that? He has been given things all his life. He's never had to meet a payroll.

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Angel, 5, answers questions beside his tutor, Erika, 13, at the Empowerment International after school program in Granada, Nicaragua. Both children are in need of a sponsor for only \$1 a day to continue with the programs they are involved in. Visit www.empowermentinternational.org.

Mitch Kloorfain
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Photographers connect with Nicaraguan youth

We didn't know it when we woke, but the students of Empowerment International in Granada, Nicaragua, were going to show the volunteer photographers with The Giving Lens the hard realities between our contrasting life styles.

Having already completed our introduction and first photo walk with the students, now it was time to walk a mile in their shoes.

Empowerment International is not where the students get their schooling. EI is a successful program that works with parents and youth to instill the value of education, as well as find solutions to the roadblocks that may prevent the youth from attending school.

After lunch we visited the EI facility where students were being tutored in reading and writing by other students only a few years older.

Don't picture a building with heavy double doors that leads into an air-conditioned hallway decorated with student work that then connects you to banks of classrooms with neat rows of desks and polished floors.



CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
MITCH KLOORFAIN

This building was dimly lit except for the area by the skylight. Benches lined the walls with students sitting along the perimeter.

As I was taking photographs of the students I felt water dripping on my back and head. It must have been a leaky roof I thought. I looked up and realized the skylight was an opening in the ceiling and I was standing in a pit where the rain water was meant to drain.

The novelty of having it rain inside the building was absent to the students. They were focused. They were reading and the prideful smiles were genuine when they reached the end of their lessons successfully.

When we were preparing to leave for our last (and most emotionally lasting) part of our week we were introduced to Hobbes Ginsburg. (I know, I repeated his name in my head about three times, too).

Hobbes, 18, named for

the iconic cartoon character from the comic strip Calvin & Hobbes, was a standout with his dyed blue hair, pierced lip, torn blue jeans and a Ramones 1974 concert T-shirt. Hobbes moved here with his parents from the United States several years earlier when they came to open a café. He spoke Spanish like a native and turned out to be an excellent conduit between The Giving Lens photographers and the students for the rest of the week.

I have been to the poorest sections of New York City, Fort Pierce, Stuart and Topeka, Kan. I have read "National Geographic." Nothing prepared me for the next two hours of our journey.

The students from Empowerment International come from a locale referred to as the barrios or the neighborhood for us north of the border.

We started walking down a single road with homes of several students on each side.

The homes would have never passed code here in the US.

The average home had a wall or two of cinderblock,

another formed by pieces of wood nailed together with the remaining walls made a few pieces of tin or aluminum. Barbed wire lined most of the property borders and didn't stop the kids from running near it or resting on it as we paraded through their neighborhood.

Out of courtesy, we always asked permission, in our broken Spanish, to photograph them or their children as we walked through.

We photographed mothers with their children, kids playing marbles and those who came running out to pose for a photo.

Each time, we showed them the photos we took on the backs of the cameras. Although it is unlikely they would see those imagers again, they couldn't have been happier to be photographed.

As we walked through the barrio I kept looking for where it ended. I never saw it.

Our neighborhoods of low-income housing can last for several blocks, however this never seemed to end. We walked for nearly

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In recent surveys, car dealers have accomplished the perfect storm of fear, distrust and vilification by the public. The most recent Gallup poll for the most and least respected professions listed car salespeople tied for dead last with congressmen and lobbyists.

In a recent poll by the American Consumer's Federation, car sales and service received more complaints than any other business.

And, lastly, in a recent survey by True Car, Florida car dealers had a higher average dealer fee (\$610) than any other state in the U.S.

You would think there would be some local attention paid to this by the media and the regulators. The national media reports these stories and the local media will sometimes report the national story but never do they relate it to local car dealers.

National regulators, such as the Federal Trade Commission, are highly critical of dealers unfair and deceptive trade practices. The FTC has formed an Auto Dealer Task Force and are holding meeting all around the U.S. for input from consumers and consumer advocates about ways car dealers are preying on their customers.

But have you heard about any serious effort by the Florida Attorney General's Office or any other state or local regulators to stop car dealers' blatant deceptive and illegal advertising and sales practices?

