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COMPUTE THIS SEAN MCCARTHY

One of the features that make laptop computers so appealing is the fact that they are portable. With a laptop you are free to roam where you want to.

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And with free wireless "hot spots" popping up all over the place the possibilities are endless – you can

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WEEKEND WEATHER



Friday: Partly cloudy; high: 90; low: 75; high tide: 6:37 a.m.; low tide: 12:44 p.m.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, chance of storms; high: 91; low: 75; high tide: 7:36 a.m.; low tide: 1:39 p.m.

Sunday: Partly cloudy; high: 90; low: 75; high tide: 8:32 a.m.; low tide: 2:33 p.m.
Weather courtesy of weather.com

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Stuart woman receives childfree contributor award

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY — A Martin County resident has received a lifetime achievement award for being a pioneer in the controversial childfree movement begun in the 1970s.

The members of the International Committee for celebrating Aug. 1 as Childfree Day annually honor an exemplary man and woman for their contributions to the childfree community.

This year the organization honored 71-year-old Marcia Drut-Davis of Stuart with its inaugural Lifetime Contributor Award for her tireless efforts promoting

the childfree lifestyle. Laura Carroll, committee member and author of "The Baby Matrix," says Ms. Drut-Davis deserved more than just an annual award.

"We couldn't say she's been exemplary for this past year when it's been most of her life," Ms. Carroll said.

A native New Yorker of Jewish descent raised as a humanist, Ms. Drut-Davis gained notoriety in 1974 when she and her former husband decided to equivocally tell his parents that they would not be producing any grandchildren for them. The conversation was filmed to

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Marcia Drut-Davis

Splashing around



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Ashlie McCabe of Palm City holds Keegan, her 15 month old son, as they cool off at Sailfish Splash Waterpark in Stuart on Saturday, Aug. 2.

Area Tai-Chi instructor gains fame

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

TREASURE COAST —To see someone practicing Tai Chi on the Treasure Coast is almost like seeing a Samurai warrior walking down the streets of Manhattan.

People seeing someone for the first time practicing Tai Chi in the Far East or in San Francisco's China Town usually do a double-take, but to see someone in Stuart performing the ancient martial art seems even more of a culture shock. The practitioners seem to be in a trance, moving in slow motion in a sort of hypnotic dance.

That same sight is now becoming more common in Stuart thanks to Song-Tso Chen, who opened the area's

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