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A helping hand at holidays



Alyssa Hansen presents Kids Without Christmas founder Mike Kelly with a check for \$5,730.35, which will provide about 45 children with presents this Christmas.

Photo courtesy of Trish Hansen

Girl, 9, raises \$5,730 for Kids Without Christmas

By **Brittany Mulligan**
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BREVARD COUNTY – Some of us don't give Christmas a second thought until we see holiday items available in stores but one young girl spent her whole year collecting money for a special cause.

Alyssa Hansen, 9, of Melbourne, had a goal in mind to provide 50 children with Christmas

presents this year by raising \$6,000. By the end of October, she presented \$5,730.35 to Mike Kelly, founder of Kids Without Christmas.

"I hope that they feel happy and that Santa has come," Alyssa said about the children who will receive presents.

Her funds will help about 45 children receive Christmas gift this year. She began raising money at the end of last December, hosting bake sales at school events and golf tourna-
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Local museum still closed

By **Austin Rushnell**
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BREVARD COUNTY – A military museum near the Melbourne Public Library remains closed, and a longtime museum docent disputes that the facility is shuttered due to repairs.

The Liberty Bell Memorial Museum at 1601 Oak St. has been closed since mid-November, according to Bill Palmer, a 14-year guide who worked at the museum on Wednesdays.

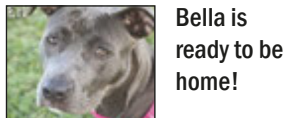
"The doors have been closed, and they say 'Closed for Repairs,' and we docents don't think that that's true," Mr. Palmer said.

Mr. Palmer realized something was wrong around Nov. 15, when he arrived for work and found the doors locked.

"We (docents) think it's the Board of Directors that haven't done a very good job of paying the light bill," Mr. Palmer said. "(One of the) office managers was a volunteer also, and when (they) were getting ready to resign, (they) told me that (the museum) was getting ready to close the doors. By the time the next Wednesday came around, I found the sign on the door."

Honor America, the museum's parent nonprofit which also operates the Melbourne Military Memorial Park next door, was unavailable for comment.

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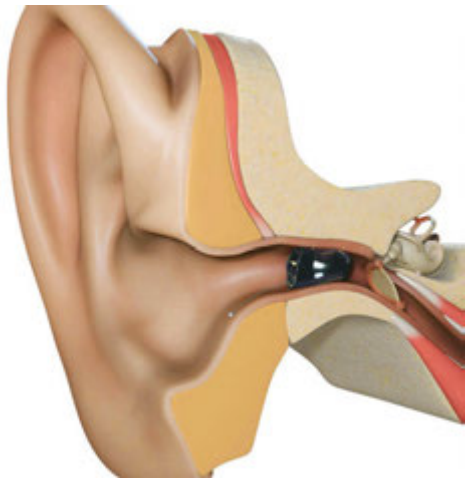


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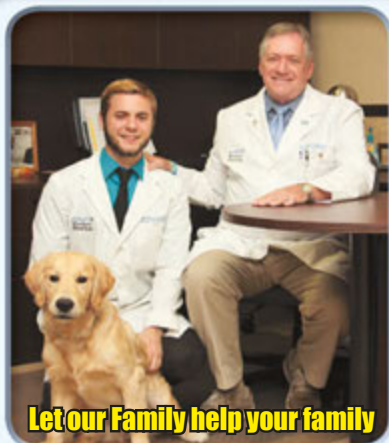
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Shark biologist joins Florida Tech faculty

By Austin Rushnell
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BREVARD COUNTY – It's one of the most iconic images of the deep, a Hollywood film star, and the bane of lone surfers everywhere: It's the shark, and for shark biologist Dr. Toby Daly-Engel, it's also her passion.

Florida Institute of Technology recently welcomed Dr. Daly-Engel as a faculty member earlier this autumn. Dr. Daly-Engel will be both teaching courses on biology, as well as conducting research on sharks in the Indian River Lagoon and beyond.

"I was one of those little kids who was obsessed with sharks," Dr. Daly-Engel said. "Ever since I was a little girl, I have pictures that I drew of sharks, even from first grade. I'm [currently] really most interested in shark evolution and ecology."

