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Need  
to know

Library system to  
close Aug. 1

All libraries in the Martin County Library System will be closed Thursday, Aug. 1 for staff development and training. Normal operating hours will resume Friday, Aug. 2.

The library website and all of its services - catalog, online databases, and Ask a Librarian - remain available during the closure. In addition, book drops will stay open, no materials will be due, and no fines will accrue.

For more information phone 772-221-1403 or visit the Martin County Library System website at [www.library.martin.fl.us](http://www.library.martin.fl.us).

Treasure Coast  
Progressive Alliance  
to meet

Meredith Ockman, Florida vice president of NOW, will speak on women's issues. She will address the six main issues facing women.

This event is free and open to the public. They are social, networking and educational events.

The event will take place at 6:30 p.m., on July 30 at the American Legion Post #40, 810 S. US 1, Fort Pierce.

For more information, call (772) 349-5328 or visit [tcprogressivealliance.com](http://tcprogressivealliance.com).

Solid Waste Division  
launches Facebook  
page for HazMobile

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Children's Museum is celebrating five years with a party for adults

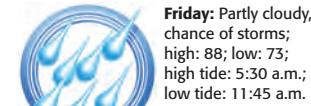
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WEEKEND WEATHER



Friday: Partly cloudy, chance of storms; high: 88°; low: 73°; high tide: 5:30 a.m.; low tide: 11:45 a.m.  
Saturday: Mostly cloudy, chance of storms; high: 86°; low: 73°; high tide: 6:34 a.m.; low tide: 12:44 p.m.  
Sunday: Partly cloudy, chance of storms; high: 88°; low: 73°; high tide: 7:35 a.m.; low tide: 1:40 p.m.

Weather courtesy of [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

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County Solid Waste Division's HazMobile on seven different days every month in various locations throughout the county. Now, residents can find the HazMobile on Facebook anytime.

The purpose of the Facebook page is to better inform the public about ways to properly dispose

of hazardous waste and reach more residents who are interested in utilizing the HazMobile.

From light bulbs to paint, fertilizers to pool chemicals, the HazMobile Facebook page provides disposal reminders for these common household items that should not end up in your trash can for regular waste pickup, and also features possible DIY and reuse projects for some of these items.



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## Lagoon

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projects like storm treatment areas on hold for decades in order to benefit large corporations and agriculture.

For Mr. Baum, whose family has lived in the area since the late 1800s, there's nothing more devastating than watching his beloved lagoon suffer while he is forced to stand by and watch because the government has made taking action nearly impossible.

"We are essentially stuck," Mr. Baum said. An idea made more saddening by the thought that there's so much to be done to re-infuse the lagoon with life and that future generations might not have much of a lagoon left to enjoy.

"The problem is the elected officials who refuse to represent us," Mr. Baum said. His best advice is to pick up a pen, pick up a phone, and bombard those officials, starting at local levels, with demands to make the Indian River Lagoon a priority or be ousted from office come the next election.

There is great power in numbers, according to Mr. Baum. He believes that the more collective voices there are, the greater the pressure on our political leaders to represent U.S. will be and the better the chance that his beloved lagoon will receive the chance it deserves to survive and thrive.

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# Business

## Antique store offers eclectic choices

By Dawn Krebs  
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FORT PIERCE — When customers step into Hidden Treasures Antique Mall, hopefully they have cleared their schedule for at least a couple of hours. That's how long it will take to walk through the 20,000-square-foot, two-level store that offers choices from a \$1 pocketknife to a \$5,000 piece of furniture.

"There's something for everyone here," said Manny Martinez, who owns the store with his wife, Barbie. The couple has been there since Nov. 1, 2009, updating the building and adding vendors.

Now, almost four years later, a new roof, air-conditioning system and paint job keep customers comfortable while they browse through more than 70 vendor booths.

"The vendors rent a space,



Staff photo by Dawn Krebs

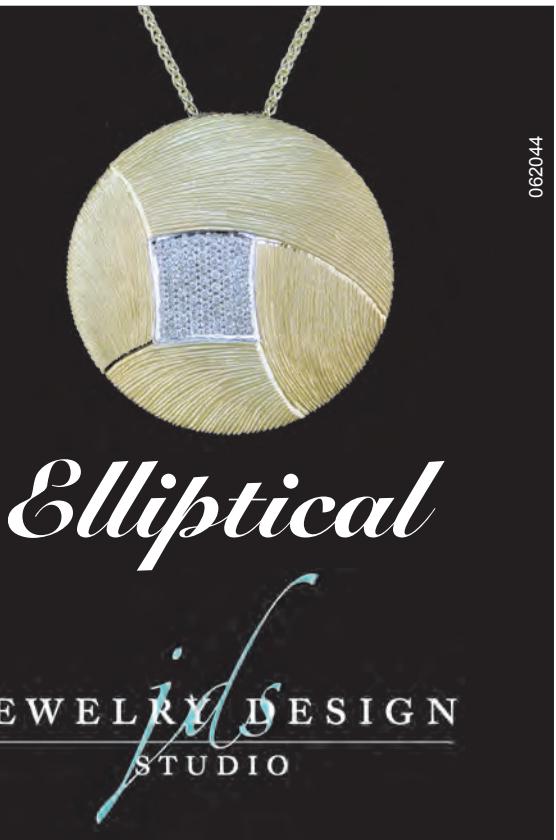
Thousands of finds await at Hidden Treasures Antique Mall in Fort Pierce, where more than 70 vendors have unique and one-of-a-kind items.

and then set their own prices," Mr. Martinez said. "People pay at one location, and we keep track of it at the counter. Some of the vendors have been with us since we opened."

The couple bring more than 20 years' of experience to the business, and purchase the furniture they sell in the downstairs part of the building from estate sales.

*Hidden Treasures Antique*

Mall is located at 3128 N. U.S. 1 in Fort Pierce. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call (772) 460-8373.



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## Celebrating the grand opening



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Better Automall of Stuart's grand opening brought together owners Craig Johnson of Lake Worth and Joseph Ventura of Jupiter, with Stuart's Mayor Eula Clark and Service Manager Rob Jicha of West Palm Beach on Friday, July 12. Better AutoMall of Stuart will select a "Charity of the Month" every month and will donate \$20 for every used vehicle sold in the month to a selected local charity. The first "Charity of the Month" selected for the month of July is VFW Post 4194.



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer  
Rick Oeters of Stuart VFW Post 4194 raises the flag for the first time over the grand opening of Better Automall of Stuart on Friday, July 12.



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## Energy

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It's a service designed for families and individuals who want to invest in their home and reduce energy usage but don't have the funds for all of the initial expenses.

"There's an effort to serve the under-served," Mr. McConaghay said. "We're supposed to help the community; that's what the mission is."

In addition to helping loan recipients procure big ticket items like windows and solar panels, SELF also helps with the little things that can make a big difference like weatherization

and energy efficient lighting and are saving their clients an average of 20 percent on their energy bills.

The organization has helped one resident save much more on his energy bill. A retired veteran was spending around \$300 a month before SELF helped him acquire a new energy efficient air conditioner, insulation and weatherization and his last monthly FPL payment was reduced to \$180. Next month's should be even lower now that the solar hot water heater has been installed.

Mr. McConaghay loves being able to provide that peace of mind and assistance to the community that he also calls home.

In the two years since the

organization's inception, more than \$2 million has been loaned to recipients on the Treasure Coast and just under \$70,000 in Martin County since February.

