



Up & coming

Pet event set for Saturday

The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast invites residents and their pets to kick off the holidays with its second annual holiday extravaganza.

The event will be held Dec. 8 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the HSTC shelter, 4100 S.W. Leighton Farm Ave., Palm City. Admission is free.

Event goers also can pre-register for the HSTC's "Home for the Holidays" foster program, which runs from Dec. 19-Jan. 5, 2013.

For more information, call (772) 600-3217 or (772) 223-8822, or visit www.hstc1.org. Visit www.hstc1.org to see the pets' wish list.

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Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at www.barn-theatre.com, by calling (772) 287-4884 or at the box office at 2400 S.E. Ocean Blvd. in Stuart.

Investigators close 19-year-old missing-person case

By Samantha Joseph
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MARTIN COUNTY — During an interview in the final months of a 20-year stint as Martin County sheriff, Robert Crowder was still haunted by a case nearly two decades old.

"The ones that affect you most emotionally are crimes that involve children as victims," Sheriff Crow-

der said during an interview last month when he mentioned Andrea Gail Parsons, a 10-year-old who disappeared on July 11, 1993. "I would hope that we could solve that case before I leave office."

A little over a month before his last day in office, Jan. 7, the Martin County's Sheriff Office announced an arrest in the 19-year-old cold case.

On Nov. 29, detectives arrested

Chester Duane Price, a 42-year-old convicted felon, and charged him in connection with the girl's disappearance.

Andrea disappeared after she went to buy candy from the neighborhood convenience store.

Her mother, Linda Parsons, See **CASE, A2**



New schools head to guide district

By Samantha Joseph
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MARTIN COUNTY — Martin County's new superintendent of schools is off to a running start in her new role.

Days after she was officially sworn in on Nov. 20, Laurie Gaylord was meeting with colleagues from around the state to discuss the Common Core state standards for English/language arts and mathematics, which the Florida Department of Education adopted in 2010.

As head of the local district, Ms. Gaylord will lead See **GUIDE, A9**

Area teen organizes walk



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Daniel Knight, 15, and Samantha Knight, 18, a senior at Jensen Beach High School, organized the Martin County 'Out Of The Darkness' walk, an event to raise funds for the America Foundation for Suicide Prevention, which took place at IndianRiverside Park in Jensen Beach on Sunday, Dec. 2. For more information go to afsp.org.

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WEEKEND WEATHER



Friday: Partly cloudy, chance of storms; high: 75; low: 61; high tide: 2:11 a.m.; low tide: 8:10 a.m.
Saturday: Clear; high: 79; low: 64; high tide: 3:15 a.m.; low tide: 9:14 a.m.
Sunday: Partly cloudy; high: 77; low: 66; high tide: 4:18 a.m.; low tide: 10:15 a.m.
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Rabid fox attacks senior

Case is second rabies infection in county

By Samantha Joseph
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MARTIN COUNTY — A 78-year-old woman washing windows outside her home got an unpleasant surprise when a wild fox attacked and bit her on the upper thigh.

"The fox just came running up, jumped on me and bit me on one of my legs," said Mary Ellison, a resident of J & S Park Estates in Port Mayaca. "I was screaming for my husband, and he came out there and got the fox off."

Ms. Ellison went in the house, cleaned the wound and made an appointment to see her doctor the following day.

But about 20 minutes later, she would fall victim a second time to the same animal, according to Officer Kimberly Guile's Martin County Animal Control report.

After the first attack, the See **FOX, A5**

Forestry officials advise against burning Christmas trees

By Samantha Joseph
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TREASURE COAST — Put old Christmas trees through the wood chipper, instead of burning them. That's the advice Florida Forest Service officials are issuing during the holidays to prevent wildfires this time of year.

"A lot of people think it's

a joy and fun to burn them, but when they do burn the trees ignite pretty quickly," said Melissa Yunas, wildfire mitigation specialist at the Okeechobee district of the Florida Forest Service, which serves Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Highlands, Glades and Okeechobee counties.

"They will quickly catch

on fire and send firebrands — lit pine needles — into the air and start other fires," she said.

By the end of December, when residents are ready to throw out old Christmas trees, the state will be well into the dry season when conditions are prime for sparking brush fires.

"We do have small ones because the vegetation is

fully dried out and can spark when people are burning yard trash," Ms. Yunas said. "There is that possibility, so if people are aware we can reduce the chances (of starting fires)."

Officials said careful disposal of Christmas trees at the end of the holiday season is a key step in protect-

See **FORESTRY, A4**

Group collects donations for pets of low-income seniors

By Samantha Joseph
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MARTIN COUNTY — Those who feed the area's poorest seniors see it every day; people depriving themselves of food so their pets can get something to eat.

That's why supporters of the Council on Aging of Martin County's Meals on Wheels program collaborated on a fundraiser for the pets of

homebound seniors.

Dr. Wayne Diamond, a veterinarian at Animal Care Extraordinaire, helped spearhead a fundraiser that collected more than 2,000 pounds of pet food and about \$1,600 in cash donations.

"This year we collected so much more food that it's probably going to carry (recipients) through to most of next year," said Carla Gubernick, president of Palm City-based World

of Mouth Media, which promoted and helped organize the event.

"It also garnered awareness for the issue at hand, opening it up to the public so that people are aware of this dilemma."

That dilemma, said Council on Aging spokeswoman Denise Belizar, involves hundreds of area seniors without enough food for them and their pets.

See **PETS, A11**

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Sgt. Michael Dougherty and Detective Yesenia Carde are pictured with Chester Price, a former Stuart resident who is charged with murdering and kidnapping 10-year-old Andrea Gail Parsons in 1993.

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investigators when she returned from work and found her daughter missing. The girl was last seen walking along southeast Ebbtide Avenue in Port Salerno. According to investigators, witnesses reported seeing Andrea leave her home about 5:45 p.m. Two people said they saw her about 25 minutes later near southeast Commerce Avenue and Seaward Street, after she left the grocery store with candy and a soda.

Last week's arrest was the result of work from dozens of investigators who worked over the years to piece together an account of what happened to the missing girl.

"We have certainty as to what happened and there's not some mystery person out there continuing to do this," Sheriff Crowder said. "That provides some sort of closure for the community and the family."

The latest surge came in 2011, when the sheriff assigned a team of detectives and several "fresh sets

of eyes," to begin another review of the stacks of evidence collected over nearly two decades.

Based on their investigation, detectives felt they had enough evidence to present to the Office of the State Attorney for review and prosecution, he said. The state attorney's office then convened a grand jury, which handed down an indictment against Mr. Price.

Officers arrested Mr. Price after he testified before the grand jury. They said the former Stuart resident knew the girl and her family. They charged him with first-degree murder and kidnapping of a child younger than 13.

The sheriff declined to offer details about how Mr. Price became a suspect, whether or not he confessed

to the crime and if he is likely to lead investigators to the child's body.

"We've had a lot of cooperation from the community and a lot of people watching this case, praying about it and wanting justice to be done. We appreciate all of that," Sheriff Crowder said.

Investigators said they still have work to do in the pre-trial phase of this case, and are hoping to locate the girl's body or burial site.

But following the arrest, Sheriff Crowder said he welcomed the break in the case.

"I feel good about it, because if we weren't able to do this and I went ahead and entered my retirement, I would be always wondering. It would just be one of the things that would plague you. You go to bed thinking about it," he said. "But of course that's nothing compared to what the little's girl's family has been through. That's agonizing."

Mrs. Parsons could not be reached for comment by press time.

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Project members build boat



Eric Benson, 18, of Indiantown, Mark Alvord of Stuart (volunteer), Bob Zaccheo, executive director of Jensen Beach and Anthony Galligher, 17, of Stuart, members of Life Initiatives For Teens' or Project L.I.F.T., sand a few rough spots Thursday, Nov. 1 on the hand-built boat to be donated on completion to the Environmental Studies Center located in Jensen Beach. Project L.I.F.T. is an organization that teaches troubled teens new skills and is located on Monterey Road in Stuart. For more, go to www.projectliftmc.com.

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Jim Scarpitti, (volunteer), DJ White, 16, Philip Manning, 17, all of Stuart, and Ed Gomez (volunteer) of Jensen Beach, with Life Initiatives For Teens or Project L.I.F.T., carefully cut a board on Thursday, Nov. 1. It was part of a hand-built boat that was donated on completion to the Environmental Studies Center in Jensen Beach.

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Mat Churchey of Jensen Beach, board member and volunteer Jim Scarpitti of Stuart, both with Life Initiatives For Teens or Project L.I.F.T., on Thursday, Nov. 1, with the boat, which was hand-built by teens. Project L.I.F.T. is a non-profit organization that teaches troubled teens new skills. It is located on Monterey Road in Stuart. For more, go to www.projectliftmc.com.



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Organization changes name

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TREASURE COAST — Pink Tie Friends on the Treasure Coast has a new name but their mission remains the same.

The nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds to help breast cancer patients in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties marked a successful sixth annual friendship luncheon with the announcement of a new name and a pending new look for the organization.

"We are now Friends In Pink," said Judy Schilder, president.

"While the name has changed, our mission and

that of our many volunteers and our board of directors remains the same in that we are dedicated to providing financial assistance to breast cancer patients on the Treasure Coast who either have no insurance or are underinsured."