"I've always been fascinated in the reproductive system, so how animals reproduce, and why and where has always been interesting to me, but many different aspects of their evolution and ecology can impact how they reproduce," Dr. Daly-Engel said. "The fact that so many different



Photo courtesy of Adam Lowenstein

Shark biologist Dr. Toby Daly-Engel is now part of the faculty at the Florida Institute of Technology.

shark populations and species are threatened means that a lot of what I do is concentrated on shark conservation."

With Dr. Daly-Engel working as a part of Florida Tech's faculty, she will now be available to provide presentations regarding a "variety of topics concerning sharks, including shark attacks: misconceptions

and myths, why they happen, and how to prevent them; shark biology, [including] reproduction, mating habits, genetics and evolution; diversity of sharks in the wild, from hammerheads, great whites, lemon sharks and rarely observed deep-sea sharks; and shark conservation," according to Florida Tech officials.

"Part of why I study shark conservation is that so many shark populations are in trouble," Dr. Daly-Engel said. "It takes them 15 years to grow up to adulthood, and yet humans kill up to 100 million sharks per year — and those are just the ones we know of. So, unlike other bony fish, such as cod or mackerel, or anything else, if we fish out 100 million sharks, they're not just going to be there next year. Sharks just don't reproduce as quickly, and sharks are a lot more fragile than people realize."

"Sharks stress out incredibly easily," Dr. Daly-Engel explained. "We all know that stress can kill, but in the case of sharks, it's really true. Maybe because they're so well-adapted to their environment, [but] anytime they're disturbed, like if they're caught, they can accumulate stress hormones so quickly that even if you let them go and they swim away, the shark will very likely die anyway."

Dr. Daly-Engel said sharks, especially younger sharks, are naturally curious creatures, and as they grow older, a shark's timidity will overcome its curiosity, and it will be much less likely to bite out of inquisitiveness.

Museum

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Honor America was chartered in 1974 and opened the museum in the city's old water storage tank in 1985. The museum

added a "Freedom Hall" expansion in 2004.

The museum houses numerous artifacts and replicas, including a Liberty Bell replica for which it is named.

"You have to have seen it," Mr. Palmer said. "It was a wonderful place. We have a

real Liberty Bell, made in the original mold that was filled in London, England. We also have a lot of flags, and we used to talk about its origins and how the flag got to be.

"We had uniforms, and weapons, and a lot of local Florida stuff — it was a won-

derful place."

Honor America also works with Melbourne to present the city's Independence Day and Veterans Day parades.

For more information about the museum, visit www.honoramerica.org/liberty-bell-memorial-museum-2/.



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Community Calendar

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

Caroling in the Courtyard: The Jupiter Elementary Chorus will perform at the third annual Caroling in the Courtyard Event from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 15, at Inspired Living at Palm Bay, 350 Malabar Road SW, Palm Bay.

The event features Santa and even snow. Guests can enjoy hot chocolate, warm cider and holiday cookies.

For more information, call 321-360-7618.

Holiday open house: Join the Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce for its Annual Holiday Open House from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15 at the Chamber office, 4100 Dixie Hwy NE, Palm Bay.

Enjoy food and refreshments to celebrate the holiday season.

Admission is free.

For more information, call 321-951-9998 or e-mail to pat@greaterpalmbaychamber.com.

Christmas tree fundraiser sale: Frasier firs from North Carolina will be for sale to benefit Cross Bridge Learning Center Preschool and Day Care, 651 Barnes Blvd, Rockledge.

Hours of operation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays and closed Sundays.

For more information, call 321-636-

4600.

All proceeds will benefit the Learning Center.

For more information, visit crossbridgenaz.org/cross-bridge-learning-center.

Play Mahjong with others: Learn to play Mahjong at the Palm Bay Library on Fridays, Dec. 15, 22 and 29 at 2:30 p.m. at 1520 Port Malabar Blvd., NE.

Asian- and American-rules games will be played. The cost is free and experienced players are welcome.

For more information, call 321-952-4519.

Fire program: Join a Ranger to learn about wildfire ecology and prescribed burning and its vital role in maintaining habitat for local flora and fauna Fridays, Dec. 15 and 22 at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, 1987 Scrub Jay Way, Titusville.