SELF has also teamed up with the City of Stuart to provide free energy audits to a limited number of city residents interested in reducing their energy consumption and lowering their energy bills. All Stuart homeowners have to do is call.

"More people should take advantage of this service," Mr. McConaghay said.

*For more information or to apply for a loan, contact the SELF office in Fort Pierce at (772) 468-1818 or the Stuart office at (772) 221-4060.*

## Territory

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"I want to make a difference – it's just in my blood. This was an opportunity to do that in a phenomenal way," Mr. Horton said.

Commercial cleaner by day, Mr. Horton spends his spare time with a group of eight other individuals patrolling neighborhoods and intimidating would-be criminals in order to reduce crime.

"We're here to help the community," Mr. Horton said.

They do so with intensive training, by developing a pre-determined course of action, and

working hand in hand with local law enforcement, who appreciate their contribution.

Their goal is to be present in communities prone to violence and crime to ease the minds of peaceful residents and encourage shady characters to stay away.

"We're a fantastic deterrent," Mr. Horton said. "We're masters of intimidation."

The humanitarian crime fighters capped with their signature red berets are not about violence or vigilantism, but about making a difference and being prepared. They strive to be the eyes and ears of local law enforcement and have

never had to resort to using physical force during incidents on the Treasure Coast.

"What we do works," Mr. Horton said. "We stop a lot of crime before it happens."

Their main goal is prevention, knowing that their mere presence helps keep unlawful activity at bay, so they teach neighborhoods how to run watch programs and patrol questionable areas.

But they are also active participants, helping locate missing teens last fall and striving to find a man who attempted to abduct a woman in Stuart this summer.

Mr. Horton said the Guardian Angels are always open to new recruits, men and women, who want to make a difference in their neighborhoods and give local residents the peace of mind they deserve.

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### Stuart Police Department

- Troy Alphonse Aymond, 40, of 8910 S.W. Chrysler Circle, Stuart, was arrested July 8 and charged with felony violation of probation.
- Wayne Conrad Graham, 35, of 4819 S.E. Ebbtide Ave., Stuart, was arrested July 9 and charged with possession of controlled substance and with grand theft.
- Kenneth Jerome Hankerson, 48, of 3044 S.E. Ellendale Street, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver and with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.
- James Sutton Power, 53, of 10044 S.E. Ocean Drive, Apt. 301, Jensen Beach, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance and with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.
- Linda Ruth Haynes, 41, of 1004 S.E. Bayou Ave., Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver and with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.
- Joseph Scott Karol, 34, of 3600 S.E. Mulford Street, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver and with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.
- Margaret Jean Mitchell, 47, of 5277 S.E. Driftwood, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver and with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.
- Patricia Lynn Tooley, 47, of 3830 N.E. Indian River Drive, Lot 23, Jensen Beach, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance and with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.
- Schwendal Regina Cooksey, 33, of 4474 S.E. Village Road, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver and with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.
- Kenneth Lenard Martin, 42, of 437 S.E. Lake Street, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver and with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.
- James Oliver Furlow, 52, of 413 S.W. 35th Street, Palm City, was arrested July 11 and charged with

possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver and with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

Willie Leon Hogan, 31, of 1608 Apache Ave., Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver.

William Charles Gallaway, 48, of 1357 S.E. Oakmont Lane, Port St. Lucie, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance without valid prescription or order from lawful practitioner.

John William Lookbill, 43, of 5219 S.E. Primrose Way, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with felony battery – domestic battery by strangulation.

Giovanni Figueroa Diaz, 29, of 916 E. Lake Street, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

Rosalind Marie Green, 52, of 1268 N.W. Charlie Green Drive, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver, and with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

Rosalind Marie Green, 52, of 1268 N.W. Charlie Green Drive, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver, and with possession/use of drug paraphernalia.

Salvatore Luigi Califano, 43, of 6980 S.E. Twin Oaks Circle, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver and with unlawful access to stored communication.

### Sewall's Point Police Department

Latasia LaVonne Webb, 22, of 3695 N.W. 91st Lane, Fort Lauderdale, was arrested July 9 and charged with uttering false instrument, uttering false bank bill/note/check/draft, theft of credit card, unauthorized possession of driver's license, or imminent use of personal identification information, failure to obey law enforcement officer's order to stop vehicle, and with driving while license suspended/revoked with knowledge.

### Martin County Sheriff's Office

Gary E. Blow, 69, of 754 Venice Circle, Apt. 104, Lake Park, was arrested July 8 and charged with felony violation of probation.

Gregory Grant Forsythe, 43, of 13184 S.E. Cypress Point Lane, Hobe Sound, was arrested July 8 and charged with felony violation of probation.

Ronald Joseph Jr., 19, of 4383 S.E. Field Street, Stuart, was arrested July 5 and charged with dealing in stolen property.

Bronny Philomena Pietersz, 49, of 4595 S.E. Marie Way, Stuart, was arrested July 5 and charged

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with two counts of dealing in stolen property and two counts of giving false information to a pawnbroker.

Michael Sylvester, 29, of 226 Palmetto Court, Jupiter, was arrested July 5 and charged with possession of controlled substance and possession/use of drug paraphernalia.

Daniel Kentrell Barnette, 32, of 180 S.W. Ladybug Drive, Port St. Lucie, was arrested July 10 and charged with possession of controlled substance without intent to sell or deliver.

Garren Rendell Delancy, 18, of 1201 S.E. Palm Beach Road, D-103, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with two counts of possession of controlled substance, possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver, attempt to solicit or conspire, and unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

Rosalind Marie Green, 52, of 1268 N.W. Charlie Green Drive, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver, and with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

Shawn Patrick Zapata, 39, of 929 S.E. Forest Park Drive, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance and with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

Elizabeth Marie Rodriguez, 29, of 3390 Plaza Place, Lantana, was arrested July 8 and charged with felony violation of probation.

Shantane Marie Beasley, 34, of 1734 Rose Valley Road, Jupiter, was arrested July 11 and charged with felony violation of probation.

Heather Ellen Bruen, 32, of 723 S.E. Styaman Blvd., Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with felony violation of probation.

David Carol, 63, of 10 Mayfield Way, Boynton Beach, was arrested July 11 and charged with felony violation of probation.

Alexander Ray Foster, 20, of 1801 Hypoluxo Road, Lantana, was arrested July 11 and charged with felony failure to appear.

William Karl Bohrer, 50, of 2830 Cornell Ave., Palm City, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver, and with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

Kara Nicole Bruchal, 23, of 504 S.W. South River Point Drive, Stuart, was arrested July 10 and charged with two counts of felony violation of probation.

Mark Daniel Pratt, 30, of 750 N.E. Lanfair Street, Port St. Lucie, was arrested July 5 and charged

with two counts of felony violation of probation.

Guy Thomas Diekman, 48, of 2865 Bonita Street, Stuart, was arrested July 10 and charged with battery.

Yahya Rae Maddalina, 22, of 726 S.E. Ellwood Avenue, Port St. Lucie, was arrested July 8 and charged with possession of controlled substance, possession/use of drug paraphernalia, and possession of cannabis under 20 grams.

Steve Ven Garcia, 40, of 14911 S.W. Shawnee Avenue, Indiantown, was arrested July 8 and charged with aggravated battery.

Thomas Edward Kent, 59, of 438 S.E. Martin Luther King Blvd., Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver and with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

Jeremiah Steven Straub, 26, of 5202 S.E. King Fish Street, Stuart, was arrested July 10 and charged with grand theft.

