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Wheeee!



Photo courtesy of MaryAnn Ketcham

Although summer camp is in session at the Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast, the facility remains open for play and is available for planned field trips. They were recently visited by the kids from Frontline for Kids, a Fort Pierce organization that focuses on academics, recreation, Reality Therapy Counseling and nutrition. Visit ChildrensMuseumTC.org for more information
Shown: here comes Javian Harris, headfirst down the slide.

County gives preliminary nod to clay shooting regulations

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

STUART — The majority of the Martin County Commission supports adding new rules on clay shooting ranges to the Land Development Regulations so the South Florida Shooting Club can develop a clay shooting course on a 41-acre piece of its land on the western edge of Martin

County.

Commissioners voted 3-2 June 12 to accept staff recommendations on the amendment to the LDRs, which includes a description of the sport and a minimum lot size of 50 acres, a formal site plan including firing positions and shot fall zones and demonstrated compliance with all state and

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County once again approves Rio Town Center

Commission still divided over environmental impact and county oversight

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

STUART — For nearly two decades, the citizens of Rio have expressed their desire to have a new development on the site of the former Rio Village Mobile Home Park in hopes of injecting new life to the community, but Martin County Commissioners still struggle with the proposal on the site.

The crash of the housing market and the state's decision to reconstruct State Road 707 only helped to further delay proposals on the 10-acre site, which first began with the Stuart Harbour Yacht Club in 2007. Over the decade since, the property has changed hands and the multi-phase project morphed into the Stuart Harbor/Rio Town Center, passing through seemingly dozens of Neighborhood Action Committee meetings and other public hearings and going through several revisions.

Growth Management Department Planner Catherine Riiska recommended approval June 12 for the latest changes to the proposal to the first phase. She

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SATURDAY, JUNE 23

• **Aaron Vaughn Memorial Frogman Swim & Run:** An open water swim & run to honor Aaron Vaughn, a member of DEVGRU (SEAL Team VI), who was killed in action on Aug. 6, 2011 when a Chinook helicopter crashed in Afghanistan. From its inception, the swim was designed to honor Aaron by raising money to care for children who have lost a parent fighting for our country. Run begins at 7 a.m., swim opening ceremony is at 9 a.m. For more information on the charity or to register, visit www.operation300.com.



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• **'It Takes a Village':** 2-3 p.m., Blake Library, Stuart. Every other Sunday, enjoy an hour of conversation, self expression, and exploration. Topics related to motherhood and infancy will be discussed in an open format, with focus on creating a non-judgmental and open-minded space for all to share. Information regarding local and national resources related to early childhood will also be discussed. Lap babies always welcome. Free, sponsored by the Friends of the Martin County Library System, Inc. For more information, call (772) 288-5702 or visit library.martin.fl.us.

• **ECK Light and Sound service:** "Who am I? Why am I here?" 11 a.m. to noon, Eckankar Center of the Treasure Coast, 541 S.E. Central Parkway, Stuart. The public is invited. For more information, call (772) 223-1188 or visit www.Eck-Florida.org.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

• **Celebrate Recovery:** Each Tuesday at The Grace Place, 1550 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. Meant for help in dealing with any type of hurts, hang-ups or habits. Dinner at 6 p.m., large group meeting at 7 p.m., open share groups at 8 p.m., Cross Talk Cafe at 9 p.m. For more information, call (772) 288-3593.

• **Overeaters Anonymous meeting:** Tuesdays, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 623 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, in Smith Hall next to the Cracker Barrel Thrift Shop. No dues, fees or weigh-in. See CALENDAR, page 7

Community notes

Partial parking closures at Jensen Beach June 23 for Aaron Vaughn Memorial Frogman Swim and Run

On Saturday, June 23, Operation 300 will host the Aaron Vaughn Memorial Frogman Swim and Run event at Jensen Beach. Parking lots on the south end of the park will be closed to the public from 6 a.m. to noon. Parking lots located at the north end of Jensen Beach will remain open to the public. Motorists are encouraged to exercise caution and expect minor delays during the event.

For more information about this parking closure please contact Carlos Morales, Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator at cmorales@martin.fl.us or at (772) 221-1430. To learn more about the event, visit <http://bit.ly/AaronVaughnFrogmanSwim>.

Find more information on Parks and Recreation's facilities, special events, activities and programs at www.LoveMCParks.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MyMCParks.

Regular water system maintenance scheduled in Indiantown

There will be water system maintenance procedures performed during the two week period between Monday, June 25 and Monday, July 9. During this time, the Indiantown Company Utilities Department will be switching water disinfection methods from the use of Chloramines, a disinfectant made from chlorine and ammonia, to the use of free chlorine.

Free chlorine is a stronger germ-killer, but sometimes leaves a chlorine taste or smell in tap water. This change is a normal procedure to help ensure that potentially harmful microbes do not develop in the water system.

With the exception of tropical fish, free chlorine generally is not harmful to humans and pets. However, it's lethal to the most stubborn types of bacteria and viruses. It prevents them from building a resistance to chloramines.

These temporary conditions will not be harmful to your health, however, if you are on kidney dialysis, you should consult your physician for special instructions concerning this matter. If you have tropical fish or aquatic animals, you should contact your local tropical fish store for advice and take appropriate action to properly treat the water before adding it to your aquarium.

Please note that utility personnel will be flushing hydrants during this time and it may cause the water to become cloudy and discolored. This is a temporary condition and should not last more than a few hours. Because of the taste change, some people may See NOTES, page 20



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School test scores show progress

By Mike Winikoff

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TREASURE COAST — The Florida Department of Education released test scores on June 14. In most cases, with a few notable exceptions, Treasure Coast schools showed improvement that mirrored statewide gains.

For the Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts, the statewide percentage of students achieving a “satisfactory” Level 3 score rose from 53 to 54 percent from 2017 to 2018.

Indian River County remained under the state average but showed a similar one point increase from 51-52 percent. Martin County was above the statewide average but showed a decrease from 59-58 percent. St. Lucie County was below the state average but showed the greatest improvement on the Treasure Coast, from 48-50 percent.

In mathematics, the statewide improvement was one point, from 59-60 percent.

Indian River showed the largest math improvement in the area, rising from 56-59 percent, but still one point below state average. St. Lucie rose two points from 52-54 percent. Martin had the best passing rate by far but the lowest improvement, rising from 66-67 percent.

The statewide improvement was greatest in grade 5 science, rising from 51-55 percent. Each Treasure Coast district showed similar gains. Indian River rose from 48-54 percent. Martin rose from 50-54 percent. St. Lucie rose from 43-50 percent.

For grade 8 science, the statewide gain was two points, from 50-52 percent.

Indian River tripled that improvement, rising from 47-53 percent. Martin rose from

54-57 percent. St. Lucie rose from 46-49 percent.

The social studies numbers were less consistent. In civics, the statewide scores improved from 69-71 percent. But Indian River showed a five point drop, from 70-65 percent. Martin showed an above average increase, from 71-79 percent. St. Lucie increased two points from 69-71 percent.

In U.S. history, the statewide scores improved from 67-68, but Martin dropped one point from 75-74 percent, still far above the state average. Indian River increased from 69-70, and St. Lucie increased one point also, from 62-63.

“We applaud the work of our teachers and students,” said Indian River County Superintendent Dr. Mark Rendell. “A year’s worth of teaching and learning are not necessarily represented in these test scores, but they are the measure that the state uses. We do have reason to celebrate several areas of accomplishment. Overall, as a district, our scores improved in English Language Arts, Math, and Science. Some of the increases were significant. For example, both 5th Grade and 8th Grade Science saw increases of six points. Probably the most impressive was a 14-point increase in Algebra 1, which put us above the state average. Our Curriculum and Instruction Department focused on some of these areas and it has paid off.”

In St. Lucie County, Superintendent E. Wayne Gent attributed the growth to the individualized support students receive. “I commend our teachers, administrators, and staff,” Superintendent Gent said. “Overall, the vast majority of our students are making gains, and we are continuing our positive trends which is a credit to our outstanding staff.”

The Florida Department of Education analyzed the achievement gap between African American, Hispanic, and white students. Commissioner Pam Stewart said that in grades 3-10, the percentage of African American students passing the English Language Arts assessment increased by one percentage point, while the percentage of Hispanic students passing increased by two percentage points. Both groups, Commissioner Stewart said, narrowed the achievement gap with their white counterparts.

Commissioner Stewart said the percentage of economically disadvantaged students in grades 3-8 passing the Mathematics assessments increased by two percentage points, while African American students, Hispanic students, and students with disabilities each increased performance by one percentage point.