The name change was prompted by trademark and copyright issues. "Much to our surprise, we discovered Pink Tie Friends and our recognizable ribbon logo had not been secured in years past and was already registered by other organizations. To protect the integrity of our organization and to create a brand that we alone would own, we have been working for a year to come up with the

new name and a branded logo approach that has been secured and registered," said Ms. Schilder.

"We will operate under the Friends In Pink name as a 'doing business as' entity, while still under the 501 (c)-(3) not for profit organization of Pink Tie Friends, Inc. until all the final paperwork for the transition has been completed," she said.

Friends In Pink has secured the domain www.FriendsInPink.org and has a page marker now in place. A formal rollout of the new Friends In Pink logo is planned for after Jan. 1.

Unveiling of Friends In Pink came during a very successful friendship

luncheon. More than 150 volunteers and sponsors were registered to attend the fundraising luncheon that featured a special Macy's fashion show and live auction by auctioneer K.C. Daniel of Associate Auctions.

The annual event generated more than \$31,000 to help Friends In Pink continue to grow to serve local breast cancer patients.

Plans are already underway for next year's luncheon and several country clubs throughout the region are now vying for the honor of hosting the gala event.

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Forestry

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ing homes and property.

But equally important is what residents do at the start of the season, said Richie Bamlet, senior forester and certified arborist.

"When choosing a Christmas tree, it is important to buy a fresh tree," Mr. Bamlet said in a statement.

Drier plants are more likely to kindle, and fresh trees absorb water, reducing fire risks.

"Cut an inch off the bottom or ask the vendor to do

it for you," Mr. Bamlet said. "This new cut will allow water to be taken up. Put your tree in water as soon as you get home and be sure to top-up daily. A fresh tree will drink about a pint a day for the first couple of days."

For residents who decide to burn their trees after the holidays, here are some tips from the experts at the Florida Forest Service:

- Keep a shovel and water hose handy;
- Don't burn on windy days or when the humidity is below 35 percent;
- Contain the fire within an 8-foot diameter pile or non-combustible barrel;

• Keep fires at 25 feet from your home or forests, about 50 feet from paved public roads and 150 feet from other occupied buildings.

Also, officials warn a burn that turns into an unwanted blaze could lead to major fines and liability in covering suppression costs and paying for damaged property.

"Burning yard waste does not require an authorization from the Florida Forest Service, but you should check with your local city, county or Florida Forest Service officials to see if there are any restrictions in your area," Ms. Yunas said.

"Get to know the burn laws in your area before your strike that match. It is unsafe and illegal to burn wrapping paper and gift boxes. Consider recycling instead of burning your Christmas trees in order to reduce the chances of sparking a wildfire."

For more fire-prevention tips, burning rules and regulations visit the forest service's website, www.floridaforestservice.com, or contact a local office. In Vero Beach, the contact is (772) 778-5085, Port St. Lucie (772) 468-3915 and Stuart (772) 221-4045.

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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.

Arrests listed were made from Nov. 22-Nov. 29, 2012

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•Davis Demetrus Travis, 23, 349 S.W. Eighth Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, being a habitual traffic offender, six counts of DUI with property damage and four counts of DUI with injuries.

•Miguel Angel Alfonso-Roche, 54, 5361 Cannon Way, West Palm Beach, was charged with grand theft.

•Maykel Marquez Morejon, 31, 4574 S. Holiday Circle, West Palm Beach, was charged with grand theft of an automobile, grand theft and resisting an officer without violence.

•Jean Charles Romelus, 27, 2044 Northwest 87th St., Miami, was charged with armed burglary, burglary of a conveyance, possession of burglary tools and grand theft.

•Stephen Lee Bates, 26, 6240 S.E. Lake Circle Drive,

Stuart, was charged with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

•Edward Walsh, 52, 4523 S.E. Robertson Road, Stuart, was charged with corruption by threat against a public servant, driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, being a habitual traffic offender and refusing a lawful test.

•Daniel Miranda, 24, 960 East 40th St., Hiialeah, was charged with uttering a forged instrument and grand theft.

•Deshawn Marquis Norwood, 24, 14768 Palm Beach St., Indiantown, was charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant woman.

•Willie Gene Mike Jr., 47, 14527 S.W. Tuamini Court, Indiantown, was charged with seven counts of uttering a forged instrument.

•Dexter Lemar Brunson, 19, 3104 Louisiana Ave., Fort Pierce, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for robbery by sudden snatching without a firearm or weapon.

•William Clark, 50, 10725 S. Ocean Drive, Lot 157, Jensen Beach, was charged with high-speed or wanton fleeing.

•Garret James Coryell, 19,

3228 Gun Club Road, Palm Beach, was charged with three counts of violation of probation. He was on probation for burglary of a dwelling and grand theft.

•Weston Silvers, 31, no address listed, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for credit card fraud and grand theft.

•Jennifer Haga, 39, 467 S.W. Calquin Lane, Port St. Lucie, was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance.

•Evelyn Favorite, 31, 3219 Sunrise Blvd., Fort Pierce, was charged with being a habitual traffic offender with knowledge.

•Ambur Reid Michell, 29, 5586 S.E. Colling Ave., Stuart, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for obtaining a controlled substance by fraud.

•Tia Lashonda Miller, 36, 1124 Grant St., West Palm Beach, was charged with fraudulent use of a credit card.

•Laura Beth Whitehead, 30, 850 N.W. Fork Road, Stuart, was charged with attempted tampering with

physical evidence.

•Michael Patrick Micicche, 47, 3079 S.W. Hollis Ave., Palm City, was charged with two counts of making fraudulent attempts to obtain a duplicate prescription for a controlled substance.

•Ryan Jacobs, 21, 1201 S.E. Palm Beach Road, Apt. A204, Stuart, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for marijuana sale, delivery or manufacture.

•Gary Michael Willis, 34, no address listed, was charged with uttering a forged check and petit theft.

•Scott Sperling, 41, 2359 N.E. Rustic Way, Jensen Beach, was charged with felony battery.

•Kaley Kunkenoeller, 20, 2191 Northwest 20th Ave., Stuart, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for possession of a controlled substance.

•Nikola Jean Tavernia, 25, 14900 Camp Mack Road, Lot 72, Lake Wales, was charged with five counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, driving

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under the influence of drugs or alcohol and possession of cocaine.

•Eugene Derrell Vaughn, 27, 317 S.E. Thanksgiving Drive, Port St. Lucie, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for possession of ecstasy.

•Robert Reed Norwood, 26, 3242 S.E. Clayton St., Stuart, was charged with battery on a detainee.

•Jeffery Franklin Kallas, aka John Silkanowski, 48, 2003 Adair St., Ocoee, was charged with unlawful use of two-way communications and felony retail theft in concert with another.

•Margaret Mary Ciccarelli, aka Margaret Peedle and Margaret Kammeraad, 50, 2121 N.E. Park St., Unit 2A, Jensen Beach, was charged with reckless driving causing damage or injury and two counts of aggravated battery.

•Sondra Monteleone, aka Sandra Sebastian, 25, 6350 S.E. Lake Circle, Stuart, was charged with being a habitual traffic offender with knowledge.

•Michael Angelo Nino, 42, no address listed, was charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle.

•Jennifer Nicole Natale, 18, 2191 Northeast 21st Ave., Jensen Beach, was charged with domestic aggravated assault and domestic battery.

•Alexander John Gambo, 22, 171 S.W. Palm Drive, Apt. 203, Port St. Lucie, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for grand theft.

•Douglas Brian Staugatis, 60, 210 Columbus St., Sebastian, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and felony battery with prior conviction.

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Fox

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fox hid under a neighbor's shed. When Ms. Ellison went to that house to warn neighbors, the animal bit her again.

"(The) fox leaped up on her right hip, bit her and was hanging off her leg, growling the entire time," Officer Guile reported. "She was bit on the upper right thigh near the buttock and on her right ankle. She beat the fox over the head with

the umbrella and it ran off again."

After Animal Control officers caught the fox, the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast euthanized it.

Officials from the Martin County Health Department said the fox later tested positive for rabies, a virus transmitted from the bite or scratch of an infected animal. Any mammal can get rabies, which is why Mrs. Ellison has had to have multiple vaccines to prevent infection.

"Honey, I couldn't count

how many shots I've had," she said four days after the attacks. "It's probably between eight, 10 or 12. I don't know. I've lost count."

The fox was the second animal to test positive for rabies in the county this year.

A dog that tested positive in Palm City in May was revaccinated and placed in quarantine for 45 days.

"These are the only incidents we know about as of now, but we always issue the information so people could know what to look

out for," said Renay Rouse, the health department's spokeswoman.

"It's always good to get the word out and let people know about it, but at this point, there does not appear to be a problem out there."

Officials said the most common rabies carriers are raccoons, skunks, bats, foxes and coyotes. Domestic mammals can also get rabies, they said, with cats being the most frequently reported rabid domestic animal nationwide.

To help prevent infection, officials offer these tips:

•Make sure pets are up to date with rabies vaccinations;

•Do not feed or handle wild animals.

•Do not touch dead animals. Use gloves to remove and dispose of them.