Guillermo Francisco-Pascual, 27, of 508 60th Terrace West, Bradenton, was arrested July 7 and charged with possession of controlled substance, with introducing or removing contraband into a county detention facility, driving under the influence, and operating or removing contraband into a county detention facility, driving under the influence, and operating or removing contraband into a county detention facility.

Samuel Phillip Luciano, 36, of 4413 S.W. Ranchwood Street, Palm City, was arrested July 7 and charged with two counts of possession of controlled substance, pos-

sition of cannabis under 20 grams, and three counts of possession/use of drug paraphernalia.

Dustin Charles Veatch, 25, of 12065 S.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, was arrested July 7 and charged with fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, driving under the influence, and resisting arrest without violence.

Virginia Marie Europe, 53, of 5325 S.E. 52nd Avenue, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver and with unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

Elizabeth Ann Sharpe, 41, of 9854 Nob Hill Lane, Sunrise, was arrested July 10 and charged with uttering false bill/note/check/draft and with criminal use of personal identification information.

Steven Joseph Brown, 55, of 5325 S.E. Kanner Highway #3, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver and with unlawful access to stored communication.

Veronica Joanne Bradford, no age listed, no address listed, was arrested July 9 and charged with unarmed robbery.

Willie Joe Williams, 26, of 9247 S.E. Iris Street, Stuart, was arrested July 9 and charged with unarmed robbery.

Anthony Kelvin Robertson, 53, of 2744 S.E. Ellendale Street, Stuart, was arrested July 10 and charged with robbery – armed with a deadly weapon without intent to kill.

firearm or other deadly weapon.

Peter Dexter Corson, 67, of 16040 Indianwood Circle, Indian River, was arrested July 8 and charged with violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence.

### Courthouse

Ralph C. Delancy, 31, of 1621 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart, was arrested July 10 and charged with possession of controlled substance.

Georgia Ann Maxwell, 46, of 3586 S.E. Cobia Way Terrace, Stuart, was arrested July 8 and charged with solicitation of another for lewdness, third or subsequent offence.

### St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

Luis Flores Jr., 31, of 3135 S.E. Garden Street, Stuart, was arrested July 11 and charged with aggravated abuse and neglect of a child, and with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill.

### Florida Department of Law Enforcement

John David White, 38, of 1079 N.W. 15th Street, Stuart, was arrested July 12 and charged with fraud – violation of stop-work order, less than \$20,000.

## Police briefs

### Operation Rock Star

The Stuart Police Department narcotics unit conducted a prolonged investigation into gang and drug activity centered on information coming from the East Stuart community. The investigation gathered intelligence through interviews, search warrants, subpoenaed records and undercover operations. The investigation led to an intense three month operation conducted with the assistance of the Martin County Sheriff's Office Special Investigation Unit, the 19th Circuit State Attorney's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The Stuart Police Department was able to identify key individuals within a distinct drug hierarchy that were bringing illicit narcotics into Stuart to be sold. Multiple offenders who solicited the sales of cocaine, cannabis, and prescription medications as well as re-sellers of the narcotics were identified. Other information obtained from the investigation identified an organized theft ring, and a small scale counterfeiting opera-

tion making U.S. Currency.

The investigation will result in more than 60 felony charges of 29 individuals. Additional charges will be added at a later date.

### Shredding services offered

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## Finding items on your desktop

I've noticed this phenomenon while instructing new computer users: A lost look will come over many new users when asked to click an object because they can't find it. Usually, I will hear "I don't have that," a short pause, and then the inevitable "Oh! Here it is!"

So, what's going on here? Why are many new computer users unable to find objects, links, menus and shortcuts that are present on any given system, even when the items in question are right there on the screen?

The answer is where people's eyes tend to go when a window opens.

Most of the time, the users' eyes are hovering around a 4-inch circle in the center of the screen. If they don't see what they are looking for there, the response is usually "I don't have that."

Then (after realizing that maybe they should have whatever it is they can't find), they will broaden the search a bit, move their eyes around and locate what they were missing.

If you are having trouble finding things on your desktop, pay attention to where your eyes go when a window pops open. If you see that you tend to focus your view to a small area in the center of the window, try shifting your view to the top left of the screen and work your way to the lower right through the center of the window. This will usually allow you to see what's what in any given window in the order of importance.

By the time you get to the lower right portion of the window, you will typically have enough information to complete whatever it is you are trying to do.

Have I lost you? Let's look at it another way.

When someone hands you a piece of paper or you open a page in a book, where do your eyes go?

Well, they certainly don't hover around the center of the page (or at least they shouldn't).

In Western civilization, we begin reading from the top left and work our way to the lower right. If we were to just focus on the center of the page, we would end up just reading a small chunk of what's written and miss the beginning and end. Without thinking, we know to start at



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SEAN MCCARTHY

the top left of the page and, working from left to right, line by line, move our way down the page.

We need to develop the same habit when we are using the computer because the same rules tend to apply.

Starting in the middle of the screen and then wandering around with our eyes will leave us feeling lost and out of control, and we will most certainly miss something.

Instead, try this: Every time a window opens, start at the top left corner of the window and, moving from left to right and then slowly down the screen, you will find that most windows have been constructed in a logical order.

When we look at the top left corner of any given window, we will usually see an icon representing whatever program is running, followed by the title bar.

These are good things to know: the name (and icon) of the program running and its title.

The next line down that we may encounter is a line of pull-down menus. The pull-down menus are where we can find all the controls and commands that are available within that particular window grouped again, in logical sections.

All of the filing-related commands are grouped under file, all the editing commands are grouped under edit and so on, with the final pull-down menu usually being help.

They arranged it in this way so that if people don't find what they are looking for by going through each menu from left to right, they can look in the help menu as a last resort.

However, all programs are different; you won't see all of the items listed above in every window.

The point I'm trying to illustrate is to start from the top left, and usually you can find whatever it is you are looking for.

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## Summertime science experiment



Stuart residents Briana Knight, 8, Ja'Kylan Clark, 9, Jacqueline Levesque, 9, and Lilian Wehler, 8, watch Audriana Medina, 9, as she makes a vinegar and baking soda volcano at the Boys and Girls Club of Martin County Port Salerno Branch Summer Program on Monday, July 8.

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### Stop racial profiling

To the person who wrote the rant regarding "Check Alien Status," your bigotry is showing through loud and clear. I am familiar with the landscape company that does our community and many others in the area, and they have a strict requirement that all workers must show proof of U.S. citizenship or have a green card allowing them legal status to live and work in the U.S. Just because the workers look Hispanic does not mean they are illegal; only that you are assuming them to be illegal because of their appearance. We very much need these workers who do such a great job and work very hard in the harshest of conditions to earn a meager wage. I appreciate these workers and many of my neighbors feel the same way. So quit the racial profiling and check your facts before you make another dumb statement.

### Please get out of the left hand lane

It is so disturbing, when trying to pass a slower vehicle that I encounter daily on all of our local roads that 60 percent of the vehicles here in the county drive in the left hand lane. Why? I've been trying to figure out why for three years. Could it be they all just moved here from England? No way.

On June 14, Gov. Rick Scott signed wide-ranging highway safety bills that includes a provision designed to force slower drivers out of the left-hand lane.

The bill also includes a provision that states that drivers cannot drive in the left-hand lane 10 miles or slower than the posted speed. A driver who violates the provision could get a \$60 ticket.