In Algebra 1, Hispanic students increased the percentage of students passing the assessment by two percentage points. Economically disadvantaged students increased their performance by two percentage points, and African American students and students with disabilities increased their performance by one percentage point.

In Geometry, Hispanic students increased the percentage passing by four points. Economically disadvantaged students increased their performance by four percentage points, and African American students increased the percentage passing by three percentage points.

For more information about the test results, visit www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/results/2018.stml.

For Martin County, visit www.martin-schools.org.



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It is illegal to fertilize your lawn in the summer

By Mike Winikoff

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TREASURE COAST — From June 1-Sept. 30, it is illegal to fertilize your lawn in St. Lucie and Martin counties. While there are some exemptions for specific businesses like golf courses and farms, and there are a few fertilizers that are safe to use during the summer, the general rule is to simply avoid fertilizing for a few months.

The purpose of the ban is to protect the Indian River Lagoon from the harmful excess nutrients that get washed from your lawn during the rainy season. The law also regulates what types of fertilizer can be used

the rest of the year.

St. Lucie County passed its ordinance in 2014. The city of Port St. Lucie has a similar ordinance, as does Fort Pierce. Both were passed in 2014.

Martin County's ordinance took effect in 2011, amended and strengthened in 2014.

While the various ordinances contain some differences regarding exemptions, licensing, and specific fertilizer content, the general principles are the same.

Through the end of September, do not fertilize with any product containing nitrogen or phosphorous. Both of these nutrients are illegal during the rainy season for both turf grass and landscape plants.

St. Lucie County's ordinance allows phosphorus products to be applied only if a soil test indicates a deficiency.

There are "Florida-friendly" yard products containing iron and other micronutrients that you can use, and you can compost. To be in compliance, the fertilizer must contain no phosphorous. The fertilizer content is listed on each label as three numbers. This corresponds to the percentage of nitrogen, phosphorous, and potash, respectively, or N-P-K.

Another general rule is that fertilizer should never be applied within 10 feet of any wetland or water body, or from the top of a seawall. Spreader deflector shields are required when fertilizing using rotary spreaders.

Martin County's ordinance is even stronger, requiring a 25-foot fertilizer-free buffer from all water bodies.

Fertilizer may not be applied, spilled, or otherwise deposited on any impervious surfaces. Fertilizer must be kept out of stormwater drains, ditches, and all water bodies. Grass clippings, vegetative material or debris must also be kept out of stormwater drains, ditches, water bodies, wetlands, sidewalks and roadways.

Commercial fertilizer applicators are required to carry in their possession evidence that they have completed a training program in the "Florida-friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water



Resources by the Green Industries" offered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the University of Florida Extension "Florida-Friendly Landscapes" program, or an approved equivalent.

Even outside the ban period, you should never fertilize before a rain. Rain does not set in fertilizer, it just washes it away. And you should only use fertilizers that contain at least 50 percent slow release nitrogen and that contain no phosphorous. Florida soils are naturally rich in phosphorous.

Stormwater officials recommend fertilizing only twice a year, in October near the end of the growing season, and in April at the start of the growing season. Better yet, replace grass and exotic plants with Florida native plants that require little or no fertilizing.

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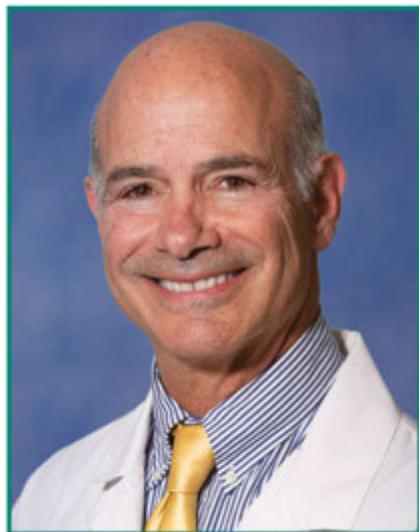
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Editor's note: This is a list of arrests, not convictions, and all arrestees are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in a court of law.

Arrests listed were made June 7 through June 14.

Stuart Police Department

- Corey Sean Cirillo, 39, of Stuart, was charged with grand theft and with retail theft.
- Charles Glover, 69, of Stuart, was charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver, with two counts of possession of controlled substance, with possession of ammunition by convicted felon, and with possession or use of drug paraphernalia.
- Tharo Kiwon Shanks, 40, of Stuart, was charged with possession of controlled substance.
- Thomas Gerald Thompson, 44, of Stuart, was charged with possession, sale, manufacture, or delivery of controlled substance within 1,000 feet of public or private school, with possession of marijuana - more than 20

Police report

- grams, and with possession of cannabis - under 20 grams.
- Justin Meres Richard, 30, of Fort Pierce, was charged with possession of concealed weapon, electric weapon or device, with possession of marijuana - more than 20 grams, with possession of cannabis - under 20 grams, and with possession or use of drug paraphernalia.
 - Nekoda Jashen Hill, 24, of Stuart, was charged with grand theft.
 - Cynthia Theresa Yacysn, 57, of Stuart, was charged with three counts of possession of controlled substance and with possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

Martin County Sheriff's Office

- Cassie Renee Adams, 21, of Jensen Beach, was charged with burglary of structure or conveyance - with assault or battery during burglary.
- Robert Arn Brower, 31, homeless, was charged with unarmed robbery.
- Logan Kenneth Brumley, no age or address listed, was charged with two counts of aggravated assault with deadly weapon, with aggravated battery, with aggravated battery with deadly weapon, with battery, and with resisting arrest without violence.
- Michael Joseph Civitella, 25, of Lake Worth, was charged with possession of controlled substance.
- Nicholas Matthew Copeland, 41, of Hobe Sound, was charged with dealing in

- stolen property, with grand theft - property valued \$300-\$5,000, and with giving false ownership information to a pawnbroker.
- Brian Daniel Corea, 24, of Miami, was charged with possession of controlled substance, with possession of cannabis - under 20 grams, and with possession or use of drug paraphernalia.
 - Leiddy DeJesus Estevez, 36, of Stuart, was charged with tampering with a witness and with criminal mischief.
 - Bryan Michael Granlund, 33, of Hobe Sound, was charged with three counts of possession of controlled substance.
 - Albert Bernard Johnson, 38, of Stuart, was charged with unarmed robbery, with possession of controlled substance, with sale of controlled substance, and with unlawful use of two-way communication device to facilitate a felony.
 - Guillermo Salmon Perez, 40, of Jupiter, was charged with failure to stop after crash involving death or personal injury, with failure to stop at crash involving injuries, with leaving the scene of a crash involving property damage, with giving false identification to law enforcement, and with driving while license suspended/revoked.
 - Caitlin Marie Sposato, 32, of Charlotte, N.C., was charged with burglary and with contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a child.
 - Jacob Edward Carr, 29, of Stuart, was charged with possession of controlled substance, with possession of cannabis - under 20 grams, and with possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

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- Wilner Sanon, 19, of Lake Worth, was charged with three counts of corruption by threat against public servant, with driving under the influence, and with driving while license suspended/revoked.
- Yvonne Spinato, 65, of Palm City, was charged with possession of controlled substance and with unlawful use of two-way communication device to facilitate a felony.
- Andrew Feriola, 52, of Stuart, was charged with aggravated battery.
- Aaron Sylvester Green, 26, of Port St. Lucie, was charged with possession of controlled substance and with driving while license suspended/revoked.
- Robert John Osgoodby, 23, of Fort Pierce, was charged with possession of controlled substance, with possession of cannabis - under 20 grams, and with possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

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Representatives need to do their job

A long time ago an Ann Lander's column gave this advice: If you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem. The solution is easy - contact your 'representatives' about your issues of concern.

The current U.S. administration and congress needs to answer to us, their constituents: that is their job: to represent the people who elected them. They need to be accountable to us and to make sure that happens, we have to be part of the solution.

Environmental and consumer protection issues affect all of us. The Consumer Protection Bureau has gone the way of Pruitt's Environmental Protection Agency --- neglecting or forgetting the most important part of the agencies' titles: Protection. They have not been doing their job.

We need to tell them (via phone, fax, mail, email or in person) what we expect of them, ask them: "Will you be a voice and a force for protection for consumers and for our environment? Will you be holding Town Hall Meetings? If so, when, where? If not, why not?" Town Hall Meetings are where representatives actually meet and converse with their constituents. Does your representative do that?

13 State Constitution amendments

The first two times I saw the amendments published in a local newspaper, I read through the article twice - once incredulously - the second more studiously and took notes to try to understand what was being proposed - to no avail.

The June 15, 2018 edition of the Hometown News was the third publication I've seen. There is no understanding or reasoning behind these proposals presented as

they are, other than to confuse, obfuscate, and trick voters into voting for some things / rules no one wants, and no legislator wants to be blamed for. This is an example of government at it's worst.

