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## Up & coming

### Event to help retired racehorses

Maurece "Moe" Williams, a retired running back for the Minnesota Vikings, is hosting a Super Bowl Sunday poker run and barbeque to benefit retired thoroughbreds.

The public is invited to his Indiantown property as a kickoff to Super Bowl Sun-

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## Police raid marijuana grow house

By Samantha Joseph  
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TREASURE COAST — Stuart Police raided a marijuana grow house after executing a search warrant on an apartment on Indianola Street last week.

Members of the narcotics units and "taking action against crime" unit executed a search warrant on Jan. 24 after becoming suspicious that a grow house was operating in

the Lannon Stone apartment complex.

Officers arrested 46-year-old Daniel Joseph Mahoney of 504 S.W. Indianola St., Apt. 14. In Stuart, and charged him with one count of cultivation of marijuana.

They made the arrest after smelling marijuana on the premises, and executing a search warrant on the unit, said Detective George McLain.

Members of the TAAC unit and a

surveillance team monitored the apartment to build a case, while working with narcotics detectives to create probable cause for issuing a search warrant for the apartment.

Investigators found marijuana plants and a small

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## Researchers restoring oyster reefs in lagoon, river



Research scientist Vincent Encomi of Stuart, holds a bags of oyster shells collected from local restaurants at the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center in Stuart on Friday, Jan. 26. The shells will be used to create new oyster beds in the St. Lucie River and the Indian River Lagoon.

By Samantha Joseph  
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TREASURE COAST — Discarded oyster shells from Tin Fish, Conchy Joe's and several other seafood restaurants around the Treasure Coast are making their way back to the water as part of a project to restore reefs in the Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie River estuaries.

Scientists at the Florida Oceanographic Society are quarantining the shells, so that staff and volunteers can deploy them as new reefs for oyster larvae.

They use the latest acoustic technology to monitor the process and help repopulate waters devastated

by fresh-water discharges into the estuary.

About 400 acres or 80 percent of the total oyster reefs in the St. Lucie River have been lost in the last 70 years, said Vincent Encomio, the research scientist who spearheads the project.

"It's not easy to track down oyster shells. The restaurants we've been working with have been cooperative and willing to be part of a restorative effort," Mr. Encomio said. "By talking to them, we've been able to take that first step. It's an ongoing process to help repopulate the river."

The reefs are important for the growth of oyster larvae, which attach to the shells and use them as a habi-

Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

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### MONTHLY REPORT



Mark your calendars for upcoming chamber events

### WEEKEND WEATHER



Friday: Partly cloudy; high: 72; low: 55; high tide: 11:44 a.m.; low tide: 5:49 p.m.  
Saturday: Partly cloudy; high: 73; low: 50; high tide: 12:23 a.m.; low tide: 6:14 a.m.

Sunday: Clear; high: 73; low: 52; high tide: 1:22 a.m.; low tide: 7:15 a.m.  
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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## \$10 ticket buys chance to win house

### Model Easter House open for viewing

By Samantha Joseph  
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STUART — A moving letter from a family who sold their house to pay for cancer treatments and a conversation with another recovering from a recent foreclosure reassures Robin Sutherland, YMCA's director of special proj-

ects, of the importance of her organization's annual Easter House raffle to the community.

For 26 years YMCA of the Treasure Coast has raffled a dream house, with tickets selling for \$10. For the last two years, the group has partnered with developer DR Horton to offer homes in the Murano Community in Palm City, just off Sunset Trail.

The website, [ymcaeast-house.org](http://ymcaeast-house.org), describes the house as a three-bedroom, two-bath with a

two-car garage and covered patio.

Raffle organizers said the winner would get a house worth around \$230,000 for the price of a \$10 ticket.

"Expenses continue to rise every year, but we've kept the ticket price steady for 26 years," Ms. Sutherland said. "We feel anybody can afford a \$10 chance to win a house."

Raffle sales have typically been strong for the non-profit, which sold 62,749 tickets last year.

But this year, sales lagged, perhaps because many of its buyers are part-time residents who travel from the northeast, and have remained home to deal with the after-effects of Hurricane Sandy.

YMCA officials had projected sales of around 65,886 tickets this year, but are about \$30,000 off budget, compared to this time last year.

Officials said fewer

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## Sheriff not likely to enforce gun laws

### Not empowered where federal laws concerned

By Samantha Joseph  
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MARTIN COUNTY — Martin County's sheriff says he's not likely to enforce proposed federal gun-control legislation.

Sheriff William Snyder said local law enforcement authorities are not empowered to enforce federal law.

He said that's the job of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which enforces federal laws in Martin County.

Further, he said he did not anticipate local lawmakers would change the status quo to allow the proposed gun-control measures that ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines amidst other changes.

"The likelihood of the Florida Legislature radically altering current statutes is remote, and I do not anticipate them doing so," Sheriff Snyder said.

Several sheriffs have spoken out against President Barack Obama's gun-control proposals, arguing they infringe on Second Amendment rights to bear arms, and force local policing groups to enforce federal laws.

Sheriffs across the country, including in Texas and California, said they supported increased background screenings and tougher trafficking laws, but rejected any ban on assault weapons.

All told, Sheriff Snyder said he withheld further comment on the proposals at this time. He said should legislation come from the proposals, he would evaluate that legislation and determine how it affects local law enforcement.

"Sheriff Snyder will not comment on proposals at this time. Should legislation come from the proposals, he will evaluate that legislation and make any determinations as to how it stands to affect local law enforcement, if at all," spokeswoman Christine Weiss said.

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# Fundraiser to benefit rescued horses

For Hometown News  
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PALM CITY — Equine Rescue and Adoption Foundation is presenting "Art in the Barn" on March 9 from 4-7 p.m.

The event will take place at Caring Fields Animal Sanctuary located at 6452 S.W. Markel Road in Palm City.

Original art will be dis-

played in the barn and is being presented by artists from the Artist Association of Jupiter with 20 percent of the proceeds going to the ERAF to benefit rescued horses.

Tickets are \$50 per person and will include beer, wine food and fun with the horses. There will be a silent auction and raffle and riding demonstrations on several

of recently adopted rescues. The group welcomes all donations for this event.

Equine Rescue and Adoption Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to rescue and rehabilitate horses and place them through adoption.

For more information, call (561) 358-0625 or visit [www.eraf.org](http://www.eraf.org).

# Join foundation, get free trees

For Hometown News  
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TREASURE COAST — Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone who joins the foundation in February will receive 10 free Eastern redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warmer.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"Redbuds will help beautify Florida for many

years to come," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They will also add to the proud heritage of Florida's existing Tree City USA communities."

The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the country for more than 35 years.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch

trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the foundation's bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book," which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Redbud Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 28 or visit [arborday.org/february](http://arborday.org/february).

# Sponsors needed for teen events

For Hometown News  
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MARTIN COUNTY — The Martin County parks and recreation department's X-treme Teen program seeks sponsors to help support fall 2013 events.

With a \$100 sponsorship, a company logo will be placed on one of six scheduled event flyers and distributed throughout the county. Company names will be mentioned throughout the event and any signage (ban-

ners, posters) will be strategically posted at the event.

The teen program is designed to keep students active and provide safe, supervised and alcohol and drug-free events to Martin County middle and high school youth through funding from the Children's Services Council of Martin County.

For more information regarding sponsorship opportunities and/or the X-treme Teen program, call (772) 463-2801 or email [teens@martin.fl.us](mailto:teens@martin.fl.us).

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**Raid**  
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quantity of the drug in the apartment, leading them to arrest the resident.

They would not say whether Mr. Mahoney was growing the drug for recreational or commercial use.

Detective McLain said Mr. Mahoney had no previous arrests related to this case.

Investigators said Mr. Mahoney appeared to be the apartment's sole occupant, and had lived there for about eight years.

At press time, the investigation continued while Mr. Mahoney remained in jail pending \$5,000 bond.

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# How does your garden grow?



Mackenzie Montigny, 7, Rebecca Peacock, 7, Ian Wood, 9 and Matthew Sword, 8, all of Hobe Sound, tend the vegetable garden at Hobe Sound Elementary School on Thursday, Jan. 18.

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Olivia Cariani, 8, of Hobe Sound, waters the broccoli at Hobe Sound Elementary School on Thursday, Jan. 18.

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## House

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guests are visiting the model house and supporters are assuming they have more time than they do to purchase raffle tickets for the March 28 drawing.

"January tends to be a slow time for us. People think of Easter House as something for Easter time, and they wait for the last minute to buy their tickets. The date of Easter changes every year, but they're usually not thinking of buying Easter House tickets until April, and by then the drawing

would have already come and gone," Ms. Sutherland said.

"We're just trying to get the word out that the house is open for tours."

The model house is open for tours every day from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. It is located at 2689 S.W. Gallery Circle, Palm Circle, off High Meadow Road. Customers who buy three tickets at a time are eligible to win a second prize of an eight-day, seven-night Caribbean cruise for two on the Norwegian Epic. That prize is worth \$9,500 and is fully transferable.

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day festivities on Feb. 3.

Activities include pony rides, music, face painting, silent auction, food and a cash bar. The poker run is \$10 per bike. Barbeque is \$5 per plate. All proceeds will go toward Florida TRAC horses at Genuine Pleasure Farm.

For more information, visit [www.fltrac.net](http://www.fltrac.net).

## County fair returns

The 54th annual Martin County Fair returns Feb. 8-16 at the Martin County Fairgrounds.

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## Business summit for minorities, women

Indian River State College is hosting the 2013 Minorities and Women in Business Summit Feb. 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

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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 Jan. 18-24, 2013

## Martin County Sheriff's Office

•Robert Hemmes, 52, 14 Riverview Road, Hobe Sound, was charged with two counts of aggravated stalking injunction and violation of a domestic violence injunction.  
 •Jennifer Lynn Lockridge, 51, 1017 Southwest 37th St., Palm City, was charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle and being a habitual traffic offender.  
 •Patrick Costain, 20, 4546 S.E. Geneva Drive, Stuart, was charged with aggravated assault.  
 •David Allen Lyman, 53, 5000 S.E. Federal Highway, Stuart, was charged with

robbery by snatching.  
 •Kathryn Bell, 42, 776 S.E. Wren Ave., Hobe Sound, was charged with attempted sale of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.  
 •Jennifer Haga, 39, 467 S.W. Calquin Lane, Port St. Lucie, Was charged with two counts of violation of probation. She was on probation for obtaining a controlled substance by fraud.  
 •Evelyn Eve Kersh, 36, 1413 N.E. Croton St., Jensen Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance.  
 •Christopher Cindrick, 34, 2425 S.E. Burton St., Port St. Lucie, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, refusal to submit to a DUI test, DUI with knowledge, resisting an officer with knowledge, battery of an officer and assault of a law enforcement officer.  
 •Brian Allen Davis, 23, 1352 S.W. Idol Ave., Port St.