### Congratulations, welfare people

Hey welfare people or poverty people, congratulations on making Fort Pierce the poverty capitol of Florida. You and all the young lives you produce have made the common tax payer very proud. Just hope you can keep them off the streets, and not make drug dealers out of them. Oh and remember to reinforce their schooling that they receive from the public schools. Oh, wait, let me redefine that word; I meant public baby-sitting agency. It's amazing how people want everything just handed to them. Hopefully your kids will stay in school and not be a burden to society. Oh, and while I'm at it, perhaps you might want to use your glorious food stamp money to buy healthy foods. Boy, that'd be a change.

### Where is the money going?

Locally, there is a practice where the girls that work so hard cleaning the rooms and never received the tips that the customers leave them. They go to another employer before the girls begin their job the next day. Who knows where is the final recipient of this money? Or if it is divided for both the recipient and the collector. It would be a good idea to know what is going on in favor of the employees that are working so hard to help their families.

### Public education misconceptions

I am a public school teacher who is continuously amazed at the outrageous comments in the rants and raves. In the rant "A laughing matter," the writer believes teachers brag about student performance and how things are improving in the classroom. They are surely misinformed. All bragging to the news media is done by county office administrators when it comes to the FCAT standardized test results. Teachers must get administrative approval before they are permitted to make any press releases what so ever. That would include improvements in classroom education.

Teachers are not free to teach as they see fit. Most subject areas are given pacing guides in our local school district that dictate what and to what degree topics are to be covered and for how long. If the students do not master a concept there is no additional time given to re-teach the concepts, teachers must keep pace with the district pacing guidelines or risk poor evaluation scores. Teachers do not set the number of days in a school year nor do they determine the number of hours in a class period or school day. Teachers in effect have little to no say in the day to day operations of the school or district calendars.

Middle schools classes have been shortened by five minutes per class to allow for a 30 minute EPIC period at the end of each school day. During the EPIC period students either read for 30 minutes in their EPIC class or theoretically are able to receive remediation from one of their other teachers in another classroom while the teacher is still with their EPIC class. This all came about by a District level administrative decision. A small group of teachers from each middle school were sent to a four day in-service training in Professional Learning Communities. This in-service training was much like an Infomercial on TV. All of the PLC shareholders were pitching the benefits of the program with the hopes of signing on another school district to reap their profits. Unfortunately our administration signed us up even with the knowledge that we could not implement the PLC program without disregarding the current state and district curriculum and classroom seat time requirements. Teachers have begged school level administrators to discontinue with the program and return the 5 minutes of class time to each class period. The County office administrators will not listen to the teachers or school level administrators.

In the rant "Education Failure" the writer expects a teacher to teach Patriotism. Students now take Civics in seventh grade as of the 2012-13 school year. In their civics class they learn about the three branches of the Federal Government and how they work. In eighth grade students take American History and learn the history of our country from the first inhabitants who came to America 12,000 years ago up to the present day. That is a lot of history for an eighth grader to take in within a 180 day school year. Patriotism is something that comes from the home and family not from a classroom teacher.

The reality is Public education is a reflection of our current society. Those children who come from homes that value and promote education have the opportunity to receive a solid education. Those children who come from homes that do not value and promote education miss out on their education unless they are self-driven to achieve. Teacher can only attempt to motivate their students to learn and must count on their parents or extended family to be motivational forces in their lives as well.

Those who have a problem with the current state of education need to volunteer in their local schools and be a part of the solution instead of hurling criticisms. When they do they will see what it's like being a public school teacher and then they can address the woes of public education with those who are truly in charge, school superintendents and their county office administrators and state and federal politicians.

### What's good for the goose...

Recently there have been a lot of comments that Christian and/or Judeo prayer should not be allowed at governmental meetings, etc. In case you don't know, if anyone visits a Muslim country, they would have to listen to a Muslim opening a prayer meeting. Or if you went to a Hindu Country, you would have to listen to their prayers because you are in their country. And in that other country, if you were to fight over this kind of thing, demanding to bring other faith and religions into the picture for prayer, you would go to jail for not abiding by their faith and/or religious ways. Here in America, everyone is welcomed; however we are still considered a Christian/Judeo nation, as is reminded by our laws, our money, the patriotic songs we sing, etc. and others should sit down and respect and tolerate that or, in some cases, go back to their own country.

### End the stimulus

The Federal Reserve is doing us an enormous disservice by continuing its so-called stimulus spending.

Whatever it's called, it is a fraud. They are running their printing presses because they have no real money.

Smart money people have been warned and they are adjusting their portfolios. But millions of every-day Americans are going to be left holding the bag, a totally empty bag.

Washington insiders do not care a fig about us.

# Don't over pay for service on a luxury car

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This article is directed at luxury car owners. If you drive an Acura, Cadillac, Lexus, Lincoln, or Infiniti and you're taking your car to the dealer of that same make you drive, you're paying as much as twice as much as you have to for maintenance and repairs.

Most people know that General Motors manufacturers Cadillac as well as Buick, Chevrolet, and GMC trucks. Most of the models of each of these makes share in the engineering and design. This also holds true for Acura and Honda, Lexus and Toyota, Lincoln and Ford, and Infiniti and Nissan. Some models are almost totally identical "under the skin." The manufacturers make their luxury version look fancier and add luxury options and accessories, but the underneath it all, they are mostly the same vehicles.

The reason that many people don't know that their Infiniti is built by Nissan and Lexus is built by Toyota is

ON CARS  
EARL STEWART



"marketing." The manufacturers don't want you to know that the Lexus ES you're driving is really a Toyota Camry, "all dolled up" or that the Acura ILX is really a fancy Honda Civic. Volkswagen, Mazda and Hyundai all made big marketing mistakes when they introduced their luxury models, Phaeton, Amati, and Equus. The VW Phaeton which cost more than \$100,000 bombed badly and is no longer sold in the U.S.A. The Mazda Amati was announced in the early 90's but Mazda canceled their plans when they suddenly "saw the light." The Hyundai Equus, more than \$60,000, is not selling well either and I predict it won't be able to compete in the U.S.A luxury car market either.

The reason these three models failed is that Volkswagen, Mazda and Hyundai made the fatal marketing mistake in expecting a luxury car buyer to spend \$100,000 plus for a car sold in a Volkswagen dealership or \$60,000 plus for one sold in a Hyundai dealership. To compete with established

luxury brands like Mercedes and BMW, manufacturers must offer buyers a car that they feel confident is not only a luxury car, but perceived by their friends, neighbors, relatives, and business associates to be a luxury car. When a luxury owner is leaving a fancy restaurant or his country club and gives his ticket to the valet, he doesn't want to be asking for a Volkswagen or Hyundai, albeit the most expensive one. When he brings his car in for service, he wants to mingle with other luxury car owners with all of the luxury amenities offered...it's like first class Vs. coach. I know Lexus dealers who offer massages and manicures to their service customers. JM Lexus, the world's largest Lexus dealer, has a putting green on their roof for their waiting service customers.

Luxury owners expect to pay more for service and luxury car dealers are happy to accommodate them. If you're willing to pay twice as much for an oil change because you can play golf while you wait or have a manicure, that's up to you. But you can save a whole lot of money and have technicians that are totally qualified to maintain your luxury car by bringing it to the same manufacturer's dealer for the lower price make...Acura to

Honda, Cadillac to Chevrolet, Lexus to Toyota, Lincoln to Ford, and Infiniti to Nissan.