•Wash wounds with soap and water for at least five minutes then call a doctor, if bitten.

For her part, Ms. Ellison said the attacks have left her and her neighbors in western Martin County

alert and cautious.

"We've still got foxes out here. They would always run away. We didn't dream that one of them had rabies," she said. "You know if that one fox has rabies the others and the raccoons are most probably going to have it. Everybody is trying to be more than careful."

"Let everyone know to be careful," she said.

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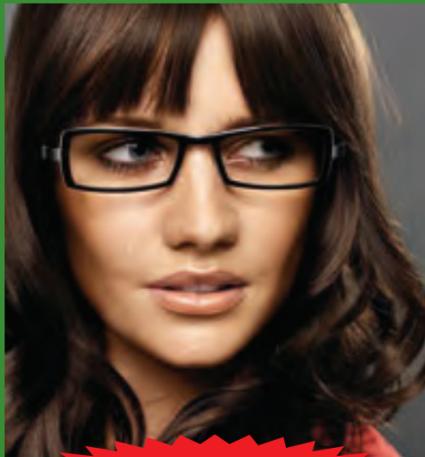
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Uses for cut, copy, paste commands

Talk to any seasoned computer user and you'll find that "copying and pasting" is a regular technique. It is used to move data from one place to another, even from one program to another.

Many users would be lost without this powerful ability.

Repetitive tasks, such as filling in fields on forms, can be quickly streamlined by borrowing or "copying" data that has already been typed somewhere in your computer and inserting (or pasting it) wherever you like.

Even Windows elements, such as icons, shortcuts, files and folders, can be moved around using copy, cut and paste.

The glue that holds the whole thing together is called the clipboard and this is the part that throws most people. That's because the clipboard is hidden behind the scenes and you rarely ever see it.

Since it's invisible, you have to take it on faith that something is really happening when you copy. That's where most people have trouble.

When you copy something to the clipboard, there is no obvious indicator that anything has happened until you go to paste and then "pop," whatever you copied to the clipboard pops into place wherever you paste it, sometimes minutes (even hours) after copying it.

There are actually three commands associated with this technique: copy, cut and paste.

Cut and copy are very similar with one difference. When you copy something to the clipboard, the original item stays put. But when you cut something, the original item actually deletes from its original location when you finally get around to pasting it.

This brings us to the third command: paste. Once you have a bit of data copied to the clipboard, whether it's text, pictures, files, folders, icons or whatever, you can insert that data wherever you want just by clicking paste.

Even though you can



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SEAN MCCARTHY

copy and paste from different parts of Windows, there are some rules that govern the whole thing.

For instance, you can't copy and paste icons and folders into programs. In other words, you can't copy your my documents folder and paste it into a Word document. It just won't work.

You have to keep within loose boundaries. Copy text and paste it into areas that normally hold text, such as word processors and form fields. Copy graphics and paste them into places that usually manage graphics, such as image editors. Copy files, folders and icons and paste into places that support files, folders and icons, such as disk drives and your desktop.

So, how does it all work? Let's run through a quick scenario.

Let's say that you just got done installing a new program on your machine. In order to launch this program, however, you have to click start, then programs, then go to the new programs group and click on the program icon.

Isn't there a way to get an icon on the desktop that we can click without having to navigate through all those menus?

Sure! We can use copy and paste to place an icon on the desktop.

Let's run through it using Windows 7 and FreeCell.

First, we have to find the icon we want to copy. Click start, then go to all programs, then games. With the right mouse button, click on the FreeCell icon and notice another menu pops up. In the new menu click copy.

This is where people get confused because it appears that nothing has happened. Have faith. The menu where we clicked copy disappears and we go back to the desktop, right click and click paste

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Teen raises awareness of suicide



Samantha Knight, 18, a senior at Jensen Beach High School, organized the Martin County 'Out Of The Darkness' walk, an event to raise funds for the America Foundation for Suicide Prevention, which took place at Indian-Riverside Park in Jensen Beach on Sunday, Dec. 2. The event drew 196 participants and raised \$3,503. For more information, go to www.outofthedarkness.org

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Time to make repairs

Hurricane season has passed. Wouldn't it be a great time to work on the storm drains?

I have lived here for three years, but my ditches have been wet the entire time. I live on a corner lot, so I have the drain under the street. The problem is the water can't pass through the drain under the street, because the ditch on the other side has not been maintained, blocking the water from traveling into the nearby storm ditch.

I would think that this would be a great time to survey the drain system and work on our drainage problems before the next hurricane season arrives.

Bunch of bigots?

Recently I had the pleasure of spending Thanksgiving with some family on the Treasure Coast and while reading *Hometown News* I caught the Rants & Raves. My first impression of the "locals" was wow what a bunch of bigots, racist, narrow-minded, backward-thinking people living in this town. Then at second glance I was convinced I was right! Now I know why our great president's motto was "forward." I would hate to think the people there were a sampling of the American people today. If this were the case then I'd be ashamed to be an American. Thankfully, I know better, otherwise we would have Gov. Romney in office.

America stands for freedom and equal rights and many young men and women have died for those freedoms but maybe I'm wrong when it comes to the Treasure Coast. It sounds like only the free, white, straight, Anglo Saxon, Protestants are allow to live there. What a sad place!

In response to 'same opportunities'

I have a question for the writer. Is "the white community" (including you) all rednecks or white trash? If your answer is no then why would you classify "the black community" (including me) as "these parasites?"

I am 78 years old, have been and am still working from the age of 17. As a single mother working two jobs, I raised two college graduates who have repaid every red cent of their school loan and are doing fine. Their children are in college with medical and legal aspirations.

I've never taken one dime, not even food stamps, from the government. At the age of 69 I went back to school, learned a new trade, which has kept me employable to this day, and I am positive there are millions of "mes" out there.

I am not denying that there are some (not the sum) of us who fit your scenario and are grossly non-productive, but so are some of you. I take umbrage to your ignorance of disparaging all of any community regardless of ethnicity. My advice to you is, familiarize yourself with the word some and incorporate it in your future diatribes.

Questioning the raise

I am just wondering if the city officials had placed newly 3 percent raise increases to all employees and 36 percent to the city manager would have won on the recent ballot by the residents of Port St. Lucie.

I mean if this is the telltale sign of the economy we must be the only city in America that is not yet facing the economic crunch. But yet as we travel up and down the streets we see house after house for sale or rent with houses sitting empty or in disrepair.

We have a road called Crosstown Parkway that was built on lies and actually does little but give an alternate route after you fight your way to it from U.S. 1.

Let us also mention the civic center that was supposed to be this big City Place and now we have a \$25 million building that was projected in the first year to make \$3 million but only made \$750,000.

The city manager that our famed council just gave a 36 percent raise to said, "The Civic Center was never meant to be a money maker."

So, what the city is telling us is just like the city golf course that we as tax payers should keep paying taxes and supply the

funds so these so called city buildings can keep their nose above water.

First maybe the officials of this fine city should realize that these city buildings should be self-sufficient and not depend on having to rely on the taxpayer dollar as they do not benefit all the people of our community. I never really understood just what the mayor does in Port St Lucie if we have a city manager who does all the work and gets paid more than \$150,000 a year. Just what does our mayor get for her to go and have crumpets and tea with the garden clubs?

Why don't we do away with the so-called common council and divide up the city into wards and elect an alderman to each ward to represent the communities they live in?

Turn the city manager into the alderman at large and let's get the mayor doing some work with the alderman. The ward alderman only gets paid when in session each month but at least everyone is represented in the operation of the city government.

The way it is now they just pass rules and regulations and could care less if we like it. This city has way more citizens than the community where we had seven aldermen and I ask how can the council represent me and my community when he has never even come to my door in my community?

In defense of stance

Well, it seems I've caught the attention of someone who has had a stroke of bad decisions. Well, first yes I do target welfare. It is so greatly abused. Two examples: first one, a young mother of three kids, the youngest a toddler, she made the local news cast. She supposedly went to her sister's house to get food for the kids. Instead she went to a friend's place to drink. She showed up at home reeking of alcohol. Well, she had a toddler a neighbor was watching and the police were waiting for 45 minutes. Now, in the paper, they stated her as being less than 25 years old with three kids. Give me a break.

In this economy, they get into subsidized housing. They have a kid to pay for their portion of the rent, then they pop out a few other kids to have play money. Hmm, they have already dropped out of school so they don't possess a fairly good education. This is not what being an American is all about. This type of loser lifestyle is based on a socialistic governing lifestyle. So getting back to this woman and her three kids, yes, she's a drain on the economy.

In Poland and a state in the New England area, they only pay for one child, the rest is on the parent. Just think if it was that way here in Fort Pierce. We most likely wouldn't have the gang problem we do either. These kids are not proper parents. You can tell just by the way they behave at stores, they use these kids as tools.

So don't say come together. I am tired of paying for people who could give a darn about anything. America was built on individualism and your own will toward prosperity, not being a parasite.

Editor's note: We could find no evidence that in Poland or a state in the New England area that assistance is limited to one child. In Connecticut, according to the Temporary Family Assistance website, benefits are limited to 21 months for most families. Families must meet specific criteria to get benefits extended.

