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Health facilities authority vacancies

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applications from individuals interested in being considered for appointment to fill vacancies on the Health Facilities Authority. These are four year terms.

All individuals serve without compensation and are requested to submit an Application for Appointment to Martin County Administration by Jan. 24.

The purpose of the Authority shall be to assist health facilities in the acquisition, construction, financing, and refinancing of projects in any incorporated or unincorporated area within the geographical limits of the local agency.

Meetings are held as needed but always once each year at the Administrative Building, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart.

For an application, call Martin County Administration at (772) 288-5756.

Historic preservation board vacancies

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applications from individuals interested in being considered for appointment to fill vacancies on the Historic Preservation Board.

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For an application, call Martin County Administration at (772) 288-5756.

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Sunday: Partly cloudy, high: 63; low: 52; high tide: 10:15 a.m.; low tide: 4:11 p.m.
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Marathon first of its kind on the Treasure Coast

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

TREASURE COAST — Until now, the Treasure Coast has never been home to a full-length marathon and Frank Fender, race director for the Marathon of the Treasure Coast, couldn't be happier about the new event.

Many 5k's have been hosted locally, even a half-marathon, but never one offering all 26.2 miles and area runners are elated.

"We thought it was high time we

had our own full-distance marathon in our neighborhood," Mr. Fender said.

Torrey Pines Race for Research organized the area 5k and half marathon for three years. Two years ago Marathon of the Treasure Coast took over and this year added to the lineup a full-length marathon and marathon relay where teams of two to four runners complete legs of the race.

Mr. Fender said he wanted to expand the list of available races to benefit runners and showcase all the

beauty the Treasure Coast has to offer. With a route that begins and ends at Indian Riverside Park in Jensen Beach and tours downtown Stuart, Sewall's Point and Hutchinson Island, runners will certainly get an eyeful of the local landscape.

The event benefits local nonprofits, too. The Florida Oceanographic Society is a beneficiary of the phil-

anthropic race.

This year the races are also tying in with Stuart's centennial celebration. See **MARATHON, A4**



Learning about safety first



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Stuart resident Frank Guzzo with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Wilbur the puppet explain the importance of wearing a life vest while boating to, from left, Hayden Cooper, 8, and Zachary and Gavin Coffee, 8 and 10, of Vero Beach.

Students take on the art of forestry

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

STUART — Fourth grade students at JD Parker Elementary have the opportunity to be foresters for a day this Friday in honor of Arbor Day.

Thanks to the national program Fourth Grade Foresters and the Woman's Club of Stuart, the students will each be taking home a Sable Palm seedling to plant on Jan. 17 in an effort to revitalize the observance of Arbor Day in schools and start a conversation about conservation.

"Conservation is very important to the Woman's Club," said Francine Banasiak of the Woman's Club of Stuart.

She said the club loved the idea of partnering with Fourth Grade Foresters to provide the students with trees and give them the opportunity to put into practice what they've been learning about the environment in school.

"These are part of our natural resources and preserving and maintaining them is very important," Ms. Banasiak said. Besides, she added, "Planting trees is an inexpensive thing and helps improve the community."

So the Woman's Club purchased a tree for each fourth grader, 110 total, and Suzanne Stout, math and science teacher at JD Parker and the one coordinating the Arbor Day project, will distribute them to the students.

"We are lucky the Woman's Club knew about this program," Ms. Stout said. She is thrilled to be handing out the seedlings to so many students.

In addition to the tree, the children will also be sent home with instructions on how to plant and care for their tree.

"It reinforces the importance of trees and how it helps reduce our carbon footprint," which is something the students have been learning about, Ms. Stout said.

They've also been learning about Florida's natural resources and the life cycles of plants and Suzanne didn't think there was any better way for them to learn than by taking care of their own tree and watching it grow.

"It really enforces the things they learn by putting See **FORESTRY, A8**

Community to 'Race for the Playground'

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

JENSEN BEACH — The Jensen Beach Community Playground Committee has envisioned a bright, shiny new playground where a shabby, run-down relic currently stands, but they need the community's help to build it.

That's why they've organized a 5k, 10k and kid's fun run to take place on Feb. 8.

The playground they want to replace is at Jensen Beach Elementary. It's used by the students at recess, but it's more than 40-years old, rusty and lacking in stimulating components.

"There's not much to it," said Jill Richardson, one of the general coordinators on the playground committee.

So a group of individuals, mostly from the school PTA, decided it was time to upgrade.

But since there weren't any funds available from the school or the Parks and Recreation department who partners with the school to make the area a community playground, they had to start fundraising.

They kicked the project off last April and the children drew pictures of what their ideal playground resembled.

"They actually designed the playground," Ms.

Richardson said.

It will have artificial turf and a Viking ship, a spiral slide and hurricane spinner, even ramps and a therapeutic swing for children with disabilities.

"We want it to be a playground where children of all abilities can play," Ms. Richardson said.

The plan is to raise \$300,000 by the end of April so building can start directly after, but there is still \$170,000 left to go.

They've sold Tervis Tumblers and tiles, pickets and brick pavers that will surround the playground, and Ms. Richardson hopes the run raises at least \$10,000-\$15,000 as the community comes out to show their support.

"There's a large running community in Martin County," Ms. Richardson said. "We felt like this was something that would bring the community out and that they would like to do."

Runners and walkers will tour Jensen Beach neighborhoods during the scenic road race, the first 200 of which will receive a long sleeve race shirt, and the fastest runners will be awarded prizes.

The 5k entry fee is \$20 until Feb. 5 and \$25 after that. The 10k race fee is \$25 until Feb. 5 and increases to \$30 on Feb. 6. The Kid's 1 mile fun run is \$10 and competitors can register online at www.active.com or in person at Fleet Feet on

N.W. Federal Highway in Stuart.

The race starts at 7 a.m. at Jensen Beach Elementary.

Sponsorships for the run are still available and business or individuals wanting to support the playground can find out more by visiting www.jbplayground.com

All proceeds will be used to help cover the costs associated with building the new Jensen Beach Community Playground at Jensen Beach Elementary.

Ms. Richardson hopes anyone who wants to support the community project will be there so an under-utilized area can be transformed into an attraction for all.



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Seven-year old punts, passes and kicks way to Denver

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY — One young local athlete punted, passed and kicked her way to Denver last weekend where she not only got to compete with kids from all over the country, but also got to watch an NFL game in Denver's Mile High Stadium.

Dakota Moberg, a 7 year-old second grade student, attends Citrus Grove Elementary, a school that hosts the NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick competition every year.