For more information, call 321-861-0669.

Winter term registration ongoing for The Shepherd's Center-Beachside: The winter term for the Shepherd's Center-Beachside's Adventures in Learning for Adults is Jan. 11 to March 2.

Online registration has begun.

Register online at www.my-shepherdcenter.org.

The winter term classes will be at Holy

Name of Jesus Catholic Church on Thursdays and Ascension Lutheran Church on Fridays.

The Adventures in Learning Programs help shape a new image of aging for older adults and encourage members to be creative and productive in their later years.

For more information, call 321-610-3937 or email thth159@yahoo.com.

Dinner and dancing: Elks Lodge No. 1744 welcomes Elks and guests to their lodge, 211 South Nieman Ave., Melbourne, for Dinner and Dance Night with Lou and the Entertainers each Friday for \$15.50.

For more information about room rentals or scheduled activities, call 321-768-1744.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

Breakfast with Santa tickets: Visit with Santa from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, and enjoy a pancake breakfast at Wickham Park Community Center, 2815 Leisure Way, Melbourne.

Bring a camera for photos with Santa. Admission is \$5. Children 2 and younger are admitted free.

For more information, call 321-608-7490 or visit WickhamCC@mlbfl.org.

Santas in the sky: Santa Skydivers will jump from two airplanes flying over the

Cocoa Beach Pier, 401 Meade Ave., Cocoa Beach, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16.

The professional jumpers will all be dressed in Santa suits during the free event, and will demonstrate various disciplines like flying canopies together, high speed landings, and swerving around inflatable Christmas trees scattered along the landing area. Some jumpers will carry flags and smoke. Several jumpers will attempt to land on a giant, inflatable Santa chair.

Ayn Rand special interest group: Who knew that philosophy could provide so much personal power, confidence, and inner serenity? To share Ayn Rand's "sense of life" with others, come to the Books-A-Million in the Merritt Square Mall at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, for an hour of discussion followed by dinner at Ruby Tuesday. For more information, call Luther Setzer at 321-544-7435.

Santa Stumble Pub Crawl: Get a jump on the holidays and wear your Santa, Mrs. Santa, elvish, Grinch, or whatever Holiday garb you wish at the 2017 Santa Stumble Pub Crawl in Cocoa Village, from 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Dec. 16.

It starts at Elks Lodge 1532, 315 Florida Ave., Cocoa. The itinerary is as follows:

9 to 10 p.m. – Pub Americana

10 to 11 p.m. – Norman's Raw Bar

11 to midnight – Dog 'N' Bone

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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.

Melbourne Police Department

Michele Marie Russell, 51, of 815 E. Fee Ave., Melbourne, was charged Dec. 1 with offering/committing/engaging in prostitution and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kimberly Anne Daehne, 37, of 610 Footbridge Drive, Melbourne, was charged Dec. 2 with aggravated battery-domestic violence.

Lydia M. Reyes Figueroa, 30, of 1946 Irene Summerford Way, Melbourne, was charged Dec. 2 with aggravated battery-domestic violence.

Trent Austin Kaufmann, 30, address unknown, was charged Dec. 4 with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, unarmed burglary of an occupied dwelling and grand theft from a dwelling.

Kelli Yvette Spears, 56, of 1701 Post Road, No. 18, Melbourne, was charged Dec. 5 with refusing to submit to a DUI test, leaving the scene of a crash with

property damage, driving while license suspended, felony driving under the influence, felony driving under the influence-causing personal injury/property damage and felony on-site violation of probation.

Palm Bay Police Department

Terrence Lavern Craig, 29, of 3104 Rolins St., Melbourne, was charged Dec. 6 with possession of a weapon/ammo by a convicted felon and open carry of a weapon.

James Michael Linzy, 27, of 310 Patrick Circle, Melbourne, was charged Dec. 6 with false imprisonment and felony battery by strangulation-domestic violence.

Brevard County Sheriff's Office

Sean Bernard Cannon, 44, address unknown, was charged Dec. 1 with battery and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Kyle Lee Hartwigs, 25, of 6592 Fawn Ridge Drive, Melbourne, was charged



Dec. 1 with trafficking a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and three counts of felony on-site violation of probation.