More in defense of stance

This is response to those who've read articles I have written to this special section, pertaining to "kids having kids" and so forth. First, thank you for reading it. I do believe in helping people who need help. However, when young people who make a living on welfare having kids just to get that social pay from the government because they've increased their family population that's dead wrong.

When they have no other income but a welfare check, they shouldn't be having more children. These people are a drain on the economy. They work the system and these young lives end up out on the streets in gangs or other careless ways of life because they are not given a good foundation.

As far as the author about we're all Americans, that doesn't mean you don't make a way of life out of the system. The democrats want you at their mercy. The people who do this now depend on tax money that should go toward better use.

As far as "Obamacare" the congress never read the package and the Supreme Court ruled it as a tax so there is your non-proper representation of the new tax. Thus whoever didn't read that now new law has violated the constitution of the United States. Now look at the states that are fighting it. I'm against socialized programs why should I put my tax dollars towards people "working the system." Don't have babies if you can't afford them yourself. I'm also a single divorced father, so I also know financial hardship as well. Oh, by the way, I'm in constant communication with my young adult son, as well. So, before you go off and defend the parasites out there maybe one day ask one of these young gals with a kid in tow how they pay for their lifestyle. Do they have a good-paying career and not funded lifestyle?

Thank you, by the way. I do stop and have asked these people what kind of jobs they have. Yes, I get dirty looks, but I wouldn't expect anything else. Why would I? They know they're wrong in what they do. They just get defensive because I have the guts to expose them.

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Hospital appoints new vice president

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MARTIN COUNTY — Angie Metcalf was appointed vice president and chief human resources officer for Martin Health System.

Ms. Metcalf, who has been with Martin Health since 2005, has more than 20 years of human resources experience. She has worked in a variety of fields, ranging from health care to financial services and telecommunication, including roles with four Fortune 500 companies

GE Capital, Contel, Ryder System and Spherion Corporation.

In her new capacity at Martin Health, Ms. Metcalf oversees all human resources functions for 3,000 associates and 800 volunteers.

Ms. Metcalf began her tenure at Martin Health as manager of learning and organizational development, before being promot-



Metcalf

ed to corporate director of human resources in 2006. She assumed the role of assistant vice president of human resources in May 2012, following the departure of former vice president and chief human resources officer, Amy Barry.

During Ms. Metcalf's time at Martin Health, the organization has been named a national Employer of Choice for three consecutive years and has earned recognition as a Best Places to Work in both Martin and St. Lucie counties.

Ms. Metcalf, who was

raised in St. Lucie County, earned her bachelor's degree from Stetson University and an MBA from the University of Florida. She has served six years on the board of directors for Workforce Solutions, including her current role as chairwoman.

Ms. Metcalf also has held positions on the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce leadership planning committee and in the Boys and Girls Club of Martin County.

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Marketing, planning specialist joins clinic

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MARTIN COUNTY — The Volunteers in Medicine Clinic appointed Jamie Garner, a veteran marketing and planning specialist, to the newly created position of development officer.

Ms. Garner comes to VIM Clinic with more than 20 years' experience in marketing, communications and sales support with Fortune 100 companies. She will be responsible for developing new revenue streams for VIM Clinic, which has relied heavily on its annual black-tie fundraising gala.

The annual Jan. 26 gala traditionally raises half the clinic's operating costs. However, Mary Fields, executive director, said the need for health care services among the medically indigent continues to grow in Martin County.

"After 17 years of relying

on fundraising events, we recognize it's time to take a more strategic planning approach to secure our future," said Ms. Fields.

"We want to be able to keep up with the demand for our services in meeting our mission."

Since Volunteers in Medicine was created in October 1995, there have been more than 145,000 patient visits to the clinic.

In addition to the volunteer medical practitioners who see VIM patients, Martin Health System provides more than \$6 million in free laboratory and diagnostic services.

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Garner

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The second reason is that I feature a mystery shopping report on my weekly radio show, "Earl Stewart on Cars" that airs between 9 and 10 every Saturday morning. I've done hundreds of these mystery shops and I've noticed an interesting trend over the years.

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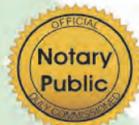
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Obituaries

Joseph V. Colello

Joseph V. Colello, 90, of Stuart, died Nov. 17, 2012. He was born in the New York and lived in Stuart for 15 years. He served in the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by a daughter, Melinda; a sister, Angela; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and his companion, Margret.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.

Kenneth Long

Kenneth Long, 56, of Stuart, died Nov. 21, 2012. He was born in Springfield, Mass., and lived in Stuart for 17 years.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Linda; a son, Jeremiah; a sister, Eunice; two brothers, Leonard and Haydn.

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Rita Irene Vom Hofe

Rita Irene Vom Hofe, 84, of Jensen Beach, died Nov. 18, 2012.

She lived in Jensen Beach for 30 years. She is survived by her friends and neighbors.

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Elaine M. Mader

Elaine M. Mader, 73, of Jensen Beach, died Nov. 22,

2012. She was born in Gary, Ind., and lived in Jensen Beach for 12 years.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Donald; two sons, James and Mark; two sisters, Carol and Jeanne; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Margaret 'Peggy' Heidel

Margaret "Peggy" Heidel, 74, of Stuart, died Nov. 20, 2012.

She was born in Long Branch, N.J., and lived in Stuart since 2004.

She is survived by a daughter, Candace; three

sons, David, Eric and Lee; three sisters, Karen, Claire and Doreen; a brother, Jerry and eight grandchildren.

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Lawrence C. Robertson

Lawrence C. Robertson, 91, of Jensen Beach, died Nov. 22, 2012.

He was born in Little Neck, N.Y., and moved to Jensen Beach in 1981.

He served in the U.S. Marines.

He is survived by a son, Lawrence; a daughter, Nancy; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Gottfried 'Fred' A. Gunzel

Gottfried "Fred" A. Gunzel, 98, of Stuart, died Nov. 22, 2012.

He was born in Australia and lived in Stuart for 37 years.

He is survived by two sons, William and Robert; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

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Gilda Tuschmann

Gilda Tuschmann, 64, of Palm City, died Nov. 23, 2012.

She was born in Curacao and moved to Palm City in 1980.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Klaus; a daughter, Nadine; a son, Klaus and five grandchildren.

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Richard Woodruff Stempel

Richard Woodruff Stempel, 87, of Stuart, died Nov. 24, 2012.

He was born in Doylestown, Pa., and lived in Stuart for 18 years.

He served in the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Margaret; four daughters, Tracy, Linda, Leslie and Shelly; a son,

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For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

MARTIN COUNTY — The Martin County Library System and the parks and recreation department are teaming up to provide children ages 5-11 with the chance to earn a season pass to Sailfish Splash Waterpark for the 2013 season.

From Dec. 1 to March 30, children will fill out a lazy river game board by attending library programs, checking out or reading a book, discovering some of the library's online resources and other library experiences each month.

Each child that completes the game board will be rewarded with a season pass in time for the season opening to the waterpark.

Lazy river game boards will be available for pick up at any Martin County Library System branch starting Dec. 1.

Participants must complete the library activities during all four months (December 2012 to March 2013) in order to qualify for their pass.

For more information, call (772) 221-1407. To learn more about the Martin County Library System, pick up a "Library Connection" at any Martin County library, call (772) 221-1403 or visit www.library.martin.fl.us.

Obituaries

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Richard and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.

John 'JIG' Graham

John "JIG" Graham, 63, of Stuart, died Nov. 24, 2012.

He was born in Norwalk, Conn.

He is survived by two brothers, Arthur and Russell; two nieces and two nephews.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.

Melba Maurine Noe

Melba Maurine Noe, 93, of Hobe Sound, died Nov. 26, 2012.

She was born in Sapul-

pa, Okla., and lived in Hobe Sound for six months.

She is survived by a daughter, Susan; two sons, Ronald and Gary; three grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.

Lois J. Smith

Lois J. Smith, 76, of Stuart, died Nov. 25, 2012.

She was born in Knoxville, Tenn., and lived in Stuart for 47 years.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; a son, Tony; a daughter, Zina; three stepsons, Dennis, Michael and Kevin; a stepdaughter, Susan; a brother, Howard and 19 grandchildren.

Arrangements by Forest Hills Funeral Homes Palm City Chapel.

Guide

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the implementation of the new standards and the creation of end-of-course exams required under the new system, which is set for full deployment by 2014.

"For me I'm excited to just get in, roll up my sleeves and really be able to focus on success for all students," she said.

The new standards replace the Sunshine State standards.

Implementing the standards will lead to new expenses for the district, and a need to ensure teachers have adequate support during the process.

"We do more with less every year," Ms. Gaylord said. "I want to make sure to get a good read on where we are financially and to be able to move forward."

Ms. Gaylord, a longtime school board member, represented District 3 and served on the school board for 10 years.

She won the race for superintendent during the Republican primary last

August, when she got 62 percent of the vote.

Her victory ousted Nancy Kline, who left office Nov. 20, having served four years as superintendent.

In a school district rife with political infighting, the new superintendent said one of her main goals is to "improve the work climate."

"There has been room for improvement," she said, adding that the goal is to focus on student success.

"I'm looking forward from now on. I'm not looking backward."

When she was sworn in last month, Ms. Gaylord suggested she wanted to foster cooperation.