I STRONGLY urge every voter to vote "NO" on all 13 items. None of these need to be elevated to the level of incorporation into the state's constitution, but should be addressed individually by the legislature, where each elected official must take a public stand for or against each item. Vote "NO" to the process which only serves to benefit, via power and/or money, to a few, and takes rights / power away from the people of the state of Florida.

Why set up even more new homes?

I find it ironic that the City Council of Sebastian just agreed to increase the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) for double the current rate without any proven statistics to justify that increase. They claim that the infrastructure needs to be repaired, in the near future, then vote to add 500 new homes to these storm drains they claim need repair.

As for the building of new homes in Sebastian I am not aware of any follow up on the inspection or relocation of any Gopher Tortoises in my neighborhood where several new homes have been built. The contractors just came in with their bulldozers and plowed all the foliage and trees down. Now, Sebastian has approved zoning for another 500 new homes. What are they thinking? Drive down most streets in Sebastian and you will find many older homes for sale. Some of these homes have been for sale for months and/or years. Drive around and you will see many vacant areas where developments were started and left unfinished. We have many empty or nearly empty strip malls and Sebastian is allowing new strip

Summer fun



Nine year-old Jovy Duprey climbs towards the top of the carrot during a visit to the Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast.

Photo courtesy of MaryAnn Ketcham

malls be constructed. From my perspective the only ones who benefit from all this needless construction are the construction companies and the City of Sebastian. Maybe it's time for the people we elected to represent us give us a say in what they seem to think is good for our community.

Use bats and fish against pests

The rain has been good for mosquitoes. But our first line of defense should not be poisoning the environment.

Make sure there is no standing water in the neighborhoods. Ponds can be stocked with fish (e.g., Gambusia) that eat mosquito eggs and larvae.

Put up a bat house. One bat can eat more than 1,000 mosquitoes in one night. Poison should be the last and little used option.

Someone else's life depends on you driving safe

Driving in Florida has added to my peeves.

Making a stop at a "stop" sign means you stop before the sign then proceed with caution.

The rod on the left side of the steering wheel is your turn signal. Most Florida drivers don't know it exists.

To all our "disabled persons" with a parking identification permit you place on your mirror: if you read it, it states "remove before driving vehicle." This is so it does not block your vision.

As far as MPH signs . . . no one reads them. They drive at what ever speed they want.

I could go but I'll end by saying drive safe . . . someone's life depends on you.

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It is wonderful to have a newspaper that addresses our community. Whenever I need or want something to do, I know exactly where to go thanks to the Hometown News.

I only wish you could run more of the calendar so I could make plans further in advance. But that is such a minor issue.

Keep up the good work.

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Looking for a home

Frankie is a boisterous 2 year old Labrador Retriever mix who came to The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast at the end of February as a stray. Thanks to a day out of the shelter with an amazing volunteer family, we now know a bit more about how he is in a home environment.



It seems that Frankie may be at least partially house trained- no accidents were had! While Frankie can be a bit of a wild-child on walks here at the shelter, he had amazing manners on walks around the neighborhood. A few very loud noises he encountered on his adventure spooked him a little, but who isn't scared of loud nail guns when you don't know what a nail gun is?

Frankie is also dog selective here at the shelter but he was able to see multiple different dogs without any reaction. He is also extremely people friendly, smart, and curious. Extra bonus - his adoption has been sponsored!

If Frankie sounds like the perfect fit for your home, come visit him at the HSTC main shelter or view him online at hstc1.org.

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For more information, call (772) 263-2109 or visit oa.org.

• **Tuesday Night Car Show:** 6:30-8:30 p.m., each Tuesday, weather permitting, in the Lowe's parking lot, 3620 S.E. Federal Highway, Stuart. Antique, collector and classic cars, plus raffles and 50/50 drawing, and music from the '50s and '60s. Food and drinks also available. Show is free to spectators, \$3 for car owners. For more information, contact Jim Serra at (772) 285-3320 or jimserra117@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

• **Faith and Book Discussion Group:** 10 a.m. every Wednesday, Unitarian Universalists of the Treasure Coast, 21 S.E. Central Parkway, Stuart. Non-denominational group. Books are available at a discount through the group. Free, public is welcome. For more information, visit www.tcuuc.com.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

• **Jammin' Jensen:** 6-9:30 p.m., every Thursday night in downtown Jensen Beach except for Thanksgiving. For more information, visit www.jensenbeach.biz.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

• **Senior Day:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hobe Sound Public Library, presented by In His Love Ministries. Information on forms of transportation, food banks, senior discounts, useful phone numbers, plus games, crafts, exercises for sitting and standing, samples, healthy recipes, speakers, more. For more

information, call (772) 631-7550.

MONDAY, JULY 2 – FRIDAY, JULY 6

• **Junior Naturalist Camp:** Ever wonder what it is like to be a naturalist at Hobe Sound Nature Center? In this new camp, learn how to care for the resident teaching animals, interact with guests, and learn how to identify local plants and wildlife on the trail. The camp is open to all students ages 10-14, and is a two day program, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Registration is \$50 per student. No transportation is provided. Space is limited, and you may register for one two-day program: either Monday and Tuesday, July 1 and July 2, or Thursday and Friday, July 5 and July 6; there are no events on Wednesday, July 4. For more information, call (772) 546-2067 or visit http://hobesoundnature-center.com/event_calendar

TUESDAY, JULY 3

• **Celebrate Recovery:** Each Tuesday at The Grace Place, 1550 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. Meant for help in dealing with any type of hurts, hang-ups or habits. Dinner at 6 p.m., large group meeting at 7 p.m., open share groups at 8 p.m., Cross Talk Cafe at 9 p.m. For more information, call (772) 288-3593.

• **Overeaters Anonymous meeting:** Tuesdays, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 623 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, in Smith Hall next to the Cracker Barrel Thrift Shop. No dues, fees or weigh-in. For more information, call (772) 263-2109 or visit oa.org.

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Beware of scammers!

It seems like just when you think you've got things figured out, the scammers go and change the rules! An alarming trend lately in computer scams is the growing practice of actual 800 support numbers connecting you to people overseas intent on scamming you out of your money rather than to qualified support people who even work for the company that you are calling.

What I mean is I am seeing a lot more instances of people having problem with a product or service and then calling the 800 number for that company that is listed on their website or on their bill or whatever but instead of getting somebody that works for that company, they get someone who immediately start steering the caller into the old "Oh, your computer has been hacked and is infected with malware...." speech.

No, it hasn't been hacked, no it isn't infected with malware and no, you don't work for XYZ company! If a call ever goes in this direction, hang up or you are about to get scammed.

One on my callers was relating to me an incident where he was having a problem getting his video streaming device to



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connect to his WiFi. Now this is one of those little things that plug into your TV – it had nothing to do with his computer whatsoever but that seemed to be lost on the guy on the other end of the phone who immediately began insisting that his computer was hacked and loaded with malware and they would need to clean it before that could continue.

It used to be a pretty good rule of thumb that if you made the call, you were safe. For instance, if you get an email "from the bank" telling you your account has a problem, you call the bank yourself – you don't deal with it over email. Calling them yourself carries a good faith assumption that the number you are calling is actually going to get you to the company you are trying to call rather than scammers. It makes it feel safer to disclose private non

public information. When a big company puts an 800 support number on their website that leads to one of these scammers it makes it that much easier to fall prey.

Another trend that has been making the rounds on the internet is the "tainted link" that brings you to a fake blue screen error with a bunch of technical mumbo jumbo and an 800 number to call. The page tries to tell you your machine has suffered from a critical error or some such but the big giveaway is the 800 number – no legitimate Windows or Blue Screen Error ever ever displays a phone number!

If one day you are surfing the web, maybe checking email and suddenly your browser shows an alarming error message, you can't click out of it, you can't close it and there is a phone number to call to get it fixed, don't fall for it! If you do they will attempt to separate you from as much money as they can talk you out of.

"But what's a guy to do? You can't click out, you can't close it, the message says bad things will happen if you turn it off, so how do you get out of it when your machine gets stuck like this?"

Well first, remember the message itself is

a scam. That means you can't trust anything in the message so it's unlikely anything bad will happen if you reboot.

Rebooting will shut everything down and reset everything (essentially) and that should break you out of that loop but it doesn't have to be that sloppy. You can use the task manager to "kill" the stuck window can that should break you out of the loop and allow you to regain control of the machine. To launch task manager, "right click" on the task bar at the bottom of your Windows desktop and then left click "Start Task Manager" in the little pop up window. Then, in Task Manager, find the browser window in the list of running applications, highlight it and click the "End Task" button. You can usually find the right item in the list of running applications because it will have the offending webpage's name listed next to your browser's icon.