Shawn Michael Lambert, 29, of 210 Wolverine St., Melbourne, was charged Dec. 1 with petit theft.

Dustin Curtis Nauss, 37, of 1042 Sea Grape Drive, Melbourne, was charged Dec. 2 with grand theft-pocket picking, two counts of dealing in stolen property and two counts of giving false verification of ownership to a secondhand property dealer.

Brandon Lawrence Braun, 37, of 2701 Caribbean Isle Blvd., Melbourne, was charged Dec. 3 with possession of new legend drugs without a prescription, purchasing heroin and possession of drug

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Rashon Tramain Shirer, 37, of 2405 Stone St., Melbourne, was charged Dec. 6 with burglary with assault/battery, false imprisonment and felony battery.

Patrick Alan Velten, 46, address unknown, was charged Dec. 6 with failure to secure worker compensation insurance.

Christopher Keith Woodyard, 27, of 6556 Arroyo Drive, Melbourne, was charged Dec. 7 with lewd/lascivious molestation of a child between 12 and 16.

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There will be a costume contest and other shenanigans. Food will be available.

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Farmers market every Saturday in Rockledge: The Space Coast Farmers Market is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every

Saturday at Larry Schultz Park, 2560 Fiske Blvd., Rockledge.

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Rants & Raves

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The Rants and Raves section provides a chance for readers to share their thoughts with other readers. The opinions included are not those of Hometown News or its employees

Please limit your submissions to 250 words, so that we can include more entries. Readers are asked to refrain from making libelous statements.

Water department, meter readers not doing jobs well

I am writing about fake and defective water meters.

The area I live in is about 35 years old and the water meters are outdated and they are placed below the ground.

I am a professional engineer and contacted the mayor and utilities director to start replacing the meters and to be attached to the wall for easy scanning.

With greatest difficulty I got my meter replaced paying \$50.

The water department officials are very lethargic and the meter readers are not doing their jobs well.

It takes nearly 20 minutes to read each meter after removing the dirt and slime which gets accumulated.

In this scenario, Jeeter the meter reader can only read about 10 to 12 meters a day and he needs to remove nearly 3 cubic feet of dirt and put the dirt in his truck.

We are in 2017 and the meters are defective and outdated, giving erratic readings which will be not be fair for residents and the utilities department.

My bill is around \$200 a month, which is miserably excessive unless one will be in the shower for four hours. My water consumption last month was 16,000 gallons which physically is not possible as the industry standard stipulates 100 gallons per day per person with factor of safety built in.

It is about time that our elected and appointed personnel discuss the issue for a tangible resolution of not billing properly to the consumers.

Be nice; good things

go around, come around

A few months ago I found a woman's purse in a cart in the parking lot of a large, well-known store in Viera.

It contained her wallet, car keys, cell phone and other personal items.

I did not look into it and turned it into the courtesy desk at the store.

I never heard whether it was returned.

Last week, somehow I lost my driver's license.

Today, my mail delivery woman flagged me down and handed it to me, saying someone had found it and turned it into the Post Office.

To that person - although I had it canceled and a new one issued - thank you very much for your honesty.

Good things go around and come around. We all need to be kinder and nicer to each other.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to everyone.

Publix always has had best prices, sales

When you are shopping for a family, you have to check everything and choose wisely.

I always made a list of what was needed and compared it to the various ads.

Then a list was made for the various items I needed from the sales at each store making the store that had the frozen items needed the last for one for my shopping trip.

I took a cooler and my lists and was on my way.

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A barking good time



Alex Schierholtz/staff photographer

Marguerite Biuccat of Melbourne and her dog Nickodomus hang out during Woof, Wag & Wiggle, hosted by Coastal Boxer Rescue on Dec. 9 at Wickham Park Pavilion in Melbourne.

The importance of information, education

On Dec. 1, 2017, I received a Superstar Award from 2-1-1 Brevard and Parrish Medical Center, recognizing my work with Helping Seniors.

It is a humbling experience to be selected by your peers for such an accomplishment, but after 38 years in the military and 29 years with nonprofits, I know that such an achievement is the result of a team effort by family, staff, volunteers, and donors.