"My first order of business this morning was removing the electronic lock from the superintendent's office," she said in a statement released at that time. "I want to have an open-door policy and have the public feel welcome visiting."



Gaylord

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Council of Chambers Luncheon

Thursday, December 20th
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Awards Presented at Installation Gala held at Mariner Sands



Cathy McKenzie, AT&T Florida was presented the Business Person of the Year Award by Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone and Chairman Tom Vokoun, AECOM.



The Chairman's Award was presented by Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone and Chairman Tom Vokoun, AECOM to Nick Blount, Florida Power and Light.



The Chairman's Award was presented by Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone and Chairman Tom Vokoun, AECOM to Ryan Strom, Team Parks, Inc.



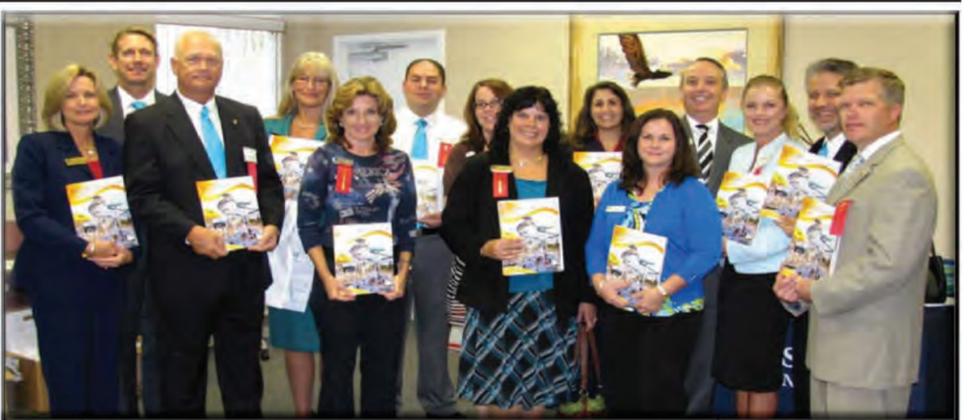
Maureen Vaillancourt, RE/MAX of Stuart was presented the 2011/2012 Ambassador of the Year Award by Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone and Chairman Tom Vokoun, AECOM.



Chairman Tom Vokoun, AECOM and Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone presented the President's Award to Lynne Barletta, Visionary School of Arts.



Past Chairman Tom Vokoun, AECOM was presented the Chairman's Recognition Plaque for his outstanding year by 2012/2013 Chairman Michael Dadko, UBS/Sailfish Wealth Management Group.



The annual publication of the Chamber's Resort & Business Guide was unveiled at the "Operation Thank You" kick-off breakfast held on Tuesday, November 6th. "Operation Thank You" is a way for the chamber to thank its members by distributing goodie bags containing promotional items and the new Guides to them. Special thanks to Seacoast National Bank for sponsoring this year's breakfast and Brian and Betsy Yager, owners of Cuisine 256, for preparing a beautiful and delicious breakfast spread. A big thank you also to 40 plus members that participated and helped make this year's "Operation Thank You" a great success.



Special thanks to Alexandra's and Silver Platter Catering for providing the deliciously prepared meal at the Chamber's November Networking Luncheon. Shown are owner Jayne Reynolds and chef Ossie Younge.



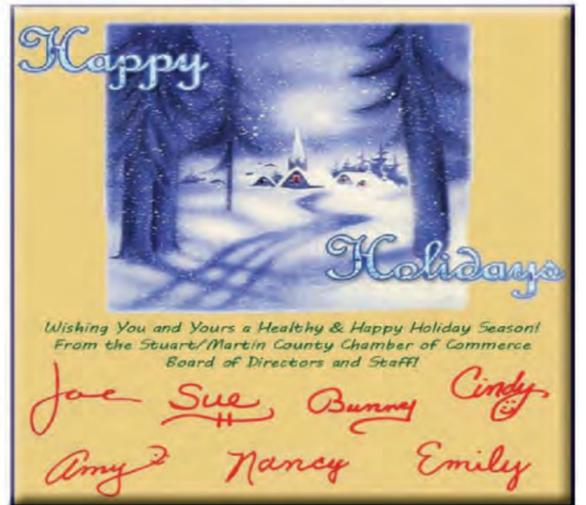
Chamber Chairman Michael Dadko, UBS/Sailfish Wealth Management Group presented the Ambassador of the Month Award to Sergio Nativi, Bridge Financial, Inc. at the November Networking Luncheon hosted and sponsored by Alexandra's and Silver Platter Catering.



Chamber Chairman Michael Dadko, UBS/Sailfish Wealth Management Group is all smiles as he presents Past Chairman Melissa Corbett, The MilCor Group, Inc. with her service award at the Networking Luncheon hosted and sponsored by Alexandra's and Silver Platter Catering.



Special thanks to Stuart's Own Cowboys BBQ & Steak Co. for hosting and sponsoring the Chamber's November Business After Hours. Shown from left are Vice Chair/Chair Elect John O'Brien, Gulfstream Aluminum & Shutter Corp.; Cowboy's manager Read Mullin and Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone.



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Stewart

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Back in the day, car salesmen looked and sounded like what many people consider the stereotype for a car salesman. You know what I mean, gold chains, diamond pinkie ring, sunglasses, loud shirt and white shoes.

As car buyers became more educated, sophisticated and demanding, it didn't take car dealers long to realize they had to dress their car salesmen in a nicer fashion, put "lipstick on a pig," so to speak. But even though they looked nicer, they sounded and acted pretty much the same.

With the advent of the Internet, Google in particular, today's consumer has made a quantum leap in knowledge, education and sophistication. Today's buyer of virtually everything is far more demanding and far less tolerant of deceptive advertising and sales tactics.

The most recent shift I've seen in car dealers' efforts to make their salesmen seem less threatening is in who they hire and how they train their salesmen to behave.

More car dealers are hiring younger sales people, and fewer older, experi-

enced salesmen. These dealers want their sales people to treat their customers with courtesy and respect and gain their confidence.

We've all heard the terms con man and con artist. We also know the verb, to con. To con somebody means to steal from them as in Bernie Madoff. Did you know that "con" is short for confidence? A successful con man is good at gaining the confidence of his victim. The con man's appearance and how he sounds play a critical role in this. I often hear people who were taken advantage of and stolen from say, "He looked and sounded like such a nice person." Think about that for a minute. How successful could a crook be who looked and sounded like one?

The important thing to remember is that it's usually not the car salesman who is responsible for the deception. Certainly he cannot be held accountable for the deceptive and often illegal advertising.

In fact, many car sales people hate the advertising that brings prospective customers into the car dealership by false and misleading promises.

Especially in today's economy, many people work in car dealerships because they can't find a job

anywhere else. Imagine how embarrassing it must be to a salesman, new to the car business, when he must try to explain away a bait and switch advertisement.

How can you tell a prospective customer that the "sale car" on the showroom floor costs several thousands more than the one advertised on TV? In my mystery shops, it's becoming more common for the salesman to "nicely" tell my shopper when she asks to see the advertised car that they can't really buy the car for that price and to apologize for the deceptive ad. These sales people will say right up front that the ad is just to get you to come in so that they can try to sell you a car at higher price.

Also, the salesman is often an innocent victim when it comes to deceptive sales practices. Many car dealers use attractive, friendly sounding sales people to lure the fly into the web.

It's been proven in studies that customers put more stock in the individual they deal with at a store than the store itself. If that salesman can capture your trust and especially, if he can make you like him, the car dealership is 90 percent closer to closing the sale.

Today's sales people are really more "greeters" than sales people. Many car sales people today are not privy to

the cost or even the selling price of the cars they "sell." The true cost of the car is known only by the sales managers who are also known as closers and team leaders. These managers are also the only ones authorized to quote a price. They also appraise your trade-in. The interest rates you pay and the warranties, maintenance plans, GAP insurance, etc. that you buy are all handled by managers.

The bottom line is that it's not the rude, aggressive car salesman you need to be afraid of. There are very few of those around anymore. The car dealers have wised up and you will be dealing with young, attractive, non-threatening, and polite sales people today. In many cases, they know very little about the unfair and deceptive sales and advertising. What little they do know makes them feel bad but they need the job and want to put food on the table for their family.

As much as you like this salesman or saleslady, don't give him or her your trust when it comes getting a fair price, trade-in allowance, lease payment or interest rate. That nice, smiling sales person is the dealer's pawn and is "just following orders." Verify all of the numbers your new friend gives you by competitively shopping and comparing at least two other car dealers.

Compute

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Clinic

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Pets

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"Many people are surprised to find out about this. We all love our pets, but for some of those seniors their pets are the only family they have," Ms. Belizar said. "If they're having a particularly tough month, they may not be able to afford specialty pet food. They end up feeding some of their food to the animals, which isn't good for anybody."

A Nov. 17 fundraiser drew community leaders and garnered support from several local businesses, including Coast 101.3.

Among the supporters were Sheriff Robert Crowder and professional baseball player Scott Proctor, who spent time in a "dog house" in the parking lot of Animal Care Extraordinaire's Stuart office to encourage friends to donate to the cause.

Members of the Boys and Girls Club's Keystone Club also participated in the event, selling hotdogs, snacks and drinks.