Once you end the task you should see the browser window finally close and you can now reboot gracefully – with a normal shut down and restart.

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

Rio

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told the Commission changes were minor to the first four mixed-use buildings housing 18 residential units and 38,039 square feet of limited retail and office adjacent to County Road 707.

"The major development master site plan and phasing plans were originally approved by the Board of County Commissioners on Aug. 4, 2015 for development of a mixed-use project to be constructed in six phases," she said. "The applicant has proposed in this Phase 1 application to make minor changes to the boundary of Phase 1 to accommodate infrastructure and installation, to shift some of the residential units between buildings and to make minor changes to building footprints, which necessitated revisions to the master site plan and phasing plan for consistency."

A Stuart attorney for developer SFI Marina Stuart TRS LLC, Bob Raines, emphasized the support of the community during the quasi-judicial hearing and insisted the proposed development complied with all county rules and regulations.

"I just wanted to again point out that we're requesting approval of a revised master site plan and phasing plan and final site plan and this is under straight zoning, so we're not asking for any variances or relief from any of the policies or rules or regulations of Martin County," he said. "It's important to understand that we're here today to just prove that we meet all the rules and regulations through competent substantial evidence and testimony. This project reflects the concept created by the neighborhood volunteers during public meetings in 2000 that eventually became part of the Rio Development Master Site Plan adopted in 2001, and it contains most of the elements desired by the neighborhood."

Commissioner Ed Fielding has opposed the project for the last few years and said he was "deeply concerned" about water quality in the St. Lucie River Estuary because the project had no plans to contain stormwater on site.

"We're spending millions of dollars to protect the estuary, the federal government's spending billions of dollars, and it looks to me like we're fixing to do something that's going to significantly adversely impact the estuary and water quality," he said. "My dedication has been water quality, and I see you

guys as a disrupter of that dedication, a major disrupter... I firmly believe you ought to fix your topography so the water goes back the other way."

Commissioner Doug Smith ultimately backed the latest changes but not before expressing concerns that the developer had not reached out to commissioners, and the county itself had not required oversight by the Community Redevelopment Agency. He also feared the project would turn out like a Jensen Beach project he said still bothered him because it ultimately failed to meet CRA criteria.

"I haven't talked to the applicant in five years," he fumed. "Since the last time this came before us, I've had no communication whatsoever with the applicant. I don't think that's good... I'm supportive of moving forward today, but I'm really struggling with the entire process and with the absolute lack of involvement at our level. I think it's unacceptable, and what concerns me is we're heading into a significant project that means a lot to Rio."

Commissioner Harold Jenkins said he understood but didn't necessarily agree with Commissioner Smith's concerns before making the motion to approve the latest changes to the project. He also admitting to

having met with the applicant and his attorney Bob Raines.

"I now understand this issue you have," he said. "I know that we can't be completely aligned, but at least I get it. I have personally spent quite a bit of time with Mr. Raines and his client and I understand this project. I've spent a lot of time with staff, and I feel very confident with it."

Commissioner Sarah Heard seconded the motion, admitting she would not have approved the original Rio Community Redevelopment Plan had she been in office at the time.

"I think it's inconsistent with the existing Rio development, and I think some of these very problems that we're talking about right now were foreseeable," she said. "But these are the rules we have now, and I've bound by law to abide by them. So whether I like this project or not, there are rules that say it's compliant. Staff has gone through due process, staff has reviewed it, and these watered-down rules we have in Rio make this project compliant."

The Commission subsequently voted to approve the changes 4-1, with Commissioner Fielding dissenting. When completed, Rio Town Center will also boast a 140-slip marina.

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Healthy Start celebrates 25th Anniversary

For Hometown News
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MARTIN COUNTY – Twenty-five years ago, Martin County's Healthy Start Coalition opened its doors. The genesis of a state-wide network of community organizations focused on reducing Florida's high infant mortality rate was a passion project of Governor Lawton Chiles and First Lady Rhea Chiles.

Celebrating the 25th anniversary was the focus of this year's Healthy Start Luncheon held May 18 at Piper's Landing Yacht Club in Palm City. Additionally, it was the first year anniversary of Executive Director Samantha Suffich.

Suffich recalled her first year with Healthy Start, which she said, came with its challenges. However, all the difficulties were handled as a collaborative effort with community members and a number of achievements were realized. Leading the list was the newly minted maternity leave policy, which allows for six weeks of paid leave. The organization hopes to be a model to other employers in the community.

Dancing with the Martin Stars in September raised \$140,000. Dr. Brian Moriarty with Loving Chiropractic, the overall winner, raised \$30,000 and has helped to create a new pilot program for chiropractic care for pregnant healthy start moms.

A doula program is being piloted through the doulas at Bell House Birth Services with significant support from Samantha, who has five years experience as a doula. The program provides emotional and physical support for expectant mothers during labor

who do not have a support person at the time of delivery. Eligible healthy start moms may be homeless, military spouses, estranged teenage mothers, or victims of domestic or sexual violence.

Additionally, the Prenatal Outreach Center expanded to Indiantown. The number of pregnant women entering prenatal care in the first trimester has increased to 73 percent from 56.9 percent since the Outreach Center's inception. In recent months, 97 percent of pregnant women and 100 percent of newborns were screened for risk factors that could lead to poor birth outcomes like premature birth, low-birth weight, and infant mortality. In Martin County, out of 1,260 babies born, more than 1000 mothers and more than 600 babies received healthy start services.

Sarah Gosney, the first director of Healthy Start, a position she held for 13 years, reminisced about the early years of the organization. She explained how each coalition provides services specifically for their area. As a result, she developed the Father & Child Resource Center.

Lisa Kieffer, manager of the Betty Moore Prenatal Outreach Center since its beginning in 2007, thanked community partners that have helped to make the Outreach Center such a success. She spoke about the services that have helped more than 1,500 women in Martin County access prenatal care. Their diaper pantry gives out nearly 10,000 diapers a month and has been an invaluable service for mothers.

Outgoing Board President Dr. Teena White was recognized for her years of service. See HEALTHY, page 11.



Shamus Gordon, Exec. Director Father and Child Resource Center, Randy Pennington, incoming board member, Dr. Teena White, immediate-past board president and Samantha Suffich, executive director. Photo courtesy of Healthy Start Coalition

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Clay

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federal regulations including a lead management plan filed with the State of Florida. Principal Planner Peter Walden provided an overview of the amendment, which he admitted was a collaborative effort between county staff and club representatives.

“The request is related to a revised final site plan application of an existing outdoor shooting range,” he said. “The existing site plan consists of a shotgun shooting range, clubhouse and associated facilities on 41.4 acres of a 645-acre parcel in western Martin County. The owner plans to establish a sporting clay course on natural areas throughout the acreage and is seeking permitting for additional buildings and site plan expansion. The amended text is proposed to clarify the parameters of a sporting clay course and provide regulations for the safe and environmentally sound operation of a sporting clay course in Martin County.”

Commissioner Ed Fielding, who cast one of the dissenting votes on the amendment, wanted clarification on safety and buffer zones since he thought 50 feet was too close to neighboring property owners for comfort.

“What I want to know is, if I own the land I was putting this in, what am I going to expect, how much buffer and safety and all of that am I going to put in?” he asked.

Mr. Walden then went into a detailed explanation on the differences between a traditional shooting range and a clay pigeon range and insisted safety would be a compo-

nent addressed during the formal site plan process.

“These are designed to be very flexible where people can take golf carts out to the woods and have mobile stations set up that would present targets in a more natural setting,” he said. “Every application would go through a site-planning process, so we would analyze their safety precautions at that time. This is an existing shooting range that’s been operating and we’ve had no complaints or incidents with safety as of yet; they seem to be a very well-run organization with a good established set of rules and regulations for their clientele.”

Commissioner Sarah Heard cast the other dissenting vote saying she preferred the longer 900-foot distance of traditional shooting ranges due to the safety aspect.

“That’s why we provide minimum standards in order to protect our residents and resources, so are we doing the best job that we can of protecting our residents and resources?” she asked. “I’m not opposed to this use, but it needs to be as safe as possible, and 50 feet away is not safe.”

Local Planning Agency Chairman Jim Moir cast the lone dissenting vote during that Board’s 3-1 recommendation for approval of the amendment last April on similar grounds.

“It’s a lot of activity and a lot of noise, and reducing the setback requirements isn’t so much just for this club, but it’s for future clubs that are going to perhaps come into this community,” he said April 19. “I think reducing setback requirements is not in the county’s best interests.”

South Florida Shooting Club General Manager Joe Fasulo attempted to allay the

fears of the dissenting commissioners during the latest meeting with a description of the limitations of shotgun shells.