The TV and radio stations and the newspapers depend on car dealer advertising for economic survival. Each type of media, TV, radio and print compete with each other for car dealers' business. If a newspaper writes an unfavorable article about a local car dealer, he simply pulls his advertising from that newspaper and moves it to TV and/or radio.

If a broadcast TV channel exposes a local car dealer, he moves his ads to another TV channel or medium. Money talks.

The attorney general is an elected office and all of the other state regulators are either elected politicians or appointed by politicians.

Florida politicians fear the powerful car dealer lobbies in Tallahassee. The

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most powerful lobby is the Florida Automobile Dealers Association, FADA, and there are other lobbying car dealer associations in Tampa, South Florida and Jacksonville.

A long time ago, I was a director for the FADA and for the South Florida Auto Dealers Association, SFADA. In fact, I even served on the executive committee of the FADA. This is when I became aware of how much money and influence we car dealers had through our associations.

Car dealer associations contribute huge sums of money to candidates of both parties. They don't care which side of the aisle he's on or what political philosophy a candidate has; they care only if that candidate will play ball when it comes to not voting for regulating car dealers.

The power of the car dealer lobby was fully understood by me four years ago when I attempted to get a bill through the Florida Legislature to outlaw the dealer fee.

I flew to Tallahassee and testified before the state senate commerce committee. The FADA testified at that same hearing defending the dealer fee. The bill never even got out of the committee much less got a house sponsor. When I returned home and spoke off the record with some local state legislators, I was told why I didn't have a snowball's chance of getting the dealer fee made illegal in Florida.

The legislators I spoke to agreed with me that the dealer fee was a bad thing for the consumer, but they also said it would be politically impossible for them to publically take that position. Offending the powerful car dealer lobbyists would jeopardize their re-elections.

An analogous situation is playing out now with respect to gun control. The national news recently reported several terrible incidents of mass killing by deranged killers who legally obtained their guns. You would think that some politicians would have rushed to introduce more gun control regulation or better enforcement of the current regulation.

Have you noticed that democrats, republicans and independents have done or said nothing? The reason is the National Rifle Association, NRA, the most powerful lobbying association anywhere.

I wish I had an answer to this dilemma. Our political system leaves a lot to be desired but it's still the best on the planet. It hasn't really changed that much over the years.

Politicians' No. 1 and No. 2 priorities have always been to get elected and re-elected. Our founding

fathers foresaw this problem and that's why they provided for freedom of the press in the First Amendment. The news media is often referred to as the "Fourth Estate," meaning the fourth branch of our government next to the executive, legislative and judicial.

The news media's job is to keep the other three branches, especially the legislative, honest. Our founding fathers might not have foreseen what impact the greatest recession in our history might have on the news media. Survival is a primal instinct and it can trump ideals such as courage and integrity.

If a journalist loses his job today, he might have a very hard time finding another. The watchdogs that our founding fathers created to keep our politicians honest are too afraid to growl for fear the VP of advertising might not like it.

Nonprofit presents new board member

By Samantha Joseph
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MARTIN COUNTY — Rob Gluckman, chief operating officer for Treasure Coast Urgent and Family Care, Treasure Coast Primary Care and Employee Wellness, is one of Helping People Succeed's newest board members.

Mr. Gluckman is a graduate of East Carolina University with a bachelor's in business administration. He later graduated from St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami.

He initially worked for state attorney Bruce Colton in the 19th Judicial

Circuit and later became affiliated with a South Florida law firm, handling its Fort Lauderdale office.

He left the practice of law to expand the medical practice of his wife, Michele, located on Monterey Road in Stuart.

Mr. Gluckman has served



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on the board for Treasure Coast Food Bank and currently is a board member of House of Hope. He and his wife have a 9-year-old son.

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Nonprofit recruits new board member

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MARTIN COUNTY — Carolyn Timmann, a long-time Martin County resident with an extensive background in state public service has joined the operating board of Helping People Succeed.

Ms. Timmann has served locally as a judicial assistant in Martin County courts, as legislative aide to a former state representative and most recently in the state capitol in the governor's office as director of open government and as executive deputy chief of staff. She has held several other positions throughout Florida's state government.

A graduate of Florida State University, Ms. Timmann has been a Martin County



Carolyn Timmann

resident for 35 years, with the exception of her time as a student and in public service in Tallahassee.

