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Need to know

Sidewalk, fishing pier closed temporarily for repairs

Sandspruit Park in Martin County is undergoing repairs from damage caused by Hurricane Sandy last year. The sidewalk along the north sea-wall is being removed and replaced.

This will result in this area being temporarily closed along with Fishing Pier No. 2 for the length of the project. Work will continue thru Oct. 11 weather permitting.

Gulf red snapper season opens Oct. 1

The recreational harvest of red snapper will open Oct. 1 in state and federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. In state waters, which are from shore to 9 nautical miles in the Gulf, the season will remain open through Oct. 21, closing on Oct. 22. In federal waters, which are from 9 nautical miles out to 200 nautical miles, the season will remain open through Oct. 14, closing on Oct. 15.

These supplemental recreational red snapper seasons are for 2013 only. The minimum size limit in state and federal waters is 16 inches, and the daily bag limit is two per harvester, per day. There is a zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels.

Anglers are required to use circle hooks and dehooking devices when fishing for any reef species. See **KNOW, A8**

DINING B1

Tony Roma's in Jensen Beach offers great views, great food — are you sure you want to make dinner at home?



TALENT SHOW B1



Twenty acts competed in third annual Treasure Coast's Got Talent contest Sept. 21. See the five favorites, B1 and B4.

WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday: Partly cloudy, chance of storms; high: 88; low: 72; high tide: 2:22 a.m.; low tide: 8:50 a.m.
Saturday: Partly cloudy, chance of storms; high: 86; low: 73; high tide: 3:21 a.m.; low tide: 9:50 a.m.
Sunday: Partly cloudy, chance of storms; high: 86; low: 73; high tide: 4:22 a.m.; low tide: 10:46 a.m.
 Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Local officials proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness month

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MARTIN COUNTY — It all started with one day in 1981 known as the "Day of Unity." That day became a nationally designated awareness month by Congress in 1989, and this year, officials from the city of Stuart and Martin County are recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month this October here on the Treasure Coast.

SafeSpace is a local nonprofit

and the only certified domestic violence outreach center on the Treasure Coast.

Jill Borowicz, SafeSpace's CEO, reported that there were 541 incidents of domestic violence, seven forcible domestic violence rapes and two domestic violence murders over the last year in Martin County. She added that when it comes to domestic violence, it's estimated that only 50 percent of incidents are ever reported, so these numbers may actually be much higher in our communities.

Nationally, champions of the effort to end domestic violence join together every October with health care providers, business leaders, policy makers, faith-based groups, college students and others at events and activities designed to educate the public about domestic and sexual violence.

Local-ly, there are many opportunities for the community to take a stand against domestic violence

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Walking for mental health awareness



Sarah Zbodula, visiting from New York, walks with Paul and Alexis Rooney of Jensen Beach. iRock the Walk for Mental Health Awareness, a four mile family fun walk to benefit the Palm City non-profit counseling center Tykes and Teens, starting at Memorial Park in Stuart on Saturday, Sept. 21.

Sevin Bullwinkle
 staff photographer



Sheriff William Snyder and Congressman Patrick Murphy lead iRock the Walk for Mental Health.



Stuart resident Andrea Gweenley, psychotherapist at Tykes and Teens, walks with son Matthew, 6, daughter Hannah, 9, and husband Will.

College expands bachelor degree list

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FORT PIERCE — Indian River State College received unanimous approval from the State Board of Education on Sept. 17 to launch new Bachelor's Degree programs in accounting, elementary education and health care management, expanding IRSC's baccalaureate programs to 23. Classes will begin Jan. 8, 2014, and applications for the new programs will be accepted beginning Sept. 30.

"With our economy beginning to strengthen and diversify, it's very important that Treasure Coast residents have local

access to higher education opportunities that open new doors," said Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRSC president. "The new IRSC Bachelor's Degree program in Accounting will support new and existing businesses. In fact, the State Board commended the College for meeting an identified statewide and regional need for programs related to accounting and financial services. In addition, our graduates in Health Care Management will find leadership positions in a wide range of health care facilities. We have experienced a great deal of interest in elementary education and the

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Veteran Connection offers job coaching, employment help

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MARTIN COUNTY — Many veterans stumble when it comes to finding employment.

Nationally, the unemployment rate for veterans is 9.9 percent, but locally, the number is a staggering 12.6 percent and rising. The transition from military life to civilian life can be the biggest hurdle and sometimes all a veteran needs to succeed is help polishing a resume or interview coaching.

Veteran Connection, presented by Martin Veterans and the VVA Chapter 1041, and supported by the Business Development Board of Martin County, Indian River State College and Workforce Solutions, will offer veterans just that — an opportunity to

build a resume and work on their interviewing skills while learning how to transition from the military to the workplace.

Veteran Connection begins with a series of three workshops geared towards resume building and bolstering interview skills. The first workshop takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 27 at Children's Services Council of Martin County, 101 S.E. Central Parkway, Stuart. The remaining two workshops will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 4 and 11 at Workforce Solutions, 616 Central Parkway, Stuart.

Veterans are then invited to a job fair featuring career building workshops and where representatives from as many as 42 employers seeking to hire veteran employees will be present

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 17 at Indian River State College Wolf-High Technology Center, Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.

The job fair will include: one-on-one resume and interviewing stations facilitated by the Workforce Solutions and the Palm City Presbyterian Men's Group; S.C.O.R.E. will present a workshop on how to start a small business; and a seminar entitled, "Boots to Books," presented by Ruby Jefferson, of Indian River State College, will provide valuable information to veterans who are interested in going back to school.

For more information about this free event, call Carol Hodnett at (772) 220-4472 or email chodnett@martinvolunteers.org.

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Pitfalls to avoid when having your car serviced

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ON CARS
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Before I get into the pitfalls, it is important for you to understand how important it is to have your car serviced according to the manufacturer's recommendations. The pitfalls and consequences of not doing so can be equal to or greater than those you might experience at the hands of an incompetent or unethical service department.

I strongly recommend that you have your car serviced and repaired by a franchised dealer of the

make of your vehicle. I know that this statement, coming from a franchised car dealer, may be met with some skepticism. Listen to my reasons before passing judgment. Modern vehicles are highly complex computerized machines requiring very sophisticated diagnostic equipment and highly trained technicians. The evolution of new, expensive diagnostic equipment requires constant updating. The evolution of car technology requires continuing education of dealers' factory trained technicians who attend many weeks of schools every year. Forty years ago, it was possible for a really good mechanic to fix anybody's car. Those days are gone and your car needs a highly trained specialist with the very latest diagnostic equipment. It is impossible for an independent service company to be competent in servicing and repairing all makes of automobiles.

Carefully choose the dealership that will service your car. You do not have to take your car to the dealership that sold you the car for warranty repairs, as many believe. Every dealership of your make of car will welcome your warranty and non-warranty work. Do your homework on which dealer has the best service department. Every dealer is graded in customer satisfaction by the manufacturer. Ask to see a copy of his CSI (customer satisfaction index) scores. Check with the BBB and the County Office of Consumer Affairs.

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Boosterthon fun run



Cameron Kindig, front, with second grade teacher Bethany Reece, leading their class to the track.

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Angela Damado, experience leader from Boosterthon, runs out of the tunnel leading first graders Brice Wehner, Dee Brown and teacher Patricia Zogran.



Sevin Bullwinkle staff photographer

Felix A. Williams Elementary School principal Howard Marder runs a lap with third grade student Luke Askeland.



Felix A. Williams students and teachers participated in the Boosterthon Fun Run on Sept. 21, encouraging fitness, leadership and character while helping their school to meet their financial goals. The Boosterthon Fun Run is a nine-day fitness and leadership program designed to help schools raise needed funds for education while inspiring students to live character-filled lives and involve parents.

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His choice of jewelry

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Degree

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new degree program will enable Treasure Coast residents to earn their teaching degree locally with many opportunities to develop into highly qualified teachers. IRSC has continued to expand its Bachelor's Degree programs over the past five years and the new offerings reinforce the College's role in development of a flourishing regional economy."