Driving home from the awards ceremony, I reflected on the many wonderful organizations we have in Brevard County that serve people in need. Parrish Medical Center and 2-1-1 Brevard did a splendid job with the event - presentations and attendees were all supportive of programs that help people. Arriving home I checked the answering machine. News from our Information Specialist at Helping Seniors quickly brought me back to reality.

Helping Seniors had received a call



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JOE STECKLER

from a 63-year old woman who was living on civil service retirement of \$895 a month and taking care of a 31-year old disabled son. The son worked as a bagger to help out, but they were still living in a van, paying \$500 a month for medical insurance and \$400 a month for two storage units containing all their possessions. They were getting a mere \$15 a month in food stamps because they were making too much money - but living in their van.

The lady did not know where to start to try to solve her immediate problems.

She needed help, most of which involved where to go for help.

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MELBOURNE

Florida Tech to bestow 990 degrees on Dec. 16

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MELBOURNE - Florida Institute of Technology will bestow 990 degrees during 2017 Fall Commencement ceremonies for undergraduate and graduate students on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Charles and Ruth Clemente Center on the Florida Tech campus, 150 W. University Blvd.

A ceremony for graduates from the College of Engineering and Computing, the College of Science and the College of Aeronautics is at 9:30 a.m. A ceremony for all graduates from the Bisk College of Business and the College of Psychology and Liberal Arts is at 2 p.m.

Florida Institute of Technology President Dwayne McCay will offer opening remarks before two distinguished Florida Tech alumni present keynote addresses at the ceremonies.

The morning ceremony will feature 1985 College of Aeronautics graduate Huntley Lawrence, the director of avia-

tion at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Elizabeth Lunny, who earned her bachelor's degree in humanities from the College of Psychology and Liberal Arts in 1993, will speak at the afternoon ceremony. She is the vice president of luxury and the publisher of *T Magazine* at *The New York Times*. Both Lawrence and Lunny are past recipients of Florida Tech's Outstanding Alumni awards.

McCay will also confer two honorary degrees at the morning ceremony. One degree will go to Marilyn Link, who has been a visionary presence on Florida Tech's Board of Trustees since 1984. The other is for Lawrence Mertens, Ph.D., formerly the chief scientist at RCA and a close associate of Jerome Keuper, Florida Tech's founder.

Students from 33 states and 52 countries will receive diplomas during the ceremonies. The morning ceremony will feature 344 students, while the afternoon session will have 370.

Day of Giving raises more than \$143,000

For Hometown News
newsml@hometownnewsol.com

MELBOURNE — More than 1,800 Florida Institute of Technology alumni from around the world donated to their alma mater for Florida Tech's third annual Day of Giving on Nov. 28.

Donors from 53 countries pledged more than \$143,000 during the 24-hour fundraising event, held in conjunction with the international effort known as Giving Tuesday. Introduced in the United States in 2012, Giving Tuesday, which follows Black Friday and Cyber Monday, is a day of international philanthropy benefiting non-profit organizations.

The leading recipient at Florida Tech was the Athletics Department, which had 821 donors and \$78,000 in gifts. Other recipients included the university's five colleges, the Panther Fund, Evans Library, WFIT FM-89.5, the Botanical Garden, University Museums and weVENTURE.

The money raised will support Florida Tech's greatest needs, including financial aid, research and student activities.

The importance of participation goes beyond any particular amount of money raised. No matter the size of individual donations, the level of alumni participation overall is a key factor in how organizations, including the influential ranking publication *U.S. News and World Report*, perceive the success of a university and how they ultimately rank it.

"We asked our global network of Florida Tech Panthers to step up, and they did in a major way," said Bino Campanini, vice president of alumni affairs. "We are so thankful for their generosity and so proud to have alumni who value their alma mater and appreciate the impact it had on their lives and the impact it will have on so many future lives."

Seniors

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As questions were asked, it became apparent that what she initially called about was the tip of the iceberg. What

she really needed was more information on the many programs available in Brevard that could help her with food, housing, and disability services.

We might say that this is a rare case, but in fact it occurs rather often. We just do not hear about it. Our ignorance does

not mean that such happenings are not important or do not exist.

On the contrary, these cases underscore the need for more education and information. The programs that help people in Brevard cannot be effective if no one knows about them. That is why

organizations like Helping Seniors that inform, educate, and connect people to the help they need are such an important part of the care equation.