Lucie, was charged with burglary, possession of burglary tools, being a habitual traffic offender and petit theft.  
 •Robert William Frederick, 25, 2352 S.W. Idol Ave., Port St. Lucie, was charged with burglary, possession of burglary tools and petit theft.  
 •Patricia Allen, 58, 8143 S.E. Woodland Road, Hobe Sound, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, possession of a controlled substance, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
 •Randy Carlo Mauiucci, 30, 367 N.W. Bayonet Place, Jensen Beach, was charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
 •Meredith Arpin, 115 Pheasant Drive, East Green-

wich, R.I., was charged with burglary of an unoccupied building and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
 •Miguel Tomas, 23, 11090 S.E. Federal Highway, Lot 98, Hobe Sound, was charged with felony battery by strangulation.  
 •Hirvic Anthony Garcia, 19, 3094 S.W. Seaboard Ave., Palm City, was charged with tampering with physical evidence and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.  
 •David Lee Burkett, 41, 2655 Carroll St., Stuart, was charged with robbery.  
 •Leroy Patterson III, aka Richard Ward, 33, 5683 S.E. Windsong Lane, Unit 543, Stuart, was charged with domestic felony battery and resisting an officer without violence.  
 •Brandon Jarsean Sapp, 25, 3445 S.W. Mapp Road, Apt. 2, Palm City, was

charged with possession of cocaine, tampering with physical evidence and resisting an officer without violence.  
 •Michael Ryan IV, 18, 2995 S.E. Aster Lane, H107, Stuart, was charged with possession of cocaine.  
 •Michael Raymond Aguilera, 30, 315 Whatley Blvd., Sebring, was charged with possession of cocaine, unlawful possession of prescription drugs, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
 •Tracy Stone Hartsgrove, 34, 2498 N.E. Holiday Court, Jensen Beach, was charged with driving with an expired driver license, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and tampering with evidence.  
 •Pedro Green, 30, 707 Martin Luther King Luther Jr. Blvd., Stuart, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for possession of

cocaine and marijuana.  
 •Latrell Lamar Boykin, 20, 328 S.E. Lake St., Stuart, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for giving false information to a pawnbroker.  
 •Reginald Mitchell, 29, 4751 S.E. Flounder Ave., Stuart, was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell.  
 •Evan Lloyd Loumaugh, 20, no address listed, was charged with two counts of violation of probation. He was on probation for possession of a controlled substance and burglary of a dwelling.  
 •James Morrissey, 70, 3240 S.E. Gran Via Way, Stuart, was charged with two counts of attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.  
 •Joshua Patrick Reil, 29, 4868 S.E. Salvatori Road, Stuart, was charged with cultivation of marijuana and possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana.

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

## Lock to partially close for construction

For Hometown News newsfp@hometownnewsol.com

MARTIN COUNTY — The St. Lucie lock will be partially closed for new bridge construction. The closure is between South Fork at the Indian Street Bridge between Stuart and Palm City. There will be a daily waterway closure from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting Feb. 11 through March 4. The

waterway will be closed in both directions during these hours. Mariners should operate vessels with caution in the area due to potential for floating debris, increased traffic due to the operation, and large equipment working in and along the waterway. The St. Lucie lock was built in 1941 for navigation and flood control purposes. The lock is located

along the St. Lucie Canal, approximately 15.5 miles upstream from the intersection of the St. Lucie River and the Intracoastal Waterway. The Jacksonville District constructed and currently operates five locks along the Okeechobee Waterway. For more information regarding the closure, call (863) 235-1158.

## Waterpark launches scuba diving instruction program

For Hometown News newsfp@hometownnewsol.com

MARTIN COUNTY — In partnership with Stuart Scuba, Sailfish Splash Waterpark is launching a scuba diving instruction program in spring 2013. Aspiring divers as young as 8 will have the opportunity to experience the underwater wonders of the ocean by learning to dive at Martin County's Sailfish Splash Waterpark. Stuart Scuba will offer a full curriculum of courses including: discover scuba,

adult and junior open water diving, advanced open water diving, enriched air, rescue diving, master diver and a full suite of specialty and "pro" courses, many with an emphasis on protecting the environment. In addition, Stuart Scuba will conduct summer scuba camps. "Sailfish Splash Waterpark's scuba program exemplifies the activities, education and events that Martin County's parks and recreation department endeavors to offer to the citizens," said Todd Foust,

special facilities administrator for the department. "Stuart Scuba applauds and appreciates the opportunity to collaborate on Sailfish Splash Waterpark's educational outreach," said Peter Friedman, co-owner of Stuart Scuba. "Stuart Scuba will work very hard to deliver the courses and instruction that water enthusiasts want, especially on the topic of environmental protection." For more information or to register, call (772) 288-5690.

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## Mark calendars for upcoming events

The 25th Treasure/Research Coast legislative conference sponsored by the Stuart/Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River County Chambers of Commerce is scheduled for March 13-15 in Tallahassee.

In an effort to reduce the cost involved for our members, we made changes to the conference to make it more affordable. The cost for the conference is \$125, reduced from \$250 in previous years. We've changed venues from the Doubletree Hotel reduced from \$219 to \$159 at the Aloft Hotel (still within walking distance to the capital). The conference fee includes all conference materials, a cocktail reception at Andrew's Downtown Restaurant and two breakfasts.

Meetings are scheduled at the capital with our legislative delegation, the governor, speaker of the house and president of the senate, as well as various others. We've made additional requests and await conformation. Of course, there

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**JOE CATRAMBONE**



will be ample time for participants to schedule meetings with legislators or various agencies of their choice.

I would be remiss not to mention our 29th annual home and garden/fine arts/orchid society show scheduled for March 2-3 at the Martin County Fairgrounds. We are expecting 100 exhibitors to display their wares and services, thousands of orchids and many artists displaying and offering their fine art for sale. There is no charge for admission or parking.

Should you be interested in participating as an exhibitor please contact Lisa Teeter at (772) 287-1088, Ext. 111.

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

## Artist at work



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Allisa Provost, 12, of Jensen Beach, observes internationally recognized artist Katie Handerson of Port St. Lucie as she paints at the Visionary Art School booth at the sixth annual 'Give to Kids' benefit car and motorcycle show on Sunday, Jan. 20.



## Got something to say?

Call the Hometown Rants & Raves line at  
**(772) 465-5504**

or email news@hometownnewsol.com.  
Callers are asked to refrain from making slanderous statements. Statements of fact will be checked for accuracy.

### Enjoying the comments

After returning home from the holidays I picked up this issue of *Hometown News*.

Reading these comments, I realize true Americans are going to fight this socialistic regime that infiltrates our government. I'm also hoping, you print it.

All very good comments on Jan. 18:

1. "Turn commercials down." How true! I think OWN channel is one of the worst. One evening from my back bedroom, I thought I heard two men talking in my living room. It was a loud ad which actually frightened me.

2. "In response to rant" Writer stated, "More than a little confusing, if you ask me, Hmmm. Man, are you right on! Hurricane Sandy was just as devastating, if not more than Katrina, some say. More than confusing. Proud of you to care."

3. "Questioning flood insurance." Your statement, "You and I as a result, are the ones who are paying, paying and paying. Enough is enough."

You are right on, especially when it comes to feel-good politicians.

4. "Don't blame teachers." You are so right! It's true there are good, better and best in all professions, but I feel their credentials should be of a high degree. A big problem is, teachers cannot teach and be expected to discipline brats, too. There are too many kids of all ages whose parents are not around to do their jobs, don't know where their kids are, etc. One million kids did not graduate this past year.

5. "Clean up your act, Hollywood." Everything written here is true. Where are the feel-good politicians" here? Same people (like Obama, if it feels good, do it). Hypocrites who condemn smokers as sinners and second-class citizens, set the double standards, as an example. Television can be Satan himself to kids of all ages, and certain adults, as well. I believe your rant here is agreed to by the type of writers here.

6. "My fork made me fat." Too funny! Great analogy. Again, here comes the same do-gooders, trying to disarm Americans. That's how communism/ socialism, government takeovers start. Hitler burned the books, disarmed the people, etc. The people who put Obama in for a second time just don't get it. They will get it, and it won't take four years.

7. "Domestic violence is still problem." Of course, this is an absolute fact. Writer stated, "Please don't judge, please help instead." It's easy for some people to judge things like this when it doesn't happen in their family. It's true, some abused women feel they are to blame, or stay in the situation for one reason or another. It's also true, they hurt more than many can imagine in every way. Education and help for abused women and children (some men) are needed.

8. "Regarding gun control," your comment is right on and an important issue today. Sane people know that gangs and all the wrong people can, and will, always be able to get their hands on any gun, or type of weapon they want.

Obama has always wanted his gun control laws, to take away the right to bare (sp. bear) arms of American citizens. If Obama gets his way, along with many other rights he is working on, it will be part of his complete government control. What is happening to the government of the people, by the people and for the people?

9. "Reviewing driver licenses." I see your point on driver license renewals of the past. However, if you think about the reason(s) for new rules you won't be too upset. Times have changed drastically and new rules are made for all our good and protection. No one is trying to prevent you from driving. You say, going in person, waiting in line is very inconvenient. Why? Would it be OK with you if driver licenses were given by mail to just anyone?

Think about the criminals, or really bad drivers who should never have a license. A photo I.D. is required, which is a good thing. Having a legitimate driver license in this country is an important card to carry wherever you go. Also, driving is a privilege, which some people abuse, some more than others. It's not too difficult to renew your

license. You can even make an appointment at your convenience.

You say, "If you go in person, stand in line, then you are going to hang on to your birth certificate, because if you want to get a passport, you have to mail that." You also stated, it's going to make it very inconvenient for a lot of older people, and they should do something about it.

My dear friend, they are doing something about it. God bless, and good luck.

10. "Government managing our lives." The person who wrote this rant has said it all. Your strong belief that anyone who trusts our government to manage every aspect of our lives is delusional. Everything you mentioned is the logical truth.

I pray the speaker of the house, all Republicans, all real and true Americans, continue to fight hard and stick to their guns.

We're in for some tough times ahead, but God's people are can-do people. We will lose a few battles, but we will meet the enemy, and they will be ours.

### A message from the superintendent

Working late at the office last week, my cell phone lit up with the familiar school district phone number. My son attends one of our public schools. I imagined I would be hearing another automated invitation to some school production.

But this time it was a recording from the superintendent himself, announcing a \$17 million shortfall in next year's budget, and that he had prepared a \$25 million menu of budget cutting options for the board. He talked about the state of Florida having something to do with this turn of events.

Mr. Negron? Mr. Lee? What's going on here? My business has been doing better every year since the crash, and I keep hearing unemployment in the state is slowly coming down. I would rather expect to hear the superintendent saying revenues were up and the surplus would be split between improving schools and reducing taxes.

A quick survey of the district website found that reserves from better times have been balancing the budget, but that those will be running out in the next school year and something needs to be done to stabilize the years ahead.

I propose that we citizens address half the shortfall with an increase in the millage rate, and leave the board and the superintendent to wrestle with the state and/or their budget for the other half.

We are talking about raising revenues from approximately \$261 million to \$270 million, which is a 3.26 percent increase in the school district portion of our property taxes. Surely we can do that.

I went to public schools and our community supported them well beyond what I now see. It's time to stop the curmudgeonly thinking and realize our nation will decline with our schools unless we maintain the vision and effort of our American predecessors!

### What's going on in D.C.?

Why is there a housing boom in Washington, D.C. and not the rest of the country? How do people of modest means get elected to office in Washington and leave being multimillionaires?

President Kennedy took his wealth to Washington, others make it there. Why is the U.S. home base for Lamborghini located in Washington, D.C. and why are Italian car owners unhappy because the cars are being paid for in cash and not financed? Why do several lawmakers, Harry Reid is one of the worst, have siblings that are lobbyist and use their relationships for profit at our expense?