There is one caveat and that is the manufacturers require that you have your factory warranty repairs done by the luxury car dealer. You may also experience some problem with parts availability. Although most parts are the same, there are some parts like a cabin air filter which the dealer may have to buy from the luxury car dealer.

My suggestion would be to make an appointment for your service in advance and tell the Honda dealer what you would like done. He then can be sure to already have all the necessary parts on hand when you arrive. You will be shocked at how much money you can save and, measured over the total time you own your car, this can amount to thousands of dollars.

I know that a lot of luxury car owners will read this and continue to bring their luxury car to the luxury car dealer just like there are diamond jewelry buyers who will pay Tiffany's twice as much for the exact same caret, color, and clarity diamond as Costco sells, when the only tangible difference is the "little blue box."

Brand image is a powerful marketing tool.

## IRSC selected for Achieving the Dream program

For Hometown News  
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Signifying a strong commitment to student success and college completion, Indian River State College is one of only 13 institutions nationwide — and the only Florida college — selected for the Achieving the Dream program, the nation's most comprehensive non-governmental network for student success in higher education history. IRSC will immediately begin the challenging work of identifying and implementing strategies for increasing student retention, persistence and graduation rates.

Indian River State College is honored to participate in the national priority of closing achievement gaps and increasing success for every student. Through

Achieving the Dream, we will build upon our track record of creating a college environment that helps students achieve and graduate," said Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRSC president. "Twenty-first century jobs require higher level skills than ever, and it's vitally important that students are fully equipped with the knowledge and skills they need for career success. Helping students reach their educational goals contributes significantly to their individual career prospects, but the benefits extend further to support the economic strength of our community and nation."

After a rigorous application process, IRSC was selected based on the college's commitment to student achievement, innovative approaches to teaching and advanced use of technology.

"Becoming an Achieving the Dream Institution takes courage, diligence and an unrelenting institution-wide commitment to student success and equity," said William Trueheart, president and CEO of Achieving the Dream.

A national nonprofit organization, Achieving the Dream provides tools, resources and support to selected colleges. Member colleges are focused on helping students, especially low-income and minority students, complete their education and obtain market-valued credentials. Data is used to evaluate students' progress to degree completion.

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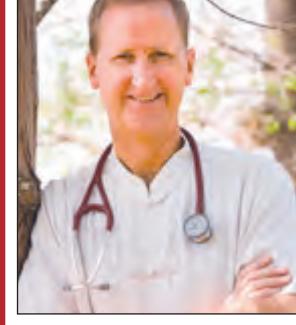
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## Children's Museum is turning five



Photo courtesy of The Children's Museum

The Children's Museum staff is gearing up for a one of a kind birthday bash. From left, back row: Paulo Slater, Dominique Labrador, Donavon Labrador and Michael Rybak. Front row, from left: Brett Benizio, Jenny Lewis and Olivia Labrador.

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MARTIN COUNTY — On Friday, Aug. 2, the Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast will be turning five.

To celebrate the birthday milestone, the museum is hosting a tropical luau bash. Guests will be transported to a lush tropical oasis complete with the sweet sounds of steel drums and the refreshing summer breeze. Enjoy entertaining performances by Hawaiian dancers while sipping on fruity drinks and feasting on delicious Caribbean delights.

Tickets are \$40 per person with proceeds benefiting the museum's programs. Teachers, show a school ID and receive 20 percent off the ticket price. Each ticket purchased is entered into a raffle for the chance to win an outreach program or a field trip for the school and grade level of their choice. Upgrade a ticket for just \$20 more and receive an event shirt and extra raffle entries for additional chances to win.

As a child, the best part of growing up was celebrating

your birthday with friends and family; The Children's Museum feels the same way. Their fifth birthday celebration will be unlike any other. The tropical luau bash will not only celebrate the museum but it will also serve as a way to give back to the educators within the community.

The Children's Museum strives to encourage creativity, foster critical thinking and engage students through hands on learning. With the educational tours and outreach programs, the museum provides programs that are diverse, lively, interactive, and fun.

With topics ranging from the environment and world culture to math, health and science, the educational curriculum offered at the Museum becomes a valuable addition to any teacher's lesson plan.

Join The Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast on Aug. 2 from 7 to 10 p.m. as they welcome another year with a party that you will not forget.

This party is for adults.  
For more information, call (772) 225-7575.

## Bistro to host comedy dinner show

**For Hometown News**

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MARTIN COUNTY — East Ocean Bistro will hold its second in a series of Summer Comedy Dinner shows at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 20.

Presented by East Ocean Bistro and Groucho Productions, the evening will feature national touring comedians and a three-course

dinner for \$25.

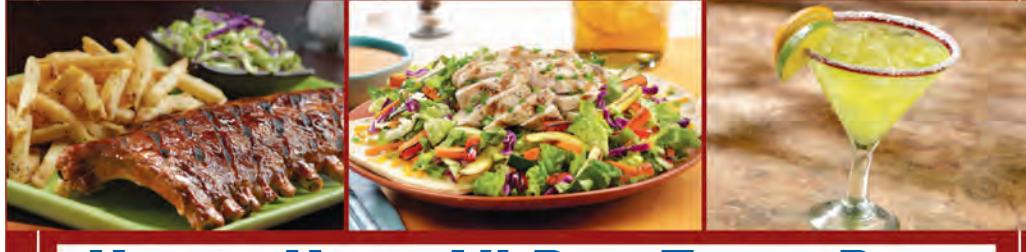
If dinner seating is not available or if preferred, there is also an opportunity to see just the show for \$12.

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## Cantina boasts authentic food and feel

By Anna-Marie Menhenott  
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STUART — With Mariachi music playing in the background and the walls adorned with cactus plants, sleepy donkeys and sombreros, it's easy to feel as if stepping into El Toro Mexican Food and Cantina is nothing short of stepping into a restaurant in a small town in Mexico.

The friendly, attentive staff makes sure that every aspect of the dining experience is covered, from chips and salsa as soon as guests are seated to friendly conversation and offers of scrumptious desserts.

The freshly made chips and salsa were an incredible start to our meal. The salsa was full of chopped veggies that gave a crunch to each bite. The salsa wasn't hot, but it had enough heat to make one appreciate their cold beverage. The homemade chips were delicious. I knew that the beginning of our meal was the start of something wondrous.

"We make everything from scratch," said Herberto Martinez, owner. "We use fresh and natural ingredients that really make a difference in the taste of the food. We use family recipes that have been with us for generations. What you're eating is authentic Mexican food."

As my companion and I enjoyed the atmosphere, we noticed Mr. Martinez making his way around the restaurant, stopping to talk to each party, and offering suggestions from the menu.

"We are a family restaurant. My family works here and we treat our guests like family," Mr. Martinez said. "I want everyone to feel comfortable and I want them to enjoy the experience."



Staff photo by Anna-Marie Menhenott

The staff at El Toro Mexican Food and Cantina are well-versed in culture and charisma.

And, that's what it was... a dining experience.

Our first course, after the chips and salsa, was a steaming bowl of Toro soup and a plate of chicken wings. The soup was creamy with chicken, corn, beans, with tortillas and cheese on top. The soup was enough for a meal, but I knew I needed to pace myself in order to enjoy the rest of our dinner.

The chicken wings were deep fried and covered with a Mexican hot sauce. The sauce had a kick to it that made me reach for my water. It was an enjoyable heat that any wing-lover would appreciate.