The title of this article is a wake-up call: All of us should be more aware of **See SENIORS, page 8**

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Christmas

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ments.

Alyssa said she plans to raise money for Kids Without Christmas again, with the same goal of helping 50 kids.

"We're really proud of her and super happy that she's willing to do so much to see other people in the community be happy," said Trish Hansen, Alyssa's mother. "That's her goal, to make people happy."

The nonprofit aims to give relief to parents and families struggling to provide Christmas gifts for their children.

"I met Alyssa two years ago when her grandmother (whom I've known for a while) was helping us with a fundraiser and said to me, 'There's somebody I want to introduce to you,'" Mr. Kelly explained.

Alyssa brought him a little bag with money in it, and told Mr. Kelly she had spent that year selling lemonade and baked goods.

"There was like \$37.64 in it, and she wanted me to use that money to help a kid at Christmas," he explained. "I was in tears. This little girl stole my heart."

Mr. Kelly started Kids Without Christmas 21 years ago, beginning with a giving tree that had eight remaining names on it close to Christmas. He took those eight

names home with him and got some of his friends to buy presents.

The giving kept on growing, and now the charity gets children's Christmas lists from other organizations such as Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Circles of Care, Serene Harbor and more.

The nonprofit spends about \$125 per child, sometimes more depending if it's a special case. Each child receives six pairs of socks, underwear, one or two full outfits, and whatever they asked for on their list - or close to it.

So far, volunteers have shopped for 415 kids but Mr. Kelly said he estimates the charity will serve 600 kids in total.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17,

Alyssa will join volunteers at the Satellite Beach Police Athletic League, 1089 S. Patrick Drive, to wrap presents so that families can pick them up.

Last year, volunteers wrapped 8,000 presents in four hours for needy Brevard County children.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided for volunteers.

"It's kind of like closure," Mr. Kelly said. "All of the money we raised, all of the hard work we did, and then you see all of the presents and the families getting them. It's a fulfilling day."

For more information, email kidswithoutchristmas@yahoo.com.

Seniors

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the many nonprofits that exist to serve others. Finding out that people who desperately need help, especially with food, only receive \$15 a month in assistance demonstrates the urgency of our mission. This type of information gathering also underscores the need for a County Aging plan that can bring together community resources to plan for the future.

Joe Steckler is president of Helping Seniors of Brevard, a nonprofit organization designed to advocate, educate, and fundraise on behalf of Brevard's senior citizens. Contact the nonprofit at info@helpingseniorsofbrevard.org or call 321-473-7770.

Rants

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Three stores were visited with Publix being the last as more was purchased there.

All stores have loss leader items to get people in and you must use that to your advantage.

Just buy what is on the list unless there is a great buy.

To me, Publix always has had the best prices and sales. Also their staff is friendly and helpful.

Now it is the store I go to because there are only two of us now, however, I still use a list in order to save money.

We're in Roman times

We are in Rome . . . decline and decay.

Wake up!

I sure hope everyone who voted for this nightmare reaps the benefits.

There are two sides to every tax plan

When I read Rants & Raves, the one thing that bothers me is the one-sided opinion of the contributors.

For example, last week, a contributor wrote that the new tax plan would hurt the middle class.

I believe it behooves everyone to watch all the channels with an open mind, then analyze the news and ascertain the chaff from the wheat and make a thought-out determination.

Here is a quick rundown of the new tax bill. The new tax bill reduces the

number of brackets from seven to three - 12 percent, 25 percent and 35 percent. This may hurt some of us if we were between 13 percent and 24 percent brackets inclusive as we will now go to the 25 percent bracket. There may be another bracket at 35 percent. However, since the income levels have not been determined, we cannot ascertain how we will be affected.

There will be an increase in standard deductions and child tax credit. Standard deductions will be doubled and child tax credit will be increased and a provision of \$500 tax credit for dependent care will be added.