It was the first time the organizers sought public participation, instead of limiting the fundraiser to donations from the clinic's clients, said Dr. Diamond, who arranged the event with fellow veterinarians,

Ronald Ball and Roderick Wood.

Cathy Knowles, the Council on Aging's manager of meal services, also spent time in the "dog house" to help raise awareness of the plight of many of the area's seniors.

"Those who are on limited incomes often struggle to buy pet food," she said. "We want to ensure that the seniors and their pets receive proper nutrition."

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FRIDAY, DEC. 7- SATURDAY, DEC. 8

- **"Ragtime,"** a musical play, will be performed at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Dec. 7 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Dec. 8 at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center, 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call (800) 220-9915 or go online to www.irsc.edu.
- The lecture **"Star of Wonder"** will be held at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Dec. 7, and at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Dec. 8 at Hallstrom Planetarium, 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. Cost is \$3. For more information, call (772) 462-4750.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

- **Port St. Lucie community green market** will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place in Port St. Lucie. For more information, call (772) 345-3797.
- **Farmer's market** will take place at Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road in Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 464-4672.
- **Holiday nonprofit and craft show** will take place at Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road in Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 464-4672.
- The **jazz market** takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. downtown by the Fort Pierce

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Taking it easy at the parade

Wyatt McArthur, 9, Barry McArthur and Brock McArthur keep up with the parade in their motorized lounge chair at the 27th annual Hobe Sound Chamber Christmas parade, which featured more than 1,500 participants and 75 entries on Saturday, Dec. 1.



Sevin Bullwinkle staff photographer

Christmas parade returns for 52nd year

By Samantha Joseph sjoseph@hometownnewsol.com

MARTIN COUNTY — For about 25 years, Bonnie Landry has attended the Stuart Christmas parade, an event that for her is a key part of local holiday celebrations. This year for the first time, Ms. Landry will co-chair the parade organized by Stuart Main Street and the Downtown Business Association. "It's quite a tradition here," Ms. Landry said of the parade that has been a

major attraction for more than half a century. "It's a community event and something that most people have been participating in for many years." Now in its 52nd year, the annual Christmas parade is returning to downtown at 7 p.m. on Dec. 7. This year's theme is "Christmas by the Sea," and will feature Santa Claus in a beach buggy. The parade will travel about 1.25 miles along East Ocean Boulevard between Georgia Avenue and Monterrey Road.

About 80 entrants have signed up, including dancers, seven bands, five performing groups and 28 lighted floats. "It's always spectacular and always fun," said Leslie Burgess, who's attended the parade for more than a decade. "It creates a great sense of community that you don't get in other cities." Serving as grand marshal will be Martin County Sheriff Robert Crowder, who is leaving office in January after 20 years in the chief law enforcement

role. Residents who can't be among the thousands set to attend the parade can watch it on Martin County Television, MCTV channel 20, for coverage by co-hosts Gabriella Ferraro and Kate Parmelee. "There's such broad participation," said Ms. Landry, who is chairing the parade with colleague Teresa Lamar-Sarno. "You have quite a diverse group, from businesses to nonprofits and elected officials coming out to be part of this."



Week of 12-7-2012

ARIES - March 21-April 20

Aries, you will have to work hard at presenting a different image if you want to win over a few more fans. It might take a little time, but it is definitely within the realm of possibility.

TAURUS - April 21-May 21

Taurus, take a break no matter how busy you are this week. It is for your own good to recharge with some R&R and then get back on track at work.

GEMINI - May 22-June 21

Unexpected things can happen when you explore new possibilities, Gemini. Get out there and immerse yourself in other social circles so that you can take advantage of opportunities.

CANCER - June 22-July 22

Cancer, run your ideas by a few people this week before you make a big presentation. This will help you to revise and tweak anything that needs a little work.

LEO - July 23-Aug. 23

Leo, you will be full of energy this week and that energy helps you handle whatever is put on your plate. Take advantage of your productivity with a few days off next week.

VIRGO - Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Virgo, jump on an opportunity to take a vacation. There won't be many other opportunities this year to enjoy a vacation. So go along even if it's related to work.

LIBRA - Sept. 23-Oct. 23

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Pet event to include photos with Santa

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

MARTIN COUNTY — The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast invites residents and their pets to kick off the holidays with its second annual holiday extravaganza. The event will be held Dec. 8 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the HSTC shelter, 4100 S.W. Leighton Farm Ave., Palm City. Admission is free. The event will feature pet pictures with Santa by J.C. Penney Lifetouch Portrait Studio, arts and crafts, home-baked goods, music by T-Rex Entertainment and an assortment of vendors. A portion of all sales will benefit the shelter animals.

The HSTC also encourages participants to bring in a donation item for the shelter pets in need. Animals also will be available for adoption along with low-cost spay and neuter vouchers for sale. Event goers also can pre-register for the HSTC's "Home for the Holidays" foster program, which runs from Dec. 19- Jan. 5, 2013. The goal is for all dogs to be fostered in homes during this holiday promotional period with the ultimate goal of getting them adopted into a forever home. For more information, call (772) 600-3217 or (772) 223-8822 or visit www.hstc1.org. Visit www.hstc1.org to see the *pets' wish list*.

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- **Saturday afternoon movie** will be held at 3 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place in Port St. Lucie. Admission is free. For more information, call (772) 807-4499 or visit www.cityofpsl.com.
- **Groucho's Comedy Night** will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place in Port St. Lucie. Tickets start at \$12. For more information, call (772) 828-4488 or visit www.cityofpsl.com.
- **"The Nutcracker"** will be performed at the Sunrise Theatre by the St. Lucie Ballet.
- **Sleepy time animals** will take place at 10:30 a.m. This is for children ages 5 and up at Oxbow Eco-Center in Port St. Lucie. Cost is \$4 per person. Learn about the adaptations

that some animals use to fend off cold weather. Reservations are required.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

- **The sixth annual St. Lucie County Toy Run** will take place on Sunday, Dec. 9. Bikes line up at Victory 3525 South US 1. at 9 a.m. Kickstands up at 11 a.m. Run ends at the PAL Center. No Bike come to PAL at 10 a.m. There will be bands and entertainment. Please bring a toy for a child. For more information, call (772) 466-0606.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

- **Cirque Chinois, the National Circus of the People's Republic of China** will perform at 7 p.m. at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. 2nd St. in Fort Pierce. Tickets start at \$39. For more information, call (772) 461-4775.
- **Tuesday jazz jam**, by the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society, takes place from 7

p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre at the Sunrise Theatre, 117 South 2nd St. in Fort Pierce. Cost is \$5. For more information, call (772) 460-5299 or go online to www.jazzsociety.org.

- **Dancing with the big band** featuring the Ambassadors of Swing will take place at 6 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Drive in Port St. Lucie.

Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. For more information, call (772) 878-2277.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

- **Artwalk** will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in downtown Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 466-3880.
- **Jazz jam** by the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Port

St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 Westmoreland Blvd. Cost is \$3. For more information, call (772) 460-5299 or go online to www.jazzsociety.org.

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

- **Comedy Corner** will take place from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. 2nd St. in Fort Pierce. Tickets are \$15. For more

information, call (772) 461-4775 or go online to www.sunrisetheatre.com.

- **Bike night** will be from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Second Street in downtown Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 466-3880.
- **Art gallery exhibit opening and artist reception** will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center. See **OUT, B4**

Scopes

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let any of the negative things bring you down, Libra. Face challenges with a smile, and you'll sail through.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Scorpio, despite firm convictions you cannot change others' viewpoints all of the time. Don't be hard on yourself if other people do not see things the same way as you do.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Sagittarius, sometimes you may believe there isn't room for anyone else in the spotlight but you. Don't let your ego get in the way of friendships. Share the glory.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Capricorn, give an idea that would require some significant changes its due consideration. This can impact both your career and personal life in a positive way.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21-Feb. 18

It may seem like too much money is going out of your pocket and not enough coming in, Aquarius. But the budget will balance out this month. Rest easy when making purchases.

PISCES - Feb. 19-March 20

Start a creative project that can be turned into something you keep for yourself, Pisces. It's nice to enjoy the fruits of your creative labors.

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Event to raise money for holiday gifts for kids

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

MARTIN COUNTY — Visalus Sciences and Jensen Beach Hurricanes restaurant are joining forces to supply gifts for every child sheltered in the Jensen Beach Hibiscus Children's Center.

An event will take place Dec. 15 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

It kicks off with a team scavenger hunt in the Hurricane's parking lot. Each team member pays \$20 to participate and 100 percent of this tax-deductible entry fee will be used by the team to buy the best toys possible for their assigned Hibiscus child.

A challenge fair will raise more funds to be used for the activity fund, which pro-

vides year-round field trips, movies and more. The fair will offer reduced-price services, prizes, raffles and a 50/50 drawing plus fun games to entertain kids and adults.

Hibiscus House has been dedicated to abused children for the last 25 years.

For more information, call (772) 260-0482.

Out

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Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place in Port St. Lucie. For more information, call (772) 807-4499 or visit www.cityofpsl.com.