Over 70 area employers and community leaders wrote letters to the Florida Board of Education supporting IRSC's program proposals.

Major accounting firms throughout the region submitted letters of support stressing the need for local training in this field.

"We have had employees pursue their accounting degree by commuting at night and weekends to colleges outside our Treasure Coast, putting a significant burden on them and their

families," said Gerald A. DiBartolomeo, Jr. CPA and principal with DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A. "It is always a great opportunity to hire home grown talent with ties to the local community. We would definitely hire accounting graduates from Indian River State College."

Administrators of area hospitals and health care facilities indicated they would be eager to hire IRSC graduates with a Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Management.

"Martin Health System will open an 80 bed hospital on the Tradition Center for Innovation campus in December 2013 and estimates hiring 300 to 600 additional employees for the next three years and several hundred more in the next six years," said Mark E. Robitaille, president and CEO of Martin Health Systems. "The Health Care Management Baccalaureate Degree Program will add value to our current recruitment efforts for a highly-

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Stewart

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for maintenance or repairs, always ask for an estimate. State law requires that a service department not exceed a written estimate by more than 10%. When paying your bill, scrutinize the detail to be sure that you know exactly what each

charge means. Most service departments add a fee on top of everything else with various labels like "miscellaneous supplies," "sundry supplies," "environmental handling," etc. This fee is simply a five or 10 percent charge tacked onto the total bill. If you object to this fee, which you certainly should, dealers will often waive it.

You will find that prices for

maintenance like oil changes, alignments, tire rotation and balancing, etc. are usually priced competitively. Where you have to be careful is in the pricing of major repair items like transmission, engines, and air-conditioners. When quoted a price on a big repair, don't be afraid to negotiate. If you let it be known that you are willing to take your car elsewhere (even if you're bluffing), you can often negotiate the price down significantly.

You should always make an appointment before bringing your car in. Appointments should be scheduled at relative slow times and days. Avoid bringing your car in early on a Monday morning and other very busy times. You want the service advisor to spend as much time with you as is necessary. This will allow you to drive the car with the service advisor if necessary to identify a specific problem like a

squeak, rattle or vibration. Pick your car up at a time when the service advisor or technician has time to road test the car with you again to be sure that the problem was fixed.

Don't be shy about asking for a loaner car when you have to take your car back a second or third time for a repair that was not done properly. It's the dealership's fault and you should not be inconvenienced. On a comeback, always talk with the service manager directly. Also ask that they assign their best technician to the job.

As I have said in earlier columns, there is nothing more important than choosing the right dealership to do business with. No service department is perfect and never makes a mistake. What you want to find is that service department that, in addition to being competent, will fess up to their occasional mistakes, sincerely apologize and make them right.

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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 Sept. 13 through Sept. 20

Stuart Police Department

- Joseph Frank Bonuso, 44, of 3979 Whale Boat Way, Wellington, was charged with aggravated battery.
- Christopher Paul Charron, 22, of 765 S.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Stuart, was charged with felony battery — domestic battery by strangulation.
- Steven Edward Watton, 65, of 1512 Havana Ave., Fort Pierce, was charged with failure to register address as sexual offender.
- Jordyn Samantha Penta, 19, of 1201 S.E. Aster Lane I-4, Stuart, was charged with possession of controlled substance and with unlawful use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony.
- Colleen Elizabeth Riddell, 21, of 8196 S.E. Governor's Way, Hobe Sound, was charged with scheme to defraud and obtain property.
- Nicholas Danaremo Fox, 26, of 7895 S.E. Trenton Ave., Hobe Sound, was charged with possession of controlled substance.
- Curtis Ray Mock, 23, of 581 S.E. Ashley Oaks Way, Stuart, was charged with four counts of possession of controlled substance.

Martin County Sheriff's Office

- Cordearen Deaven Bell, 25, of 14964 S.E. 171st Drive, Indiantown, was charged with

- aggravated battery and with two counts of resisting arrest without violence.
- Jarrod Breland, 29, of 4506 Geneva Ave., Stuart, was charged with possession of controlled substance, tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, possession/use of drug paraphernalia, and with resisting arrest without violence.
- Ventura Manuel Correia, 33, of 3830 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Benjamin Michael Greenstein, 35, of 9420 Seaturtle Lane, Plantation, was charged with felony failure to appear.
- Abram Benson Harris, 28, of 1658 N.E. Sottong Ave., Jensen Beach, was charged with possession of controlled substance.
- Julius Justin Harris, 25, of 1345 S.W. 34th Street, Riviera Beach, was charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver, and with possession of marijuana - more than 20 grams.
- Owen Lloyd Pink Jr., 23, of 14762 S.W. 17th Court, Indiantown, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Jason Elliott Richardson, 42, of 390 Golfview Road Apt 5, North Palm Beach, was charged with five counts of sale, manufacture, delivery or traffic in drugs.
- Joshua Brannon Riley, 24, of 456 S.E. Jupiter Terrace, Port St. Lucie, was charged with two counts of possession of controlled substance.
- Garrett Gregory Smith, no age or address listed, was charged

- with false imprisonment of adult and with battery.
- John Fullington Jochem, no age or address listed, was charged with aggravated child abuse - great harm.
- Kelly Justin, 25, of 276 S.E. Norfolk Blvd., Stuart, was charged with two counts of possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver.
- Elmer Santizo-Perez, 36, of 5174 S.E. Blue Heron Lane, Stuart, was charged with lewd or lascivious assault on child under age 16 without sexual battery.
- Leonard Letron Summers, 32, of 2268 S.E. Carnation Road, Port St. Lucie, was charged with sale of controlled substance within 1,000 feet of public/private school, with two counts of possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver, and with possession of controlled substance.
- David Vazquez, 28, of 2904 29th Lane, Greenacres, was charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver and with possession or use of drug paraphernalia.
- Justin Taylor Darella, 20, of 9882 S.E. Osprey Pointe Drive, Hobe Sound, was charged with burglary of conveyance, with grand theft, and with two counts of criminal mischief - \$1,000 damage or more.
- Christopher John Ditoro, 22, of 1758 S.W. Crane Creek Circle, Port St. Lucie, was charged with possession of controlled substance.
- John Thomas Grier, 21, of 4540 S.E. Salvatori Road, Stuart, was charged with burglary and with grand theft.
- Warren Jeffrey Kelly, 47, of 2825 S.E. Clayton Street, Stuart, was charged with two counts of

- possession of controlled substance.
- Jose James Sanchez, 20, of 4343 S.E. Chesapeake Drive, Stuart, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Billy Ray Butler, 60, of 4427 S.W. 83rd Street, Palm City, was charged with three counts of possession of blank prescription form.
- William Paul Eaton, 31, of 548 Cypress Drive, Lake Park, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Brack Cole Platt, 19, of 7308 S.E. Craig Street, Hobe Sound, was charged with possession of an American alligator.
- William Andrew Roberts, 21, of 4540 S.E. Salvatori Road, Stuart, was charged with two counts of burglary, with grand theft, with two counts of criminal mischief, and with petit theft.
- Robbie Fitzgerald Washington, 49, of 3906 Avenue O, Fort Pierce, was charged with uttering false bank bill, check, draft or note.
- Justin Taylor Darella, 20, of 9882 S.E. Osprey Pointe Drive, Hobe Sound, was charged with two counts of grand theft, two counts of burglary, arson in the second degree, two counts of criminal mischief - damage \$1,000 or more, and with illegal method of taking alligator.
- Carol Favuzza, 54, of 840 S.E. Highland Ave., Stuart, was charged with misuse of wireless 911 system, fourth offense, and with resisting arrest without violence.
- Samuel Alan Hamilton, 20, of 5369 S.E. Jack Ave., Stuart, was charged with possession of controlled substance.
- Aaron Samuel Haight, 24, of 11666 S.W. Meadowlark Circle, Stuart, was charged with two