Itemized deductions will be eliminated with the exception of home mortgages, charitable donations, higher education benefits and retired security. Note: See RANTS, page 17

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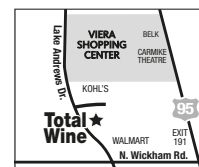
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A star student



Grace Marhoefer, 14, of Cocoa Beach, is a freshman at Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School. She maintains honor roll status in honors classes. She also participates in World Women's Skateboarding, recently finishing fifth in the Vans Women's Bowl World Championship in China. She has numerous sponsors, including Ron Jon, Tony Alva and Purps. She participated in Southern California training for a contest called Exposure and participated in three events at the Pro level. Her earnings are going toward savings for a 2018 competition in Australia.

25 Brevard schools earn excellence award

By Austin Rushnell
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BREVARD COUNTY – One of the most important aspects of living well is to have a strong foundation in education, so that challenges may be met with knowledge properly honed to meet the needs of each situation.

Metaphorically speaking, knowledge, provided by education, is the toolkit by which the correct tool may be applied to any given situation, as a hammer to a nail.

Brevard Public Schools has been working hard to provide that strong foundation in education to young students, and, according to a recent press release, earlier this December the Florida Department of Education named 25 Brevard Public Schools as Schools of Excellence.

"To receive the designation, a school must receive an A or B grade in each of the past three years," officials stated. "They also must be in the 80th percentile or higher for possible points earned in its school-grade calculation for at least two of the last three school years. Schools retain the designation for up to three years, and can apply for renewal after that time."

The Schools of Excellence Award is part of a statewide program that provides new opportunities for award-winning schools,

such as greater flexibility in class size, school hours, and may also gain "in-service points" for continuing success.

The 25 awarded schools include elementary, middle and high schools, as well as combination schools.

Brevard Public Schools' honorees are:

Elementary Schools: Pinewood Elementary, Challenger 7 Elementary, Ralph M. Williams, Jr. Elementary, Manatee Elementary, West Melbourne Elementary School for Science, Suntree Elementary, Longleaf Elementary, Quest Elementary, Tropical Elementary, Robert L. Stevenson Elementary, Lewis Carroll Elementary, Theodore Roosevelt Elementary, Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies, Spessard L. Holland Elementary, Surfside Elementary, Ocean Breeze Elementary, Indialantic Elementary, Gemini Elementary

Middle schools: John F. Kennedy Middle, DeLaura Middle

High schools: Viera High, Satellite Senior High

Combination schools: West Shore Jr./Sr. High, Edgewood Jr./Sr. High, Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High

For more information about the Schools of Excellence Awards earned by Brevard Public Schools, visit www.edline.net/pages/Brevard_CounCo_Schools/Our_Schools.

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Flute concert to play holiday favorites

By Brittany Mulligan

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BREVARD COUNTY – This weekend, allow yourselves to be swept away by one of the largest regularly rehearsed flute orchestras in the world for “A Christmas Flute Fantasy.”

The Space Coast Flute Orchestra will present the free concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 at Suntree United Methodist Church, 7400 N. Wickham Road.

“The Space Coast Flute Orchestra is very special because of the sound created by our large ensemble of flutes,” flute member Bart Lipofsky said. “In addition to the silver flute and piccolo, the lower voices of the alto, bass and contrabass flutes produce a wonderful sound for the melodies of ‘Greensleeves Fantasia,’ which helped inspire the name for the concert.”

A musical “fantasy,” Mr. Lipofsky explained, is a type of composition that is free in form, typically involving variation on an existing work or the imaginative representation of a situation or story.

Conductor Cindy Bruce will lead the 30-plus flutists in sacred and secular music with carol arrangements just for flutes and medleys of popular tunes like “There’s a Song in the Air,” which includes Bach’s “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring.”

Traditional selections include “Three



Photo courtesy of Bart Lipofsky

Members of the Space Coast Flute Orchestra and a friendly elf get in the holiday spirit before presenting ‘A Christmas Fantasy,’ a free concert on Dec. 17.

English Christmas Carols” and “How Far is it to Bethlehem?”

This year, a novelty number titled “Santa’s Symphony” will mix classical composers such as familiar and favorite carols. Mr. Lipofsky described the arrangement “like all the toys spilling out of Santa’s bag.

“There are snippets of Mozart and

Tchaikovsky mixed in with Christmas carols in a way that keeps everyone guessing what’s next,” he continued.