• **Swamp tales** will take place at 3:45 p.m. at Oxbow Eco-Center in Port St. Lucie. This free story and activity program is for children ages 3 to 6.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14-SATURDAY, DEC. 15

• The lecture "Star of Wonder" will be held at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Dec. 14, and at

1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Dec. 15 at Hallstrom Planetarium, 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. Cost is \$3. For more information, call (772) 462-4750.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14-SUNDAY, DEC. 16

• "Sister's Christmas Catechism" will be at 8 p.m. on Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Dec. 15 and at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Dec. 16 in the Black Box Theatre at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. 2nd St. in Fort Pierce. Tickets start at \$35. For more information, call (772) 461-4775.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

• **Port St. Lucie High School winter concert** will be held at 7 p.m. at Port St. Lucie High School, 1201 Jaguar Lane in Port St. Lucie. For more information, call (772) 337-6770.

• **Jazz on Moore's Creek** will take place at the corner of 8th Street and Avenue D. Fundraiser will benefit the Lincoln Park Main Street. Social hour is from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and the music is from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Parking is free, and there is VIP seating available that includes food and drinks. For more information, call (772) 462-2481 or visit www.lincolnparkmainstreet.org

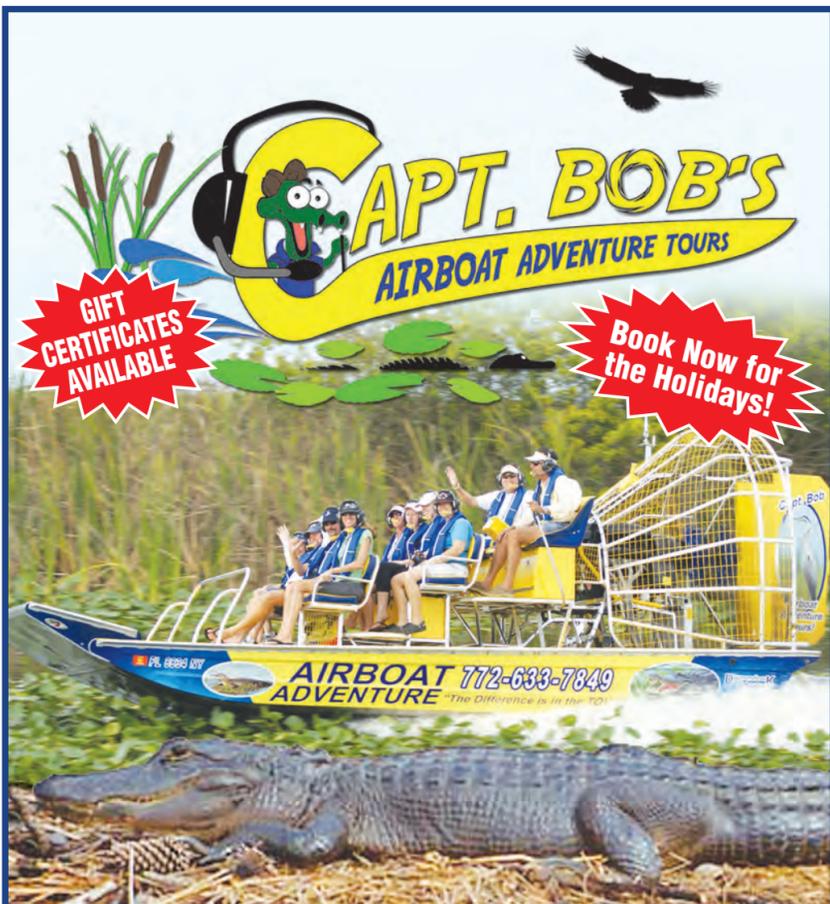
SATURDAY, DEC. 15

• An evening with Martin Short will take place at 8 p.m. at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. 2nd St. in Fort Pierce. Tickets start at \$55. For more information, call (772) 461-4775.

• **Port St. Lucie community green market** will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place in Port St. Lucie. For more information, call (772) 345-3797.

• **Treasures in the Trunk**, an antique truck show, will be from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on 2nd St. between Avenue A and Orange Avenue in Downtown Fort Pierce. The theme is

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DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

First gala deemed a success

For Hometown News
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MARTIN COUNTY — The first Glimmer of Hope gala to benefit Redeem The Shadows, a nonprofit dedicated to combatting human trafficking and modern-day slavery in the U.S., took place Nov. 15.

One hundred and fifty guests witnessed the live testimony of human trafficking survivor Allison Good, the inspiring words of Sheriff-elect William Snyder, silent and live auctions, a ballet performance, photo booth and more. The event raised nearly \$10,000.

"It truly was a special evening thanks to our board of directors, sponsors, volunteers, speakers, performers and guests," said Noel Thomas, executive director of Redeem The Shadows.

"Our team put together an educational and fun event to raise awareness about human trafficking and to inspire our guests to take action."

The evening kicked off with guests enjoying spirits from Bottoms Up Beverage and bites provided by Mrs. Peter's Smokehouse & Catering Company. Treasure Coast Confections donated a variety of cupcakes. Guests struck poses in the photo booth using props for their keepsake photos and bid on silent auction packages that featured vacation packages, jewelry and more.

Musical entertainment

was provided by Captain Ron. The evening ended with a live auction.

Kristen Thomas and Tiffany Teate wowed gala attendees with a heartfelt dance performance specially created to depict the atrocities of human trafficking.

Sheriff-elect Snyder spoke of his involvement with human trafficking legislation in Florida and how the community can help prevent this from happening in the Treasure Coast.

The highlight of the evening was when Ms. Good, a survivor of human trafficking, took the stage. There were few dry eyes as she shared her tragic experience as a victim and the

glimmer of hope that delivered her to a happy and healthy life as a survivor. Her key message was to take action, do something about human trafficking.

Redeem The Shadows is a faith-based, nonprofit organization committed to caring for victims of human trafficking and ending child slavery in the United States.

Based in Stuart, Redeem The Shadows combats modern-day slavery on a local and national level through awareness, prevention, rescue and rehabilitation of its victims.

For more information, call (772) 678-0037 or visit www.RedemTheShadows.org.

Out

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Christmas. For more information, call (772) 332-3176 or go online to www.treasure-soffortpierce.com

• Yuletides, a concert

"under the stars" featuring songs of the holiday season, will be held at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Hallstrom Planetarium, 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. Cost is \$12. For more information, call (772) 462-4750.

• The jazz market takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

downtown by the Fort Pierce Library. For more information, call (772) 460-5299 or go online to www.jazzsociety.org.

• Community garage sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Minsky Gym, 750

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The arts council is the designated local arts agency for Martin County. It provides services to visual and performing artists, arts organizations, students and the public and strives to instill a passion for and participation in the arts.

The Arts Council of Martin County is sponsored in part by the Florida Department of State, Division of

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Gingerbread houses art class will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for adults and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for children ages 8-15 at Oxbow Eco-Center in Port St. Lucie. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes all supplies. Reservations are required.

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

One stop shop sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place in Port St. Lucie. Tickets start at \$12. For more information, call (772) 828-4488 or go online to www.cityofpsl.com.

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TUESDAY, DEC. 18

Tuesday jazz jam, by the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society, takes place from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre at the Sunrise Theatre, 117 South 2nd St. in Fort Pierce. Cost is \$5. For more information, call (772) 460-5299 or go online to www.jazzsociety.org.

THURSDAY, DEC. 20

Bike night will be from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Second Street in downtown Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 466-3880.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 21

Treehouse Time, "Winter Wonderland" will take place at 9:30 p.m. and is for ages 3 to 5 with an adult at Oxbow Eco-Center in Port St. Lucie. Children will dress up as a Florida snowman and play a chilly bundle up game. This is a free program.

SATURDAY, DEC. 22

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Groucho's Comedy Night will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place in Port St. Lucie. Tickets start at \$12. For more information, call (772) 828-4488 or go online to www.cityofpsl.com.

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Wind this week kept the surf anglers watching, river anglers on the east side, offshore tied to the doc and bridge anglers happy. As we always say, the more the wind blows the better the snook fishing.

River anglers, in spite of the wind, had an excellent week with a long catch list. On the east side it was reds early with a mix of blues, jacks, macs, flounder, trout, snook and I know I forgot a few like the drum and sheephead.

Live shrimp were favored but that suspending bait did not disappoint me.

Red fish early in the skinny water at the base of the mangroves around docks and plenty in the channel across from the House of Refuge, not a few but plenty of slot fish.

Anglers using shrimp found a good mix of flounder, not a limit, but all took home a pair or three. Let that bait go to the bottom on those edges and you will know when this species is on.

Trout were in the deeper water, 3 feet plus looking for their comfort zone and moving slowly, so if your bait stops set the hook; lots of nice fish.

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Anglers fishing south of the Stuart Causeway across Sailfish flats were limiting on pompano using little jiggging spoons. Good bite throughout the day. How lucky we are that we live in an area that offers great access no matter conditions. Blues, macs and jacks everywhere, no time limits, just lots of them eating anything that moves, lots of rod pullers.

Now the bridges were interesting with not a few but a lot of sheephead and plenty of black drum, then the above three and mix in the Ribbon fish and bigger flounder and there were a lot of happy anglers.

Bridges at the east ends were the locations for the pompano, with a short bite time you just had to go, crazy times all day with that little jiggging spoon. If you were lucky to be there at the right time it was a limit catch.