PPK is a national competi-

tion to test the skills of boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 15. Each child competes against others in their age division to see who can punt, pass and kick the farthest.

Dakota, a soccer player, took first place in the local competition, which allowed her to advance to the regional competition where she also placed first.

From there she qualified for the Miami Dolphins PPK Team Championships, which were held Dec. 15 during the Dolphins versus Patriots game at Sun Life Stadium in Miami. She scored a combined distance score of 121- feet, earning her first place once again and the chance to compete in the national contest.

"I felt awesome," Dakota said when her win was announced at halftime in Miami. "I can't believe I won."

Her parents accompanied her to Denver last weekend to see her compete one more time. She even got to go shopping beforehand for a scarf and hat and one pair of sparkly silver boots.

She practiced often in the backyard with her family, brushing up on her skills and taking advice like "don't be distracted" and "kick really hard" from her two older sisters who have both



Photo courtesy of the Moberg family
Dakota Moberg, 7, earned her way to the Punt, Pass and Kick competition in Denver.

participated in the competition in the past, though neither made it as far as Dakota.

Her physical education teacher also chimed in with some encouragement. According to Dakota he advised her to "kick it out of the stadium."

She competed with 40 other students from across the country, four in her age group, and even got to throw a pass on the field at Mile High Stadium before the Broncos versus Chargers game.

Dakota was proud to have

done her best, taking home third place in her age group with a combined punt, pass and kick distance of 116-feet, 11 inches.

"My wife and I couldn't be prouder," said Dakota's father, Josh Moberg.

But her favorite part of the weekend wasn't the football or the thrill of victory; it was the friends she made and the snow she got to see for the very first time.

Dakota plans on competing again next year, but in the meantime, she'll be busy on the soccer field with her sisters.

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Soldier able to see his son's birth from across the world via Skype

For Hometown News
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STUART — For one Treasure Coast couple, the joy of finding out they were expecting a baby was tempered with the realization that the father-to-be would not be present for the delivery.

Sergeant Daniel Rasik was half way around the world serving with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan when his wife, Genevieve, was due to give birth. While disheartened that they would be apart, the expectant parents reached out to their doctor, Dr. Pete Papapanos with Physicians To Women of Stuart, with an unusual request to use Skype to bridge the distance and allow the soldier to witness the birth of his son.

Like many military wives, Mrs. Rasik understands the sacrifice her husband makes to serve his country. A Mortar Infantry Sergeant serving in the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division, her husband is currently serving in Afghanistan for a third deployment, in addition to having served a tour in Iraq. Mrs. Rasik was reluctant to admit she felt any fear or sadness, along with the obvious

joy, when she learned she was pregnant. She recognized that she would not be the first or the last military wife to give birth without the presence of her spouse, but she was thrilled when they learned they had another option.

The use of Skype during a delivery was a first for Dr. Papapanos and the Physicians To Women practice. While hospital rules generally prevent the use of any recording devices such as smartphones or tablets during procedures, Physicians To Women was open to the idea.

"We always try to do everything we can to meet the needs of our patients. We were committed to making it happen as long as we were able to follow proper medical protocols," said Dr. Papapanos.

On Nov. 13, 2013, Mrs. Rasik gave birth to a healthy 9-pound, 6-ounce baby boy via Caesarean section at Martin Medical Center in Stuart. While Sergeant Rasik was not physically present in the delivery room, his presence was felt as his intense gaze and proud smile could be seen via Skype on an iPad held carefully by family and Dr. Papapanos. Everyone could hear the supportive father's



Photo courtesy of Physicians To Women
A family portrait – Genevieve Rasik holds her newborn son while her husband, Sergeant Daniel Rasik, joins them for a family photo after participating in their child's delivery via Skype from Afghanistan.

excited voice, even over the cries of the newborn child.

"While every delivery is special, this was one of the most emotional and memorable deliveries I've been involved with. To be able to have someone who is thousands of miles away serving our country watch his child being born – it was an amazing experience for everyone in

the delivery room that day," said Dr. Papapanos.

Mrs. Rasik is looking forward to her husband's return at the end of his deployment this spring. Father and son will meet in person for the first time.

"It's difficult to put into words how incredible it was to have Dan there with us through Skype," said Mrs. Rasik. "I'm so grateful to Physicians To Women, Dr. Papapanos and the hospital for allowing us to do it. My husband has to sacrifice so much, but he didn't have to miss the birth of his child," she added.

Mrs. Rasik is busy caring for their new son and their one-year old twins. She hopes other military families will hear about her positive Skype delivery experience and be able to have access to the same opportunity so that no soldiers serving their country far from home will have to miss the change to see their babies being born.

For more information about Physicians To Women and the services they provide, visit www.physicianstowomen.inf.



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Sergeant Daniel Rasik can be seen on an iPad screen watching from Afghanistan via Skype as hospital staff attend to his newborn son.

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Fair to include pie bake-off

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For the first time, the Martin County Fair will have a home-made "pie bake-off" on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at the Fairgrounds in Stuart at 6:30 p.m. The bake-off is open to all Martin County residents, regardless of age. Pies will be categorized as one-

crust or two-crust and "Celebrity" judges will choose the best pie in each category and award a Gift Card to the winner.

After the judging, entrants will be introduced and the winners announced on stage prior to entertainment by "The Baker Boys", headed by Bobby Baker, a professional baker and his musi-

cians. There is no cost to enter the bake-off and a home-made pie, with the recipes for both crust and filling, will gain free admission to the fair for the night.

For more information or to sign up, contact the Fair association at www.martincountyfair.com, or call Bobbi Demers at (772) 545-2624.

Campaign challenge reaches goal



Yvonne and Richard Ross, left and center, present their contribution of \$50,000 from the Richard and Yvonne Ross Charitable Foundation to Helping People Succeed President/CEO Suzy Hutcheson. The Rosses challenged the community to match their contribution with a second \$50,000 to benefit the programs and services at Helping People Succeed.

Photo courtesy of Helping People Succeed

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Helping People Succeed and the Richard and Yvonne Ross Charitable Foundation offers thanks to the local community for meeting a \$100,000 challenge to help fund programs and direct services at Helping People Succeed.

The campaign kicked off on Nov. 1 with a challenge from Richard and Yvonne Ross to match their \$50,000 gift with \$50,000 of community support to benefit Helping People Succeed. At the end of 2013, the deadline for the challenge, the campaign had \$53,000 contributed by the board of directors and general public which succeeded in the receipt of the \$50,000 promised by the Richard and Yvonne Ross Charitable Foundation. In total, more than \$100,000 was raised.