She worked for the Stuart law firm Warner Fox (now Fox, Wackeen, Dungey, et al.), before working for the legislature. She served in the office of the attorney gener-

al as a manager and research analyst. She then joined the office of the governor, serving as the governor's liaison to state agencies serving veterans and the military, the commission on disabilities and Florida commission on community service, as well as overseeing public/private initiatives.

With a long history of community service, Ms. Timmann is active in area chambers of commerce, Leadership Martin County alumni association, Salvation Army women's auxiliary and other charitable organizations.

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Anthony and Alyssa Golino have started a peanut butter and jelly drive for House of Hope.

Kids' drive aims to fill gaps at nonprofit

For Hometown News
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MARTIN COUNTY — To make sure House of Hope is well-stocked with peanut butter and jelly, two young volunteers have launched a drive to raise 600 pounds of these food pantry essentials. Anthony Golino, 13, and his 11-year-old sister, Alyssa, launched their PB&J drive on Aug. 1. It will continue through Aug. 31. Anthony and Alyssa volunteered this summer in House of Hope's Stuart food pantry along with their

mother, Gina Golino. "They were sad to see empty shelves where the peanut butter and jelly should be," said Ms. Golino. Peanut butter is a popular item for food pantries because it is nutrient-rich, has a long shelf life and doesn't require cooking. With high demand and rising prices, it is often in short supply. Ms. Golino said anyone who wants to participate in the drive can drop off jars of peanut butter and jelly at her workplace, Forward Electric & Air Conditioning,

4437 S.W. Port Way, Palm City (in the Sands Commerce Center). People also can drop off items at any House of Hope location, making sure to mention the donation is part of the PB&J drive being conducted by the Golino family. House of Hope helps Martin County residents in need by offering food, clothing, furniture, financial assistance and case management services through four locations. For more information, call (772) 260-6474.

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two hours until our return vehicle met us. There was so much more ahead but we left with a large part of the barrio unvisited. That evening, the photographers got together. As we discussed the day we attempted to process what we just witnessed. It was unanimous that the residents we met in the barrios of Granada were generous to share themselves with us.

Those few miles we walked were life changing with respect to how I view poverty home and abroad and how naive my own perceptions and interpretations were before witnessing it in the barrios of Granada, Nicaragua. I came here to teach photography. The ratio of what I have learned to what I have taught is greatly imbalanced.

Mitch Kloorfain is chief photographer at Hometown News. This is the second of a three-part series.

Photo courtesy of House of Hope

Campaign kicks off 40th year

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MARTIN COUNTY — Stacy Ranieri will lead the United Way of Martin County in its 40th year of creating opportunity and lifting the community. Ms. Ranieri, founder and president at The Firefly Group, is confident the momentum built during last year's record-setting campaign will carry over into United Way's 2012-13 campaign.

Ms. Ranieri is urging businesses and individuals to participate in United Way's 2012-13 campaign that focuses on addressing the underlying causes of community problems within the three building blocks for a good life: quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family and good health. United Way funds benefit

programs at nonprofit agencies in Martin County that help local residents with everything from recovery after a disaster to early learning opportunities for children to assistance for individuals with severe mental and/or physical disabilities. For more information, visit LIVEUNITEDmc.org or call (772) 283-4800.

"I've been on the United Way board of directors for many years so I have seen the organization's effectiveness first hand and its ability to have a meaningful, positive impact in our community," said Ms. Ranieri. "It was finally time for me to step up and serve in a leadership role as this year's United Way campaign chair."

Helping Ms. Ranieri make connections to local businesses will be her campaign team that includes Amy Albury of FP&L; Marty Bonan of Ross, Earle & Bonan, P.A.; Jody Bond of Just Gold Jewelers; Curtis Coulter of Publix; Denise Ehrich of Seacoast National Bank; Steve Fry, Martin County Board Commissioners; Reed Hartman of Hartman Real Estate; Pete Lashanka of Seacoast National Bank; Crystal Stiles of FP&L; Linda Weiksnar of Cray, Buchanan; David Wishart of Pratt & Whitney; Sue Whittington of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and Tom Whittington of Manatee Pocket Yacht Sales.