Why do the restaurants around Washington serve only the finest food and expensive selections of wine? Why did most of the stimulus money stay in the Washington, D.C. area? Why is the pay rate higher in Washington, D.C. area than other parts of the country?

And lastly, exactly what product is produced in Washington that justifies the salaries and lifestyle? I think we all need to write our congressman, demand answers and drastic changes.

**Editor's note:** We could find no evidence that Lamborghini is based in Washington, D.C. There are Lamborghini dealers in the Washington, D.C. area. The car manufacturer was acquired by Audi in 1998.

### Gun control

Stronger gun laws will take guns out of the hands of law-abiding citizens. More government controls will deter the type of people who might have stopped the murders at Sandy Hook. They will have no effect on taking away guns from the deranged.

President Obama's ideas restrict our freedoms but they are meaningless "feel-good" proposals designed for the effect. They solve nothing.

## We welcome your opinions

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# Business

## College to host small business summit for minorities, women

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TREASURE COAST — The Small Business Development Center at Indian River State College is hosting the 2013 Minorities and Women in Business Summit Feb. 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship just off 35th Street on the Indian River State College main campus located at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce.

The summit is a day-long conference for Treasure Coast minorities and women in the business community that will provide tools and motivation on subjects including diversity, success, empowerment and more.

The summit will provide informative sessions on topics related to doing business and becoming an entrepreneur. It will focus on empowering minorities and women for business growth.

Speakers at the summit will focus on organization-

al leadership, with a morning presentation "Responsible for Results" by Patrick Arcement. His presentation will be followed by a working luncheon keynote by award-winning author and host of the "Dr. Empowerment" radio show, Larthenia Howard, who will share her secrets for professional development designed to enrich personal and professional growth.

During the afternoon session, there will be a special IRSC minority affairs department diversity train-

ing session, "Ouch! Dealing with Stereotypes & Employee Differences in the Workplace" will be held.

Tickets are \$59 per person. The price includes breakfast, a working luncheon and networking opportunities for local business women and minorities.

For a limited time, those who register can receive two admissions for the price of one.

For more information, call (888) 283-1177 or visit www.irsbiz.com.

## Can investors learn from yoga followers?

It's probably not on your calendar, but world yoga day takes place on Feb. 24. As more people have discovered its healthful benefits, yoga has grown in popularity. But whether or not you practice yoga, you can apply its lessons to other areas of your life, such as investing.

Specifically, consider the following yoga-related themes and how they might translate into investment habits that may be beneficial:

- Balance. If you observe advanced yoga practitioners, you will be amazed at the balance they exhibit during certain positions. But for serious yoga students, the idea of "balance" goes beyond physical movements and extends to a concept of life that emphasizes, among other things, an avoidance of extremes.

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As an investor, you too need to avoid extremes, such as investing too aggressively, too conservatively or too sporadically. By building a balanced portfolio and by investing regularly you can help improve your chances of making progress toward your financial goals.

- Flexibility. Among its many benefits, yoga helps people increase their flexibility and greater flexibility results in fewer injuries and an increased capacity to enjoy many physical activities. As an investor, you need to be flexible enough to adjust your portfolio as needed,

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## War raging between insurance companies and body shops

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I've written other articles about how insurance companies try to fix your car as cheaply as they can without showing the necessary concern for the quality and safety of the repairs. You can find them on this blog, www.EarlStewartOnCars.com, "Collision

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and your rights" and "Coping with body shops, insurance companies."

This new article was written by Alan Nappier (pronounced like rapier), my body shop manager at Earl Stewart Toyota. Alan is not only the best body shop manager I've employed in my 47 years as a car dealer, but one of the smartest, most articulate people I know. I'll probably sound like I'm overdoing it, but he also has an incredible sense of humor. I say all this so

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# State CFO encourages Floridians to search unclaimed accounts

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TREASURE COAST — Florida's Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater announced 61,271 new unclaimed property accounts, worth more than \$25 million, are being received as part of a settlement with AIG related to unclaimed life insurance benefits.

This represents only the first of what is expected to be additional remittances to be made by the insurer.

"These new accounts represent dollars loved

ones set aside to secure financial stability for their families. Holding companies accountable means these dollars will now be returned to their rightful owners across the state," said CFO Atwater.

The practice addressed in the settlement agreement, signed on Oct. 22, 2012, involves life insurance companies determining an insured has died by comparing policyholder records to the Social Security Administration's death master file.

Many companies have used this method to stop

annuity payments, but have not used the same method to issue life insurance payments.

When an insured or beneficiary cannot be located, the insurance company is responsible for reporting and remitting the monetary value of the policy to the insured's state department of unclaimed property.

State unclaimed property programs provide a central means by which the owners, or their heirs, can find out about and claim the

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while still following a long-term strategy that's appropriate for your individual goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

• Relaxation. For yoga students, proper relaxation is essential to achieving mental equanimity, emotional balance and inner strength. But relaxation doesn't always come easily. Even experienced yoga practitioners need to work at it. As an investor, you also may need to train yourself to relax because, given the ups and downs of the market, it's not hard to become overwrought and make ill-advised decisions based on short-term events. Staying calm and maintaining a long-term view of things may help

you make better investment decisions.

• Positive thinking. Our own thoughts and actions are largely responsible for creating our happiness and success, according to yoga teachings. And positive thinking can play a key role in investing, too. For example, if you were to constantly look at negative headlines, you might conclude that it is pointless to invest for the future because external events — economic instability abroad, political squabbles at home, natural disasters and so on — will just disrupt your plans. Consequently, you might decide not to invest, or invest in such a way that can make progress toward your financial goals difficult. But if you maintain a positive attitude, you may be more inclined to invest wisely for your future.

• Visualization. In yoga, visualization is often used to reduce stress. At any given time, you might find it difficult to relax, but you can use your imagination to see yourself and put yourself in a relaxed state.

As an investor, you need to visualize your goals, such as a comfortable retirement, before you can define a strategy to help you work toward them. By seeing yourself where you want to be, you'll be motivated to take the actions necessary to work toward getting there.

Try putting the principles of yoga to work. They may help you become a better investor.

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that when you read what he has to say below, please take it as the gospel. Alan is not a "smoke blower" or an exaggerator. He tells it like it is.

Your body shop is either at war with the insurance companies or they fight on their side. If your body shop is not fighting for you to protect your car from cheap, poor quality and unsafe repairs you're in a heap of trouble. The chances are that if your body shop is on your insurance company's "approved repairer list" that its loyalty is not to you but to that insurance company.

You should take your car to the body shop that you know and trust will fix your car with your interests paramount in their mind, not one who must "play ball" with your insurance company or lose their membership on the approved repairer list.

One way to find out whose side your body shop is on is to ask them if they will ask you to sign two forms. One is called a limited power of attorney and the second is called an assignment of proceeds. Please read on and Alan will explain very clearly why this is so.

Getting an insurance company to "approve" proper repairs to a collision-damaged automobile is the toughest part of the collision repair industry.

First of all, in a legal sense, the insurance company really has no right to dictate or blueprint a repair process. Their responsibility to the customer is to pay for property damage, not determine how the vehicle is to be repaired. The insurance company makes money by taking in premiums and investing these premiums. Any damage claim payouts are expenses and like any company, controlling expenses is a top priority.

This creates a conflict of interest when the insurance company is allowed to participate in the repair process. Contrary to popular belief, insurance companies do not look out for your best interests; they look out for their own best interest. This scenario leads to an adversarial relationship between insurance companies and honest repair facilities.

Dishonest or unethical repair facilities view the insurance company as their customers and you as a product. They will repair your vehicle however the insurance company instructs, regardless of quality or the resulting structural integrity of the automobile. They want to keep the insurance company happy so they keep getting business referred to them. It's a great arrangement for everybody except the vehicle owner. An ethical body shop will repair your vehicle properly regardless of the insurance companies' suggestions otherwise. In

the past, we would have to just "absorb" the difference between what the insurance company "allowed" and what it really cost to repair your car.

Enter now a powerful couple of legal documents called the limited power of attorney and the assignment of proceeds. The POA is exactly what it says it is. It gives the repair facility the power to initiate legal action or collection efforts on your behalf. No, we can't steal your house or take over your bank account, the limited POA is specific to the insurance claim? Remember, in a legal sense the shop has no legal connection with or obligation to the insurance company. Our contract (signed repair order) and responsibility is with you, the vehicle owner. Therefore, you are still financially obligated for the monetary difference between what the company allowed and the true cost of the repair.

A POA allows me to repair the car properly, deliver the finished product to you and then begin collection efforts on your behalf. Odds are you'll never hear about the claim again.

The AOP is actually a document that "assigns" your contractual arrangement with the insurance company to the repair facility, which then gives us legal standing to sue this insurance company directly. This "connection" must be established to allow the shop to sue for "breach of contract." When an insurance company fails to adequately compensate for property damage, they have breached their contract with you. The AOP extends this contractual obligation to the repair facility.

With all of that being said, here's the reality of the situation. We are most likely never going to use these documents. The power of these documents is the knowledge that they exist. Reaching an agreed repair dollar figure is a negotiation and a negotiation is a battle of wills. You don't want to enter any "battle" without the proper weapons and knowledge.

The AOP and POA are the most powerful weapons the repair facility has available to it. When confronted by a mugger with a knife, just showing the dirty no-gooder your gun is enough to deter further aggression and typically end an ugly situation and you walk away the victor, not with any illicit gains, but just with what was rightfully yours to begin with. This is the exact same thing we use the AOP and POA for.

Simply by brandishing these powerful weapons, the muggers (insurance companies in this case), recognize a losing battle and retreat. No insurance company wants to have their dirty little secrets exposed in court. They know they can't win because the facts and truth are on our side.

The result is, these couple of signatures you gave me makes me David to the insurance companies Goliath.

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# Doctor joins hospital in executive positions

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MARTIN COUNTY — Dr. Michael Skehan was named senior vice president and senior physician executive for Martin Health System.

Dr. Skehan previously served as chief medical officer for Indiana University Health Quality Partners, a network of 2,750 physicians and other health care providers. In that role, he worked directly with physicians throughout Indiana on a variety of medical issues.

In his position at Martin Health, Dr. Skehan will work directly with the Martin medical staff, more than 300 affiliated physicians serving Martin and St. Lucie counties.



Dr. Michael Skehan

Dr. Skehan will also oversee Martin Medical Group, a contingent of more than 80 physicians and mid-level practitioners employed by the health system.

"Martin Health is known for the quality of care it offers to the community, which is largely a result of

collaboration between the organization, physicians, and the clinical and support staff who care for patients on a daily basis," said Dr. Skehan.

"As health care continues to evolve, we want to ensure Martin Health is at the forefront of industry best practices that will allow us to maintain that high level of care for years to come."

Dr. Skehan attended New Jersey Medical School and completed his internship and residency at the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa. A rheumatologist by training, Dr. Skehan joined Arnett Clinic in Lafayette, Ind. in 1980 and served as chief medical officer for Arnett Health Plans from 1989 through 2004,

and as president and CEO of Arnett Health System, a 160 provider multi-specialty group, until 2008.