Our main course was house favorites, steak and chicken fajitas, and a ground beef chimichanga. The meat, onions and peppers of the fajitas sizzled as they were placed on the table, giving off an incredible aroma. They were served with flour or corn tortillas, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, salsa and guacamole. The tender meat had a distinct flavor that placed them as one of my favorite dishes of all time.

The deep-fried

chimichanga was golden brown and topped with lettuce, tomato and onion. Both were served with beans and rice and the portions made each dish large enough for two.

Other menu items that caught my eye were the enchiladas, Mexican fish tacos and the popular egg dishes such as huevos rancheros, which is eggs on tortillas, covered with salsa and served with rice and beans.

"We've been here for 14 years and we're getting better and better. Business is going great. We want to make sure everyone who walks through the door is happy, no matter what they want to eat," Mr. Martinez said.

Because of his aim to please, Mr. Martinez has included American fare, such as hamburgers and steak, on the menu. There is also a children's menu that includes tacos, burritos and chicken fingers.

As we sat in the restaurant with our appetites satisfied, Mr. Martinez brought out dessert. The amazing looking fried ice cream was too good to pass up. The fried

tortilla filled with vanilla ice cream, topped with a cinnamon dust and drizzled with chocolate syrup, then topped with whipped cream and a cherry, was absolutely delicious. When I saw this dessert, I knew pacing myself was a good idea.

The sweet treat hit the spot after such a tasty dinner. The dessert is big enough to be shared, especially after enjoying such a great meal.

The restaurant has a full bar and serves such specialties as margaritas and homemade sangria. There are several domestic beers available as well as imported favorites from Mexico.

The restaurant can host parties and caters. Special occasions, such as Cinco de Mayo, bring out live bands on the spacious patio.

El Toro is the perfect spot to relax, take in the atmosphere and enjoy incredible authentic cuisine.

El Toro is open seven days a week and has daily lunch and happy hour specials. It is located at 1602 S.E. Federal Highway, in Stuart, next to the bowling alley.

For more information, call (772) 287-8161.

## Out & about

**FRIDAY, JULY 19**

• **Great Annual Fish Count:** Around 1-3 p.m. on July 19, to take advantage of afternoon high tides. Second count will be held around 9-11 a.m. on July 23, to take advantage of morning high tides that day. Hosted by Florida Oceanographic in Stuart. This is a snorkel survey of the fish in local waters, in order to collect data to submit to REEF ([www.reef.org](http://www.reef.org)). Each participant is asked to join REEF, for free, in order to submit their individual survey. Another survey session will be held July 23, in the morning. For more information, contact Vincent Encormio, (772) 225-0505, ext. 112, or email [vencormio@floridaocean.org](mailto:vencormio@floridaocean.org).

• **South Fork 5K:** Was originally scheduled for June 28, but moved to July 19 at 7 p.m. due to dangerous weather. Race will be held at South Fork High School, 10205 S.W. Pratt & Whitney Road, Stuart. First of the Parks and Recreation

department's annual Summer Race Series. All races in the series are 5K in length and are scheduled to be held at 7 p.m. on the fourth Fridays of June, July and August. The cost is \$60 for all three races. For each individual race, preregistration is \$25 and \$30 on the day of the race. Age divisions are 10 and under up through 70+. There will be awards for first through third place in each age group, male and female masters, and overall. Register online at <http://econnect.martin.fl.us>. Call (772) 221-1419 or email [jmoore@martin.fl.us](mailto:jmoore@martin.fl.us).

**FRIDAYS THROUGH JULY 26**

• **Tech Forum series:** Learn more about technology with hands-on instruction at the Cummings Library, 2551 S.W. Mattheson Ave., Palm City. Free. Each week, from 2-4 p.m., a different app will be featured and recent technology news discussed. On July 19: OverDrive - a free app

allowing users to download eBooks through the Martin County Library System. Registration is limited and required. Call (772) 288-2557.

**SATURDAY, JULY 20**

• **'Secrets of Egypt':** 2 p.m. in the Anderson Room of the Morgade Library, 5851 S.E. Community Drive, Stuart, on the Chastain Campus of IRSC. The South Florida Science Museum presents this chance to travel back in time to discover what life along the Nile was really like in Ancient Egypt. Students will explore replica artifacts and utilize the scientific method to determine the culture, religion, and daily lifestyle of Ancient Egyptians. Pre-registration required, event is meant for ages 9-14. Call (772) 463-3245 to register.

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# July 19 Horoscopes

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**

Someone you just met can help you to make the most of a difficult situation, Aries. It shouldn't take too long for you to get back on track and into a groove.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**

Taurus, make sure you assert yourself more in an impor-

tant meeting this week. Asserting yourself can help you get ahead at work. Otherwise, you may get overlooked.

**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**

Gemini, take the initiative regarding a big project this week. Others might want to take the lead, but trust your

instincts and take the bull by the horns.

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**

Cancer, take time this week to finish all of those little projects that have fallen by the wayside. Take advantage of some free time to catch up and clear your slate.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**

Negotiations will be especially rewarding this week, Leo. Your suggestions are readily accepted, and you do not have to persuade others much at all.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**

Virgo, nothing is free in life, so don't get fooled when

someone promises that you will get something without having to work for it. It's in your best interest to keep working hard.



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**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**

Libra, you have strong opinions, so don't be afraid to have your voice heard. Peo-

ple will be receptive to your views, even if they border on the philosophical.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**

Scorpio, focus makes it easier for you to resist temptation, but this week you may find that it's very difficult to maintain your focus. Do your best to stay focused.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**

Sagittarius, don't worry about a nagging suspicion that you will receive bad news this week. Keep yourself busy so you aren't sit around worrying unnecessarily.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**

Someone new to your social

situation has you feeling a little suspicious, Capricorn. You're not sure if you can trust him or her just yet. New facts will come to light this week.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**

Aquarius, take some time this week to further hone some unique abilities that set you apart from others in your group of friends. You will soon be able to showcase your skills.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**

Pisces, there are a lot of curious people around who want to learn about what you're doing. Let them in to get some external perspective.

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# Time trials



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer  
Winner of the men's 100 meter freestyle Jamar Watts Kiefer, 21, of Jensen Beach, finished with a time of 2:12.62.

Sailfish Splash Waterpark hosts the Special Olympics Swimming Time Trials for the Florida State Championships in Stuart on Saturday, July 13.



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer  
In the 100 meter free style for 8-11 year olds Sam McInosh, 11, of Jensen Beach, placed first with a time of 4:08.75.

## Garden

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installed, the system will turn off automatically when it rains so you do not waste any water.

When you are dealing with larger trees and shrubs, it is often difficult to get enough water on them to deeply penetrate down to the roots. This is where proper mulching will take effect. A heavy dose of mulch will go a long way in preserving the moisture around your trees and bushes so they will fare better between watering cycles. Although you may be tempted to run out to your favorite retailer and buy a truckload of cypress mulch, remember that there are natural choices that are both look great and also help preserve our natural resources.

If your plants are of the acid loving variety, you can use natural pine needles as a mulching material. You can also use plain hay to

help preserve moisture around your plants. Hay is being used more and more by local communities in the landscaping effects of streets and parks. You can also create your own mulch by using the vacuum feature of your gas or electric powered blower. Simply rake the majority of the leaves in your yard to one location and use the vacuum of your blower to pick up and pulverize the leaves and grass. Use the contents of the vacuum bag around your plants. This is both conservative and much less expensive than buying commercially produced mulches from a store.

As you can see, there are many ways to help beat the drought and still keep your plants looking as good as possible.