"There is no greater satisfaction than to help those who cannot always help themselves. We are so proud to be a part of this opportunity to bring awareness to the community about Helping People Succeed and its mission toward helping young and old to achieve their goals of independence and a contribution to their community," said Rich and Yvonne Ross.

Mr. Ross served on the board of trustees for the Helping People Succeed Foundation for 12 years. He is the owner of Ross Mixing, a worldwide company with a location in Port St. Lucie and owns Seminole Wind Farms in Palm City, where he raises Paso Fino horses.

Helping People Succeed President/CEO Suzy Hutcheson thanked the Ross Charitable Foundation and the community for surpassing the goal and demonstrating support of the many programs Helping People Succeed brings to the community and its 4,500 families who are served.

"This much needed funding could not have come at a better time. We are forever thankful for this philanthropic endeavor. This is a great start to 2014 as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary in March," said Ms. Hutcheson. Among the many programs provided by Helping People Succeed are Employment Options and Community Connections for adults with disabilities, Baby Steps, Healthy Families and Music and Movement classes for families and Behavioral Health Services for children of all ages for counseling. Helping People Succeed recently coordinated after-school programs for students with autism spectrum disorders, including yoga classes, art therapy, parental counseling and more.

Helping People Succeed kicked off its programs in 1964 in Stuart and has grown to serving families in St. Lucie, Martin, Okeechobee, Indian River and Duval counties.

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Marathon

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tion and the BBQ & Blues Festival taking place at the park the same weekend. Mr. Fender hopes it encourages more athletes to participate.

"We hope this will become a signature event in the community," Mr. Fender said.

Because the race coincides with the festival, registered runners get a discount on passes for the weekend so

they can "enjoy some relaxation after the race and listen to some good music," Mr. Fender said.

Runners can grab a weekend pass for the festivities for \$10 as opposed to the same price for a day pass available to everyone else. A family pass is also available to them for \$20. Competitors will also have access to the runner expo full of vendors with relevant products and info organized by Stuart's Fleet Feet Sports.

"I'm excited about it," Mr. Fender said. "I think it's going to be phenomenal."

The 5k takes place on Saturday, March 1 and the half and full-length marathons are scheduled for Sunday, March 2.

Prices for registration vary from \$40 for the 5k to \$119 for the full marathon and runners can register for any of the events online at www.treasurecoast-marathon.com or at Fleet Feet Sports in Stuart.

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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 Jan. 3 through Jan. 10.

Martin County Sheriff's Office

- Gregory James Albani, 49, of 19097 S.E. Arnold Drive, Tequesta, was charged with aggravated battery.
- Gary Ray Blanton, 46, of 333 Pitchford RV Park, Jensen Beach, was charged with criminal mischief - damage of \$200 to \$1,000, subsequent offense.
- Sylvester Brown, 51, of 2641 S.E. Clayton Street, Stuart, was charged with aggravated battery - deadly weapon.
- R. C. Bundrage, 38, of 969 W. Georgia Highway 49, Milledgeville, Ga., was charged with grand theft.
- Brian Robert Carbajal, 29, of 3770 S.W. Sunset Trace Circle, Palm City, was charged with possession of photograph of sexual performance by child.
- Harry James Frew, 28, of 11090 S.E. Federal Highway, Hobe Sound, was charged with four counts of burglary of conveyance, with two counts of grand theft of property - valued \$300 to \$5,000, and with two counts of petit theft - first offense.

- Oscar Brinson Furlow Jr., 54, of 320 E. Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Antonio Gonzalez, 35, of 14946 S.W. Martin Luther King Drive, Indiantown, was charged with misrepresentation/omit information regarding worker's compensation claim - \$100,000 or more.
- Shane Cole Jones, 46, of 16900 S.W. Conners Highway, Port Mayaca, was charged with false imprisonment of adult and with battery.
- Karl John Krueger, 43, of 312 S.E. Egret Place, Stuart, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Kevin Mitchell, 38, of 6922 Aliso Ave., West Palm Beach, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Darren Lee Stewart, 34, of 19410 Gulfstream Drive, Tequesta, was charged with five counts of grand theft - property value \$300-5,000, with nine counts of unarmed burglary of unoccupied structure or conveyance, and with four counts of petit theft - first offense.
- Adam Tyler Young, 42, of 3566 Marthas Lane, Sebastian, was charged with grand theft.
- Johnny Decaul Elliott, 36, of 1900 S.E. Federal Highway, Jensen Beach, was charged with felony violation of probation.

- Robert Joseph Hyatt, 22, of 2411 N.W. Cove View, Stuart, was charged with possession/buy/sell/inhale/ingest harmful chemical substance.
- Austin Phillip Maier, 24, of 4607 Marie Way, Stuart, was charged with possession of controlled substance without valid prescription.
- Christopher Ray Meyer, 57, of 1202 N.E. Francis Street, Jensen Beach, was charged with cultivation of cannabis and with possession of marijuana - more than 20 grams.
- David Ivan Morris, 33, of 8888 S.E. Colony Street, Hobe Sound, was charged with uttering forged/false instrument, and with grand theft.
- Daniel Ryan Shadel, 22, of 8527 S.E. Oleander Street, Hobe Sound, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Anthony Marquis Waldon, 28, of 1530 West 11th Street, West Palm Beach, was charged with possession of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of specified area, with two counts of possession of controlled substance, with possession of cannabis under 20 grams, and with possession/use of drug paraphernalia.
- Robert Anthony Bermudez, 24, of 1914 S.W. Mantua Street, Port St. Lucie,

- was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Russell Terrence Curtiss, 26, of 2222 S.E. Indian Street, Stuart, was charged with three counts of aggravated assault.
- Bryan Aleksander Satchell, 24, of 445 S.W. Cherryhill Road, Port St. Lucie, was charged with petit theft and with failure to appear.
- Michael Anthony Blanca, 35, of 3185 Boutwell Road, Lake Worth, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Billy Joe Kinser Jr., 27, of 3057 S.E. Golden Gate Ave., Stuart, was charged with unarmed robbery.
- Dianna Lynne Morris, 31, of 8555 S.E. Mars Street, Hobe Sound, was charged with three counts of uttering forged instrument and with two counts of theft.
- Mario Alberto Sandoval, 42, of 111 Briny Ave., Pompano Beach, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Scott David Wartzok, 48, of 5850 E. Milton Road, Milton, was charged with driving while license suspended - habitual offender.
- Kyle Steven Williams, 24, of 3749 N.E. Linda Drive, Jensen Beach, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Kandre Lennell Willis,