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- counts of possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver, with possession of controlled substance, and with possession of cannabis under 20 grams.
- David Clifford McMurray, 48, of 255 N.E. Blairwood Trace, Jensen Beach, was charged with delivery of methamphetamine.
- Guillermo William Reyes, 19, of 5074 S.E. Lisban Circle, Stuart, was arrested Sept 20 and charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver and with possession of cannabis under 20 grams.
- Michael Troy Ritchie, 47, of 5458 S.E. Major Way, Stuart, was charged with possession of a firearm or concealed weapon by convicted felon.
- William Andrew Roberts, 21, of 4540 S.E. Salvatori Road, Stuart, was charged with burglary, with arson - second degree, and with criminal mischief.
- Clayton Paul Ruth, no age or address listed, was charged with abuse, aggravated abuse and neglect of child.
- Christian Charles Thomas

- Skiperdene, 18, of 3615 N.W. Adriatic Lane, Jensen Beach, was charged with possession of controlled substance without valid prescription from lawful practitioner, and with driving under the influence.
- Dalton William Sloan, 21, of 10230 S.E. Federal Highway #10, Hobe Sound, was charged with burglary and with criminal mischief - damage of \$1,000 or more.
- Keith Loring Stuart, 47, of 6423 N.W. 63rd Way, Parkland, was charged with two counts of grand theft.
- Leon Taylor, 39, of 2524 Canterbury Drive North, Palm Beach, was charged with sale, manufacture, delivery or traffic in drugs.
- Ivette Torres, 40, of 3689 Adriatic Lane, Jensen Beach, was charged with grand theft - property more than \$300, less than \$5,000.
- Kyle Joseph Turner, 19, of 5429 S.E. 53rd Ave., Stuart, was charged with two counts of possession of controlled substance, with possession of cannabis under 20 grams, and with possession/use of drug paraphernalia.

Awareness

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by partnering with SafeSpace. The saying that you can't understand another person's experience until you've walked a mile in their shoes comes to life each year when SafeSpace hosts its "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" events across the Treasure Coast. The events ask men to walk one mile in four-inch high-heeled shoes, and while most men quickly realize it's not easy walking in those shoes, it's a light-hearted way to get the community talking about something that's otherwise difficult to talk about: domestic violence. The walks, which raise funds and awareness to support outreach programs and services for victims of domestic violence, will be held in Mar-

tin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties on Oct. 5, 12, and 26 respectively. Registration for the walks as individuals or as teams is available at www.safespacefl.org. Ms. Borowicz is accepting the proclamations from the government agencies with a charge to the community. "Domestic violence can happen to anyone. It could be happening right now to a family member, a friend or a neighbor," she said. "SafeSpace can help, but it needs the community's assistance to meet its mission. Please come out and walk or cheer on the good men of Martin County while they stand up against domestic violence at our Walk A Mile In Her Shoes on Oct. 5." For more information, visit www.safespacefl.org, call (772) 223-2399 or connect with SafeSpace on Facebook at www.facebook.com/safespacefl.

Degree

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skilled, well-trained workforce. We have a long and congenial relationship with IRSC and highly regard the graduates of its programs." The superintendents of area school districts expressed support of the Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. "The School District of Indian River County is in full support of the development of the Baccalaureate Degree Program in elementary education so that access to affordable, baccalaureate-level, and post-secondary education in our

region may continue to grow. This new addition will be very favorably received by our employees, students and the members of the community," said Dr. Frances J. Adams, superintendent, School District of Indian River County. All IRSC Bachelor's degree programs are fully accredited, meet Florida statutory requirements for Baccalaureate education and provide a strong foundation for graduate study. The three new programs were selected based on a needs assessment of student interest, economic development trends, projected job growth and

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Ways to reach the Internet

Ubiquitous. Pronunciation: \yü-bi-kw_-t_s\
adjective: existing or being everywhere at the same time: constantly encountered: widespread.

If ever there was something worthy of being considered ubiquitous, I would have to say that Internet Explorer certainly fits that description. You'll find a copy of internet Explorer in one form or another on just about every personal computer out there and you may even find a copy on a Mac.

Ask many users what that "blue e" is on their desktop and more often than not you'll hear something like, "Oh, that's my Internet," or, "that's the Internet." While a slightly more seasoned computer user might reply with "that's Internet Explorer, my web browser."

Ok, so the guy who said it was his web browser is right but what does it matter? What's the benefit of knowing the difference, I mean is it worth the time to even sort out?

I think it's worth the time to understand the difference. You see, Internet Explorer really isn't the Internet any more than your living room window is "the outside." You could say you look through Internet Explorer and see out into the internet similarly to the way you look through the window to see the outside.

Or, you could think of Internet Explorer as kind of like "TV" for the internets — only in Internet Explorer you go to different web sites instead of different channels.

So, if Internet Explorer is just a tool that lets you see the internet then it would stand to reason that there are other programs that will let you do the same thing. And yes, there are other programs that do the same thing, lots of them.

There are actually a bunch of different web browsers out there with Internet Explorer holding the top spot and a program named Mozilla Firefox in the number two slot.

Ask someone what that Mozilla Firefox icon is and you may hear something like "Oh, that's my other Internet, it's not the same as the other one."

And in a way that's right, Firefox isn't the same as Internet Explorer like a Magnavox TV isn't the same



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as a Sanyo. But the internet that you look at with Firefox is the same internet that you look at with Internet Explorer.

But (I know some of you are thinking) why then, if Firefox and Internet Explorer both are looking out at the same Internet, do I see something totally different when I launch Firefox than I do when I launch Internet Explorer?

The answer to that is simply that the "start page" or "home page" for each program is probably set to different websites. That means you'll see different pages on start up. I know that can cause a ton of confusion so I always try to make sure both Firefox and Internet Explorer have their start pages set the same.

Changing the start page is similar in both programs and only requires a few steps. In Internet Explorer click the Tools pull down menu and then click Internet Options. A smaller page should open with the General Tab selected. The address you see in the Home Page... field is the web page that is automatically called up when you launch Internet Explorer. This page can be set to any page you want just by typing the web address in this field. Make a note of the address that is in there and (or highlight the address and hit CTRL+C if you want to get fancy) then open Mozilla Firefox.

Firefox has similar controls so look for the Tools Pull down menu and then click Options. Click the "Main" button and that should show you the start page that Firefox is set to use. Erase what's in the home page field and type in the address that you made a note of in Internet Explorer (or, press CTRL+V if you are trying the fancy method) and then click the OK Button.

There, now you set both Internet Explorer and Firefox to the same start page, now regardless of whether you click Explorer or Firefox, you will get "the same Internet."

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

Dancing like the stars



Marie Davi of Palm City performs the Salsa with Manolo Soler of Fort Pierce in the fourth annual 'Dancing With Our P.A.L.s' event. The event pairs seven local non-dancers with professionals for 12 weeks of practice to perform at the Sunrise Theatre in downtown Fort Pierce on Sept. 21. The event benefits the Fort Pierce Police Athletic League.

Sevin Bullwinkle staff photographer



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Re: Help for animal victim

It seems very unlikely that, "There is a creep who walks around the neighborhood with a gun." Is it possible that, in spite of your best efforts to confine your animals to your property, they are escaping to defecate and urinate on other people's property?

Keep cats inside

There are too many perils outdoors for cats. There are too many ill meaning people, cat diseases and the like. Indoor cats live longer and healthier lives. With a little patience, an outdoor cat will adapt to living indoors and becoming an indoor cat. Who is going to help was the posed question. The answer is that the only one to help, or who cares is the actual owner of the cat. The owner can also keep the cat inside so it can be safe from predators, of the human and animal kind, and it can be well supervised.