Snook bite, all oversize, so take the barbs off the hooks and wait for sun down. When that Flair Hawk stops set the hook. River has been the location for fish in spite of the wind.

Surf has been a hard call all week. Not-so-polite seas have kept more anglers looking than fishing. When one was able to fish it was 3 ounce or better to hold. Pompano were the target, blues in the mix a hard call.

Anglers who did fish reported fish, but with the wind not sure it was worth the effort. Lots of sand blowing and some hard wave action. Yes, the pompano were there and the blues were up close, clams and cut bait preferred.

Offshore was less than a great week. Only boats out were the tournament anglers.

Finest Kind Quickie was the slowest I can remember. For two-day fishing six fish won and if you're going to play in this group one had best have all their ducks in row.

As I sit here writing I am waiting for the results of the Pirate's Cove Tournament and it looks like 153 fish were released, 21 boats and "Chasin Tail" was the top with 17 releases. Is just because we are used to fishing in great conditions that a little wind has us all talking?

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

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26

• **"The Nutcracker" by the State Ballet Theatre of Russia** will perform at 7 p.m. at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. 2nd St. in Fort Pierce. Tickets start at \$45. For more information, call (772) 461-4775.

• **Jazz jam** by the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 Westmoreland Blvd. Cost is \$3. For more information, call (772) 460-5299 or go online to www.jazzsociety.org.

THURSDAY, DEC. 27

• **Comedy Corner** will take place from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. 2nd St. in Fort Pierce. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call (772) 461-

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• **Bike night** will be from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Second Street in downtown Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 466-3880.

SATURDAY, DEC. 29

• **Three Dog Night** will perform at 8 p.m. at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. 2nd St. in Fort Pierce. Tickets start at \$49. For more information, call (772) 461-4775.

• **Bonsai study group** will take place at Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road in Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 464-4672.

• **The jazz market** takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. downtown by the Fort Pierce

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New rules coming on use of belly, long putters

As expected, the rulers of the game, The Royal and Ancient and the United States Golf Association, have come up with a new rule that will basically eliminate long and belly putters from the game.

While the putters themselves will not be ruled illegal, in order for them to work best, a part of the putter or a hand holding the putter, must be anchored against a part of the body. This is where "proposed" new Rule 14-1b will come into effect.

The new rule, which the USGA and R&A say they will listen to comments, suggestions and questions on, will officially go into effect on Jan.

1, 2016. The rule will make it illegal to make a stroke or swing with any club where the stroke involves anchoring a part of the club or either hand against a body part other than the hands or forearms.

Golfers will still be able to use long and belly putters, but most will have to alter their stroke to abide by the new rule.

Bernard Langer and Matt Kuchar are two players whose strokes the USGA has said will be fine under the new rule. Keegan Bradley, Adam Scott and too many others have been told they will need to change their strokes before the rule goes into effect.



Few people realize that long putters, and the anchored stroke they require for use, have been around longer than metal woods and hybrids. Only because of their recent popularity on the professional tours have the rules-makers of our game bothered to take notice.

In April 2011, Mike Davis, executive director of the USGA, in an interview with Golf Channel, seemed uninterested in the use of long putters and anchored strokes. At the time, he saw no advantage in the stroke and simply dismissed the question.

Just a few months later Keegan Bradley became the first played in history to win a major using a long putter. Suddenly everyone's ears perked up.

Then in June of this year, Webb Simpson won the USGA's ultimate championship, the U.S. Open. A month later, Ernie Els, took home the Claret Jug winning the R&A's Open Championship and the phones at golf's two governing bodies started ringing off the hook.

Part of the reason for the recent success of the long putter comes from their being in so many of the bags of professionals these days.

A few years ago, while covering the Honda Classic, I would see a handful of these putters. This year, I'd have to say that about one out of every three putters players were testing and trying out was a long or belly putter and the anchored stroke they were using is the very same one that will be banned.

In a press release, Davis, along with R&A chief executive Peter Dawson, were adamant that anchoring a stroke is contrary to the history and spirit of the game of golf. They went on to say

banning the anchored stroke is no different than what the rules makers did in disallowing other strokes over the years, such as the croquet, billiard, pushing and more.

Additionally, Dawson stated it wasn't the recent success in majors that caught their attention, but instead, the huge surge in the use of the stroke and the putters. They also made the point this is not an equipment ban, but a stroke ban. You'll still be able to use the putters, just adjust your stroke as needed to comply.

My feelings on this rule are mixed. I can see the need to protect the spirit of the game. Yet, I also see the desperate need to grow our game. Golf is very difficult and very expensive. If a recreational golfer wants to putt with an anchored stroke and it helps him or her enjoy the game and play more, than so be it. There are no hard facts or statistical evidence that an anchored stroke makes it easier to putt. None!

I have tried it myself. I've tried several long putters and many strokes. For me, none work as well as my standard stroke with my 32-inch putter.

The traditionalists and "rules police" will scream about not playing by the rules. I would guess that 90 percent of us don't play by the letter of the rules. Most of us play for fun, relaxation and the fresh air. Do we honestly care if a stroke helps the guy two holes ahead of us make a putt and go home a happy man?

Life's too short for those of us playing the game for recreation and when the rule goes into effect, those of you who will still imply the anchored stroke, fear not, you'll still be welcome in my group.

James Stammer has been an avid golfer and golf enthusiast for nearly 40 years. He hosts the Thursday night golf show on WSTU 1450-AM. Contact him at stammertgolf@yahoo.com.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF Thomas J. Rivas a/k/a Thomas J. Rivas Jr., Deceased. File No.: 42-714 CP NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Thomas J. Rivas a/k/a Thomas J. Rivas Jr., deceased, whose date of death was October 16, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 9016, Stuart, FL, 34995. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is December 7, 2012. Personal Representative: Paul Davidson, 2633 N.E. Roberta Street, Jensen Beach, FL 34957 Attorney for Personal Representative: Bruce A. Koebel, Esq., 2477 N.E. Dixie Hwy, Jensen Beach, FL 34957 Telephone No. (772) 334-4700 Florida Bar No. 168515 Pubs: Dec. 7, & Dec. 14, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF PATRICK LEE DAVIDSON, Deceased. CASE NO.: 12-480CP NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Patrick Lee Davidson, deceased, whose date of death was December 14, 2011 is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 9016, Stuart, FL, 34995. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is December 7, 2012. Personal Representative: Bruce A. Koebel, Esq., 2477 N.E. Dixie Hwy, Jensen Beach, FL 34957 Telephone No. (772) 334-4700 Florida Bar No. 168515 Pubs: Dec. 7, & Dec. 14, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF RADA M. VANHOOK, Deceased. CASE NO.: 12-691CP NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Rada M. Vanhook, deceased, whose date of death was September 12, 2012; File Number 12-691-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 100 East Ocean Boulevard, Stuart, Florida 34994. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is December 7, 2012. Personal Representative: Lawrence E. Walls, Jr. Attorney for Personal Representative: Francine R. Martin, P.A. Attorney for Petitioner, Florida Bar No. 0048745, 1600 Sarno Rd., Ste. 14 Melbourne, Florida 32935 Telephone: (321) 610-7419 Fax: (321) 234-0220 francine@brevardprobate.com Pubs: Dec. 7, & Dec. 14, 2012

5060 Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that we will sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of the following self storage units in order to satisfy the delinquent storage lien placed in accordance with the State of Florida Statutes 83.801-83.809. The following units contain household goods.

Table with columns: UNIT#, NAME, B2133 Chanel Butler, B3068 Helen Craton, C0104 Lilian Cruz, B3049 Anthony Dalle, A1124 Annette Paladino, B2063 Barrett G. Ross, C1035 Elaine Schwank. The public sale will be conducted at Gran Park Self Storage; 2990 S.E. Gran Park Way, Stuart, FL 34997; at 12:30 p.m.; on Thursday December 27, 2012. Units will be sold to the highest bidder. Open door sale, cash only. A cleaning deposit will be taken. Office telephone number (772) 781-3733. Pubs: Dec. 7, & Dec. 14, 2012

NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicle will be sold at public sale to satisfy a lien, per FI Stat 713.585, at 10:00 AM on December 28, 2012 at Stuart Auto Body Inc, 2649 SE Fairmont St, Stuart FL 34997, phone 704-902-7646. No titles, as is, cash only. 2004 Volkswagon Golf 2D, VIN 9BWL61J1X44008184. Cash sum to redeem vehicle \$7422.56. Notice to owner or lienholder as to right to a hearing prior to sale date by filing with clerk of court and to recover vehicle by posting bond in accordance with FI Stat 559.917. Proceeds of sale exceeding lien amount will be deposited with the clerk of court. Interested parties, contact State Filing Service 772-595-9555. Pub: Dec. 7, 2012

NOTICE OF SALE The following vehicle will be sold at public sale, free of all prior liens, per FI Stat 713.78 at 10:00 AM on December 21, 2012 at Lienor's address. No titles, as is, cash only. 05 Cadi 1GYEE63A650175286. Lienor: JED's Transport, 1205 SE Railroad Ave, Stuart FL 34997, phone 772-285-2750. Interested parties, contact State Filing Service 772-595-9555. Pub: Dec. 7, 2012

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