- no age or address listed, was charged with unarmed robbery.
- Justin Ryan Young, 30, of 4630 S.E. Salvatori Road, Stuart, was charged with dealing in stolen property and with providing false ownership information to pawn items - value less than \$300.
- Tyler Douglas Archibald, 36, of 6531 S.E. Federal Highway #H201, Stuart, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Lindalee Baumann-Deutscher, 58, of 4396 S.W. La Paloma Drive, Palm City, was charged with resisting officer with violence.
- Randall Keith Cleveland, 22, of 1402 N. Mangonia Drive, West Palm Beach, was charged with delivery of methamphetamine and with possession of controlled substance.
- Wilson Cline Cullifer, 50, of 136 Fifth Ave., Shalimar, was charged with driving while license suspended - third or subsequent offense.
- Shellie Renee Griffin, 44, of 735 Central Ave., Stuart, was charged with driving while license suspended - habitual offender.
- Tristan Lewis, 42, of 2402 N.E. Pine Ave., Jensen Beach, was charged with aggravated battery.
- Henry Manuel Rosario, 29, of 521 S.W. Columbus Drive, Port St. Lucie, was charged with flee/attempt to elude a police officer.
- Stephen Alan Wright, 30, of 9343 S.E. Bethel Way,

Hobe Sound, was charged with 106 counts of possession of photograph of sexual performance by child.

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- Jose Pablo Mendoza, 25, of 11500 S.W. Kanner Highway Lot 210, Stuart, was charged with shooting or throwing deadly missile into dwelling, vehicle, public or private building, or aircraft.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

- Mary Revoller-Chavez, 45, of 17088 Randolph Siding Road, Jupiter, was charged with scheme to defraud - obtain property, value \$50,000 or more, with three counts of use of personal identification information of 20 or more others without their consent, and with conduct or attempt financial transactions on proceeds of unlawful activity.
- Robert Allen Tribble Jr., 50, of 17088 Randolph Siding Road, Jupiter, was charged with scheme to defraud - obtain property, value \$50,000 or more, with 14 counts of use of personal identification information of 20 or more others without their consent, with conduct or attempt financial transactions on proceeds of unlawful activity, and with simulate legal process - fraudulent actions.

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

Police department warns of telephone scam in area

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

PORT ST. LUCIE — On Saturday, Jan. 11, the Port St. Lucie Police Department received a report of fraud by impersonation. Police spoke to the victim, whom told the officer that he received a phone call from Lt. Little of the Port St. Lucie Police Department

Traffic Division and gave a badge number of 76723. The victim told the officer that the alleged Lieutenant told him that he ran a traffic light and needed to pay for the fine or he would have a warrant out for his arrest. The victim became suspicious of the call and notified the Port St. Lucie Police Department.

The city of Port St. Lucie and the

Port St. Lucie Police Department do not contact citizens over the phone for payments of traffic violations. Furthermore, the City of Port St. Lucie does not have red light cameras and does not monitor traffic violations remotely. The Port St. Lucie Police Department does not have an employee by the name and rank of Lieutenant Little and anyone receiving

similar phone calls should be on high alert and realize that the caller is a fraud.

Port St. Lucie Police have been contacted by at least 10 residents with the same type of call from the suspect(s). It should be noted that the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office has also been receiving reports of similar fraudulent phone calls.

Police officials are asking that if anyone should receive a phone call similar in nature to immediately call their local law enforcement agency to report the incident. Citizens should under no circumstances remit payment over the phone after receiving a phone call from a person claiming to be an official of the Port St. Lucie Police Department.

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You don't have to spend lots on a new PC

Most of the people I work with are on a budget and trying to make every penny count. The vast majority of people who call me looking to upgrade their old machines are doing it on a fixed income and looking to either get their old machine fixed or replaced with as little out of pocket expense as possible. Usually money is a big issue and all they are trying to do is either get their old machine running the way it was or replace it with something that is capable of doing the same things they were able to do with their old machine.

When I wrote my column last week on getting a laptop over a desktop I wrote it with the cost factor in mind – I wasn't thinking about the "power user" or people with cash to burn, I was thinking of the people who call me day after day who are thinking about replacing their old XP or Vista machine and are worried that a new machine will still be able to do what they were able to do on their old system.

With new machines starting at around \$300 these days computers are no longer the high end purchase that they were ten years ago. It is no longer necessary to go and spend \$1,200 to \$2,000 just to have a machine that will surf the web, send and receive email and do the book keeping. Even video conferencing with programs like Skype (which is a pretty resource intensive task) is well within the capabilities of today's entry level \$300 machines. And (as I wrote in my last column on the subject) a laptop – even the entry level ones – usually come with everything one needs to perform all of the basic tasks that nine out of 10 of the people who call me are trying to do.

Right out of the box the entry level machine will run circles around the ancient XP machines and even some of the "newer" Vista machines that are out there. And with the price of a machine so much lower than it was 10 years ago, sinking money into an old sick machine doesn't make sense after a certain point like it does with a machine that cost five times as much. A \$300 repair on a \$1,500 machine is somewhat reasonable. A \$300 repair on a \$300 computer? Not so much. We live in an age where computers have



COMPUTE THIS
SEAN MCCARTHY

become practically disposable.

OK, so let's say you're one of the rare ones that call me and have money to burn and you're also a "power user." You run graphic intensive programs like video editors or maybe you're a serious gamer. Your requirements are going to be much higher than the average user who just uses their machine for email and surfing the web.

Once we get past the entry level requirements and stare getting into "power user" territory, then things like upgrading components (like a new video card) and adequate cooling become much more of an issue. With a laptop, you really don't have the flexibility that you have with a desktop – adding a high end video card for instance isn't going to happen and running resource intensive programs (like some of the newer shoot-em-up games that are out now) aren't going to work as well as they will on a desktop. The desktop's larger size does allow for better cooling, component level repairs and better performance.

But let's go back a step and look at the calls that I get on a daily basis.

The person who calls me looking for advice on the purchase of a new machine is usually running an old machine. Most of the time the machine they are looking to replace is older than five years (frequently eight to 10 years) and they use the system to log into AOL, Yahoo or Outlook Express for their email, Internet Explorer to log into their online banking and maybe they are wanting to run Skype to talk to their grandkids. They don't have a lot of money to burn and are OK with the idea that the machine won't last forever. With requirements like those, a big desktop machine with upgradable components and better cooling is overkill. The entry level laptop will work just fine and even if it dies in five years that's OK, at this point they are indeed disposable.

Sean McCarthy can be reached at 888-752-9049 or help@ComputeThisOnline.com (no hyphens!)