"I'm a little intimidated by the responsibility of trying to fill the shoes of last year's co-chair team from Seacoast National Bank, but I'm going to have the help from my fantastic campaign team and I'm excited about the opportunity to mobilize our community and exceed our campaign goals," said Ms. Ranieri.

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Norma Garrity

Norma Garrity, 82, of Stu-

art, died Aug. 7, 2012. Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.

Ella Bertha Hartley

Ella Bertha Hartley, 100, of Jensen Beach, died Aug. 1, 2012.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.

Jana Lee McMillan

Jana Lee McMillan, 78, of Jensen Beach, died July 30, 2012.

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

Eleanore M. Miller

Eleanore M. Miller, 99, of

Palm City, died on Aug. 2, 2012.

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MARTIN COUNTY — The Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce invites residents to discuss, discover and get up to date on the latest in health care at the fourth annual Health & Wellness Show on Sept. 13.

The show will feature presentations from industry experts and demonstrations from local vendors.

The show will kick off with a breakfast for chamber

members from 7:45-9 a.m. and is free to the public from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

A variety of vendors will fill the Wolf High-Technology Center at Indian River State College on Salerno Road in Stuart with the latest information on health care.

From local doctors and physical therapists to senior living facilities and yoga studios, the show will have something for everyone.

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Music

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gave him direction to find purpose in his life."

Lt. Fletcher died in Fort Hood, Texas, in 2008 when a soldier there shot him, then committed suicide.

Lt. Fletcher had returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. He was under orders to supervise the soldier, who was reportedly a suspect in a theft investigation.

"The (soldier) involved saw a threat where there really wasn't a threat. He took out a Glock and put

five rounds into my son's head," Mr. Luther said. "It was a terrible, terrible day."

Mr. Fletcher's parents said their gift of two saxophones to their son's alma mater is one of several ways they've tried to make sense of his death and celebrate his life.

The Luthers, who founded The Lt. Robert Fletcher Memorial Foundation, used the proceeds from the sale of their son's vintage saxophone to purchase the gift.

They had help from Carlyle Weber, owner of the Band Box, who brokered the sale of the original sax, and gave them a discount on the two instruments.

They said they hoped the gift would help inspire other children, the way music changed the life of their son, who not only played in the school's marching band but later joined a local jazz group.

"Bart was our youngest. He was our baby, and yet he was our most hopeful," Mr. Luther said.

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• **Teens are invited to the zombie prom** from 3- 5 p.m. at the Hobe Sound Public Library, 10595 S.E. Federal Highway, Hobe Sound. The event is free and open to students entering grades six to 12. Come dressed as a scary character, be it a zombie, vampire, werewolf or whatever. No tickets or registration is required. Those available to help plan and decorate for the prom can call (772) 546-2257 or stop by the Hobe Sound Public Library to sign up to help. For more information, visit www.library.martin.fl.us or call (772) 221-1403.

TUESDAY, AUG. 21

• **Cabaret night for the animals**, from 6:30-9 p.m. at Lakewood Park Village Hall, 7508 Jennings Way, in Fort Pierce. Event will include song, dance and comedy featuring local talent. Bring drinks and snacks. Alcoholic beverages are permitted. Donation is \$20. All profits benefit the Humane Society of St. Lucie County. To make a reservation, call (772) 464-3981.

• **Treasure Coast Genealogy Society will host a searching your ancestors workshop** from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Fort Pierce Branch

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Contestant Jade Smith rehearses with professional partner Lukas Kotzseche to prepare for 'Dancing with the Martin Stars,' a Sept. 22 show to benefit the Martin County Healthy Start Coalition.

Photo courtesy Aubrey Jones

Area celebs prepare for dancing contest

By **Samantha Joseph**
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MARTIN COUNTY — Jade Smith is getting ready to step into a sequined, fringed, midriff-baring dress and perform a hip-swaying Latin dance in front of a packed house at the Lyric Theatre in Stuart.

She has stage fright and no professional dance experience.

But on Sept. 22, the 27-year-old entrepreneur will be the youngest of six contestants in a dancing competition created to benefit the Martin County Healthy Start Coalition.

"Being on stage or speaking in front of crowds is a phobia I have. Dancing in front of them and having to speak is not a good mix," said Ms. Smith. "But I know it's for a good cause so it will be fine."