*Joe Zelenak has more than 30 years experience in gardening and landscape. Send e-mails to hometown-garden@gmail.com or visit his website, www.hometowngarden.com*

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## Top skier gains momentum

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HOBE SOUND — Recognized as the best racer in her category in the country by the top ski coaches in the United States and Canada, 12-year-old Lacie Greenwald and her father Brett Greenwald, a chiropractor and owner of Treasure Coast Health and Wellness in Stuart, left their home in Hobe Sound on June 22 to train for two weeks at the Whistler Blackcomb Ski Resort in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, where the Olympic and Paralympic Alpine Skiing events took place in 2010.

Lacie began competing in 2010, when she was 8 years old, winning every year. Lacie's goal is to compete as part of the U.S. Ski Team in the Olympics.

At Michel Pratte Ski Camp, Lacie will be participating in the summer glacier skiing exercises on their toughest race course, using intense ski performance training in preparation for the Eastern Championships in Okemo, Vermont in February 2014, and the National Championship in Aspen, Colorado in March.

Once again Lacie will train with world-class coach Michel Pratte, former racer in the European Cup and the World Cup and coach of the Canadian National



Photo courtesy of Dorothy Kamm

Lacie Greenwald, 12, of Hobe Sound, has been recognized as the best racer in her category in the country by the top ski coaches in the United States and Canada.

Alpine Women's Team.

Mr. Pratte runs PratteSki International, which hosts ski camps. Though only 12 years old, at this summer camp Lacie will be training in the adult division for more than five hours daily.

"Whistler offers every service to ensure the best summer ski camp venue in

the world," said Mr. Pratte. "She will train on Blackcomb's most popular glacier under superb weather conditions and majestic views."

Lacie must travel for 45 minutes as she ascends the glacier in a chair lift. Then she'll board a bus that will take her to the top of the racecourse where she will begin her training in Giant Slalom and Slalom courses. Return trips to the top will be using a T-bar that will pull Lacie back to the top to in 5 minutes, to start the exercise all over again.

Mr. Pratte will have on hand a video crew who will film her skiing so that the coach can provide individual feedback.

"After two weeks of extreme training on the terrain at Whistler, Lacie will be able to ski any type of environment," says Jeneane Wakula, Lacie's mother.

In her free time, Lacie is an animal advocate whose passion for plight of shelter animals has culminated in her creation of Animals' Last Hope, a nonprofit that raises funds for shelter animals who need surgery to not only provide them with a better quality of life, but also increase their chances of adoption.

For more information, contact Brett Greenwald at (954) 818-9494, or by email at doctorbrett@elite-orthofl.com.

## Free cancer screenings offered

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STUART — Dermatology & MedSpa in Stuart will be offering free skin cancer screenings to the public throughout the Summer.

"We offered free screenings in the month of May in recognition of

Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection Month," said Dr. Elizabeth McKay, Board Certified Dermatologist.

"The response was so overwhelming that we realized the importance to continue these screenings to our community throughout the summer months. A skin cancer screening is a visual, non-invasive exam that only takes a few minutes, yet it could save a person's life."

Glena Maggart, Dermatology Certified Nurse Practitioner, explains, "In Florida, with so much exposure to the sun, every individual should have a baseline screening to find their personal risk level. One person dies from melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, every hour. Yet melanoma is often successfully treated, if caught early."

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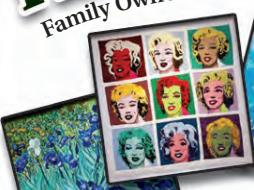
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# It's time to invest in the most important club in your bag

Golfers love new things. We are always looking for the new driver or hybrid that can help us hit the ball farther and more accurately. While we attend demo days, beating balls until our arms ache looking to find that magical combination of shaft, loft, lie and more, we often overlook the most important club in the bag: the putter.

Many golfers will grab a putter off the rack, hit a few putts, and drop it in the bag.



**GOLF**  
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It's strange to think that we use our putter for far more strokes than any other club in the bag, yet it may be the one club in the bag that is the worst fit for our own stroke.

Most putters come too long. If your putter is too long

you will be unable to get your eyes directly over the ball. The sole of the putter should rest flat on the ground, not with the toe or heel raised.

For some reason the same golfer who will not bat an eye at spending \$300 or \$400 on a driver, balks at investing that on a good putter.

A custom putter that is made to fit your stroke, please your eye, match your height, your grip size, and more, is worthy of an investment. You may spend a few hundred

dollars, but what you wind up with is a magical stick that can save you strokes and win you a few skins.

There are a few artisans that make putters this way. Their putters are truly beautiful examples of a craftsmanship and passion that is becoming difficult to find in today's world.

Most of these craftsman customize the head with the colors and stampings of your choice. They offer numerous styles of heads in differing

weights and finishes. They are so good, that they can fit you almost perfectly over the phone using measurements that you do yourself and provide to them.

In no particular order, here are a few. Some of these are long-time personal friends whose putters I have tried and fallen in love with. Perhaps you too will find one that you love.

Slighter Golf (360-668-8502 [www.slightergolf.com](http://www.slightergolf.com)) is based in Seattle. Tom

Slighter's lineup features 16 different heads and 10 different finishes. My favorite look is the Kuro Kaminari, a deep, rich black finish. His Seattle Mud finish has a beautiful patina look that many wait years for their putter to become.

Byron Design (920-915-4320 [www.bryonputters.com](http://www.bryonputters.com)) is located in Huntington Beach, Calif., Byron Morgan wants to help golfers obtain the putter of their dreams.

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## Back to school event taking place Aug. 3

For Hometown News  
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MARTIN COUNTY — Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting its third annual Back to School Fair on Aug. 3, from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

All families from the community are invited to this free event. The first 300 chil-

dren attending will receive a free backpack filled with free school supplies.

Any child who needs a physical examination (not a sports physical) will receive a voucher for the VNA mobile clinic. There will also be free back to school haircuts and free lunch.

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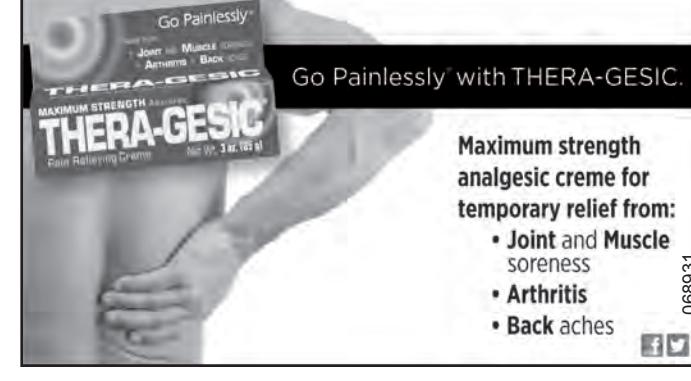
agencies and businesses on site to hand out free stuff and literature about their services. There will also be face painting, crafts and games.

Sponsors are needed for this event. Every sponsor will be offered the opportunity to be on-site to provide giveaways and information about their company or

agency.

For more information, call (772) 334-3404 or email [Madeline@trinityjb.org](mailto:Madeline@trinityjb.org).

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## Animal adoption discounts to ease overcrowding

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The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast's shelter is filled to capacity and the intake of cats and dogs continues to climb.

To ease the overcrowding, the HSTC is offering cat and kitten adoptions from July 13-31 for just \$5. Additionally, the shelter will waive the adoption fees for featured dogs (not all dogs). The normal dog adoption fee is \$120; cats, \$40.