Running for the Falcons



The Run For The Falcons 5K began and finished at Jensen Beach High School on Friday, Jan. 10 The majority of the proceeds benefited JBHS's boys lacrosse team, with 10 percent of the proceeds to go to the Kyle Conrad Foundation. In the Run for the Falcons 5K female 11 to 14 class, No. 830, Courtney Kirkham, 13, of Stuart, comes in 3rd with a time of 26:33.4.

See more photos, A8.

Sevin Bullwinkle staff photographer



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Recycling should be mandatory

When my brothers were kids, they use to get an old grain bag and go picking up bottles from the side of the road. They turned them in for deposit.

Maine put back the bottle deposit several years ago. I thought kids would still be picking up the bottles on the beach and on the side of the road. Instead, early one morning, I saw seniors collecting bottles for returns. I had nothing but admiration for them. I do think that recycling is smarter than (having) deposits. Florida should require all disposable plastics and glass to be recycled. (There would be) no paper/plastic cartons of milk. No foil/paper snack drinks of juice.

Allow only recyclable, materials on the grocers' shelf. I thought that all glass should be recycled, not just drinks, but mayonnaise and pickle jars, as well.

As for someone taking recycled cans out of the trash, perhaps he was hard up. We were taught, "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

Dogs aren't always welcome

I just wanted to rave about the nice arts and crafts show I went to last week.

I just have a question for everybody out there: why do people bring dogs to an arts and crafts show? Do they think the dogs know about arts and crafts?

I saw several people, some who even had dogs in a baby carriage. One person had two dogs on a leash. They bark and there's not much room. I am a pet owner and a pet lover, but I know my dogs do not like craft shows and people do like to look at your dogs, smell them or watch them whatever they're doing.

Use some common sense, people.

Anchor babies may subsidize increasing number of senior citizens in U.S.

Some countries have no anchor babies. A baby is only a citizen of the country in which he is born if his parents are citizens.

Perhaps someone did the math and figured out anchor babies will grow up to pay taxes and Social Security. Perhaps the base needed for increasing number of seniors who can only be supported with the influx of immigrants, legal or otherwise.

True, their parents presently seem to be crippling the economy with their draw on the Social Security, educational, medical, welfare, legal and other services, but maybe it will balance out somewhere down the line. Maybe not. I am an English major, not a math major.

Bicyclists, stop taking up all the parking spaces

Why are bicyclists going everywhere in groups, and parking their vehicles in the very limited parking spaces there, then taking bicycles out of their cars and pedaling away?

Then, they go biking for miles, and people trying to spend some time on the beach have to leave because there's no place to park.

Parking is always a problem, but to park and then leave to go elsewhere is just wrong, shows total and complete lack of consideration for others and should be stopped

immediately.

When I was a kid...

I walked back and forth from school four times a day, for more than 2 miles when I was a kid.

Nowadays, the busses stop every couple of blocks, while parents sit in the cars waiting with the kids. Isn't it a waste of taxpayer's money? With all these new sidewalks, can't the kids walk to the bus stops? No wonder Americans are so lazy.

Stop passing on double yellow lines

Twice in the last month as I drove through my residential neighborhood, going the speed limit, I might add, I have had two vehicles pass me on the double yellow line.

When has it become legal to pass on the double yellow? This is happening more and more and I am just appalled that someone can have such blatant disregard for the safety of others to save a few moments by speeding through a residential neighborhood.

These are not small vehicles, either. If you see yourself in this letter, take a breath and take your foot off the gas and just relax. A few moments more to get where you are going won't kill you and just might save someone.

Don't judge

I wish those who talk all about the people on food stamps would just shut up. They have no idea of what people go through or their situation. They complain about people buying food and then getting into a nice car or wearing nice jewelry.

How can they be certain that the person shopping isn't shopping for somebody else?

My daughter shops for me because I'm homebound. She has a decent vehicle and has a couple rings on her fingers. She is by no means rich, but she doesn't "look" as though she's poor. She goes to the grocery store for me once a week to get me a few things.

If somebody had the audacity to look at her or follow her out to the car to see what she was driving, I'd hope they would follow her to my house because I'd have a mouthful to give them.

There's nobody on the face of the earth who has the right to judge someone based on what they drive or what they wear. Those who do should be ashamed of themselves. Don't forget, one day you'll sit and be judged.

Talking about teachers

I'm friends with some local teachers. It's unbelievable that these are the same folks who sit inside a classroom and teach our kids. They have no use of proper English and are more judgmental and hypocritical than anybody I know.

A teacher sounds off

I'm a teacher and I'm sick of people thinking it's such an easy job. We deal with disrespectful kids and even worse, their disrespectful parents. They come to class because they have to, not because they want to. The parents make them show up because they will face jail time if they don't.

Those certain few really ruin the teaching and learning experience for those who really want to be there. Something should be done to eradicate the schools of these nuisances.

Driving laws and parking lots

I have noticed that people think that driving laws do not apply in the parking lot.

They don't signal when turning, they cut through the empty parking places to go from one lane to another. They don't stop when people are coming out, trying to get to their cars.

It is bad enough they do this in regular traffic, but to do this in parking lots makes it very hard on those who do obey the laws of driving, even in the parking lot.

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ON CARS
EARL STEWART

If you have read my earlier columns you know how important it is to get several competitive prices from different car dealers on the car you are buying. Equally important is to get at least three prices/bids on your financing and the true value of your trade-in.

The absolute worst thing you can do is to tell the dealer, "all I care about is keeping my payments under '\$X' per month" and not know what the interest rate, terms, or products are included in the payments.

Part of the profit a dealer makes on his cars is called "F&I income" and averages from \$500 to as much as \$2,000 per car sold. You can do your homework and buy your car at a very good price, but by not shopping your financing, you can pay the dealer thousands of dollars in finance profits.

Credit unions are often the best source of funds for buying a car. Because they get special tax breaks from the government not available to banks, they usually have the lowest finance rates. Even if you don't belong to a credit union, there are several you can join for a nominal fee. You should also get a financing quote from the bank you do business with.

Also, give the dealer that you are buying from an opportunity to beat the rates you were quoted. Sometimes he can.

When you are taking delivery of your car, you will be asked to consider buying products like extended warranties, maintenance plans, road hazard insurance, GAP insurance, roadside assistance, credit life insurance, etc. My suggestion is that you do not make a snap decision on these products at the last minute. You should get

complete information on each product and determine if it has value for you. You may already have coverage for some insurance products in policies you already own. With extended warranties and maintenance be sure you understand what is covered and what is not covered and what the deductibles are.