While president, he oversaw the construction of a new \$228 million full-service hospital. Dr. Skehan helped create the relationship between Arnett and Indiana University Health. He opened an integrated health care system with the flagship IU Health Arnett Hospital in 2008 and served as the system's first president and CEO.

Martin Health System is a not-for-profit, community-based health care organization that has served the region for more than 70 years.

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## Accounts

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funds.

The agreement with AIG is the fifth agreement that Florida has settled that requires large national insurers to appropriately use the DMF to locate life and annuity beneficiaries, and promptly remit payment to the unclaimed property division of each state for beneficiaries that cannot be located.

To date, the five settlements have resulted in

73,859 new accounts worth more than \$51.25 million being remitted back to the state Bureau of Unclaimed Property for Floridians to claim.

To search for or claim unclaimed property, visit [www.FLTreasureHunt.org](http://www.FLTreasureHunt.org) or call 1-88-VALUABLE or (850) 413-5555.

During Mr. Atwater's tenure as CFO, the Bureau of Unclaimed Property has seen record returns, reuniting owners, heirs and businesses with more than one-fifth (\$426.78 million) of all money returned since the beginning of the 51-year old

program, due largely to aggressive efforts to contact owners.

There is no statute of limitations on unclaimed property and citizens have the right to claim their property, or the proceeds derived from their abandoned property, any time at no cost.

Consumers can access more information about the settlement agreements by accessing the Department of Financial Services Division of Consumer Services' webpage at: [www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/consumers/](http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/consumers/).

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Each year, United Way helps residents with a household income of \$51,000 or less, keep their hard-earned money by offering free income tax preparation through the volunteer income tax assistance program.

Last year alone, United Way helped 300 low- and moderate-income individuals and families receive a total of \$260,000 in tax refunds by taking advantage of tax breaks such as the earned income tax credit.

Beginning Jan. 28, United Way's IRS-trained volunteers will once again assist low- to moderate-income residents with their taxes for free, by appointment only, Monday through Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the United Way office, 10 S.E. Central Parkway, Suite 101, Stuart.

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# Tequesta swears in new reserve officers

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TEQUESTA — The Tequesta Police Department recently welcomed four new reserve officers.

Michael Liberta, Jean-Claude Louis-Jeune, Cameron Revord and Corinna Santacroce were sworn in during a ceremony at village hall.

Tequesta has a long-standing reserve officer program that augments its full-time police force. The flourishing program stands apart from its counterparts through a creative approach built to assist with officer workload and budget constraints.

The benefits of the program are extensive. The part-time officers supplement full-time personnel by working on an "as-needed basis" as opposed to being dictated by a schedule. This increases police presence within the community and neighborhoods and helps reduce the personnel-operating budget through lowered personnel, pension and health insurance costs.

Officers entering the reserve program have completed the same credentials as full-time officers, including the rigors of the police academy and state certification. Reserve officers are offered hands-on training and in-field experiences that enable them to confirm their abilities, loyalty and commitment to residents.

Once they have completed a 16-week field-training program, they begin solo patrols alongside full-time officers and have full law enforcement authority.

With the addition of the four reserve officers, the police department will now fill open full-time positions from the current reserve officer pool.

Officers Kurt Blanc, Mike Valerio and Aaron Johnson have proven their abilities and dedication to the village and will move to full-time positions on Feb. 4.

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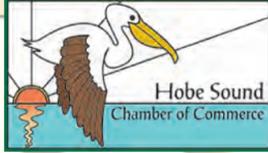
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February 1, 2013

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**Networking Breakfasts**

Tuesday, February 5th  
7:45 AM

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**Networking Luncheon**

Wednesday, February 13th  
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This year's sponsors include Gulfstream Aluminum & Shutter Corporation, The Stuart News, BJ's Wholesale Club, Your Voice, Moneysaver, Hometown News, Seabreeze Publications, Inc., WSTU/WPSL and WHLG-FM/101.3 Treasure Coast.



The Home & Garden Show hours are 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Saturday, March 2nd and Sunday, March 3rd. The Orchid Show will also be open from Noon - 5:00 PM on Friday, March 2nd. Admission to the show is free, parking is free and you will find great deals on everything from paint and design to landscaping, home improvement, shutter and solar solutions, fine art, orchids, home furnishings and much more.

Sponsorships and exhibitor spaces are still available. The spaces are \$400 for Chamber members and \$500 for non-members. The vendor application deadline is February 18th. For more information, please call Lisa at 772-287-1088, ext. 111 or email lisat@stuartmartinchamber.org.



Bio Clean Water Technologies, sponsors of the Stuart/Martin County Chamber's January Networking Luncheon, presented their innovative new water filtration system to chamber members at Manero's Restaurant in Palm City. Shown here with their product are (from left) Allen Korson, Gordon Pickett, Kimberly Blazie, Gary Haymond, Bio Clean Water Technologies and Chamber Chairman Michael Dadko, UBS/Sailfish Wealth Management Group.



Special thanks to Alexandra's and Silver Platter Catering for providing a beautiful and scrumptious spread for Stuart/Martin County Chamber members at the January Business After Hours. Shown from left are Chamber board member David Armellini, Armellini Express Lines, Inc.; Folker and Jayne Reynolds and Chamber Chairman Michael Dadko, UBS/Sailfish Wealth Management Group.

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The Pine School administration and board were well represented at the January 15th Stuart/Martin County Chamber Networking Breakfast in which they hosted and sponsored. Shown from left are Heather Posey, Paul Needham, Nathan Washer, Beth Lettengarver, Janet Pacifico, Phyllis Parker, Shawna Gallagher Vega, Lili Davidson, Tim Holland and Sheriff William Snyder.



The Medical Supply Shoppe presented their wares to Stuart/Martin County Chamber members as they hosted the December 18th Networking Breakfast at their Cedar Pointe Plaza location. Shown with Past Chairman Mikel Spraker, CPA are Shannon Walker and Mabel Gonzalez, owner of The Medical Supply Shoppe.



The House of Hope, sponsor of the Chamber's January 8th Networking Breakfast, guided members through their newly remodeled facility including their updated food pantry. Shown from left are Diane Tomasik, Communications Director; Elizabeth Barbella, CEO; Dave Lee, Warehouse/Food Pantry Manager; Kelly McIntyre, Manager of Volunteer & Retail Operations; Debbi Doyle, Stuart Retail Manager.

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## Out & about

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**FRIDAY, FEB. 1**

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• **Friday Fest** will be from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in downtown Fort Pierce. Ossie Wright and the Groove Division Band will perform. For more information, call (772) 466-3880.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 1 - SATURDAY, FEB. 2**

• **Space songs,** singing along with planetarium director Jon Bell and IRSC Performing and Visual Art students, will be held at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Feb. 1 and at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Feb. 2 at Hallstrom Planetarium, 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. Cost is \$3. For more information, call (772) 462-4750.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 1 - SUNDAY, FEB. 3**

• **"Sister's Strikes Again! Late Night Catechism II"** will be at 8 p.m. Feb. 1, at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Feb. 2, and at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Feb. 3 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, FEB. 1 - SUNDAY, FEB. 10**

• **"Legally Blond"** will be performed by Port St. Lucie High School at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Friday and Saturdays and 2 p.m. shows on Saturdays and Sundays in the auditorium, 1201 S.E. Lennard Road in Port St. Lucie. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call (772) 337-6768.

**THROUGH SUNDAY, FEB. 10**

• **"Three Murders and It's Only Monday,"** at the Barn Theatre, 2400 S.E. Ocean See **OUT, B3**

## Art on display



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Maria Miele of Palm City brings one of her new art pieces for display at Osceola 32 Gallery & Design in downtown Stuart on Saturday, Jan. 26.

## Area author publishes third novel

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

MARTIN COUNTY — Tom Winton was a slow starter. It took 11 years to get his first novel published after a discouraging reception.

But once he found success with his first book, "Beyond Nostalgia," the Hobe Sound writer has emerged as a prolific novelist, producing three top-rated books since 2011.

"I'm starting to make half a living at this and it feels good," said Mr. Winton, 64. "I'm not saying I'm Stephen King, but I'm on the cusp."

When "Beyond Nostalgia" first launched, it sold 1,000 copies in one month,

and appeared twice on Amazon's literary fiction bestsellers list.

Of 22 customer reviews on Amazon's website, 20 gave "Beyond Nostalgia" a five-star rating, the highest possible. The remaining two gave it four stars.

"There is a success story at the end of this book, but it isn't what I expected," wrote Kathryn Brown.

"I was immensely delighted when a predictable ending found in most romantic novels didn't happen in this one. The story grabbed me from start to finish, so much so, that I found myself reliving moments from my own past, feeling nostalgic about a previous relationship."

His latest novel, "Within A Man's Heart," is the story of a New York sales executive struggling to overcome his young wife's death.

It follows "The Last American Martyr" and "Four Days with Hemingway's Ghost," both of which have earned Mr. Winton spots on Amazon's "Top 100 Authors in Literary Fiction" list.

It is quite a turnaround for the author who had given up on writing after unsuccessfully shopping his first manuscript, then discarding it in a closet for 11 years.

"Four Days with Hemingway's Ghost," was No.36 in the top 100 literary fiction on Amazon, and Mr. Winton said his books

are in the Lee, Martin, Sarasota, Pinellas and Clearwater library systems.

"Now I'm starting to make half a living at it, and that's good," he said. "I've got a Harvard graduate, one of the most intelligent people I've ever spoken to, approaching me and asking me for help to write his memoirs."

Now, the author who spent years working on his novel in his car during breaks is encouraging other writers and encouraging them by providing tips and advice via his website, [www.TomWintonAuthor.com](http://www.TomWintonAuthor.com).

"I'm far from where I want to be, but it seems like I'm on my way," he said.



Week of 2-1-2013

**ARIES - March 21-April 20**

Aries, planning is going well and you have been following through with your responsibilities. Expect to tweak a few things in the days to come.

**TAURUS - April 21-May 21**

Taurus, open up to a trusted friend regarding a significant decision you have to make this week. This friend can provide some valuable perspective.

**GEMINI - May 22-June 21**

A barrage of new ideas makes you a hot item this week, Gemini. Your brain is working overtime and you may be shocked at what you come up with.

**CANCER - June 22-July 22**

Cancer, expect to see eye-to-eye with your significant other this week. You will be on the same page and this will help to strengthen your relationship.

**LEO - July 23-Aug. 23**

Leo, embrace the opinions of those closest to you. Those opinions might differ from your own, but they may also provide you with some important perspective.

**VIRGO - Aug. 24-Sept. 22**

Try something different this week, Virgo. It may mean taking a new route to work or trying a new food. Try something that is out of your element and you may find you like it.

**LIBRA - Sept. 23-Oct. 23**

You will be full of energy this week and ready to handle anything that comes your way, Libra. When you get on See **SCOPES, B3**

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**Senior health fair to be held Feb. 6**

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

MARTIN COUNTY — The Council on Aging of Martin County, in partnership with Treasure Coast Advocates for Seniors and WellMed, will host a senior health and wellness fair on Feb. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kane Center in Stuart.

More than 45 health care and community vendors will participate in the free event, which is open to all area seniors and their families.

The health and wellness fair will feature free services, including blood pressure checks, memory screenings, sugar testing and chair mas-

sages.

Information from more than 45 health and community organizations will be on hand, as well as representatives from the Veteran's Administration.