Violence in Chicago

I watched the news and 20 people were shot on streets of Chicago, including a three year old boy. I've heard enough. It got me thinking... we need to find a constitutional attorney willing to take on the NRA and find a way to file sanctions that say if the NRA continue to support manufacturing of high capacity magazines and assault weapons in the U.S. we file these sanctions: You will no longer be allowed to make any political contributions to any political official currently in office or running for office in this country, and also you must pay cities and families retributions for cost of adding more law enforcement, families for their losses and whatever else. Also, the U.S. administration must hold NRA accountable for any deaths due to assault weapons. It's time. Are there any constitutional attorneys willing to take this on? Remember D.C., Columbine, Newtown, Aurora, Tucson and now Chicago. Enough is too much

Stop having babies; visit the library

Well for those who are having kids just to be on welfare, you need to visit the public library and read on history. Abe Lincoln and Dwight Eisenhower were both republicans and came from dirt poor upbringing's, and look what they created for themselves. And yes, there are many more great people in this nation that rose from poverty. Welfare is not meant to be a way of life. Produce a few kids so you can pay your bills... that is just wrong. And what's even worse is the lack of parental guidance the new young lives get, thus creating crime from the poverty there born into. Yes, so why don't you try and invest into your education instead of finding a guy to get you pregnant and leaving his name off the birth certificate so you can ride the welfare band wagon. The country is hurting enough without adding insult to injury.

Put homework first

There should be no television until the homework is done. Is this the rule at your home?

More re teachers are reporting that more students are not doing all of their homework assignments. By not doing the homework, students are frequently unable to take part in the class lesson. Failing to do homework reg-

ularly results in poor or failing grades. What are parents to do about this growing problem?

As a parent, it is almost impossible to know what homework your child is expected to complete. If you ask your child, the most frequent responses will be, "I don't have any" or "I did it in school." So what is a parent to do?

As a parent, you need to stay informed. Staying in touch with the teachers will provide you with what is expected of your child and how he or she is meeting those expectations. So if the teachers have indicated that homework is a problem, what is a parent to do?

Tell your child that an hour has been established that will be used for study whether they have homework or not. Tell your child that they can review previous work or drills, straighten their notebook or re-read a chapter. In short, they will use that time to study.

As a parent, you need to take charge. You need to establish a routine at home to help your child be successful in school. You need to provide the environment for homework, one that is free from distractions and with basic resource material at hand.

You need to be there, or nearby, to offer assistance, encouragement and monitoring as needed. Make it a rule in your home. No television until homework is finished.

Blaming overpopulation

I am 42 years old and have lived in this area all my life. I recently have become unemployed. I have been trying to find a job for six months. I have been all over the city looking and then some. My family and I are soon to be homeless. I have never been without a job. It's a shame that due to overpopulation I can't find employment. I can't find anyone to help. I blame the housing market for the decline in jobs.

Fear of Russia

I have a great deal of fear for this nation. In 1863, Russia had blockaded our west and east coast to prevent the British from aiding the south against Lincoln and the GAR. And for denying the Bankers loans at 30 percent, he minted his own greenbacks and for this he was assassinated. At 86, the legacy we leave for the young people does not look good or the future looks bloodier than it is. I support the Constitution and the Bill of rights, that is where my loyalty and patriotism lies and not on the corrupt men who control us. Today we may have to hope that Russia will again help the American people return to peace and the rule of constitutional law.

Don't trust the Russians

It amazes me that first, we allow Vladimir Putin to trash our president and his administration. I didn't realize freedom of speech meant presidents of other countries could bad mouth our president in our most popular new paper. And then, we trust that Putin knows best. Can we really trust him when it comes to a war against Syria? How come all of a sudden Syria is tucking its tail and letting the U.N. know everything about its chemicals of mass destruction? Does no one else think that it's a bit fishy? It smells like communism and traitors.

Other people's accidents raise my rates?

I am disabled, yet I can drive. I even have a safe drivers' record, and I took a defensive test to keep my insurance rate down. I got a letter from my company; and well, guess what, my rate went up another \$37. So I called, and they told me that because Florida has had more car accidents is the reason why they increased my bill.

Now, that does not make sense to me, because I did not cause these accidents! I don't even drive that much, so why is my rate increased because of other people, who are either on their cell phone talking or texting while driving? What is going to be done about this? So far, I believe nothing!

If other people are causing accidents, then their insurance should be raised, not us safe drivers! We should send letters and emails to our governor and put a stop to this, right now! People, we need to stop the insanity of these companies robbing us.

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Automotive center offers personal touch



Staff photo by Anna-Marie Menhenott
Anthony Greco Jr., stands by some of the vehicles he is servicing at his automotive center in Stuart

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STUART — After Hurricane Andrew devastated south Florida, including Key Biscayne, coupled with the change of the area to eminent domain, Anthony Greco Sr. decided it was time to sell the family automotive business and move north.

After taking up residence in Jupiter, the Grecos decided to take a drive further north to Stuart to take a look around. An ideal location on Ocean Drive seemed the perfect place for Anthony Greco Jr. to continue the family tradition of owning an automotive repair center.

A little over 12 years ago, Mr. Greco Jr. opened A. Greco Automotive, giving residents the ideal one-stop shop for any of their automobile needs.

"We service all types of cars," Mr. Greco said. "All models and makes are welcome. We are the alternative to taking your vehicle into a dealer for repairs and services. We offer the same type of services without dealer prices."

Mr. Greco's specialty is European makes and models, however, all domestic and Japanese models can be brought into the shop.

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SELF receives green business award

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The Solar and Energy Loan Fund has been recognized by the South Florida Chapter of the United States Green Business Council as the Most Outstanding Green Business in the eight counties in the South Florida region, including: Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Indian River.

The Most Outstanding Green Business award specifically recognizes one business that demonstrates a commitment to green-building initiatives and a culture of sustainability through the services and products it provides throughout its day-to-day operations.

"The SELF organization is honored to receive this prestigious award," said Kyle Abney, president of SELF. "We are grateful to the United States Department of Energy, St. Lucie County, and all of our partners for making this program possible."

SELF is a community based lending organization that focuses on residential energy efficiency improve-

ments and renewable energy alternatives. To date, SELF has performed 848 energy audits and helped 230 families finance more than \$2 million of energy retrofit projects by providing low interest rate financing options to qualified applicants throughout the Treasure Coast and Space Coast regions.

Projects include weatherization, insulation, high efficiency air conditioners, solar hot water heaters and other proven energy-saving retrofits.

Through these projects, SELF clients have cumulatively reduced their energy consumption by more than a million kilowatt hours (i.e., an average of 23% per household), and are using the energy savings, rebates, and tax credits offered to repay the loans over time. SELF has financed more than 800 projects and generated 10,000 labor hours for local skilled craftsmen.

SELF clients are making much-needed home improvements; saving money, creating local jobs, and promoting clean energy alternatives and energy independence.

For more information about SELF, call (772) 468-1818.

Mulligan's to open sixth location

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Mulligan's Beach House will be opening the sixth location in Lauderdale by the Sea. George Hart, owner of Mulligan's Beach House, opened his first Mulligan's at 101 E. Commercial Blvd., Lauderdale by the Sea in

1998 and moved out of that location around 2004.

Mulligan's Beach has locations in Jensen Beach, Stuart, Lake Worth, Sebastian and Vero Beach.

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including red snapper, in Gulf of Mexico state and

federal waters. The requirement to use venting tools in federal waters was removed on Sept. 3. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will consider

adopting similar changes at a future meeting. The intent of these rules is to help conserve fishery resources by increasing the chances for a fish to survive after being caught and released.

Learn more about red snapper by visiting MyFWC.com/Fishing and clicking on "Saltwater" and "Recreational Regulations."

Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin counties, Elliott Museum, Habitat for Humanity, House of Hope, Humane Society of the Treasure Coast, Martin County Library System, Safe Harbor, YMCA and many more.

Volunteer opportunities are available to high school students and adults.