You should get at least three bids on the value of your trade-in. You can get some pretty good guidance from Kelly Bluebook (www.kbb.com) and www.edmunds.com.

Make an appointment to drive your trade-in to show the used car manager at a dealer who is franchised to sell the make you own. A Chevrolet dealer will likely pay you more for a Chevrolet trade-in than a Ford dealer would. That's because people generally will shop for a used Chevy from a Chevrolet dealer. Get one or two more bids from other dealers in the same make. If you are near a CarMax store, you should take your car there too. They regularly buy cars like this for their inventory. The price you will be quoted is referred to as the ACV, which stands for "actual cash

value." This is the wholesale value of your trade in.

Don't confuse the ACV with the trade-in allowance that the dealer you are buying from gives you. The trade-in allowance includes part of the markup on the vehicle you are purchasing. You have probably read ads saying "Minimum \$4,000 allowance on all trades." It's not hard to offer thousands more on a trade-in than its ACV (true wholesale value) when you mark up the new car several thousand dollars more. Be sure that you explain that want to compare the ACV of your trade-in. Tell them you want the markup on the price of the car you are buying discounted, not added on to the ACV of your trade. Remember, however, that if you sell your trade-in to another party, you lose the advantage of deducting the trade-in from the price your sales tax is calculated on. At 6 percent, you would pay an extra \$600 in sales tax for a trade-in with a \$10,000 ACV.

With competitive bids on the car you are buying, the interest rate on your financing, and your trade-in ACV you are sure to minimize the total cost of that new or used car.

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the knowledge into practice," Ms. Stout said.

Both Ms. Stout and Ms. Banasiak hope the program helps revitalize the observation of Arbor Day and reinvigorates its purpose of encouraging groups and individuals to plant and care for trees in addition to being a fun and educational project for the students.

"Children need to know what the holiday is all about," Ms. Stout said. "I think this will get them excited about it."

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Santo's brings delicious Italian food back to Jensen Beach

By Anna-Marie Menhenott
news@hometownnewsol.com

JENSEN BEACH — Tucked away from the main road that leads to downtown Jensen Beach is a delightful Italian restaurant that not only delights one's palate, but ignites a sensory overload.

Santo LoCicero was born in Palermo, Sicily, and by the age of 10, he had already started making pizza and cooking pasta at his family-owned business.

After developing businesses in New York and New Jersey, Mr. LoCicero brought his talents to Florida and opened Santo's

Pizza Restaurant in Jensen Beach.

The restaurant is spacious with a gorgeous brick oven in the center that Mr. LoCicero built himself.

"We've done a lot to the restaurant," he said. "We have a great patio and have live music and the brick oven was built by me. We make great brick-oven pizzas in there in the evening times and the people love to come in and sit on the patio and enjoy the amazing weather and food."

Mr. LoCicero makes his own bread, sauces, and fresh mozzarella daily, along with homemade soups.

I was fortunate enough

to sample a few of Mr. LoCicero's favorite dishes, and the quality and passion was evident with every bite.

The garlic knots were not only incredible in size, they were incredible to taste. They were served fresh from the oven and covered with freshly chopped garlic and melted butter. Served with a marinara dipping sauce, these knots could easily be a meal by themselves.

Mr. LoCicero presented us with a Santo Margherita pizza that any pizza lover would enjoy. The pizza was topped with fresh moz-

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Photo by Anna-Marie Menhenott
Santo LoCicero in front of the brick oven at Santo's Pizza.



Week of 1-17-2014

ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, you are inspired to take on the world, but you may want to focus on smaller goals this week. Finishing a long-lingering work project is a viable option.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, something does not seem to be falling into place. Take stock of things at home and at work to see if you can crack this nut. A little more investigation may be necessary.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

You may be offered a professional opportunity this week that is too good to pass up, Gemini. Despite this great offer, do your best to stay focused on work for the next several days.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Exercise caution and do not jump to any conclusions at work, Cancer. While you may know what your boss expects from you, it is better to wait to hear what he or she has to say.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Leo, you can envision exciting adventures ahead, and those times will be here before you know it. Channel your enthusiasm so you can get a head start on planning your adventure.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Virgo, you have a desire to be different from everyone else this week. It's good to be original, but don't stray too far off the beaten path or you may find yourself lost.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Libra, a friend may shock you by doing something really outrageous. You do not know what to make of this change in personality, but do your best to take it in stride.

See **SCOPES, B3**

Area to celebrate civil rights hero

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

STUART — East Stuart Main Street is once again inviting the community to join in honoring the legacy of an icon at the sixth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration with the theme of "Keeping unity in the community."

The weeklong celebration included a Ladies of Justice legal forum on Tuesday where the community got to ask questions of area lawyers. There was also a youth oratorical competition on Wednesday where students had the opportunity to stand up and talk about what Dr. King's life

meant to them. On Thursday a kick-off reception and Highwayman art show took place, all in preparation for the holiday on Monday.

"It's about celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King," said Thelma Washington, co-chair for the event. "We think it's important to keep his life and legacy alive."

The festivities will continue on Friday at 6 p.m. with a candlelight vigil at Martin Luther King Jr. Park at 900 S.E. Park Ave., in Stuart.

On Sunday there will be an inter-faith gospel service at 4 p.m. at Love Temple Church of God by Faith at 505 S.E. Florida Street.

"We have lots of churches coming together as one," Ms. Washington said.

But Martin Luther King, Jr. Day itself is when the real embodiment of this year's theme takes place with a parade and afternoon of togetherness at Memorial Park.

The Parade starts at noon at the 10th Street Recreation Center and heads toward the park where a celebration of Dr. King's life will ensue. Keynote speaker and attorney Eula Clarke will take the stage at 1 p.m. and a free concert will follow at 3 p.m.

It will also offer vendors, food, and a fun afternoon spent with friends and neighbors.

"It's a great event and it really does keep unity in the community," Ms. Washington said. "It helps to keep unity when moving forward. That's what our celebration is all about: moving forward."

She can't wait for the opportunity to spend the day socializing and enjoying the company of acquaintances past and present, bringing the community together in a common goal to lift each other up and live united.

"And that's what Martin Luther King Jr. was all about," Ms. Washington said.

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration on the holiday bearing his name.