There will be demonstrations of the Kane Center's senior fitness programs, such as Zumba Gold and tap dancing by the Treasure Coast Tappers.

A hot dog cookout with entertainment by Tunes by Tony will also be held, as well as a Chinese auction for more than 50 valuable items and a seniors-only 50/50 raffle.

No reservations or RSVPs are necessary to attend this event, which will be held at the Council on Aging's home at the Charles and

Rae Kane Center, located at 900 S.E. Salerno Road in Stuart.

Council on Aging of Martin County provides programs that help seniors live independently in their own homes, including: Meals on Wheels, an adult day program, care management, caregiver support and in-home services.

The council is the longest-standing organization in the county dedicated to serving the senior population (in their homes or within the senior center).

For information on Council on Aging services, or to support the council and be a part of the Kane Center, call (772) 223-7800 or visit [www.kanecenter.org](http://www.kanecenter.org).

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For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

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# Club presents tea, fashion show

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

STUART — The Woman's Club of Stuart invites the public to enjoy a vintage-style tea and fashion show as they kick off their 100th anniversary celebration.

The event, "100 Years of Fashion Show and Tea," will be held at the Woman's Club of Stuart on March 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Guests will enjoy a runway show featuring notable women of Stuart dressed in fashions from the past 100 years.

Pat Schmader, chairwoman and Anne Schafer have been on a quest through the closets of the Stuart Heritage Museum, the Elliott Museum, the House of Phoenix in downtown Stuart and club members to prepare for this fun event.

Guests will enjoy tea and coffee, as well as tea sandwiches and pastries.

Women are welcome to wear their own vintage fashions and hats if they desire. There will be an antique car on display, perfect for photographs. Tickets are \$40 per person and must be purchased in advance due to limited seating.

Francesca Morgan, club member and interior designer will coordinate the black and white décor of the event using photos, club memorabilia and more. Floral centerpieces are being donated by

Dorothea's Florists of Jensen Beach.

Suzi Q Productions will provide entertainment and lighting for the event. Advanced Printing in Stuart is donating the invitations.

While visiting the Woman's Clubhouse, guests will have the opportunity to visit the backyard, where a memorial walkway with engraved brick pavers is planned. The 100th anniversary memorial brick program is a fundraiser for the Woman's Club, a nonprofit organization. Bricks will be available for sale at the fashion show.

To purchase tickets in advance, visit [www.womansclubofstuart.com](http://www.womansclubofstuart.com) or call (772) 214-4726.

## Scopes

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a roll, you may find you have some admirers.

### SCORPIO – Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Scorpio, the coming week may try your patience. Relax when the week starts to prove too stressful, and you will make it through the week with your peace of mind intact.

### SAGITTARIUS – Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Keep listening when others around you are talking, Sagittarius. You can learn valuable lessons just by keeping a trained ear on the conversation and use this information later on.

### CAPRICORN – Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Capricorn, you may have big plans this week but that doesn't mean you can leave all other responsibilities by the wayside. If you can't get to things yourself, then delegate.

### AQUARIUS – Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Aquarius, you crave change this week, even if it is something small and mundane. Figure out something you can do on a small level to incorporate change into your day.

### PISCES – Feb. 19-March 20

You may be inclined to help your community this week, Pisces. There are bound to be plenty of places to share your time.

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### SATURDAY, FEB. 2

• **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.

• **The O'Jays will perform** 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.

• **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](http://www.jazzsociety.org).

• **Port St. Lucie bonfire and hayride** will take place from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Digital

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# Best buds, classic cars

Asia Dingile, 17, of Palm City, points out some of the details on a vintage Chevrolet to her buddy, John Gordon, 16, of Stuart at the sixth annual 'Give to Kids' benefit car and motorcycle show on Sunday Jan. 20. Asia is a member of Martin County High School's best buddies program, which pairs special needs students with students from general education classes. Fifty-two show cars were displayed and the show raised \$5,200.

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# Dance, auction to benefit nonprofit

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PALM CITY — The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast's largest fundraising event, Paws and Claws gala 2013, will be held on Feb. 16 from 6-11 p.m. at the Kane Center in Stuart.

This year, guests will be "Dancing Through the Decades" to the sounds of the Solid Gold band, which also will present a dinner-theater show. Featuring the greatest songs from the 50s to today, everyone is invited to come dressed from the decade of their choice and dance the night away.

The event will be emceed by Jay Cashmere, an anchor with NewsChannel 5 and Fox 29, and will begin with cocktails and hors d'oeu-

vres. Guests also will have the opportunity to bid on items in the silent auction mall. The live auction, led by auctioneer Elliot Paul from Elliot Paul and Company, will include exclusive items that will make their first appearance at Paws and Claws. Trips to Italy; Scottsdale, Ariz.; San Francisco and wine country; autographed guitars from the Rolling Stones and Eric Clapton; and autographed sports memorabilia from Mohammed Ali, Peyton Manning, Eli Manning, Joe Montana, Jerry Rice and Steve Young, are just some of the items that will be available that evening.

Carol Plato is this year's chairwoman and committee members Karen Spriggs, Lori DesRuisseaux and Jaime Beards are silent auction chairs. Kathy Skrzypczak is serving as the Clawsopolitan (event program) chairwoman.

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# Dedicating new exhibits



Elise and Tim Burns check out the water quality exhibit, which was funded by their family's Paul G. Gemeinhardt Trust. The exhibit provides live data from the Indian River Lagoon, and is one of four new ones dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 20 at Stuart's Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center.

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Karen and George Labadie of Jensen Beach, who provided funding for the habitats in the round exhibit, along with Ellie Van Os, director of education and exhibits at the dedication of four new exhibits at the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center in Stuart on Sunday, Jan. 20.



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Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center's sea turtle pavilion, funded by Zemsky family, attracted a lot of attention from guests at the dedication of four new exhibits in Stuart on Sunday, Jan. 20.

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- Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Council 7514 will host **Valentine's bingo luncheon**. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; lunch at noon. Donation \$7 per person. There will be raffles. Knights of Columbus Council 7514 is located at Council Hall, 451

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Indian River State College men's swimming and diving team recently received the academic all-stars 'Skull' award for achieving the highest grade-point average for any athletic team at the college during the fall, 2012 semester.

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## Swimming, diving team receives award

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TREASURE COAST — Members of the Indian River State College men's swimming and diving team were named academic all-stars for achieving the highest grade-point average for any athletic team at the college during the fall 2012 semester with an average 3.05 GPA.

"The 'academic all-stars' designation recognizes the importance of academic achievement for athletes, and I'm proud to see our men's swimming and diving team receive this academic honor," said Scott Kimmelman, IRSC athletic director. Team members received

certificates of achievement and the IRSC "Skull" award, which is presented each year to the academic all-star team at the January board of trustees meeting. The team is coached by Ryan Mallam, head coach swimming and diving; David Suba, head diving coach and Adam Epstein, assistant coach swimming and diving.

The names and hometowns of the IRSC men's swimming and diving team members are: Heinrich Alberts, Pietersburg, South Africa; Richard Andrews, West Palm Beach; Edwin Angjeli, South Boston, Mass.; Caio Azevedo, Somerville, Mass.; Bryan Clarke, Indialantic; Erie

Craven, Winston-Salem, N.C.; David Dawson, Neptune Beach; Zach Duval, Navarre; Luis Flores, Gurabo, Puerto Rico; Chad Harrington, Boca Raton; Frank Horpel, Castro Valley, Calif.; Evan Jacob, Jacksonville; Samuel Mitchum, Ocala; Josh Oathout, Altamonte Springs; Justin Ortiz, Jupiter; Terry Peoples, Elkhart, Ind.; Nicholas Piumelli, Winter Park; Marc Rojas, Miramar; Alec Scott, Aurora, Colo.; Kameron Sipowski, Jupiter; Bradley Tandy, Ladysmith, South Africa; Spencer Williams, St. Petersburg; Byron Walkers, Pakuranga, New Zealand; David Zarb, Athens, Ga. and Timothy Zoltowski, Rio Rancho, N.M.

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## Event to help retired racehorses

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INDIANTOWN — Maurice "Moe" Williams, a retired running back for the Minnesota Vikings, is hosting a Super Bowl Sunday poker run and barbecue to benefit his new passion: retired thoroughbreds.

Mr. Williams owns and trains racehorses. He also provides housing for more than 90 retired thoroughbreds on his Genuine Pleasure Farm property through a nonprofit organization, the Florida Thoroughbred Retirement and Adoptive Care program.

Mr. Williams invites the public to his Indiantown property as a kickoff to Super Bowl Sunday festivities on Feb. 3.

Here's the schedule of events: 10-11 a.m.: poker run registration at Family Post Park, 15651 Warfield Blvd. (Highway 710), Indiantown.

10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Poker run from Family Post Park to Genuine Pleasure Farm, 10801 S.W. Fox Brown Road, Indiantown.

11 a.m.-4 p.m.: Barbeque carnival at Genuine Pleasure Farm.

Activities include pony rides, music, face painting, silent auction, food and a cash bar.

The poker run is \$10 per bike. Barbeque is \$5 per plate. All proceeds will go toward Florida TRAC horses at Genuine Pleasure Farm assisting with proper shelter, feed, fencing, pasture management and farm equipment.

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# Obituaries

## Ferdinand Schanz

Ferdinand Schanz, 75, of Jensen Beach, died Jan. 8, 2013.

He was born in Yugoslavia moved to Jensen Beach in 2006.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Johanna; a daughter, Annina; a son, Ferdinand and two grandchildren.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.

## Pamela Ann Herrmann

Pamela Ann Herrmann, 55, of Hobe Sound, died Jan. 9, 2013.

She was born in Broward County and lived in Hobe Sound for 10 years.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years; Edward; three daughters, Danielle, Nicole and Arielle; and one granddaughter.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.

## Sanderson Smith

Sanderson Smith, 87, of Jensen Beach, died Dec. 30, 2012.

He was born in Holyoke, Mass., and moved to Jensen Beach in 2011.

He served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his daughter, Candace; two sons, Douglas and Mark; a brother, Hamilton and six grandchildren.

Arrangements by Haisley Funeral & Cremation Service.

## Jean A. James

Jean A. James, 91, of Stu-

art, died Jan. 13, 2013.

She was born in England and lived in Stuart for 35 years.

She served in the British Army.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home Crematory.

## Thomas John 'T-Bone' Goleski

Thomas John "T-Bone" Goleski, 87, of Stuart, died Jan. 8, 2013.

He was born in Southampton.

He served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marjorie; three children, TJ, Kimberly and Gary and six grandchildren.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.

## Marie Denyse Solimando

Marie Denyse Solimando, 62, of Palm City, died Jan. 14, 2013.

She was born in Canada and moved to Palm City in 1999.

She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Donald; a daughter, Josee; a son, Martin and two grandchildren.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.

## Constance 'Connie' Barrile

Constance "Connie" Barrile, 95, of Palm City, died Jan. 15, 2013.

She was born in Chicago and lived in Palm City for 19 years.

She is survived by a

daughter, Sandra; a son, Bernie; a brother, Casper; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Forest Hills Funeral Homes Palm City Chapel.

## Marilyn Grace Schreyer

Marilyn Grace Schreyer, 85, of Jensen Beach, died Jan. 11, 2013.