The show is "Dancing with the Martin Stars," and is loosely modeled after ABC network's popular television series.

It pits well-known local

residents in dancing and fundraising contests, where the winner will be the one with the best scores and most donations.

Taking the stage will be Ed Lippisch of Lippisch and Engebretsen Oral Surgery and Dental Implants, Tom Hall of Seacoast National Bank, Lindsay Nickerson of Nickerson & Company, Marilynn Leeds of Everglades Area Health Education Center and Eve Samples, a Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers columnist.

Last year's inaugural event raised \$50,000, with all proceeds going to Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, a nonprofit that works with pregnant women and new mothers.

The money purchased breast pumps for the WIC program, contributed to the group's outreach efforts, supported Lamaze childbirth classes, counseling services and several other activities, said Aubrey Jones, Healthy Start Coalition's

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Jade Smith
 Dance contestant

community liaison.

Strong community support led the nonprofit to surpass its initial fundraising goal of \$10,000 for the first show, and a sold-out house at the Lyric. Organizers hope this year's contest also generates \$50,000.

"We're happy with whatever comes in. Anything we get is extra money for services, so we're excited with anything," Ms. Jones said.

"Our biggest hope is just to sell out again. All of our star dances have worked so hard to prepare."

For contestants, such as

Ms. Smith, gearing up for the contest has meant weeks of training with a professional dancer, who will partner with them for the show.

"It's been overwhelmingly fun," said Ms. Smith, owner of Island Party Rentals. "It's all worth it. I'll learn a dance and we'll raise a lot of money."

To support the event, visit www.mchealthystart.org/martinstars. Show attendees can also select a candidate when purchasing tickets from the Lyric Theatre, located at 59 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. Tickets cost between \$35 and \$100.



Week of 8-17-2012

ARIES - March 21-April 20

You are on a roll, Aries, and now it is just a matter of maintaining the momentum for a few more days. Don't let anyone slow you down this week.

TAURUS - April 21-May 21

Taurus, there are many opportunities within your reach, but you are not sure which way to go. Seek advice from Sagittarius when you get a spare moment.

GEMINI - May 22-June 21

Others can see you haven't been yourself lately, Gemini. So relax and take a break from something that's been bothering you, and you will return to being your old self. You won't be disappointed.

CANCER - June 22-July 22

Now is not the time for dawdling, Cancer. You have a full plate of things to tackle and it seems like the hours will be slipping away. Recharge and get focused.

LEO - July 23-Aug. 23

Leo, don't let anyone discourage you when tackling a big project. As you have proven time and again, you simply need to establish a goal and your efforts will help you achieve it.

VIRGO - Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Virgo, though you may not know where your path will lead this week, you are deeply aware that an adventure is in store. Take some time to prepare your mind and body.

LIBRA - Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Libra, no one will know who you truly are unless you

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DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

New event to benefit animals

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

PORT SALERNO — The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast will begin a new event series for dogs and their owners called Sips & Wags from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Pirate's Cove Waterfront Tiki Bar, 4307 SE Bayview St. in Stuart.

The event will be held on the second Tuesday of every month through December. Admission is \$10 per person and includes two free drinks

and a 20 percent discount on the food menu. All proceeds benefit the HSTC.

"Sips & Wags is the only Treasure Coast doggie social that benefits animals in need," said HSTC Jackie Ranaldo, community relations manager.

"We invite the public to lap up an evening with their two-legged and four-legged friends while enjoying live music, dining and shopping at the waterfront Pirate Tiki Bar while taking in the picturesque view of manatee

pocket in Port Salerno."

The event was formerly known as Yappy Hour, but the HSTC decided to host a contest to change the name. The winner received a free two-night stay at The Fur Seasons Resort for Pets and a full grooming package for their pet at the Laundry-Mutt Mobile Grooming Salon.

Event vendor space also is available.

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Library. Members of the Treasure Coast Genealogical Society will be available to meet with you and answer your questions. If you can't get to this session, every Tuesday and Thursday, individual help is provided in the genealogy section on the second floor from 9 a.m. to noon. These programs are free and open to the public. The Fort Pierce Branch of the St. Lucie County Library System is located at 101 Melody Lane. For more information, call (772) 462-2787 or visit www.tcgsl.org.