Out & about

THROUGH JAN. 31

'Bird's Eye View' photography contest: Hosted by Audubon of Martin County. Open to photographers of all ages and skill levels, with categories including birds, wilderness landscapes, flora & fauna, cell phone photography, and student entries. Entry fees are \$10 per entry for Audubon Chapter members and students; \$15 per entry for all others. *Entries may be submitted through Jan. 31 at www.birdhero.com.*

THROUGH FRIDAY, JAN. 17

The Best of Broadway featuring the Songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber at the Lyric Theatre, 59 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. Two shows on Jan. 17, at 4

p.m. and at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45. *For more information, call the box office at (772) 286-7827.*

THROUGH MONDAY, JAN. 20

Cacheapalooza 8: Jonathan Dickinson State Park, 16450 S.E. Federal Highway, Hobe Sound. Runs 8 a.m. til 8 p.m. each day. Five days of geocaching, a form of treasure-hunting, in the park, plus presentations. More than 200 newly loggable geocaches hide in this 11,500-acre park. *Call (772) 546-2771 or visit www.cacheapalooza.org.*

FRIDAY, JAN. 17

Chris MacDonald's 'Memories of Elvis Rockin' Birthday Bash' at

Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$25. *For more information, call (772) 461-4775 or visit www.sunrisetheatre.com.*

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

Free trees: 9 a.m. to noon, Martin County Extension Service, 2614 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart (at the north end of the fairgrounds). In honor of Florida's Arbor Day, the University of Florida/IFAS Martin County Extension, Florida Yards & Neighborhood and Master Gardener Program volunteers will be offering free three-gallon native trees and South Florida Longleaf Yellow Pine seedlings to residents. After visiting seven educational booths at the event and getting their ticket stamped, residents will be able to

choose a three-gallon native tree and a tree seedling to take home and plant. *For more information, visit martin.ifas.ufl.edu.*

'Pup-arazzi' 10 a.m. to noon, Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 S.E. Indian Street, Stuart. Benefit for the Treasure Coast Hospice Pet Peace of Mind Program. *For more information, call (772) 403-4594.*

Chamber Music Series: Beethoven and Schubert Strings, featuring the Atlantic Classical Orchestra musicians. 11 a.m., Blake Library, 2351 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart. Free admission. *For more information, visit www.atlanticclassicalorchestra.com.*

Technology Roadshow: 1-3 p.m., Cummings Library, 2551 S.W. Mathe-

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Rising country star to headline Black Box Theatre

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

FORT PIERCE — Tom Jackson will perform at the Black Box Theatre Saturday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. as the part of the new On The Verge Concert Series featuring up and coming artists presented by WAVE 92.7 and the Sunrise Theatre.

Singer, songwriter, musician, but above all, Mr. Jackson is an entertainer and local Jupiter resident. He compels an audience as

though he has been on stage all his life. Jackson's brand of music is a new driving; aggressive country likened to a combination of Jason Aldean meets Charlie Daniels.

Since the debut of his first album Southern Thang in 2007, he has been hard at work in the studio writing and recording a new album that promises to be well worth the wait. Summer 2012 brought the release of his highly anticipated second studio album Keep it Country. This album produced in Nashville by Joe Caverlee, delivered more of the high energy music and performances that Tom Jackson fans have come to love and expect. The first single My Angel Loves the Devil Out of Me, also signifies the release of Tom's first

ever full length music video produced by Rodolphe Pierre-Louis.

His songwriting comes from the life he lives and speaks to the heart of his fans. "These aren't just lyrics I made up. These stories in song talk about everything we country folks love," Mr. Jackson said. He's made a lasting impression on his fans for being a captivating entertainer who is always more than willing to hang out after a show to meet and thank each and every one of his fans.

Tickets to Tom Jackson, priced at \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door, are available at the Box Office at 772-461-4775 or visit www.SunriseTheatre.com.

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son Ave., Palm City. Jessie Riggins and Al Carson from the Tampa Bay Library Consortium will demonstrate tablets, ebook readers, and other gadgets, and answer questions. For more information, call (772) 221-1403 or visit www.library.martin.fl.us.

• Debbie and Friends: 11 a.m., Outdoor Gosman Amphitheatre at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. General admission tickets are \$12. Call (561) 832-7469 or visit kravis.org.

• Nina Kotova & Angel Romero at the Lyric Theatre, 59 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45. For more information, call the box office at (772) 286-7827.

• Bird ID Tour 4: 8 a.m. to noon, Lakeside Stormwater Treatment Area on Rt. 15B. Driving tour to see Florida's shore birds and migratory species. Participants must stay in the convoy and respect the birding leader. \$5 donation to Audubon of Martin County. For more information, call (772) 905-2473 or email lakeside-tours@audubonmartincounty.org

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

• Sunday Morning Beach Walks: 8:30-10 a.m., Jan. 19, and 26. Take a guided walk on the Stuart beachfront with Florida Oceanographic's education staff and volunteers to learn about beach dynamics, biology and oceanography. Stuart Beach, 889 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. To RSVP, call (772) 225-0505 or visit FloridaOcean.org.

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TUESDAYS, JAN. 21 - FEB. 11

• 'Partner in Command' boating course: 7-9 p.m. each Tuesday for four weeks, at the de la Bahia Clubhouse, 2600 S. Kanner Highway, Stuart. Offered by the St. Lucie River

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Santo's

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zarella, tomatoes, red sauce and basil. The crust was amazing and was a definite testament to the fresh quality of ingredients at the restaurant.

Italian specialties such as chicken francese and chicken marsala and imported

red wine from Italy give the restaurant a fine-dining flair, whereas the wings, beer on tap and array of delicious appetizers lend the restaurant to the one of the hottest spots to relax and maybe catch a game on TV.

The restaurant offers many tasty treats, including homemade desserts for those with a sweet tooth. I

would recommend the stuffed zeppole with canole filling. The divine dessert is made to order and would satisfy any sweet-tooth craving.

Santo's Pizza has a location in Stuart at 333 S.E. Ocean Blvd., and in Jensen Beach at 1319 Sunview Terrace, behind CVS on Jensen Beach Boulevard. There is

live music at the Jensen Beach location. The next performance will be Jan. 18, from 7-10 p.m.

There are early bird specials Monday - Friday, from 4:30-7 p.m.

Santo's delivers to most of Martin County.

Take a look at their menu by visiting www.santospizzarestaurant.com.

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• **World War II series with Captain Carl Keske**: Showing the History Channel's "Battle 360" program, complete season one. The program focuses on the WWII-era

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• **Gaelic Storm** at the Lyric Theatre, 59 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$42. For more information, call the

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Scopes

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SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22
Scorpio, work figures to put a lot on your plate in the coming week. You can handle everything that comes your way, so long as you keep your cool and continue to work hard.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21
You may be tempted to sneak off and play hooky from work, Sagittarius. Just make sure you handle all of your obligations first. Now is not the best time to kick up your heels.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20
Capricorn, you have so much to do now that your mind may be in a complete jumble. Others will come at you with questions, but take a deep breath and answer them one at a time.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18
Change is not the best idea right now, Aquarius. It is much better to stick with the status quo for a little while longer. Then you will have enough stability to make a change.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20
Pisces, you have many new ideas about how to get rich quick, but you will probably want to find more sensible ways to earn a living.