To learn more about the Volunteer Fair or the Martin County Library System, pick up a Library Connection, call (772) 221-1403 or visit the website at www.library.martin.fl.us.

Volunteer Fair a first for library system

The Martin County Library System is hosting a Volunteer Fair on Oct. 5 from 2-4 p.m. at the Blake Library, 2351 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart.

Attendees will speak with representatives from American Red Cross, Big

Blood collections remain halted

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TREASURE COAST — OneBlood collections in Martin County remain halted as a temporary precaution against Dengue Fever. OneBlood resumed blood collections in St. Lucie County effective Sept. 23.

"Based on the findings from the Florida Department of Health, the recent cases of Dengue Fever appear to be confined to the Rio and Jensen Beach areas of Martin County," said Rita Reik, chief medical officer for OneBlood.

"Safety of the blood supply is our top priority. With the threat of Dengue Fever minimized in St. Lucie County the blood center has determined it is safe to resume blood collections in St. Lucie County. Blood collections in Martin County will remain temporarily suspended until further notice," Dr. Reik said.

OneBlood will remain in close contact with the Florida Department of Health and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and will be alerted should additional cases of Dengue Fever be reported.

The public should take comfort in knowing the local blood supply is safe and meets the highest possible standards mandated by the FDA.

The blood center urges people living in areas not impacted by Dengue Fever to please donate and help ensure safe and available blood for local hospitals and their patients.

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9 year old Sophia Liano receives a standing ovation for her performance of 'New York, New York.'

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The third annual Treasure Coast's Got Talent competition was held Saturday, Sept. 21, featuring 20 acts competing in five categories. Winners of their individual categories, child star Sophia Liano, adult star Jaquez Huell, teen star Kevin Paul, and rising star Noah Shull. See the grand prize winner's photo on B4.



Week of 9-27-2013

ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, patience is a virtue you possess, and you must make the most of your patient nature this week. Keep this in mind when dealing with family and coworkers.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, keep things in perspective and you will have your cake and eat it, too. You can coolly handle tough situations, and that ability serves you well this week.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Your imagination is working overtime this week, Gemini. Channel that creative energy and get started on a project you have long been considering.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, you will be very content for the next few weeks. Enjoy these good times and invite those closest to you to enjoy them as well.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Leo, your heightened sense of focus on a particular task has left you wondering how to proceed in another area of life. You may want to seek the advice of others.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you may be tempted to throw caution to the wind. While that may make for a memorable experience, it may not prove wise over the long haul.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

You could get caught up in a social whirlwind this week, Libra. Keep your feet on the ground or you may be swept away in all of the energy.

See SCOPES, B4

Blues playoff winner will travel to Memphis

For Hometown News
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TREASURE COAST — The Blues Alliance of the Treasure Coast is proud to announce their upcoming annual International Blues Challenge "Playoff of Bands." This event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at Pirate's Cove Resort and Marina in Stuart starting at 4 p.m.

This exciting, local blues event is open to the public. The winning bands will go to the prestigious International Blues Challenge in Memphis, held in the Beale Street Historic District, Jan. 21 – 25.

"The stage is set, so to see **BLUES, B5**

Upscale dining with an incredible view

By Anna-Marie Menhenott
news@hometownnewsol.com

JENSEN BEACH — With the picturesque Indian River as a backdrop, a warm, comfortable dining atmosphere and delightfully prepared dishes to feast on, Tony Roma's in Jensen Beach has all of its bases covered.

My dining companion and I visited Tony Roma's

on a weekday afternoon. The outside area, which offers a stunning view of the Indian River, along with a delightful breeze and comfortable seating, was nearly full. The spacious area was shaded from the sun, yet let patrons enjoy the wonderful Florida weather.

We decided to enjoy our meal in one of the spacious dining areas.

The bar, which included gorgeous views and a piano, was busy with folks relishing in the friendly, lively atmosphere. The upscale dining area had an inviting charm, which had a warm, comforting feel to it.

Our attentive server, Gary Horn, suggested we begin our late lunch with kickin' shrimp. We enjoyed the complimentary bread and herb butter, until the

amazing appetizer was brought out. The tender, lightly fried shrimp were served on a large martini glass of salad and topped with an incredible spicy cream sauce. The sauce also doubles as a dressing for the salad.

For our main course, I chose the steak medallions with loaded mashed potatoes and my companion

See **DINING, B2**

Out & about

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 – SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

• **2013 MSM Inshore Fishing Tournament:** Fifth annual tournament will be held at River Palms Cottages & Fish Camp in Jensen Beach. All proceeds will benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County. Captain's reception and auction will be held Sept. 27. Family barbecue and awards presentation is Sept. 28. \$100 registration fee per angler (includes captain's reception and awards barbecue). Catch and release for snook, redfish, tarpon and trout; digital cameras required for each team. Open to anglers of all ages and skill levels. Free children's fishing clinic and activities for Boys & Girls Clubs mem-

bers and children of registered anglers. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (772) 932-1374 or email jciaravino@bgcmartin.org.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

• **Treasure Coast Alzheimer's Symposium:** 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Kane Center, 900 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. The Alzheimer's Association and The Kane Center present Barbara J. Helm "Wizard of Alz," Jane F. Dye and Dr. Murray Todd for an educational event. Coffee and registration start at 8 a.m.; conference begins at 9 a.m. Free for caregivers and professional with lunch provided. For more information contact Donna True or

Christa Stamos. Call (800) 272-3900.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 -- SUNDAY, OCT. 13

• **'The Children's Hour':** The Barn Theatre, 2400 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, will present this drama by Lillian Hellman, set in an all-girls boarding school, Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. For tickets, call the box office at (772) 287-4884 or visit barn-theatre.com.

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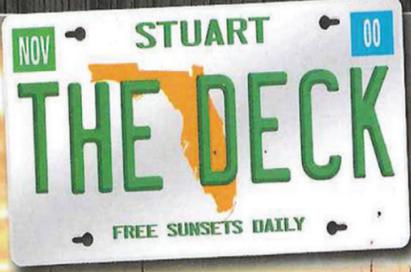
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Dining

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decided to try Tony Roma's specialty, baby back ribs.

I chose to top each of my medallions differently. There are quite a few varieties of gourmet toppings, but I decided on Bourbon BBQ onions, wild mushrooms and asiago crust. Other varieties include Cabernet Demi glaze and peppercorn sauce. I couldn't pick a favorite among the flavors. Each was so unique, and offered incredible bursts of flavor.

The loaded mashed potatoes included cheddar cheese, bacon and chives and were the perfect accompaniment to the tender steak.

The meal comes with choice of soup and salad.

My companion's baby back ribs were simply incredible. The ribs are served with a choice of sauces such as TR's Original, Carolina Honeys, Blue Ridge Smokies, Makers Mark Bourbon BBQ and Tony Roma's Red Hots. The ribs we chose were covered in Carolina Honeys and were so tender the meat practically fell of the bone. The ribs are served with coleslaw and a choice of side. Soup or salad can be



Staff photo by Anna-Marie Menhenott

Gary Horn displays the Kickin' Shrimp appetizer at Tony Roma's in Jensen Beach.

added for an additional cost.

Other rib varieties include St. Louis ribs and beef short ribs. Each comes with choice of sauce and sides.

As we were enjoying our meal, Mr. Horn asked us to save room for dessert. He brought out a menu of sweet treats and described each one. We decided to try the dessert trio, which invites guests to sample three desserts.

We decided to try the red velvet cake, chocolate chunk cookie sandwich and the pecan cupcake, which is

a warm vanilla cupcake cut in two, topped with sugar coated pecans with caramel sauce drizzled across the top.

To say these desserts were incredible is selling them short. They were the perfect end to a perfect meal.

Tony Roma's has live music on the weekends and has daily drink specials.

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Annual marching band festival taking place Oct. 19

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TREASURE COAST — The Citrus Bowl Stadium at Vero Beach High School will come alive with high school musicians from Florida's top high school bands performing their halftime and competition shows in the 32nd annual Treasure Coast Crown Jewel Marching Band Festival taking place Oct. 19.