SATURDAY, AUG. 25

• Ages five and up are invited to participate in an **interactive hand drum circle** from 11-11:45 a.m. at the Cummings Library, 2551 S.W. Matheson Ave., Palm City. Pre-registration is required. Call (772) 288-2551 to register.

• **Fort Pierce Branch Library** will host a free poetry reading from 11 a.m.-noon. Join poet William Kemmett in reading your favorite piece of poetry aloud. Guests are welcome to read their own work or that of another. This event is free and open to the public. No reservations are required. The Fort Pierce Branch of the St. Lucie County Library System is located at 101 Melody Lane. For more information, call (772) 462-2787 or visit

http://library.stlucieco.gov.

• **The Blues Alliance of the Treasure Coast is having a "Hooked on Blues" event** featuring Category 5 at Crawdaddy's in Jensen Beach. Enjoy New Orleans-style food, with an added Florida touch, a tiki bar. Category 5 will play from 7-11 p.m. Crawdaddy's is located at 1949 N.E. Jensen Beach Blvd. For directions, call (772) 225-3444.

• **The Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County** is teaming up with Macy's for "Shop For A Cause" to help raise the required local match for the school readiness program. Purchase a \$5 shopping pass and save 25 percent at Macy's on Aug. 25

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share a few secrets. You don't have to give everything away, but allow others in by sharing some personal information.

SCORPIO – Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Scorpio, though you don't shy away from challenges, you do know when to pick your battles. When something inconsequential comes up this week, let it pass.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Sagittarius, when a past conflict resurfaces this week, push it aside because that is ancient history. It is better to focus on the positive things that are in store for you.

CAPRICORN – Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Capricorn, when you love someone, it can be difficult to step aside and let this person make his or her own choices. But this is what you have to do for lessons to be learned.

AQUARIUS – Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Your eyes are bigger than your stomach at work this week, Aquarius. Delegate some tasks so everything goes smoothly and your project is completed on time.

PISCES – Feb. 19-March 20

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DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Symphony scholars



The Treasure Coast Youth Symphony's 24th year culminated by awarding \$12,000 in scholarships and grants to member musicians at the annual dinner held just prior to the final concert of the 2011-12 season. Scholarship and grant recipients, front row, from left: Timothy Nicholas, concertmaster; Hannah Geisinger, concerto competition winner; Brook Gunter, Victoria Phen, Kalie Combass, Karisa McKinney, Gwen Schajatovic, Ilya DaCosta, Marissa Hoffman and Christopher Potter. Back row, from left: Ashley LeCointe, Kelsey Tesalona, Alexa Grohowski, Amanda Grohowski, Christina Reagan, Beck Dunston, Colin Sanders, Justin Xiao, Adam Parupia, John Apostolides, Kira Harding, Jennifer Ketcham and Christopher Martin. Scholarship and grant winners not pictured: Caroline Rathnam, Christian Marshall and Erin Tierney.

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on most items. The shopping pass also gives participants a chance to win a \$500 Macy's gift certificate. Passes can be purchased by calling (772) 595-6424, Ext. 111.

Legacy Dance team is hosting a bring a friend day, which is a free dance workshop and audition open to the community. This event gives Legacy dancers the opportunity to invite their peers to see what they do and experience what it is like to be on an award-winning dance team. This event is open to all students ages 11-18 years old. This event will also be the last chance to audition for Legacy's competition team for those who have missed the summer auditions. Dancers who excel during the workshop will receive an invitation to join Legacy's competition team for the 2012-13 season. The event will take place at the Port St. Lucie Community Center beginning at 1:30 p.m. Parents need to sign waivers for child to participate. For more information, call (561) 329-6289.

SUNDAY, AUG. 26

A master zumba class will be held to celebrate the life of Deputy Tommy Worthington who recently passed away. The event will be held from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Digital Domain

Stadium, 525 N.W. Peacock Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information, call (772) 201-5085.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29

Republican networking social: Karen Vaughn, mother of Special Ops Chief Aaron Vaughn, SEAL Team VI, who was killed in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan in August 2011, will be the guest speaker at the Republican networking social at 5:30 p.m. at Pirate's Loft in Pirate's Cove Resort. Open to the public. Admission is one pair of socks to be donated to the troops. For more information, call (772) 285-7447.