She was born in Irvington, N.J.

She is survived by three sons, Philip, Blair and Brett; a daughter, Kathy; a brother, Michael; two sisters, Kathleen and Ruth; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.

## Ronald Young

Ronald Young, 71, of Stuart, died Jan. 14, 2013.

He was born in Sharon, Pa., and lived in Stuart for nine years.

He is survived by a brother, Gerald; three sons, Frank, Chris and Scott; two daughters, Ronda and Teri; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.

## Marilyn Grace Schreyer

Marilyn Grace Schreyer, 85, of Jensen Beach, died Jan. 11, 2013.

She was born in Irvington, N.J., and lived in Jensen Beach.

She is survived by three sons, Philip, Blair and Brett; a daughter, Kathy; a brother, Michael; two sisters, Kath-

leen and Ruth; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home Crematory.

## Geneva Haluska

Geneva Haluska, 62, of Stuart, died Jan. 18, 2013.

She was born in Fleming County, Ky., and lived in Stuart for 40 years.

She is survived by her husband of 11 years, John; a son, Russell; two stepsons, Thomas and John; two stepdaughters, Ollie and Amanda; a sister, Mary and three grandchildren.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home Crematory.

## Michael DeMondo

Michael DeMondo, 84, of Stuart, died Jan. 15, 2013.

He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Doris; three daughters, Jackie, Patricia and Toni; a son, Michael; a stepson, John; four stepdaughters, Donna, Darlene, Jill and Claudine and 21 grandchildren.

Arrangements by Haisley Funeral & Cremation Service.

## Kenneth B. Thurston

Kenneth B. Thurston, 76, of Sewalls Point, died Jan. 19, 2013.

He was born in Meadville, Pa.

He is survived by his partner, Barbara and many nephews and cousins.

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

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• The 14th annual **Hearts for Hope luncheon** to benefit House of Hope will be held Monday, Feb. 4. It returns for the second year to the Sailfish Point Country Club. This year's event will feature an inspiring guest speaker connected to the mission of House of Hope, empowering people to overcome hunger and poverty. It will also feature prize-winning cupcakes from culinary students at The Pine School, distinctive vendors with unique gifts and pampering packages plus an extraordi-

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### THURSDAY, FEB. 7

• **First Thursday gallery nights**, 5-8 p.m. at Martin County galleries. For a list of participating galleries, visit www.MartinArts.org.

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# Busy fishing for all anglers

How about this weather? I am not sure it could be nicer with cool evenings and moderate temps through the day. I love south Florida.

Bigger dolphin, cobia and sails for the offshore anglers. Surf anglers have found plenty of whiting and croaker with a mix of blues and macks to keep busy.

It's the river for the reds and trout with a mix of plenty of black drum; perfect.

Finally we are seeing some dolphin in the 20-pound class hanging in the 150-foot zone. These fish have been found on the color lines feeding on flying fish, of which there has been plenty. With a good mix of sails definitely worth the ride, trolling small ballyhoo has put plenty to the boat. Kings also this weekend up closer, 60 feet north of the St Lucie Inlet or on the king fish numbers, check your charts.

Cobia have been from the sand pile, taking pitch baits, sardines, even had one caught on a fly. Favored bite time for the cobia has been



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when they were ready. You needed to spend some time and while you were there the lanes have been biting at the bottom. No rhyme or reason, they just would decide it was time then back off and start over.

These fish are hanging with the sharks, so be fast with you catch, box open and a person is ready to sit on it when it closes. A green cobia can make a mess of the boat and anglers, be ready. With the polite seas bottom fish has been busy, muttuns, lanes, yellow tail and a few more, sardines has been their favored snack.

If the temps had been cooler we would be talking about pompano but the water is still warm, too bad for the pompano fans, but it sure is nice. Plenty of blues for the early morning anglers, but a short bite time. You need to watch the sun come up and cut bait is favored.

Whiting and croaker for anglers who like to sleep in or fish after lunch. Just a pitch, these fish are in that first trough. Cast and you'll be beyond them.

Yes, there have been a few pompano, but not the numbers. The plus side is the rods have been bent all day, come on down. When was the last time you fished the beach?

Perfect for the reds and trout, mix in a snook or two and then the blues and jacks. Busy fishing I would say.

Fishing from Round Island to the Sailfish Flats have had good reports of slot reds eating a wide variety. Bite has been early but as the sun rises the trout move in and it will keep you busy.

Snook opens Feb. 1, but all the rest is open, flounder, black drum, blues, jacks and a few I left out, of course. Several nice south Florida days in a row sure makes it easy. Maybe next week the pompano will show.

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## All you need is love

One of my favorite quotes since I was young has been the classic, "All you need is love" as sung by Beatle the late John Lennon.

In some shape or form, I think everyone should be loved. It is a defining force in nature. It can be as essential as air, food or water.

There is no real definition of love. It is different for everyone.

When I was younger, my definition of love was a knight in shining armor coming to save me and take me away, like all the Disney movies show.

As I grew older, I looked at my parents who have been married for 30 years.

There have been ups and downs in those years, sure, but I have watched each time they patched up holes to keep the love intact.

There are also friends who stayed by me and watched me stumble over heartbreak and gave me their love to help me back up.

Love is different for everyone and we experience it in different ways.

This month, we celebrate love in all its different forms.

For those who are married or in relationships, we hope you enjoy the ideas and planning we've put into this issue to help you with gifts and where to go on Valentine's Day with your special someone.

We've highlighted some of the best local shops to pick up gifts or flowers and locally owned restau-



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rants to share dinner.

If you're single, we've created a Valentine's Day tips sheet for you and ideas on how to spend the day, including going out with some friends for dinner or a enjoying a fancy day of pampering.

One of my favorite Valentine's Days was spent with my mom.

My father, an airline pilot, was gone for the day and instead of us sitting at home, we booked a reservation for two at a hibachi-style grill and had an amazing night.

We were able to have fun, even with the couples who surrounded us, and those who had the same idea as we did.

The interactive setting of the hibachi made it easy for us to all feel like we were sharing the Valentine's Day experience together.

Celebrate the month, and use it as an excuse to shower a little love on yourself and others.

We at *Forever Young* hope that your month is spent celebrating the love around you.

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# LOVE STORIES

## Living in faith, love



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Carol and Gordon Mularski of Jensen Beach in front of the Roosevelt Bridge in Stuart.

**By Brittany Llorente**

Writer/production coordinator

They met at Central Bible College through a group of friends.

"I thought she was beautiful," said Gordon Mularski of first meeting Carol, to whom he has been married for 21 years. "She was very fun."

The couple has two children, Austin, 19, and Autumn, 17.

Mr. Mularski, lead pastor at Treasure Coast Community Church, said he and his wife take daily walks together, to talk and slow down the hectic pace of life.

"We have a massive American bulldog," Mr. Mularski said. "During those times we get to talk about the children, family, marriage and lots of different things like that."

In addition to their daily walks,

the Mularski's also spend one day a week together.

"We go out to lunch, dinner or a movie," he said. "We nose around a store or shop or hit the beach without the children. It's never been a day that we spend a lot of money on, it is just time that we got to hang out, just the two of us."

Through the good times and the bad, faith has driven them through the days, weeks and years.

"Our faith has been a grounding factor in our marriage and a desire to honor God and do what we should do for each other," he said.

Another drive in his marriage was his children and the example he and his wife set for them.

"Everything we do impacts our

children," Mr. Mularski said. "I want my marriage to be successful because I want them to be successful in marriage. When times are difficult, we have two sets of eyes watching us and are modeling what we do."

As a pastor, Mr. Mularski is often a source of counsel. There are times when someone is having a hard time with their marriage and he offers them advice.

"People shouldn't believe the myth that the grass is always greener," he said. "My experience has been that most second marriages, if they had a choice, would have liked to have seen their first marriage succeed. A lot of the same problems go into second marriages that were

**Our faith has been a grounding factor in our marriage and a desire to honor God and do what we should do for each other.**

**-Gordon Mularski**

the erosion of the first. Second marriages can succeed, but make sure you leave 110 percent on the field before making an exodus, so you don't look back with any regret."

After numerous vacations, volunteering in Honduras, watching their family grow and leading a church, his wife has been beside him every step of the way. Beyond her good looks and everything that drew Mr. Mularski to Mrs. Mularski initially, she made him laugh.

"She has an amazing sense of humor," Mr. Mularski said. "She has been a great person to share a life with because she is super fun to be around. I think that's a lot of the missing pieces in most marriages: the fun factor."

## GIFTS

## Gift, dining options for Valentine's Day

By Brittany Llorente

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Diamonds are a girl's best friend. The quote holds true for men and women. For Valentine's Day gifts, most go for flowers, chocolate and the timeless suggestion: jewelry.

Frank Bianco, owner of Miracle Jewelry Exchange, has a lot of experience with frantic customers in search of the perfect Valentine's Day gift and his shop has the answer.

"What person doesn't love jewelry?" he asked. "It's in the diamonds, gold and silver. It's the new watch or bracelet that lasts forever. It's timeless."

For men, tungsten, titanium and stainless steel are popular watch selections. Mr. Bianco recommends watches.

"When you buy your boyfriend or husband a watch, every time he looks at it he is going to think of

you," he said.

The one problem with flowers is that they fade, wither and die. For an out-of-the-box gift, consider Creations By Linda, where the flowers never die.

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The dishes range from sophisticated to a regular Sicilian pizza with all the toppings.

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A bouquet of roses made by Creations By Linda. The flowers are hand crafted using bread dough to create realistic-looking flowers.

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## Cures for Valentine's Day blues

By **Brittany Llorente**

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Valentine's Day is usually associated with the colors pink and red, but rarely blue.

For single people, Feb. 14 can seem like a day set up as a reminder to tell them they are single.

This one day of the year does not need to be sad for anyone, as it should be treated as a day of love for everyone.

Want to do something on Valentine's Day? Here is a list of places around town to go to and make it a day of self-loving and loving others.

the sun and later, get a pedicure.

Café Margeaux at 333 SE Ocean Blvd., Stuart is a quaint little tea shop. The delicious food and outside patio area is a refreshing place to chat with friends and enjoy tasty food.

Men, go for a round of golf followed by a relaxing time in a cigar shop or relax with a beer at Manatee Island Bar and Grill, 4817 SE Dixie Highway, Stuart.

Finish off the day and start off the night with dinner and live music at Shuckers on the Beach, 9800 South

Ocean Drive in Jensen Beach or enjoy a quiet evening at Basil Garden, 201 SW U.S.1 in Stuart for generous portions of Thai food and exotic specials.

### Visit the family

Call parents and children and set up an at-home meal for the family with everyone invited, couples or not. Don't have the time or space? Head to Anna's Pizza, 233 SW Monterey Road in Stuart. The pizza is delicious and worth every penny.

### Hit the gym

Go through some boot-camp type training at Team Fit, 2451 SE Ocean Blvd. in Stuart. Tackle the challenges and other activities to get your mind off the day.

### Read a great book

The Friends' Book Depot, 2885 SE U.S.1, Stuart in the B&A Flea Market, has a vast assortment of inexpensive used books. Cozy up with a cup of coffee and a good book.

### Don't fret

The history of Valentine's Day has been very diluted and the solution can be to just chalk it up to a corporate holiday. Plan to buy copious amounts of candy the day after for dirt cheap.