This annual gathering of

some of the finest high school bands in Florida is presented in a preliminary and finals format. The Preliminary Competition begins at 10 a.m. and the finals competition begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for both preliminaries and finals.

Tickets for the finals competition are only \$10 per person. There is a \$6 youth ticket and 5 and under are free. It is a family friendly event on the beau-

tiful campus on Vero Beach High School. Tickets are sold at the Stadium Gate, 1707 16th Street.

The Crown Jewel Band Festival is sponsored jointly by the Vero Beach High School Band and the Fighting Indians Band Boosters.

Formed more than 30 years ago by Jim Sammons, VBHS band director and Gordon Popple, former assistant principal and director of community education, the Crown Jewel

Band Festival is one of the oldest and most successful of its kind in Florida.

The festival requires many dozens of volunteers from the booster organization, community, band alumni, and current band members. These volunteers manage and work every aspect of the logistics of the festival from bus parking, concessions, guiding bands around the campus and stadium, ushering, and ticketing to

name just a few of the dozens of tasks that are staffed on festival day.

"The festival requires many hours of planning and lots of meetings," said Mr. Sammons, VBHS Band Director. "The festival brings together a large contingent of boosters, community volunteers, and of course our Fighting Indians Band members work all day and then perform at the very end of the finals."

"We are looking forward to another great festival and encourage the public to support the fine talents and efforts of these amazing young musicians" said Mr. Sammons.

Profits from the festival benefit the operations of the Vero Beach High School Band.

For more information, please visit the Crown Jewel Festival website at www.crownjewelvb.com

Out

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Elliott Museum celebrates VIVA Florida 500 with the 'You Be the Judge' art show. This is one art show featuring 224 pieces from 129 artists, in two locations. Vote for the People's Choice award. The show is located at the Elliott Museum, 825 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart (regular museum admission of \$12 for non-members; hours are Monday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and at the Court House Cultural Center, 80 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart (suggested donation of \$5; hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.) For more information, visit www.elliottmuseum.org and www.martinarts.org.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

• **Treasure Coast Classical Guitar Society concert:** 3 p.m., Hoke Library, 1150 N.W. Jack Williams Way, Jensen Beach. Free, no tickets required. For more information on the guitar society, visit www.tccgs.org. For more information on the concert series, call (772) 221-1403 or visit www.library.martin.fl.us.

• **Brianna Cooper Heavenly Smiles Foundation Golf Tournament:** Piper's Landing Yacht & Country Club, 6160 S.W. Thistle Terrace, Palm City, is

hosting this second annual tournament. Breakfast starts at 8 a.m., shotgun start for the tournament is at 9 a.m. This event will help raise funds for emotional, spiritual and/or financial aid to eligible families in Martin and surrounding counties who are suffering the loss of a loved one. The cost of the golf tournament is \$125 per person which includes a buffet breakfast, greens fee, golf cart, BBQ lunch and cash bar. A silent auction and raffle will also be held. For tickets, contact Missi Campbell at missea@bellsouth.net or (772) 285-6536. For more information, visit www.bcoopersmiles.com or www.piperslanding.com.

• **Dancing with the Martin Stars:** 7:30 p.m., Lyric Theatre, 59 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. Fundraiser for the Martin County Healthy Start Coalition. When purchasing tickets on the Lyric's site (lyrictheatre.com), select the name of your favorite dancer to cast your vote. For more information, call the Lyric at (772) 286-7827. For more information about the Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, visit www.mchealthystart.org.

• **'Put it in Writing':** A seminar and book fair of two dozen local authors, held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Blake Library, 2351 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart. Free, open to the public. Keynote address by renowned author Les Standiford. Master of Ceremonies Gene Hull will introduce

authors and moderate questions and answers. There will be opportunities for all involved to ask questions, mingle and share writing, reading and publishing experiences. Books will be available for purchase. For more information, call (772) 221-1403 or visit www.library.martin.fl.us.

• **National Public Lands Day:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Seabrook Preserve State Park, in eastern Martin County about 10 miles south of Stuart. Access to the park is from S.R. A1A near the VFW parking lot. Project goals include maintenance of a hiking trail through the scrub community, as well as planting native trees in the areas around the park's trailhead. Wearing closed-toe shoes, long pants and long-sleeved shirt in light colors are suggested, along with a wide-brim hat, water bottle, snacks and any other items needed to be comfortable while working outdoors. For more information or to register, contact the park by phone at (772) 219-1880, or email Alexandra.Gutting@dep.state.fl.us.

• **Renew CPR certification:** 10 a.m., Tropical Farms Baptist Church, 1555 S.W. Kanner Highway, Stuart. Open to the public; anyone wishing to renew their CPR certification may do so. Cost will be \$10 per person. To sign up and for more information contact the See **OUT, B4**



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• **National Public Lands Day:** 8 a.m. til noon, Jonathan Dickinson State Park, 16450 S.E. Federal Highway, Hobe Sound. Join AmeriCorps members and park staff to tackle clearing out non-native invasive plants in the park. Activities may include hand-pulling, shoveling, or clipping plants as well as hauling loads for disposal. Appropriate for ages 6 and up. Registration is requested; contact the Kimbell Education Center in the park for registration or more information. Free park admission for volunteers for this event. For more informa-

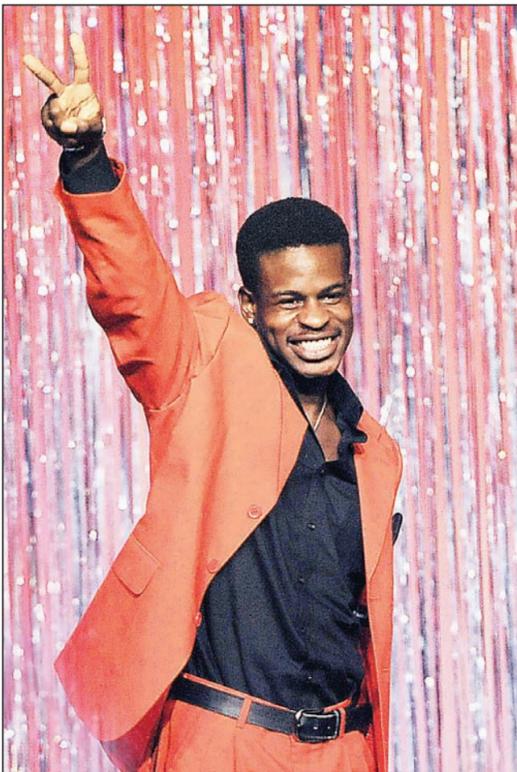
tion, call (561) 745-5551.

• **Hands Across the Lagoon:** 9-10 a.m. on Stuart Causeway, south side, on National Estuaries Day. Hands Across the Lagoon events are occurring in five Indian River Lagoon counties to celebrate National Estuaries Day to call attention to the declining condition of the lagoon and ask leaders to make their health a priority. Participants are asked to join hands at 9:45 a.m. for 15 minutes to show you care about the lagoon and want to see it restored. For more information, call (772) 225-0505 or visit FloridaOcean.org.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

• **Ais on the Lagoon Community Paddle:** 8-11 a.m. on the last Saturday of Estuaries Month. Kayak, canoe and paddleboard enthusiasts are invited to this free event. Paddlers will gather for an 8 a.m. departure from the U.S. Sailing Center in Jensen Beach, heading to the shoreline of the Florida Oceanographic Society's Coastal Center, approximately 2.5 miles. Breakfast of shellfish and sofkee will be served at the FOS Exploration Station pavilion, followed by a presentation by the Historical Society of Martin County at the FOS Ais Encampment, one-quarter mile from the shoreline, where a recent renovation of the chickee hut exhibit was completed by Boy Scout Troop 811 of Martin County. Particular emphasis of the historical presentation will be given to the Ais tribe and its presence and dependence on the Indian River Lagoon. Paddlers return to the launch site by 11 a.m. for a round-trip time of three hours. For more information, contact Ellie Van Os at evanos@floridaocean.org. See more at VivaFlorida.org.