“The difference between a rifle or a pistol shooting range is they’re shooting single projectiles, and the distance goes much, much further than a shotgun,” he said. “We limit the size of shot to seven-and-a-half shot, and to break a target, the maximum distance is 80 yards. You won’t break a target beyond that with seven-and-a-half shot and a shotgun. It will disperse and fall: That’s the main difference.”

Mr. Fasulo’s explanation failed to convince Commissioner Heard, who admitted the South Florida Shooting Club ran “an excellent facility.”

“There’s a world of difference between 2,500 feet and 50,” she emphasized. “We’re not designing these standards for you; we’re designing these standards for anyone who is going to be asking for permission to create a sporting clay course in Martin County. So therefore those minimum standards have to be very, very protective in order to protect everybody: to protect you and to protect the shooters and to protect the people who are off-site.”

Senior Assistant Senior County Attorney Krista Storey also jumped into the fray, telling Commissioner Heard that both the applicant and the County Commission could agree to more distance during the site approval process.

“With the agreement of the property owner and the concerns raised by the Board, property owners can agree to an additional requirements as part of a site-plan approval,” she explained. “I’ve been here 20 years, and property owners between the Board of

County Commissioners have agreed to additional requirements.”

In response to further fears expressed by Commissioner Fielding -- who said he’d been burnt by shot gun fall while quail hunting in the past -- Mr. Walden emphasized the aiming direction of hunters near the property lines.

“These firing positions may be 50 feet from the property line, but they’re faced in towards their property,” he said. “They are to carry breached weapons only, they load them when they’re in firing position and then fire in and away from the property line.”

Commissioner Doug Smith subsequently made the motion to accept staff’s recommendation on the amendment.

“I have been to this facility many times and I have no doubt that safety is the very first thing that comes to anybody’s mind,” he said. “I also have the utmost confidence in our staff that when they’re doing a final site-plan review, that they will use their best knowledge and their best understanding of the code and what’s being applied.”

Commissioner Harold Jenkins seconding the motion, and before the vote, Chairman Ciampi asked for assurance that staff felt comfortable with the safety level of the minimum distances of the amendment.

“Given the minimum lot size and the zoning and the site-planning process, we feel comfortable with it,” Mr. Walden responded.

The Commission will hold the second hearing on the clay shooting amendment during the July 10 meeting in the Commission Chambers at 2401 S.E. Monterey Road in Stuart.



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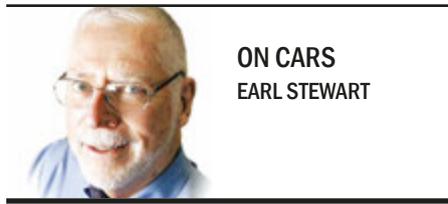
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What is "arbitration" anyway? The average person does not understand what arbitration is, much less know that they agreed to substitute this process for their right to sue when they bought their last car. Arbitration allows individuals that are employed by an arbitration company to decide who is right in a dispute, you or the

car dealer. Professional arbiters can be retired judges or anyone that the arbitration company decides is qualified. Because car dealers use the arbitration company often and because car dealers determine the compensation to these companies, there is a good chance that the arbitrators are inclined to side with "the hand that feeds it".

You can't even file for arbitration unless you write a "demand letter" to the dealer which must contain specific information as prescribed by Florida statute 501.98. This is a summary of that law:

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name and address of the dealer; a description of the facts that serve as the basis for the claim; the amount of damages; and copies of any documents in the possession of the consumer which relate to the claim. Such notice must be delivered by the United States Postal Service or by a nationally recognized carrier, return receipt requested, to the address where the subject vehicle was purchased or leased or where the subject transaction occurred, or an address at which the dealer regularly conducts business." If you would like to read the detail of this law, you can access it online at <https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2013/501.98>.

If you hire a lawyer because you believe a car dealer has taken advantage of you, you're not eligible for reimbursement of any legal fees unless you have sent the demand letter exactly as described above. Therefore most lawyers are reluctant to assist you because they know that the fees they would normally be entitled to are at risk...both because of the arbitration requirement and the demand letter.

What I've described is just one more reason why you should be extremely careful



when you buy or lease a car. In the back of our minds most of us believe that when we are doing business with a car dealer, or anybody else, if we are taken advantage of we have the right to sue to force the company to make things right. This is not true with 99.9 percent of car dealers. You should realize this and be even more careful when you purchase a car. Access my blog for articles on every facet of doing business with a car dealer. There are hundreds of articles accessible in the archives of www.EarlStewartOnCars.com. You will learn never to go car shopping alone, get all promises by the salesman in writing, spend at least two weeks researching the purchase of car, and always get at least three competitive bids on the car you're buying, your trade-in, and your financing.

Healthy

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vice to the organization since 2010. Jason Berger will succeed White as board presi-

dent. Ten-year anniversary awards were given to staff members: Ellie Duell; Jennifer Furtwangler; Elaine Gable and Lisa Kieffer.

Every year the Executive Director and Board of Directors choose a Healthy Start Hero. The Healthy Start Hero Award was

given to Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, for his actions that kept funding in place for the organization statewide. Holly Demers, his legislative assistant, accepted the award on his behalf.

Samantha and Sarah both praised Martin

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Summer safety tips from poison control center

For Hometown News
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JACKSONVILLE — As the summer temperatures increase across Florida, so do calls to poison control. The Florida/USVI Poison Information Center – Jacksonville is offering some tips to keep Floridians safe this summer.

“The summer season sees the biggest boost in calls to poison control centers, because people are enjoying the outdoors and the kids are out of school,” said director Dr. Jay L. Schauben. “This leads to an increased number of poison exposures, especially for pool chemical accidents, snake, spider, and insect bites, as well as aquatic stings.”

The poison control center staff want you to remember these summer safety tips:

Pool Chemical Safety: Calls regarding pool chemicals increase more than 70% in the summer months. - Ensure you are in a well-ventilated area when using pool chemicals. - Follow the product instructions carefully. - Do not store chemicals where flammable items may mix with them (i.e. pool

chemicals and fertilizer). - Never mix pool chemicals because it could create a toxic gas. - Always keep pool chemicals stored up and away from children.

Insect Repellent Usage: Calls regarding insect repellent double during summer months. - Read and follow product instructions carefully; some repellents are not meant to be applied to the skin. - Do not apply onto a child's hands, eyes, mouth, or cut/irritated skin; spray repellent onto adult's hands then apply to child's face. Do not spray on children's hands because they tend to rub their eyes or mouths. - Do not use combination sunscreen/insect repellent products. Sunscreen needs to be reapplied every two hours, but repellent should not be reapplied. - DEET should not be used on children younger than two months old. - After returning indoors, wash treated skin



with soap and water.

Snakes and Spider Bites: Snake and spider bite calls increase more than 30% over the summer months. - Call the poison control center at 1-800-222-1222 (or 911, if unarousable, convulsing, or stopped breathing) if you believe you have been bitten by one of the six venomous snakes of Florida: coral snake, cottonmouth (water moccasin), Eastern diamondback rattlesnake, copperhead, or canebrake (timber) rattlesnake. - If bitten by a snake, remove jewelry and tight clothes, immobilize the extremity if possible, keep affected area at or below the heart, and wash the area gently. DO NOT feed the victim, make cuts or place ice on the bitten extremity, or apply a tourniquet. - If bitten by a spider, call the poison control center immediately.

Other Outdoor Hazards: - Jellyfish and other aquatic life bite and sting calls spike nearly 40% during summer. At the beach, bring a spray bottle with vinegar in it in case of jellyfish stings. Call the poison control center if you're stung for specific treatment advice. - Treat all wild mushrooms as poisonous unless you are absolutely certain they are safe to eat. - Initially apply a baking

soda paste to any insect stings, including fire ants, bees, wasps, caterpillars. Then call the poison control center for more specific treatment advice.

Proper Pesticide Use: - Read the entire label and follow product instructions; make sure product is properly stored and disposed of according to label. - Keep all pesticides in their original containers. - Avoid using products that require leaving powder or pellets in areas where children or pets may have access to them.

The mission of the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center - Jacksonville is to provide exceptional care for individual patients and for supporting public health through information, surveillance, education, and research. Experts staff the Poison Help Hotline at (800) 222-1222 that provides free, confidential, expert medical advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year from toxicology specialists, including nurses, pharmacists, physicians, and poison information providers.

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Library invites teens to celebrate fandom

For Hometown News
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The Martin County Library System will be hosting its fourth annual "Fan-Fest: Celebration of Fandom" on Thursday, July 12, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Blake Library, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart.