### Make it a girl's day or a guy's day

Ladies, gather up your gal pals and head out to a coffee or tea shop and catch up, talk about everything under



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# DINING

## More than just ribs



Patrick Cunningham and Kendall Bailey mix delicious cocktails at Tony Roma's in Jensen Beach.

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By Samantha Joseph  
For Forever Young

MARTIN COUNTY — It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it.

Choosing one entree from Tony Roma's well-appointed, lavish menu is torture, so I had a little of several.

Staff members don't make things any easier, either. They describe the meals with a flourish, point out their personal favorites and pause when they get to the items they had for lunch that day.

There's the host's favorite: a chicken Caesar flatbread that puts grilled, chopped chicken breast, Italian cheeses, tomato-pesto salad, fresh, sweet basil and creamy Caesar dressing on a crisp flatbread crust and sprinkles it with shaved Asiago cheese.

And the chicken caprese linguine, the bartender's choice, is a beautifully presented dish of grilled chicken breasts, smothered with fresh mozzarella and roasted tomato sauce, served on a bed of linguine tossed with roma tomatoes, onion, Asiago cheese and tomato sauce.

Highly recommended, too, was the seared ahi tuna, made with sushi-grade ahi marinated in lemon juice, fresh ginger, brown sugar and wasabi, then encrusted with sesame

seeds, seared and sliced thinly. It arrives at the table with a wasabi garnish, soy dipping sauce and broccoli slaw.

All their recommendations won rave reviews, but few things are as exquisite as Tony Roma's filet medallions with asiago crust.

The chef tops three filet medallions with a rich cream sauce of asiago and Italian cheeses, seasoned with herbs de Provence. The delicately crispy crust perfectly complements the juicy succulent steak beneath. The combination is heavenly, with the creamy texture playing gorgeously off the bold robust flavor of the steak sauce.

The sides are welcome additions, too, with loaded mashed potatoes and a choice of a dinner salad or cup of soup rounding off the meal.

Wines, soups, thirst-quenching cocktails, premium sides and desserts dripped and dressed in all manner of temptation.

The fish steak, complete with grill lines, is perfection with Tony's exclusive citrus and brown mustard mojo sauce. A colorful homemade pineapple salsa tops it off, and the sides are rice pilaf and fresh vegetable, all pre-

sented with a lemon round.

The beloved onion loaf, a staple among regulars, is a tall stack of crunchy, lightly breaded onion rings, hand-cut from Spanish onions, deep-fried, then served with a side of barbecue sauce.

And of course, it wouldn't be Tony Roma's without the ribs.

On the menu are the original tender, lean pork baby backs that put Tony Roma's on the map, helping the franchise expand from Miami to locations across the nation, and now, as far away as China, Australia, Canada and Spain.

The St. Louis ribs, a larger, meatier cut of pork with more natural marbling, is also available, as is the beef short rib and combinations that pair ribs and filet medallions.

Patrons can choose the original sauce or Carolina honeys, Blue Ridge smokies and Tony Roma's red hot. Plus, they can take the sauces home for their own barbecues, because the restaurant retails the signature blends.

The Jensen Beach location is also the only Tony Roma's restaurant with

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# GENEALOGY

## Do your own research

**M**y grandchildren think I'm as old as dirt. They ask me about what I did and had at their age. How did I listen to music in a car? A radio, is that all? Where were the tapes, CDs, iPods? How did we record?

I've been doing a lot of genealogy lately and started applying their thinking to my experiences and knowledge.

Technology has come a long way since I started this quest in the early 1970s. I was lucky I lived in Orlando, which had a large public library and wonderful genealogy department. I had microfilm and a hand-cranked reader. Microfilm readers were in short supply, so I would get my children off to school, and be there when the library opened at 9 a.m. in order to get one. If I left it unattended



### GENEALOGY

BRENDA K. SMITH

I would lose my turn, so I sat there all day, turning that crank, page by page, until it was time to retrieve the children from school.

I traced my family through census records, state by state, county to county, page by page, with no indexes.

In chasing lost relatives the last couple of weeks, I am appreciating that old school of research most of you don't seem to understand. Your people are there, you just don't know how, or want to go to the time and trouble of finding them. Forget those fancy computer-generated indexes,

when you are in a tough spot. They are wonderful and a great help, but are often wrong! Sometimes you just have to get down and dirty and actually do the work for yourself.

Do not take those indexes at face value. Just because your family is not listed, doesn't mean they aren't there, you have to go look for them. What looks like the exact person you are looking for on the index, probably isn't. Go to the actual page and look at each person in the household. Find this person on the census before and after, and every census they are on for their entire life. Document the entire family, age, birth place, etc., year by year.

This is "doing your census work" and should be done for every family in your database. Time consuming? You bet it is! But your work will be documented (remember to add your

sources as you go) and much more accurate, and maybe completely different, than all those you are so inclined to just copy from someone else's research.

When you start finding these families yourself, and actually looking them up and checking the facts on your own, you will be amazed at how wrong all your Internet copying has been. I've found my relatives listed in families of complete strangers, by someone who had just stuck them where it looked like maybe they should go.

The fact is, one person does poor research, or just gets a few names or facts wrong, and that throws the whole family genealogy into turmoil. Then they throw the whole thing onto the Internet. The next person comes

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# ROSE'S ROOM Valentine's Day reminiscing

Flowers, candy, jewelry. One wonders what old St. Valentine would think of his day in these times. While I certainly have no objection to receiving shiny baubles, (tennis bracelet from Zales Jewelers). I think over the years, the best gifts have been free (or very cheap).

Years ago, I was feeling less than romantic on Valentine's Day since I was eight months pregnant with my fourth child. Backaches, exhaustion and swollen everything was exacerbated by three young children and a husband who worked two jobs.

Money was tight and hours spent helping little people pick just the perfect card for each friend and helping little fingers sign each card did little to help put me in a Hall-mark mood.

The holiday fell on a school day. As I raced to get everyone dressed and fed with visions of someday when



## ROSE'S ROOM

ROSE PADRICK

the children are grown romantic dinners intermingled with is Kim wearing matching shoes? Did Darlene finish her homework? I hope Cindy's teacher likes the card we spent so much time on.

Finding a beautiful card and small box of candy from my best beau carefully placed in the morning cereal box brightened my day considerably, but the handmade coupon for one day of total child care gave me the vapors.

I immediately began making plans for a long leisurely afternoon at the beach alone with a good book and that box of candy.

The big day arrived along with itchy spots and a fever on the 3-year-old. By the following Sunday all three children were scratching and whining. The third Sunday found my husband with a fever. The one after that I was in labor. I think you get the drift; the coupon became the impossible dream.

I still have that unused coupon, but no need for child care. I wonder if it could be traded in on something more useful (tennis bracelet from Zales Jewelers).

That day on the beach with a book is still a great idea, especially if the beach is on Bahia Honda Key in the Florida Keys. The early bird/senior special dinner can be romantic depending on the company.

I may even be coerced into sharing a box of candy with my best beau.

## Gifts

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## Genealogy

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along and finds their ancestor listed with the whole genealogy already done. Wow! It's so easy to just copy it and add it to your own database. Dozens of people do this, and so when you type in "Daniel J. Monahan, b. 1849," 50 family trees show up, all with the exact information. It must be true if so many people have it, correct? These are great clues, but just use them as that.

Have you ever considered that the whole family tree you just found online could be the figment of someone's imagination and just put on as a prank? I could do this myself very easily, and it would be copied by everyone who found it and be taken as fact. Scary, isn't it? All that "stuff" you have copied may be wrong.

This is why professional genealogist preach; "document, document, document and "always site your

sources." If you will notice, most Internet family trees have no sources, many have no person to contact and if they do, the contact person has no useful information. They will tell you they just copied it from someone else.

In genealogical research, the rule of thumb is that you need three sources who agree before the fact is proven. That is often tough to do, and at times impossible, but it will stand the test of time when accomplished.

The sayings go, "garbage in, garbage out," and "if you want something done right, do it yourself." These are especially true in genealogy.

You will be amazed at how much more appreciation and connection to these ancestors you have, by finding them yourself.

Contact Mrs. Smith at BrendaK-Smith@prodigy.net.

## Dining

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a baby grand piano, said manager Jim Cone.

A pianist performs from 6 p.m. to close on Wednesdays to Sundays, and patrons near the bar can take in waterfront views while they listen.

But one of the overall best things about this restaurant is the way it matches quality and price.

Its mini-desserts are \$3. They're far from bite-size, and many arrive at the table with a dollop of Breyer's vanilla bean ice cream.

The chocolate chunk cookie sandwich brilliantly combines warm freshly baked goods with an ice cream center, chocolate fudge ripples, swirls of caramel and a dab of whipped cream.

A cute fruit and mascarpone cake has sweet mascarpone cheese frosting nestled between two rounds of moist yellow cake. It's covered with

fresh and juicy strawberries and blueberries that give it a taste of summer, and is finished with a dollop of whipped cream.

One of my favorites was the bourbon pecan cupcake. Vanilla ice cream, a moist cupcake and candied pecans helped deliver a sumptuously light take on the traditional pecan pie.

The best or worst thing, depending on how you look at it, is that you don't have to choose just one dessert at Tony Roma's. Eight dollars buys you Tony's dessert trio, a sampling of three sweet treats served side by side in a feast for the eyes and the taste buds.

*Tony Roma's is located at 3750 N.E. Indian River Drive, Suite B100, in the Renar River Place plaza at the base of the Jensen Beach Causeway. It's open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays to Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, call (772) 225-6327.*



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# DATING

## Money saving tips for Valentine's day



### For Forever Young

Valentine's Day can be a joyous time for couples, but it can also be expensive. A bouquet of roses and some new jewelry, capped off with a night out on the town adds up, and many men and women find themselves looking for ways to celebrate Valentine's Day without breaking the bank.

While a night in is always a great way to save some money, couples can still spend a night away from home without straining their wallets. The following are a few ways cost-conscious couples can save some money this Valentine's Day.

- Avoid prix fixe. Many restaurants offer prix-fixe menus on Valentine's Day. These menus reduce the amount of options and couples might be forced

to pay for several courses when they would prefer just an entree. If cost is a concern, pick a restaurant that offers a full menu instead of prix fixe. This allows you to avoid potentially costly appetizers and desserts, while still affording you the opportunity to share a night out together.

- Avoid going out on Valentine's Day. Another way to save money is to go out a day or so before or after Valentine's Day instead of on the holiday itself. Many restaurants are fully booked for dinner on Valentine's Day, so you might be forced to choose a restaurant that stretches your budget. It should be easy to book a reservation a night before or

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# HERB CORNER

## Libido-boosting herbs

**W**ith the hectic lifestyles we lead, the long hours at work and the caring for our families, sometimes finding time for romance can be a challenge.

All stress can interfere with our time for romance. Let's face it, to get in "the mood" you need to feel desire, and when you are tired from the day, it's hard to feel "in-the-mood."

According to studies done recently, some 43 percent of women and 31 percent of men suffer from sexual dysfunction.

Fortunately, herbs have been used for thousands of years in all cultures around the world to spice up the bedroom. They can target certain aspects of sexual health by enhancing circulation to specific areas, they can stimulate the functions of the



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neural system, enhancing arousal and pleasure, and they can stimulate the hormones needed for function and desire.