Community green market

located at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, corner of Walton Road and U.S. 1 Federal Highway. Continuing every Saturday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. through May 25, 2012. The market offers the finest of merchants, arts and crafts, home and garden, and food vendors, in addition to live entertainment, children's play areas, tented eating and resting areas including tables and chairs for your comfort. Added plus is the ample and close parking areas. For more information, call (772) 345 3797.

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Performing arts department holding auditions on Aug. 29

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

TREASURE COAST — The Indian River State College performing and visual arts department is holding auditions for production of the musical "Rag-

time," on Aug. 29 at 5 p.m. in the Wynne Black Box Theatre on the main campus located at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. "Ragtime" tells the story of three groups in the United States in the early 20th century; African-Americans,

upper-class suburbanites and Eastern European immigrants. "Ragtime" is an epic, turn-of-the-century story of racial tension, love, family and hope in the American dream. Historical figures such as

Booker T. Washington, Harry Houdini, J.P. Morgan, Henry Ford and Adm. Robert Peary are represented in the performance. Because of the varied cultures represented in the show, "Ragtime" presents a unique performance opportunity for students around the ages of 18 to 30

from diverse backgrounds. The audition will consist of a short vocal solo (16 measures of music) prepared by the student, followed by a short movement audition, which will be presented by the dance instructor. Students should be com-

fortable with whatever they sing and bring a copy of the sheet music for the accompanist. Auditions with CDs or a cappella are not accepted. For more information, call (772) 462-7727 or email rshearer@irsc.edu.

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Nonprofits band together for scavenger hunt

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

STUART — Six nonprofit organizations are banding together to offer a unique scavenger hunt in Martin County, one that use QR codes and smart phones.

The "Smart Phone Family Scavenger Hunt" will be held in Stuart on Sept 8 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Clues will be given via quick response codes, two-dimensional barcodes that contain information such as website addresses and other text.

They can be read by a QR code scanner, including QR scanner smartphone apps. Registration is \$20 per car in advance and \$25 at the door.

The hunt will begin at the Children's Services Council, 101 S.E. Central Parkway in Stuart at 8:30 a.m.

Families will make a variety of stops on the scavenger hunt path by scanning the QR codes. Smartphones will be provided at each stop or participants may use their own. Participants will be asked to complete a fun family task before they are able to scan the QR code for the next clue.

Each location will prove to benefit families by providing entertainment, fun, prizes and valuable information and resources to parents that will assist in the success of their children

throughout the school year.

All registered families will be placed into a grand-prize drawing for a weekend at the Hutchinson Island Marriott.

The culmination of the day's events will be at a local south Stuart location, not to be revealed until the day of the event.

The idea behind the hunt is to provide families with a fun way to gain valuable information regarding services available to them throughout the school year and to create fun family memories.

The ARC of Martin County is the lead agency in developing and facilitating the event.

Additional sponsors and participating community agencies include: the Children's Services Council of Martin County, Tykes & Teens, Whole Child Connection, Boys and Girls Clubs of Martin County, Stevie B's Pizza and the Martin County Library and recreation system.

All money raised during the event will be used to cover the event expenses and help accomplish ARC's mission.

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State sports association mandates changes to pre-season fall sports practice

By Patrick Bernadeau
For Hometown News

TREASURE COAST — With pre-season practice underway since Aug. 6 and the start of the high school fall sports season right around the corner, schools begin their preparations under new standards sent down from the Florida High School Athletic Association.

Designed to protect and ease student-athletes back into action in their respective sports, the FHSAA has assigned new procedures focusing on heat, hydration and concussions, while placing a practice time limit for the during the fall two weeks of pre-season practice.

Implemented by the FHSAA's board of directors in June, school must adhere to the following:

- Limit weekly practice time to 18 hours during the first two weeks of practice, to allow student-athletes to adapt to conditions
- Ensure that for every 30 minutes of practice, student-athletes get a minimum five-minute rest and hydration break
- Require unrestricted access to water for student-athletes at all times
- Require coaches and

others in authority to never deny a student-athlete access to water if requested.

In addition, the FHSAA also adopted a new concussion and heat-related illness form. By explaining the symptoms and risks associated with each problem, the form creates a heightened level of safety awareness among students-athletes and their coaches.