Crowd pleaser



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

The grand prize winner of the StarStruck Talent Search was Jaquez Huell. The finalist from each category received \$100, \$25 towards StarStruck classes and two tickets for the upcoming musical Drowsy Chaperone. The winner took home an additional \$500. The competition was sponsored by Humana, StarStruck and Coast 101, and held at the StarStruck Performing Arts Center in Stuart.

• **Concert:** 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 623 E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. Featuring Dr. Claudio Jaffe, cello, and Brian McNiff, tenor. This is a kick-off concert with a beer garden atmosphere, also serving non-alcoholic beverages. See **OUT, B6**

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SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21 Sagittarius, indulgent behavior won't pay off in the long run. Moderation works best, and you'll be glad you didn't overindulge after the fact.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20 Capricorn, work and family responsibilities have put you under a lot of pressure recently. You could be in need of a respite, even if that

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18 Aquarius, it's quite possible you will not get much done this week, as you may be too busy encouraging others rather than focusing on your own needs.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20 Compassion is your specialty, Pisces. Others appreciate your warm nature, so accept their gratitude and affection.

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Getting prepared for emergencies



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From Left Zack Staten, 15, of Port St. Lucie, John Martinez, 11, of Fort Pierce, Landall Brown, 16, of Vero Beach, Christian Downs, 15, of Fort Pierce, and, on the board, Adrian Scott, 11, of Vero Beach, as they learn to carry a wounded person to safety.



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Stuart residents Bradlee Hawpe, 14, and Dylan Demello, 13, scouts with troop 420, get instruction from instructor Mike Ovens of Fort Pierce on how to safely extinguish a fire.

Club takes aim at fundraising goal with sporting clay event



Photo courtesy of The Firefly Group

In back, from left: Suzy Hutcheson, Barbara Essenwine, Al Crake, William Weiss (with gun), Pat Grassick, Kris DeMarken, David Dees, Chappy Young and Jennifer Williamson. In front, sitting, Nancy Johnson and Nicole Hibbs.

Funds raised will go towards inclusive playground for children with special needs

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MARTIN COUNTY — When Palm City resident Barbara Essenwine was asked to fill a spot on her company's charity sporting clay team three years ago, she figured it was worth a shot. Little did she know she would quickly go from a shooting neophyte to helping plan a sporting clay shoot event for an organization close to her heart, Kiwanis Club of Stuart.

"It was such a fun and different event and we thought it would be a great opportunity for Kiwanis to raise funds, for our new major project — the final phase of Kiwanis Park in Stuart that will allow children with disabilities and special needs to be included in playground activities," said Ms. Essenwine.

Ms. Essenwine, along with community volunteers Chappy Young, Jennifer Williamson and Steven Swann, who are sporting clay experts and big supporters of the Kiwanis goal of building the special needs park, are coordinating the civic organization's second Kiwanis Clay Shoot Challenge sponsored by Steven Swann — Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

Straight shooters and novices will have an opportunity to test their marksmanship at the sporting clay tournament, to be held at the South Florida Shooting Club in Palm City on Saturday, Nov. 9, from noon to 5 p.m.

The fundraising event provides an oppor-

tunity to participate in a fun and unique sporting clay shoot at an exclusive members-only shooting club nestled amidst 600 acres of rural land in western Martin County. Participants will test their shooting skills at 14 overlooks on the club's 40 shooting stations.

The event also includes lunch, and following the shoot a cocktail reception, dinner and Chinese and silent auctions will be held as well as an opportunity to buy raffle tickets to win a "luxury" all-terrain vehicle and a shotgun.

New this year is an opportunity to participate in "Gnat" shooting where participants will have an opportunity to shoot down small, high speed, maneuverable, radio controlled airplanes.

Most importantly, all proceeds from the event will help Kiwanis Club of Stuart stay on target with the construction of an inclusive playground at Kiwanis Park. Located in downtown Stuart, the addition of this specialized playground equipment at the popular park will better accommodate children with disabilities.

Last year, 70 participants from beginners to expert level participated in the event and helped raise \$32,000 towards the completion of the inclusive playground. This year, Kiwanis hopes to attract 100 participants and increase their fundraising level.

Features of the inclusive playground will include wide ramps, slides, a smooth rub-

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Tyler Wall, 12, and Andrew Gordon, 13, both of Vero Beach's troop 513, learn how to provide life-saving CPR.

The Treasure Coast District, Boy Scouts of America, conducts an Emergency Response exercise at the Treasure Coast Public Safety Complex at the Indian River State College on Saturday, Sept. 21. The drill was conducted by the Fire Academy and Emergency Management Department which donated their time and skills to guide the participants in all aspects of emergency preparedness, first aid, and fire safety. Registered Boy Scout Merit Badge instructors were on hand to help the staff, and certify the skills for scout credit.

Blues

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speak. Our Blues Alliance family of members has volunteered to make this one of the greatest Playoff events in our history," said Patti Gamble, Blues Alliance's president. "Behind the scenes are some of the best members, professionals and musicians that money can't buy."

The competing bands are: Katie Schanze, youth showcase, 4p.m.; Big Jim Adam, solo, 5 p.m.; Mark Telesca

and Allen Gibbs, Blues Dragon duo, 6 p.m.; Joel Zoss, solo, 7 p.m.; intermission, 8 p.m.; The Rockin' Jake Band, 8:30 p.m.; The Pitbull of Blues Band, 9:30 p.m.; and The Kat Riggins Band, 10:30 p.m..

In order to compete, bands must be playing blues on a regular basis. Blues' societies across the country hold these local playoffs with timed judging to simulate participation in the IBC. Participants can be a band, or a solo, duo or youth act.

The categories judged

are: blues' content, vocals, instrumental talent, originality, and stage presence. The Playoff national judges are highly qualified and hand-picked because of their blues' knowledge and their credibility in performing or for their work in the music industry.

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took me to Island Dunes Country Club on South Ocean Drive in Jensen Beach. Located about 3.5

miles north of the round-about at Jensen Beach Boulevard and State Road A1A, this track offers a nice get-away from the normal. Island Dunes plays to a par of 31 from four sets of tees and measures from 1,738 yards to 2,126 yards long. There are four par-4s and five par-3s. While there is no driving range at the course, there are a few sets of tees and nets for those wanting to get in a few full swings before heading to the first tee.

The first hole may be the most difficult par-3s on the course. Playing anywhere from 113- to 170- yards and playing due east, you can find yourself hitting anything from a wedge to a middle iron or hybrid depending on how the wind is blowing.

One of my buddies reports that when he plays a second nine the wind sometimes picks up so much in just a couple hours that he has to hit two to three clubs more

just to get to the green. The second hole is your first par-4. In addition to being the shortest of the par-4s, this hole also has the widest fairway. If you struggle to get the ball on the fairway here, you need to watch out for the mangroves and wetlands the rest of your round.

The third hole is a beautiful par-3. Measuring just 106 yards from the back, there is no excuse for missing the green here. If you do, you will find a challenging pitch or chip or bunker shot to a severely sloped green.

After a couple more par-3s and a short par-4, you come to the most challenging par-4 on the course, the 360-yard seventh. You tee shot here must hug the left side of the fairway or you will be blocked out and forced to hit a blind approach to a small green. Also, the longer your drive is, the narrower the fairway becomes and you become more likely to find a bunker or waste area. If you

miss this green, you are better off if your ball lands left or short of the green. The par-3 eighth is Island Dunes signature hole, and it is beautiful. In fact, the ride along the raised wooden bridge through the mangroves to the tee is soothing by itself.

Playing to 145- yards from the back tees, your tee shot must carry the mangroves and wetlands and land on a green that is only about 45-feet deep with the Indian River sitting behind. It's an intimidating shot, as you have to take in the wind, the carry over the hazard, and yet try not to hit the ball onto the beach beyond.