One of these herbs is damiana. It has been used in the Mexican culture, as an aphrodisiac for both men and women for hundreds of years.

For women, its constituents bind to progesterone receptors in the brain producing a "feel-good" effect, stimulating nerve sensitivity.

This effect also eases moods and eases anxiety. For men and women, it has the ability to improve oxygen

flow to key areas of the body for increased pleasure. In South America and Peru, both men and women have used maca to stimulate desire and drive. This adaptogenic herb helps by reducing stress-balancing hormones and by increasing energy and stamina.

Tongkat ali helps boost drive and function by increasing sensitivity to the erogenous zones in both genders. Tribulus terrestris is used in China, India and Russia to stimulate the production of testosterone in men and estrogen in women. When these are renewed, it can increase desire, stamina and virility. Ginsengs also provide a general rejuvenation effect by stimulating and normalizing blood flow throughout the body, enhancing nerve stimulation. Horny goat weed (yes that's its real name), has been used in Eastern Asia

for more than 2,000 years. It was then and still is used now to boost desire and energy, increasing the libido of both men and women by enhancing sensations to the erogenous zones.

For men, yohimbin has the ability to enhance blood flow during arousal, this can be helpful with erectile dysfunction, as well. The bark of this tree contains the Food and Drug Administration-approved alkaloid yohimbine, which before Viagra, was believed to support male sexual health. Just be careful because too much of this herb can cause anxiety, dizziness, insomnia and high blood pressure.

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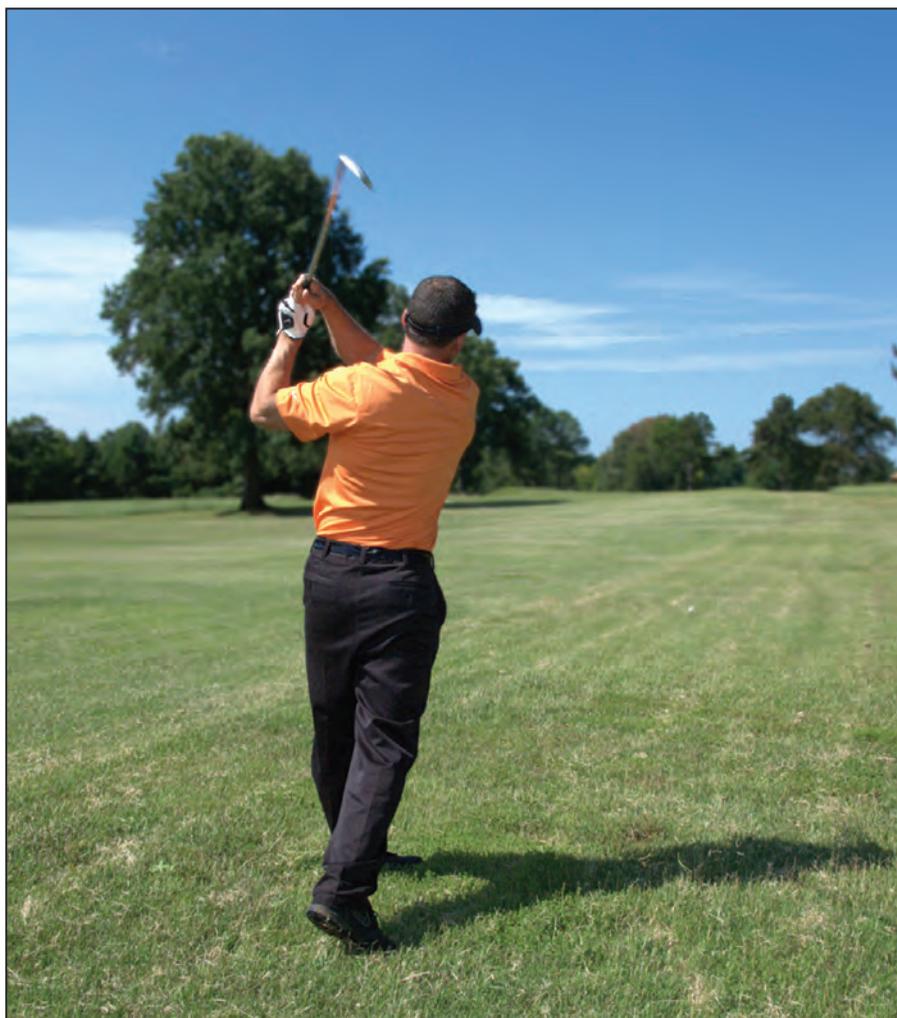


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# GOLF

## Tips for newcomers to golf



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Few hobbies can be as enjoyable one moment and as frustrating the next as golf. Golfers know a great putt can be quickly followed by a bad tee shot, and maintaining their composure through the highs and lows of the game is a key to success on the links.

Maintaining composure isn't always easy, even for the professionals. It's even more difficult for beginners, who quickly learn golf involves more than just spending sunny weekend afternoons on pristine golf courses. In fact, golf can be quite demanding and beginners would be wise to heed a few tips before hitting the course.

Don't commit to an expensive set of clubs right off the bat. Golf clubs can be very expensive, so beginners should buy an affordable second-hand set of clubs so they can get the hang of what they like before spending a lot of money. Visit a pro shop and explain that you are a beginner. The shop will likely make some valuable suggestions and might even let you try out some clubs. In addition, many driving ranges allow customers to rent clubs and this can be a great and inexpensive way to find the right clubs for you.

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### Advertorial



#### All You Need Is Love

*By: Kelly Leary, M.S., Co-Founder of Precision Dating*

This month for Valentine's Day, I have to say how delighted I am to be part of a club that is devoted to helping others find LOVE and friendship. Love is the highest universal power and a monumental source of strength. As the Beatles sang, "Love is All You Need." I feel very happy to share a few valuable truths about dating that should bring you hope.

1-No matter what your age, there are incredible individuals who are seeking someone just like you. Whether, he or she is single, divorced or widowed (like half the adult population), know this: "All of the good ones are not taken....look in the mirror...you are available, right?"

2-Dating is NOT just a numbers game. There are other powerful forces that influence our dating success or failure. In other words, TIMING IS EVERYTHING. If the timing is not right, it will never work. Have you heard the saying: "Right man! Wrong Time!" For example, a person who has lost their job and is in the throws of financial stress is just not ready for love. That being said, do you have any idea how many people are online dating or in the bars looking for financial gains? More and more men and women come to me to protect what they have (financially). We live in an age of economic stress, and the effect this has had on dating is that more and more people suffering financially are looking for someone to "save" them. This makes "the singles scene" so much more complex. Once upon a time, people looking for love only had to worry about finding with a insincere "player". Today, we have to worry about someone wanting us for our money? Sad but true. This effects women just as much as men these days. A phenomenon that once was only a mans problem. I call it "equal opportunity dating". We all have to be careful. Someone looking for love with a HIDDEN AGENDA of financial gains is NOT a good prospect!

3- Position yourself to meet others who have their "act" together (home life, work life, retired life, etc), but are missing only one thing (their special someone). Your potential romantic partner should have NO ulterior motive to be with you...other than true relationship intimacy. It's "the be all end all" factor in true connections.

Enrolling someone who is "relationship ready" is my highest goal for each new member. At the end of the confidential interview, my hope is to like this new candidate so much that I would introduce them to my own sister, brother, Aunt or Uncle. I am looking for someone that has a happy life generally...for someone who I personally "like"...who I can feel good about representing. People come to me because they are sick of the bars, too busy to look, or want nothing to do with the online dating "roll the dice" trap. Our clients are above the silliness....too smart to waste and risk time, money, headache and most of all heartache. I admire the intelligence of the people that come to me to upgrade the odds of finding a lasting relationship.

This month, to honor love...WELCOME LOVE into your life. The more you love, the more you will be loved. Get out of your comfort zone. Log off those dating sites. Put down that drink...and do something daring and different this month in the name of LOVE. Do it for you and St. Valentine. Let the universe know what you want...have pure and honest intentions....and hands down....you will get what you desire. Have no fear. Fear is the enemy.

Forget trying to find love through self improvement, charity clubs, or on your own...you don't have to do this alone. Your dating buddy is awaits. Going out of your comfort zone is a good move! Enjoying and expressing who we are right now, works much better then waiting for the "perfect moment" or for someone to come knocking on your door. The perfect moment you seek is the HERE AND NOW! "Bye-Bye Past...Catch Ya Later Future!" Say HELLO to this awakening moment...and to your new love life. Say Happy Valentines Day to yourself! If you follow this plan, it will be the last year you go it alone.

Hoping to see many of you at our February Event...which will fall towards the end of the month. Please call today for details, as seats are selling out now.

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after the holiday, and doing so allows you to choose a restaurant that's more aligned with your budget.

- Shop ahead of time. It's customary to exchange gifts with your significant other on Valentine's Day, but it might be difficult to find a good deal on a gift if you wait until the last minute. Rather than procrastinating, shop for a gift well in advance of the holiday. Because of the proximity of Valentine's Day to the holiday season, you might be able to find a gift when shopping for the holidays. The holiday shopping season is known for its great deals, so look for something you can save until mid-February. If you go this route, just make sure the gift you buy will still be eligible to be returned or exchanged if need be. Even if you wait until after the holiday season to find a gift for your valentine, the earlier you start shop-

ping the more time you have to comparison shop and hunt for a deal.

- Consider a picnic. A day or night away from home doesn't have to be spent at an expensive restaurant or on a romantic getaway. If the weather allows, consider a picnic in the park. Cook up your valentine's favorite meal and bring along a bottle of wine and then enjoy some time together under the warm sun at a fraction of the cost of a more traditional Valentine's Day date.

- Forgo roses for a rose bush. Roses are a staple of Valentine's Day, but they can also bust a budget. Instead of an expensive bouquet, tell your loved one you will plant him or her a rose bush instead once the weather warms up. This frees up some money in the short term, and once the rose bush blooms this will prove one Valentine's gift that keeps on giving.

Valentine's Day is a beloved tradition for many couples, but it doesn't have to stretch your budget.

## Golf

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Take lessons. Even the very best at self-teaching might find it extremely difficult to become a self-taught golfer. When first trying your hand at golf, take some lessons and don't expect to be playing 18 holes any time soon. Before hitting the course — where you might be discouraged and you might frustrate those golfing behind you — learn the fundamentals by taking a few lessons at the driving range. Learn from a professional, who won't offer you any hidden secrets to golfing glory (there aren't any) but will offer sound advice on the game's fundamentals.

Take the game home with you. Beginners can even take advantage of golf's vast popularity by taking the game home with them. This doesn't mean building a putting green in your backyard. Rather, pur-

chase some instructional DVDs to learn the game during your down time throughout the week. Many golfers don't have time to hit the links during the week, but they do have time to watch some DVDs when they get home from work. Such instructional DVDs can help you master your grip and stance, which you can then take with you to the course over the weekend.

Have fun. Golf is a fun game; it just takes time to hone your skills. But even if you aren't ready for the professional tour after your first few rounds, you can still have fun. Don't let some beginner's frustration, which every golfer experiences, ruin the fun of the game. Take note of your surroundings when you hit the links, and appreciate the time you're spending with your group. If the game becomes more a source of frustration than fun, then take a break and put in some more work away from the course, be it at the driving range or studying at home.



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