A concussion action plan developed by the FHSAA's sports medicine advisory subcommittee and adopted by the board requires the following:

- Any student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion — such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems — must be immediately removed from the competition and cannot return to play until he or she is cleared by an appropriate health care professional.
- All head coaches and

other paid coaches are required to view an online education course about concussions.

Lastly, the FHSAA has created a new consent form related to concussions and heat-related illness to ensure parents understand the conditions and rules that apply to them.

As far as the early returns on these changes from an on-the-field standpoint, with less time to work with, coaches have placed an emphasis on slowly building up the pace as the practices go along.

Ron Parker, head football coach at St. Lucie West Centennial, conducted his practices with the focus primarily on simplicity.

"The old saying is that you got to crawl before you walk," said Parker.

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Defensive move



Phoenix Ross of Stuart leaps to defend Logan Sparks (No. 15) of Palm City during a basketball game at Grace Place Church Saturday, Aug. 11 in Stuart.

Mitch Kloorfain
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Dolphin finally making small showing

Another beautiful week and the surf fishing has not slowed. Last week it was the tarpon. Well not much has changed. With plenty of bait on the edge why would it change? All size tarpon, big snook, bigger jacks, monster macs and plenty of bonita. Mix in a couple of small cobia and I do not think it could get any better.

Best bite has been low light, but the fish are feeding all day. Check your beach before you unload, go to the crossover and look. Are the baits, birds and fish there? If not, move to the next access. One out of three will have it all.

The only thing different this week will be the numbers of anglers. Most of us are home nursing the muscles we used the week before. That little chrome spoon has been magic, so bring a few extra with that



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extra spool of line and the 40-pound leader material. Did I forget the Advil? This is an annual event on the surf. If you have not seen it you need to come on down and watch. Amazing is the only description, but like it started it will slow. Forget the Advil and bring the equipment.

This week I have seen many pictures from the beach all with the rods straight up. Time to put the pressure on, tilt that rod, put the tip in the water if you have to, but that is the only way you can turn that fish and if you are going to get your line back 45 degrees of tilt is a good start. Offshore, finally dolphin have made a showing. Not a

lot but at least we have had several reports, some at the 80-foot mark, some in 200 and more in 300. All were found on some type of weed line trolling or working live baits. These fish were not big but they were not peanuts.

Some black fins were reported at the Hill and the kings were south of the inlet, bonita everywhere. Inlet it is tarpon and snook on live baits and sharks and more sharks.

Please, when releasing a fish in the inlet, just reach over and cut the leader. When that shark comes from under the boat to take that fish he has no idea that your hand is there. Be extra careful this time of the year.

River it is more tarpon and snook but how about a trout or red fish in the Flats before sun up?

From Countyline Road north on the west side it has been perfect. River is flat, not a noise anywhere 'till

that top water lure gets slammed. Not the biggest, but at the top of the slot for both reds and trout and the best part is there is numbers.

On the east side from Nettles Island north plenty of fish, but as the sun rises the bites slows. Fish early before sun up.

In the mix will be the tarpon and snook and you will know when they bite. In the quiet it sounds like an explosion.

Bone fish in the south of Sail Fish Flats on small jigs slid slowly across the bottom. More pesky tarpon and snook. Wure would be nice to have these fish here in these numbers all year. Oh, well, summer in south Florida. Could it get any better?

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

Tournament slated for Sept. 22

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Sports

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"We basically have to get more reps, keep it as simple as we can, get it down right and move on to the next chapter."

Fort Pierce Central head football coach Josh Shaffer said the changes have not called for drastic adjustments for his squad.

"It just changes the fact that we're not doing two-a-days during the first week but we had planned on

slowing it down a little bit," said Shaffer. "We've incorporated the five-minute breaks after every period but other than that, it hasn't changed much."

Over at Martin County High School, head coach Chuck Kenyon also hasn't had to made dramatic changes to his approach due to cutbacks on time.

"Even before this year, we didn't do two-a-days last, so the changes hasn't affected us on that level," said Kenyon.

Central, Centennial, and

Martin County will all be playing home games for their respective kickoff classics on Aug. 24.

The Cobras play Treasure Coast at Calvin R. Triplett Field at Lawnwood Stadium, while the Eagles will battle Fort Pierce Westwood from South County Regional Stadium.

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