The finishing hole is a beautiful, but frightfully narrow, 353-yard par-4 that runs along the river. The more you hug the river side of the fairway, the better your angle will be for your approach. A quirky feature of this hole is a short "Green Monster" wall that runs along the mangroves down

the right side as you near the green. If you hit your tee shot far enough, you can play the carom and find your ball back in the fairway with a short wedge to a well-protected green.

Island Dunes may not have monster yardage to intimidate the best players, but it does have very undulating greens and some narrow areas that will penalize wayward shots. Best of all, it's an easy course to walk, and with the breeze off the ocean or the river, it's a pleasurable way to enjoy a round. There is also public beach access just a few hundred yards away, so you can drop off the non-golfers for some beach time while you get in a quick nine.

For more information, contact Island Dunes Country Club at (772) 229-2739.

James Stammer has been an avid golfer and golf enthusiast for nearly 40 years. Contact him at stammeregolf@yahoo.com.

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Football season brings opportunity for sustainable festivities

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

TREASURE COAST — With football season upon us, tailgating parties abound; but with the fun of cheering for the home team comes a lot of unnecessary waste. Waste Management of Treasure Coast offers tips to the community on how to go green when tailgating.

"We love football season and all the festivities surrounding it, but we like to encourage more green prac-

tices that folks often don't think about," said Teresa Chandler, Community Relations of Waste Management of Treasure Coast.

Ms. Chandler said there are simple things any fan can do to green a tailgate, like:

- Knowing what is recyclable and what is not. For instance, glass and plastic bottles, aluminum cans and cardboard are often recyclable, but other items — like foam cups — may not be.
- Using your reusable bags

for shopping and when bringing items to and from the party.

• Buying tailgating supplies in bulk and ensuring they're made with recycled content. You'll reduce packaging waste, save money and rest easy knowing that these items can probably be recycled again.

• Purchasing reusable and unbreakable cups, dishes, utensils and cloth napkins. If you must buy one-use items, use paper-based plates and cups that are compostable.

- Bringing reusable water bottles and large thermoses for beverages.
- Barbecuing with natural

products made from environmentally friendly sources or all natural, chemical-free charcoal.

• Making your food and beverages from local ingredients. Buying from the community supports the local economy and reduces the emissions and packaging needed for transporting products from greater distances.

"We wish everyone lots of fun this football season and remind them, no matter what colors their team sports, to think green," said Ms. Chandler.

For more information, visit www.wm.com.

OBITUARY

Bruce Harding Hoffmann

Bruce Harding Hoffmann, 92, of Stuart, died Sept. 14, 2013.

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Clay

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ber ground surface, interactive play stations, tables and a special swing - all equipment is designed to accommodate wheelchairs.

"This will be the first and only playground of its kind in our area," said Suzy Hutcheson, president of Kiwanis Club of Stuart. "It will allow children with and without disabilities to play together and interact instead of being separated."

The park is estimated to

cost between \$175,000 and \$200,000 to complete. Kiwanis Club of Stuart has been raising funds for the initiative for more than a year and will begin construction by the end of the year.

The goal is to raise enough funds from The Kiwanis Challenge Clay Shoot to complete the entire addition to the park. In addition to raising funds from the Kiwanis Challenge, playground equipment is also available for sponsorship.

The cost to participate in

the Kiwanis Challenge is \$200 per shooter. Sponsorships start at \$1,000 and include a squad of four.

Tickets for the cocktail reception and dinner can also be purchased separately for \$50 each. Raffle tickets and event reservations can be purchased online at www.kiwanisclubofstuart.org, directly from Kiwanis members or at GCY Professional Surveyors & Mappers, 1505 S.W. Martin Highway, Palm City.

For information, call Barbara Essenwine at (772) 286-8083.

Out

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ages. For more information, call (772) 287-3244 or visit www.StMarys-Stuart.org.

MONDAY, SEPT. 30

• **Martin County Preservation Month kickoff:** 5 p.m., Stuart Heritage Museum, 161 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. Free gathering to celebrate the start of Historic Preservation Month. For more information on the Historic Preservation Board and Historic Preservation Month, visit www.martin.fl.us.

• **Civil Rights: Morris Dees vs. George Wallace:** 2:30 p.m., Robert Morgade Library, 5851 S.E. Community Drive, Stuart. For more information, call (772) 221-1403 or visit www.library.martin.fl.us.

• **"Resources for Community-based Mental Health Crisis"** will be the topic when the Martin County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, at the Pittenger Center, St. Mary Episcopal Church, East Ocean and Amerigo St., Stuart. The program is open to the public. Presenters will be Anne Posey, New Horizons Treasure Coast division director of Crisis Stabilization Services, and Cymantha Bryce, resident advocate at Treasure Coast Forensic Center and Crisis Intervention Training coordinator. NAMI's Martin County Chapter, recently reorganized, is researching the promotion of local Crisis Intervention Training. CIT is a program that helps law enforcement personnel learn ways to deal effectively with situations involving mental illness. For more information, call (772)

286-5507.

MONDAY, SEPT. 30 – TUESDAY, OCT. 1

• **'Becoming Traviata' art cinema presentation:** Showing at the Lyric Theatre, 59 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. Showings at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 7 p.m. on both dates. Philippe Béziat's movie focuses on the reinvention of Verdi's masterpiece, "La Traviata." 112 minutes, not rated. Call the box office at (772) 286-7827 or visit lyrictheatre.com.

THURSDAY, OCT. 3

• **Drag Queen Bingo Bonanza:** Shows at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at Crush Wine and Liquor Bar, 100 Dixie Highway, downtown Stuart. The sultry and sassy Beneva Fruitville and her partner Tamiami Trails are the stars for this themed theatrical event with two rounds of bingo. Audience members will enjoy the antics and interaction with the wisecracking comic duo. Tickets are \$20-40. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Artists for a Cause. For more information or tickets, visit <http://www.bbjonesspr.com/Dr-ag-Queen-Bingo.html>

FRIDAY, OCT. 4

• **'Nature Underwater' exhibit reception:** 6:30 p.m., Kimbell Center Gallery at Jonathan Dickinson State Park, 16450 S.E. Federal Highway, Hobe Sound. The reception will include an announcement of "Best of Show" and a guest speaker, Dr. Michael Heithaus, of Florida International University, will speak about the behaviors and interactions of bull sharks in the Loxahatchee River and other estuarine

systems. The exhibition runs from Sept. 28 through Nov. 17. To RSVP for the reception, contact Libby Reinert at (561) 745-5551 or email libby.reinert@dep.state.fl.us.

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

• **"Walk A Mile in Her Shoes!"** Annual walk, held in downtown Stuart, to benefit SafeSpace and raise awareness about domestic violence. A crowd of men of all ages will slip out of their everyday shoes and slip into the four-inch red stiletto walkers will wear during the event, to support everyone who has ever been affected by domestic violence. Cost is a minimum donation of \$50 per walker, which includes stilletos to wear in the walk, or \$10 per student walker. Pre-registered walkers will receive an event T-shirt. Sponsor opportunities are still available. Call SafeSpace at (772) 223-2399 or visit www.safespace-fl.org/events-for-information.

• **Environmental Studies Center open house:** Free open house, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with lectures by author Mary E. Dawson at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Celebrating the building's 75th anniversary, and the Center's 40th anniversary. The Center is located at 2900 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. For more information, call (772) 219-1187.

• **Bahamian Connection Festival:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., New Monrovia Park, 4455 S.E. Murray Street, Port Salerno (across from Murray Middle School). Parade at 10 a.m. Great food and entertainment, including a kickoff parade featuring Junkanoo dancers, singing, steel drums, and DJ. Contact Ashley at (772) 834-5336, LaRonda Gray at (772) 634-4995, or Gloria McHardy at (772) 287-6327.

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