The event, first held at the Library in 2015 and inspired by fan-fiction subculture, will include a cosplay (costume) contest, crafts, games, and pizza. Amazon gift card prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place contest winners.

Treasure Coast Cosplayers group will return to emcee and judge the costume contest in addition to presenting their installment of The Harry Potter Experience. And local artist and fanzine publisher Daniel Gorostiaga will be joining the event for the first time as a special guest.

Participants are encouraged to pre-register by searching for 'fanfest' at www.library.martin.fl.us. This program is geared towards teens (grades 6-12) and is sponsored by The Library Foundation of Martin County, Inc. and Women Supporting the Arts, a program of the Arts Foundation of Martin County.

For more information on this and other events, pick up a Library Events Newsletter at any MCLS location, call (772) 288-5702, or visit www.library.martin.fl.us.

'Do you floss daily?'



Photo courtesy of MaryAnn Ketcham
Yaitza Baze practices her dental skills on her 'patient' during a visit to the Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast.

Out & about

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

• **Aaron Vaughn Memorial Frogman Swim & Run:** An open water swim & run to honor Aaron Vaughn, a member of DEVGRU (SEAL Team VI), who was killed in action on Aug. 6, 2011 when a Chinook helicopter crashed in Afghanistan. From its inception, the swim was designed to honor Aaron by raising money to care for children who have lost a parent fighting for our country. Run begins at 7 a.m., swim opening ceremony is at 9 a.m. For more information on the charity or to register, visit www.operation300.com.

• **Taste of the Tropics:** 32nd annual event will be hosted by UF/IFAS Extension Florida Master Gardeners Martin County from 9 a.m.

to 1 p.m. at the Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 S.E. Dixie Highway, Building A, Stuart. Sample and learn more about various tropical fruits; tropical fruit trees will be offered for sale. Free admission, free parking. For more information, call (772) 288-5654 or visit <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/martin/>

• **Libraries Rock: Tampa Taiko Japanese Drummers:** Tampa Taiko is a professional drumming ensemble that has performed for a vast array of audiences. Tampa Taiko Drummers entertain and educate audiences with presentations and hands-on workshops tailored to meet the needs of various ages and ability levels. Two shows. First is at

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Horoscopes



ARIES - March 21/April 20
Aries, others appreciate all that you do for them. But sometimes they must take matters into their own hands so they can get a learning experience to build upon.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21
Taurus, all of your plans may turn entirely in a different direction at the last minute. You'll need to roll with the punches to get through everything unscathed.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
You may have an inkling of what is around the corner, but you aren't sure of the finer details, Gemini. Patience will be rewarded with a worthwhile surprise.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
Make health a priority this week, Cancer. If you haven't already done so, make a list of your health goals and then schedule a consult with your doctor.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23
Leo, responsibilities do not magically disappear, even if you hide beneath the proverbial covers. Tackle this week with ferocity and you'll sail through all of your tasks.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22
Virgo, complex issues keep coming up and they will need to be resolved at some point. Change may be a good thing for you right now because it can clear your head.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23
Revealing your true feelings about a situation may induce some anxiety, Libra. However, others value your honest opinions on things and want you to voice your concerns.

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Mercedes Paquette, Production Manager at Hometown News, took along her copy of the paper while she went on an Alaskan cruise. Here she's pictured in Juneau. Thanks for taking us along!



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10:30-11:30 a.m., Community Room, Hobe Sound Public Library, 10595 S.E. Federal Highway, Hobe Sound. Second is at 2-3 p.m., Donahue Community Room, Cummings Library, 2551 S.W. Matheson Ave., Palm City. For more information, contact Hobe Sound library staff at (772) 546-2257 or email hobe@martin.fl.us; contact Palm City library staff at (772) 288-2551 or email palm@martin.fl.us

• **White Shirt Night:** Noted area artists will be on hand to 'paint' your white T-shirt, apron or tote bag, as a benefit for Helping People Succeed. Held at Taste Casual Dining, 11750 S.E. Dixie Highway, Hobe Sound. There will be a VIP 'sneak' preview reception from 5-6 p.m., and general admission is from 6-9 p.m. VIP preview is \$100 per person, general admission is \$50 per person. For more information, visit www.hpsfl.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

• **STEAM Sunday:** 3-5 p.m., Blake Library, 2351 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart. Create, build, code, and play with robots and technology using STEM Kits. Meant for kindergarten through fifth grade. Registration is required. For more information, contact library staff at (772) 288-5702 or visit www.library.martin.fl.us.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

• **Story Time in the Gallery:** 10-11 a.m., last Thursday of the month, Court House Cultural Center Gallery, 80 E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. An art-themed story time geared toward families of preschool children. On the last Thursday of every month, families are invited into the galleries of the Court House Cultural Center to listen to stories that

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Scopes

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SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Finding time to get all of your work done and pursue your hobbies can be challenging, Scorpio. Fortunately, you have helpers waiting in the wings to lend a hand.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Mull over your opportunities for travel, Sagittarius. You will unwind as long as you are escaping the daily grind. Make an effort to find something you'll enjoy doing.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Something may be irking you this week and you absolutely need to get to the bottom of it, Capricorn. Do your research and work out an acceptable resolution.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Take some time off for yourself, Aquarius. Sometimes change can do a body good, and you have earned some time for rest and relaxation. Enjoy the solitude.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Pisces, perfection may require a few rough drafts. Don't let a failed first attempt derail you from trying again. Persistence pays off.

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Common garden critters and a heads up for the 2018 hurricane season

If you have not done so already, now would be a great time to get your yard hurricane proofed to get ready for the potentially busy 2018 hurricane season. Now is the time to get your trees pruned back, make a plan on what you are going to take inside and what you might want to leave outside but secure with rope or other material and don't forget some of the bulk heavy items like grills and fountains. They should also be brought indoors or secured close to the house. With a few common sense actions, you can help save your valuable outdoor belongings. I will have more hurricane tips for your yard in coming articles!

Squirrels and raccoon can be a common sight in most gardens. These cute but sometimes mischievous critters can be fun to watch but they can also be a menace if you keep your trash outdoors.

The common raccoon is the all too familiar masked bandit that can be found throughout most of the U.S. Raccoon can be found almost anywhere water and food is located and their range extends almost anywhere in the United States. These furry



GARDEN NOOK
JOE ZELENAK

mammals are about the size of a medium sized dog and as the mask implies, they love to borrow stuff from your yard. Like man, raccoon have five toes and it uses the whole sole of their feet to walk, just like us. Their hands are remarkably agile and they can perform many of the same tasks as we do like opening a zipper or even removing a shoestring from a shoe.

Raccoon are survivors and warriors. They can live and adjust when their woods are cut down for development or they will adapt if you fill in their favorite watering hole. These cute creatures love garbage cans and will almost without a doubt get your trash before the trash man does. Your best defense is to keep your trash in the garage or build a special locking (and I mean locking) structure to store the cans in.

One of the most enjoyable sights to see is a family of newborn raccoon playing in your yard. These cute fuzzy balls are just like kids in the fact that they want to touch and explore everything. The raccoon mates once a season and can produce a litter of anywhere from two to seven cubs in a litter. The male raccoon only stays around about a week and then he is off to find another mate. The female raises the litter and if you watch the behavior, you will soon see that they are actually very good mothers.

Raccoon have a life expectancy of about five years in the wild and can live as long as 20 years in captivity. Many people rescue orphaned baby raccoon and keep them as pets until they are able to be again released into the wild.

Squirrels are another common sight in most yards throughout Florida. This animal is very special in that it has well adapted to being around man. They can live on both natural foods and handouts. Feeding these cute creatures is an enjoyable pastime for many people while others curse their presence because they love to raid your bird feeder. The best defense is to feed the

squirrels separately while also purchasing a squirrel-proof bird feeder.

What makes these fuzzy animals so famous is their ability to put the most trained gymnast to shame. This animal can amaze and entertain us with its ability to walk the tightrope and jump from tree to tree with amazing accuracy and agility. They are very smart creatures as they usually figure out how to override the mechanism of most squirrel proof bird feeders over a period of time.

The squirrels diet is varied and can include anything from nuts (their favorite) all the way to pizza. These amazing creatures have adapted well to our own eating habits.

The most common death for a squirrel is not predators or old age; it's being hit by a car. If a squirrel survives his first year he will probably live about another five years before he dies. Squirrels in captivity can live as long as 20 years.

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

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celebrate the arts! Free and open to the public, no reservations required. For more information, visit martinarts.org.

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and abilities welcome. Hosted by Appalachian and celtic fiddler Fran Lowry. For more information, call (772) 600-4230 or email groundfloorfarm@gmail.com.