"This is a crazy situation," said Frank Valente, HSTC President and CEO. "It is so hard when we are the only ones taking them all in from Boca Raton to Port St. Lucie."

The HSTC serves as Martin County's designated animal care and control facility and as such, must accept every animal that is brought to its shelter. Other animal care organizations have the option of selecting only those animals they wish to take in.

"During spring through fall we take in an average of 300 cats and 200 dogs a month," said Candice Veach, HSTC Director of Operations. "Last month we received more than 400 cats and in the first eight days in July we've already accepted more than 100 cats. This is the intake on top of the already filled shelter."

This intake has resulted in animals having to share cage space. Other animals are housed in crates and airline kennels that line the halls and other areas of the shelter, which only happens during times of overcrowding.

"We tend to see an increase in animals, especially cats and kittens, being brought into HSTC around the summer every year. This is most commonly referred to as 'kitten season,'" said Ms. Veach.

Kitten season usually starts in the spring, increases in late spring and early summer, and ends in the fall.

According to Ms. Veach, the main reason for animals being surrendered to the shelter is that the owners state they have "too many animals," with the majority of that number being cats and kittens. The number two reason is that the owners are moving and they can't or don't want to take the pet with them.

The HSTC also maintains a foster program for animals with special needs. These pets stay in a foster volunteer's home for two to six weeks to take advantage of a more focused and less stressful environment. Foster volunteers also are utilized in overcrowding situations but in times like this, more fosters are needed.

"The shelter is looking for

loving families to adopt the shelter pets to free up space for another animal to enter into the adoption program," said Ms. Veach. "We hope this deep discount will give an additional incentive to those looking to adopt."

Dog and cat adoptions are available at the HSTC shelter, 4100 S.W. Leighton Farm Ave., in Palm City. Cats also may be adopted at Thrift Store Central, 2585 S.E. Federal Highway, Stuart, and at Thrift Store North, 1099 N.W. 21st St., Stuart. The shelter's and thrift store's adoption hours during the promotion are Mon. through Sat. from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., Wed. from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., and on Sun. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Each adoption includes sterilization (spay or neuter), an overall wellness check, age-appropriate vaccinations including rabies, first de-worming of hookworms and roundworms, microchip and registration, heartworm test for dogs (six months and older), feline leukemia test for cats, free 30 days of Pet Health Inc. pet insurance, a coupon for \$5 off Hill's Science Diet pet food and \$30 off one HSTC dog obedience class.

To see photos and descriptions of available animals, visit [www.hstc1.org](http://www.hstc1.org). For more information, call (772) 223-8822.

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## Out

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Beach Causeway Park, on the west side, 7-11 p.m. The LifeSavers have been hard at work to make the 12th annual Goombay Bash one of the most memorable yet. The focus of this year's funding is to expand Martin Health Systems' service to open the Tradition Medical

Center. The 82-bed facility will include about 25,000 square feet of space dedicated to the care of infants and children. To equip the facility, 60 percent of the funds raised will be used to purchase equipment for a neonatal intensive care unit, labor and delivery unit and post-partum unit. Must be 21+ to attend the Goombay Bash.

Tickets are available at [givemhf.org/goombay/tickets](http://givemhf.org/goombay/tickets). The shelter is looking for

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MONDAY, JULY 22 –  
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**Stammer**

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As a kid, he learned to use his father's machine shop to create mini-bikes and go-carts. From there he started his own custom surfboard business. Then he discovered golf and soon found his passion in designing and

building putters to fit the dreams and desires of his customers.

Byron putters can take anywhere from an hour or so to nearly a week, depending on the amount of customization and finish requested. The final product will turn heads and drop putts.

Edel Golf (512-355-3415 [www.edelgolf.com](http://www.edelgolf.com)) is headquartered in Liberty Hill,

Texas. Edel's studies have shown that a high percentage of players don't consistently aim their putters at their target. With that in mind, the company will have you go to a certified fitter before starting your process.

Everyone sees differently and head shape dramatically changes your ocular focus. Edel gives you six heads as well as five hosel designs to choose from. There are 35 different combinations of

lines and their placement to optimize your aim. Lastly, they weigh and balance the putter to control your stroke and increase consistency.

Machine Putters from Dogleg Right Golf (877-835-9652 [www.doglegright.com](http://www.doglegright.com)) is headquartered in Plano, Texas. These putters were conceived and developed with the goal of providing the ultimate in quality, precision, advanced state-of-the-art design and technologies, and

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*James Stammer has been an avid golfer and golf enthusiast for nearly 40 years. Contact him at [stammergolf@yahoo.com](mailto:stammergolf@yahoo.com).*

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Space is limited and payment is required at the time of registration. For forms and information, visit [FloridaOcean.org](http://FloridaOcean.org) or call (772) 225-0505, ext. 118.

**MONDAY, JULY 22**

• **Paranormal Crossroads Investigations:** 6-7 p.m. in the

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**FRIDAY, JULY 26**

• **Downtown Dash 5K:** 7 p.m., Martin County Administrative Center, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart. Second of the Parks and Recreation department's annual Summer Race Series. Register online at <http://econnect.martin.fl.us>. Call (772) 221-1419 or email [jmoore@martin.fl.us](mailto:jmoore@martin.fl.us).



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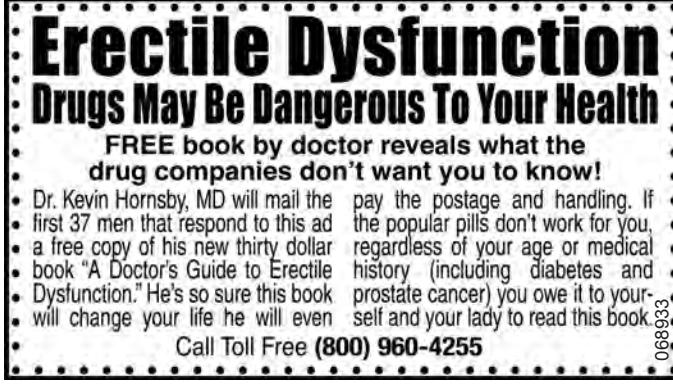
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The date of first publication of this notice is July 19, 2013.

Personal Representative: Susan B. Millman, 4655 S.E. Basswood Terrace, Stuart, Florida 34997

Attorney for Personal Representative: Richard J. Dunney, Attorney for Susan B. Millman, Florida Bar Number: 155538, Fox, Wacken, Dunney, Beard, Bush, Goldman, Kilbride & McCluskey, L.L.P., 3473 S.E. Willoughby Boulevard, Stuart, FL 34994, Telephone: (772) 287-4444 Fax: (772) 283-4637, E-mail: rdunney@foxwacken.com Pubs: 7/19/13 & 7/26/13

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF LORNA JEAN BAUM, a/k/a L. JEAN WILLIAMS, a/k/a JEAN L. BAUM a/k/a JEAN BAUM, Deceased. CASE NO. 2013-CP-00415

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Lorna Jean Baum, deceased, whose date of death was March 6, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 100 East Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34995. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Personal Representative: Joann Cali, 4110 NE Breakwater Dr., Jensen Beach, FL 34957

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF JEANNE C. PICKERING, Deceased. File No. 13-4545P

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Personal Representative: Patricia P. Benton, P.O. Box 789, Friday Harbor, Washington 98250

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF ALICE MACKAY DIXON, Deceased. File No. 432013CP000117

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Alice Mackay Dixon, deceased, whose date of death was October 18th, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 100 E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34994. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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