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actually not a bamboo at all. Its botanical name is known as Dracaena Sanderana. It is also known as the ribbon plant. Many Feng Shui masters recommend this plant because the plant can create

a space where you feel energized and less stressed. I personally have one in every room and it is one of my most favorite plants. I have them in several locations, one on the porch, another in the kitchen and

yet another in my office. They do well in almost any lighting condition. Sometimes you can find them already potted in all flavors of decorative pots. See **GARDEN, B6**

Spelling bee

Xander James, center stage, sings about spelling while cast members dance around him, during Curtain Call Productions' presentation of "The 25th annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," at Flagler Place in historic downtown Stuart on Friday, Jan. 10. For information on upcoming performances please visit www.curtaincallfl.com.
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Plenty of whiting are biting clam, shrimp and fish bites. It is about time for these species to start biting and they may have been with us all week but this is the first day anglers could go to the beach and not be blown out or have the rain drive you back to the car.

The weather will be a little cool this week, so wear a jacket. We will need the cool weather to keep the surf temperatures as perfect as can be... if the wind will cooperate.

River anglers were victims of all of the above and then on top of that, bait was a problem. Just seemed there wasn't enough shrimp to go around. Pompano have made a good show across the Sail Fish Flats. I had a few anglers tell me about them skipping behind their boat. I had two anglers limit out in the deep water of

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Hells Gate and yes they were chewing at the bridges. The favored bait was that little jig.

Trout bite has been excellent with the Power Plant area being the favored location. There were also a few reds in the mix.

Check out the new bridge, I understand this is a hot spot.

Pompano are in the bay off Club Med. Look to the deeper water, a good bite going. Black drum, sheephead, snapper and mac's, blues, and too many lady fish at the bridges. It's best to say anglers are staying busy.

Off shore, conditions haven't been favorable at all. Yes, the Spanish macs are thick, but when I think offshore, I think dolphin, sails, black fins and snapper. Sails were in that 100-foot zone north of our inlet, Kings in 60-foot and Dolphin at 80-feet.

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

Out

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vanishing species for 40 years. Paint your own ceramic animal souvenir – jaguar, panther, sea turtle, humpback whale, or panda bear – to take home. Reservations are required; cost is \$5 per person. Space is limited. For a reservation, call (772) 546-2067 or visit hobesoundnaturecenter.com.

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Port Salerno Seafood

Festival: Eighth annual festival. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with live music on two stages, arts and crafts vendors, a kid's fun zone, mermaids,

pirates and the freshest seafood on the Treasure Coast, with the majority prepared by Port Salerno fishermen and their families. Festival entrances will again have collection points for non-perishable foods to help fill local food pantries' shelves. Admission is \$5 for adults, with children 12 and under admitted free; there will be no charge to ride the water taxi or trolley. Proceeds benefit Port Salerno Elementary School and various nonprofits, including Boys & Girls Club of Martin County, Keep Martin Beautiful, Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup, the Humane Society, Port Salerno Christmas Jamboree, and more.

Russell Holloway Track and Field Day: Annual competition for elementary school students from across the school district, held at Martin County High School in Stuart. Friendly competition of field and running events, softball throw, relays, more. Spectators allowed, and volunteers will serve as coordinators, scorekeepers

and announcers. Contact Pinewood Elementary School principal Larry Green at (772) 219-1595, Ext. 101.

Photographers Tour 3: 8 a.m. to noon, Lakeside Stormwater Treatment Area on Rt. 15B. Designed to give time for shots shorebirds, active eagle nests, burrowing owls, more. Fee is a \$10 suggested donation to Audubon of Martin County. Please meet at the Lakeside site at least 10 minutes before the 8 a.m. start. For more information, call John Nelson at (772) 485-8129. Reservations may be made at (772) 905-2473 or email lakeside-tours@audubonmartincounty.org

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MONDAY, JAN. 27

Butterfly Luncheon 'All that Jazz': 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Harbour Ridge Country Club, 12600 Harbour Ridge Blvd., Palm City. For more information, call Treasure Coast Hospice at (772) 403-4594.

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GLOF was founded in 1998 by Valerie Scott as a way for people wishing to play private and semi-private clubs to enjoy the experience without the hefty price tag of club membership. What was once a group of 10 golfers has grown to now number in the hundreds.

Ten years later, with Valerie winding down and ready to retire, Vicky Wilson took over

the reins and has run GLOF since.

"The most fun for me is meeting the people that come to participate," said Vicky. "I have a lot of fun setting up these events."

While most would think that the logistics that go with putting together so many outings at so many private clubs, that is not the case. "Getting the word out about us has been the most challenging," Vicky stated. "Everyone is thrilled to hear about us when they do find out about us."

While you don't have to pay the GLOF membership fee to participate in any of the group's events, those who do pay the \$50 annual fee enjoy better prices for events, and other benefits. You can join as a single or get your group of golf buddies to join with you.

Events are not set up with any particular type of play. This means you and your four-some, or the people



natured boasting by those who played the best. There are even prizes to be won, including a 50/50 raffle. The social aspect of these outings has become as important as the golf itself. All of the members have made new friends at these outings and visiting with them has played a huge role in the success of GLOF.

The schedule for 2014 is starting to shape up with the first event being held at Atlantis Country Club on Jan. 18. To date there are planned events at Westchester Country Club, Palm Beach Par 3, PGA National Resort, Eastpoint Country Club, Breakers Ocean Course, Monarch Country Club, Boca Lago Country Club, Martin Downs, and Bear Lakes. More courses and dates will fill in over the next several weeks.

The list of courses where GLOF has held an event since 1998 numbers well into the thirties. Some of the most

desired clubs at which to tee it up are on this growing list.

All the events take place on weekends, allowing us working stiff the opportunity to enjoy them as well. In addition to golf outings, GLOF members have also gotten together for social events. Over the holidays the group met at iBar at the PGA National Resort for drinks, food and to talk about the year that was and the one upcoming.

"We had a great turnout," said Vicky. "Everyone had a great time, and it wasn't even golf!"

To find out more about Golf Links of Florida, the continually updated schedule of outings for 2014, along with membership benefits, visit www.golfinksofflorida.com, or drop Vicky an email at info@golfinksofflorida.com, or call her directly at (772)286-8393.

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