• **Jammin' Jensen:** 6-9:30 p.m., every Thursday night in downtown Jensen Beach except for Thanksgiving. For more

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FRIDAY, JUNE 29

• **Bugs Rock @ Your Library: Exploring**
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Insects and Spiders: 11 a.m. to noon, Donahue Community Room, Cummings Library, 2551 S.W. Matheson Ave., Palm City. The Hobe Sound Nature Center will share the incredible world of insects and spiders and their roles in the environment. This presentation utilizes hands-on activities as well as live specimens & replicas. *For more information, contact library staff at (772) 288-2551 or email palm@martin.fl.us*

• **Splash & Movie Night:** Showing 'Peter Rabbit.' 5:45-9:45 p.m., Sailfish Splash Water Park, 931 S.E. Ruhnke Street, Stuart. For all ages. With every admission ticket, participants enjoy exclusive waterpark access followed by a movie in hi-definition while floating on an inner tube. Movie starts after sunset. Tickets are \$10.95 and available online only. There are a limited number of tickets for each movie due to the maximum capacity in the pool. *For more information, visit www.sailfishsplash.com.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

• **St. Lucie Inlet Preserve Guided Kayak Tour:** 9 a.m. departure. St. Lucie Inlet Preserve State Park is a classic Florida barrier island is accessible only by boat. A boardwalk takes visitors across mangrove forests and hammocks of live oaks, cabbage palms, paradise trees, and wild limes to a neatly preserved Atlantic beach. How to get there: meet at Cove Road Park (east end of Cove Road where it meets Intracoastal Waterway). State parks offers a tour with kayaks available for rent; bringing your own kayak is welcome. The tour itself is free, but there is a \$2 park entrance fee for everyone.

For more information, call (772) 219-1880 or visit www.floridastateparks.org/park/st-lucie-inlet

• **Cat Yoga:** 11 a.m. to noon, Humane Society of the Treasure Coast's Towl Building, 4100 S.W. Leighton Farm Ave., Palm City. Join a certified yoga instructor for a one-hour, beginner-level "Yoga with Cats" class – cats will roam freely among class participants and probably curl up for a nap on the yoga mats. Classes are limited to 25 students. Minimum age is 16. Your \$20 class fee will go directly to the care of the cats and kittens in the shelter. *For more information, call (772) 600-3211 or email czanetti@hstc1.org.*

THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 1

• **Exhibition:** "Kites: Art on a String" will be on display from March 8 through July 1 in the Changing Gallery, Elliott Museum, 825 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. See colorful kites from all parts of the world, from vintage to contemporary to miniature, in an exhibition to make your imagination soar. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Regular admission is \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors over age 65, \$6 for children ages 6-12, and free for members and younger children. *To RSVP (for groups of ten or more), email asimbritz@elliottmuseum.org.*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

• **City of Stuart's Fourth of July events:** Picnic/barbecue in Shepard Park from 12-3 p.m. with games and music, all under the pavilion, 600 S.W. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. Then, from 5:30-11 p.m., the city celebration continues in Flagler Park and Flagler Place. During the day The Road to Victory Museum will display military vehicles, historical **See OUT, page 20**

Offers expire June 29, 2018. Programs, rates, terms and conditions are subject to change without notice and maybe withdrawn at any time. Deposits must be new funds. Promotional rates do not apply to existing balances or transfers from existing accounts. Annual Percentage Yields (APY) are accurate as of date of publication. Fees may reduce earnings. CD promotion excludes Business and Public Funds CDs; early withdrawal penalty applies. 1. Deposit \$25,000 or more new funds into a new or existing Pinnacle Checking account to qualify for this offer. Advertised rate is good for the initial 4 months from date of qualified deposit. Afterward the rate will change to the prevailing rate for this account at that time, which as of June 18, 2018 is as follows: Balances of \$0.00 - \$9,999.99 earns 0.00% APY; balances of \$10,000.00 - \$24,999.99 earns 0.05% APY and balances of \$25,000.00 and over earns 1.50% APY. 2. Minimum opening deposit of \$10,000 will earn 2.25% APY. Advertised rate applicable to initial 15-month term only. CD will automatically renew to a standard 15-month CD term at the current rate and APY available at that time. 3. Minimum opening deposit of \$10,000 will earn 2.40% APY. Advertised rate applicable to initial 25-month term only. CD will automatically renew to a standard 25-month CD term at the current rate and APY available at that time. 7180 0618

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Honey, if stored properly, can almost last forever. Honey found in Egyptian tombs over 3,000 years old was still edible. The Romans used honey to heal wounds from battles. Hannibal used honey and vinegar to feed his troop when they crossed the Alps. During World War I, honey was used as an antibiotic to bind the wounds of soldiers in battle. The healing power of honey is being studied and is becoming better understood.

Honey bees are essential to life on earth. It has been projected if all honey bees were to perish, in four years the food supply on earth would be in serious trouble.

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think you'll agree!

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- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 small orange peeled, seeded, sliced thin
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 2 teaspoons butter, melted
- 1/2-teaspoon light soy sauce
- 1/8-teaspoon ground white pepper
- 3/4-pound grouper filets

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Combine all ingredients except grouper and butter, mixing well.
- Place filets on a sprayed or oiled broiler pan and brush fillets with honey glaze, then place orange slices on top of fish filets.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 7 to 10 minutes until lightly browned and fish flakes or breaks easily. Brush with melted butter and serve.



Costa Magoulas is dean of the Mori Hosseini College of Hospitality and Culinary Management at Daytona State College. Contact him at (386) 506-3578 or magoulc@daytonastate.edu.

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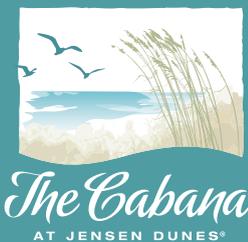
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Sebastian: For lovers of the coast

Sometimes, the small places are easiest to overlook, particularly when they're off the beaten path or more than a few minutes off the interstate. My wife Gloria and I had only once or twice driven up U.S. 1 from Sebastian to Melbourne and only vaguely remembered the highway skirting the eastern edge of the Indian River and being able to see across to the barrier island. Something told me the area held a special charm, and we finally got to experience that when we spent a recent weekend at Capt Hiram's Resort nestled along the western shore of the Indian River Lagoon.

Although there are other places to lodge in Sebastian, Capt Hiram's is one of only a very few that actually have rooms overlooking the enchanting waterway, where we enjoyed awesome sunrises on both mornings from our balcony. Our room lay just a minute's walk from the Sandbar Beach Club, a little bit of the Bahamas and a slice of the Caribbean wedged in the northeast corner of Indian River County. This open-air tropical complex is one massive beach party for those who love the coast, and it takes on a whole new sizzle in the evenings with its nightly entertainment. There are even a couple of tables and stools down in the

shallow part of the Lagoon for those who just can't seem to drag themselves out of the water long enough for a drink or snack. It was there at Capt Hiram's Adventure Center that we checked out our tandem kayak for a short paddle in the river our first morning (included with the resort's \$5 per person, per night resort fee, along with bicycles and paddleboards). The fascinating thing about kayaking off the coast of Sebastian is that kayakers can actually choose a destination. This part of the Indian River Lagoon is dotted with numerous sandy islands perfect for a picnic or overnight camping. Although Gloria is not much of a kayaker (I introduced her to the sport in Miami many years ago), we did manage to make it to the closest islet, locally referred to as Shipwreck Island, probably due to at least one of the derelict vessels we noticed cast upon the glittering white sand. We briefly stepped ashore for photographs before making the short paddle back to the resort.

The most charming part of the Sebastian waterfront is its extreme walkability. This is one of the very few non-urban places where we've been able to park the car for the weekend and forget it. Most of Sebastian's downtown area attractions are within easy



Sunrise over Sebastian

walking distance. Early the first morning after photographing the sunrise, I headed out walking on Indian River Drive in both directions to see what was within easy reach of the resort. Of course I passed several waterside restaurants featuring massive decks overlooking the tranquil waterfront, a

handful of public piers and decks extending out over the water and some very unique sculptures and monuments around Riverview Park. Mel Fisher's Treasures Museum & Gift Shop lay only a few blocks away, a small but fascinating tribute to the man who helped put the treasure in Treasure Coast. I also passed by Earl's
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The USGA took a mulligan

In the world of golf, a mulligan is a way to get a “do over” without accepting the consequences of the first shot. It is by no means legal, and most golf purists frown on the use of such a thing. This past weekend, the United States Golf Association took one, and we should be thankful for it.

The U.S. Open was held this past week out on Long Island at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club. In typical USGA fashion, the course was difficult and penal to those who strayed from the fairways, found bunkers or missed the greens. In typical USGA fashion, there were also some ridiculous things done to the course all in the name of “protecting par.”

Saturday’s round began rather benignly for those playing early. The breeze was light, the air was cool and there was not a cloud in the sky. Then lunchtime came and it all went to hell.

The winds picked up and the course began to dry out. Balls hit down the fairways were getting too much roll and winding up in the rough. And if you know U.S. Open rough, you know what that does to scoring.

Worse still, the greens began to dry out and get “crusty” as some players put it. The grass began to turn brown and putts began

GOLF
JAMES STAMMER



to roll and roll and some even rolled off the greens.

As the afternoon rolled on, things continued to get worse. In an event where par is considered a good score, just carding a bogey on some holes became the quest.

Tony Finau and Daniel Berger started the day 11 shots behind the leaders and were fortunate to have made the cut. The pair each shot 66 and at day’s end were atop the leaderboard and playing in the final pairing on Sunday.

How difficult was the afternoon? Rickie Fowler shot 84. Dustin Johnson, the leader by four shots entering the weekend bogeyed six of his first eight holes. Even Phil Mickelson was not immune to the severity of the playing conditions, putting a moving ball to keep it from rolling off the green. Lefty wound up with a 10 on that hole, and his round of 81 is his worst at the U.S. Open. By day’s end, the entire field was

over par.

By design, the U.S. Open is intent on being the toughest test in golf, both mentally and physically. The USGA loves to test the mental stability of the field by setting up a course that will make you grind out pars and bogeys, and even make you angry. It has always been a test like no other.

Many players complained about some of the pin positions. As the day wore on, you could tell that the USGA had made a mess of a few holes with where the holes were cut. The greens at Shinnecock Hills were designed at a time when no one thought of making them play this hard and roll this fast.

After the round however, the USGA did something surprising. They listened and didn’t just sit back and laugh at the players struggling to play a game close to golf as we know it come Sunday. Usually this is where they really put the screws to everyone, sit back and toast a glass to the carnage.

Instead the USGA watered the course. They watered the greens to keep them from truly becoming “browns.” The course wasn’t allowed to turn into cement. They set pins in places where, if the winds picked up again, you could still hope to keep a putt on

the green. They made the course manageable.

Sunday rolled around and the course was still tough, but it was manageable. It bit those who hit loose shots or missed greens and fairways. Thankfully, it rewarded good shots and players had chances to hold greens, make putts and move up the leaderboard instead of waiting for some to fall.

It was a great final round. Tommy Fleetwood just missed a birdie at the last that was for a round of 62. No one has ever gone so low at a U.S. Open. Patrick Reed charged up the leaderboard, making five birdies in his first seven holes.

In the end we saw history. West Palm Beach’s Brooks Koepka became only the seventh player to successfully defend his U.S. Open title. His round of 68 came thanks to a hot putter that saved his several times on the back nine.

Let’s hope that the USGA has learned something from its mulligan. While we want to see players tested, we don’t want the entire thing to fall apart into something not even resembling golf.

Contact James Stammer at stammeregolf@yahoo.com.

Out

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artifacts and provide traditional holiday food and non-alcoholic drinks. Stuart Main Street will provide music on the Riverwalk Stage from 5:30-11 p.m. Choreographed display of fireworks from 9-9:30 p.m. For more information, call (772) 286-2844.

THURSDAY, JULY 5

• **Jammin’ Jensen:** 6-9:30 p.m., every Thursday night in downtown Jensen Beach except for Thanksgiving. For more information, visit www.jensenbeach.biz.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

• **Movie Night:** 6-9:30 p.m., Children’s Museum of the Treasure Coast, 1707 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. Parents can drop kids off at the museum for a night of dinner, drinks, popcorn, a movie, and time to explore the museum. Meant for

ages 4-12. \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members. Space is limited, register early to secure a spot. Call the museum at (772) 225-7575, Ext. 208 to register.

• **USA Dance local chapter:** Ballroom, Latin and Swing dancing at the Jensen Beach Ballroom, 881 N.E. Jensen Beach Blvd., Jensen Beach, from 7-10 p.m., on the first Friday evening every month. Open to the public. Admission is \$11. For more information and updates, visit www.usadancemartin-stlucie.org, search on Facebook for “USA Dance #6047-Martin-St. Lucie,” or email usad6047info@gmail.com

THURSDAY, JULY 12

• **Fanfest 2018:** Teens are invited to join the fourth annual Fanfest, featuring a cosplay contest, cosplay, DIY crafts, video games and more. Held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Armstrong Wing, Blake Library, 2351 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart. For more information, contact library staff at (772) 288-5702 or blake_pub_serv@martin.fl.us

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Teens have a night out, parents have a night off

The Martin County Parks and Recreation Department and the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) are excited to announce the 2018 Summer Slam Jam teen-only event will take place on Thursday, June 28, from 6-10 p.m. at Jensen Beach Bowl, 2303 NE Dixie Hwy, Jensen Beach.

Thanks to funding from the Children’s Services Council of Martin County and a sponsorship from Tykes and Teens, this event is free. Teenagers will enjoy unlimited bowling (shoes included), karaoke, Nerf Wars, free pizza and drinks and receive 20 tokens for the arcade for a fun teen-only evening.

Parks and Recreation staff will be chaperoning the event creating a parent-free environment where teenagers can relax and enjoy fun times with their peers, and giving parents a few worry-free hours for themselves.

Space at the venue is limited and pre-registration is required. To register, please send an e-mail with the name, date of birth and school name to teens@martin.fl.us. For more information about this and other teen events please contact Bryan at bbuxton@martin.fl.us.

Find more information on Parks and Recreation’s facilities, special events, activities and programs at www.LoveMCParks.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MyMCParks.

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Highway, Stuart. Antique, collector and classic cars, plus raffles and 50/50 drawing, and music from the '50s and '60s. Food and drinks also available. Show is free to spectators, \$3 for car owners. For more information, contact Jim Serra at (772) 285-3320 or jimserra117@gmail.com.

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MONDAY, JULY 9 – SUNDAY, AUG. 5

• **Summer Camp at the Barn Theatre:** Camp Barn Theatre will run for four weeks

from Monday, July 9 through Sunday, Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The camp is open to kids entering the fourth through the tenth grades. Only 32 campers will be accommodated so classes are small and personal. Campers will learn about the basics of theater — acting, directing, set design, stage crafts, stage management, and even about the business of theater — all while rehearsing for a main stage grand production the weekend of Aug. 4. The camp classes will be taught by professional theater educators as well as by some industry guest speakers, at the theatre, located at 2400 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. For information about the Summer Camp, call the box office at (772) 287-4884 or visit the Barn’s website at www.barn-theatre.com.

MONDAY, JULY 9 – FRIDAY, JULY 13

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

• **Faith and Book Discussion Group:** 10 a.m. every Wednesday, Unitarian Universalists of the Treasure Coast, 21 S.E. Central Parkway, Stuart. Non-denominational group. Books are available at a discount through the group. Free, public is welcome. For more information, visit www.tcuuc.com.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

• **The Sound of Soul event:** 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Spiritual chant and discussion, Eckankar Center of the Treasure Coast, 541 S.E. Central Parkway, Stuart. The public is invited. For more information, call (772) 223-1188 or visit www.Eck-Florida.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 12 – FRIDAY, JULY 13

• **Canines, Cats & Critters Camp:** Offered by the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast. Campers will have an opportunity to get hands-on experience with animals, learn about some of today’s animal issues, pet responsibility and safety, and more. Camp is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day and is \$80 per camper. Meant for ages 8 to 11. This camp is limited to 20 spots for each session and reservations must be made online. Visit www.hstc1.org for registration packet and information.

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 The administration of the estate of John R. Carman, deceased, whose date of death was February 22, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is St. Lucie County Clerk of the Court, Probate Division, P.O. Box 700, Fort Pierce, FL 34950. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is June 15, 2018. Co-Counsel for Personal Representative: Florida bar Number 0145084 Law Office of Jason D. Berger, P.A. 850 NW Federal Hwy, Suite #103 Stuart, FL 34994 Telephone 772-403-5880 Fax: 772-403-5884 Email: jason@jasonbergerlaw.com Personal Representative: Robert Bruce Hagreen 762 SW Munjack Circle Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986. Attorney for Personal Representative: Michelangelo Mortellaro, Esq. Co-Counsel for Personal Representative, Florida Bar Number: 0036283 Law Office Of Michelangelo Mortellaro, P.A. 13528 Prestige Place, Suite 106 Tampa, FL 33635 Telephone: 813-367-1500 Fax: 813-367-1501 E-Mail: mmortellaro@mortellarolaw.com Secondary E-Mail: alina@mortellarolaw.com Pubs: 6/15/18 & 6/22/18

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