The Space Coast Flute Orchestra was founded in 1983 by Nancy Clew-Eller. It has since grown to support and educate young flutists while bringing something See FLUTE, page 12

Horoscopes



ARIES - March 21/April 20

Expressing yourself authentically is proving difficult, Aries. But this will pass shortly. Eventually, your persistence will pay off, and others will see that your intentions are genuine.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

If your dreams are within reason, there is no reason why they can’t come to fruition, Taurus. You just may need a few friends in your corner to help make things happen.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, don’t obsess about a specific approach to working through a problem. Seek feedback from a number of people and explore all of your options.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, it may take an intense effort to concentrate on your work this week because your thoughts keep drifting elsewhere. You must rein in your wandering mind.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

It may be challenging to separate your fantasies from reality right now, Leo. Even though things are vivid in your mind, others may help clarify things for you.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Surprising news leaves you a little bit frazzled, Virgo. However, once you work your way through the surprise, you’ll see that this news bodes well for you.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Libra, others feel like you have everything figured out this week and are as sensible as can be. But there’s a fun side of you that is just waiting to pop out. See SCOPES, page 13

Out & about

Wickham Park home
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The 2017-18 Space Coast Lightfest, featuring more than 3 million twinkling lights, is open from 6:30 to 10 p.m. nightly through Jan. 1 at Wickham Park, 2785 Leisure Way, Melbourne. Tickets are \$15 per car and \$5 per motorcycle, but visitors can save \$2 per ticket by donating an unwrapped toy at the park gate. For more information, go to spacecoastlightfest.com.

‘Dinosaurs’ return

to Brevard Zoo

“Dinosaurs are Back!,” an exhibit featuring 16 animatronic dinosaurs, returns to the Brevard Zoo, 8225 N. Wickham Road, for the first time in five years and runs through Monday, April 30.

Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the exhibit also features Dr. Dino, the interactive Dinosaur Discovery Center, where visitors can see and touch authentic fossils, and watch as volunteers prepare specimens.

The exhibit is not included with general zoo admission, and will cost \$3 for visitors

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Flute

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of value to the community.

Mr. Lipofsky said the annual Christmas concert has become a highlight event for the flute orchestra and audiences have grown with each year.

"The flute orchestra looks forward to bringing its audience a musical event performed by an ensemble that is unlike any other in the area," he said. "And, reflecting on the meaning of the season, 'Let There Be Peace on Earth' might be the most appropriate song in the program."

For more information, call 321-385-7236 or visit www.SCFO.org.

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N. Wickham Road.

Three respected Central Florida organists will play the A.E. Schlueter organ of 2,196 pipes, performing works for the holiday season Dec. 20.

On Dec 20, Advent Lutheran Church in Suntree will present six members of the American Guild of Organists for a noon concert of Christmas favorites – some with a sing-along. Each concert will be followed by cookies in the narthex for attendees.

The mini-concerts are free to the public with no tickets required.

For more information, visit www.AdventBrevard.org or call 321-426-9378.

Grammy winner Steve Earle comes to King Center Dec. 15

Three-time Grammy winner Steve Earle performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.

This artist has won Grammys for 2005's "The Revolution Starts Now," 2008's

"Washington Square Serenade," and 2010's "Townes."

Earle has collaborated on recordings with such talents as Sheryl Crow, The Indigo Girls, The Pogues, Lucinda Williams, Shawn Colvin, Patti Smith, Chris Hillman, The Fairfield Four, and The Del McCoury Band.

His songs have been used in more than 50 films and have been recorded by such legends as Johnny Cash, Emmylou Harris, and Joan Baez, Carl Perkins, Vince Gill and Waylon Jennings, who recorded Earle's "The Devil's Right Hand" twice.

Tickets start at \$42.40. For information, call 321-242-2219 or go to www.kingcenter.com.

Musical 'Annie' at Henegar Center

The musical "Annie" is at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays though Dec. 17 at The Henegar Center for the Arts, 625 E. New Haven Ave., Melbourne.

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Out

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The \$50 admission includes the 6:30 p.m. VIP Party at The Courtyard at the Oaks and features BBQ shrimp and grits, Louisiana-style jambalaya with chicken, smoked sausage, and cheese and garlic pastries.

There will be a cash bar and some of your favorite Star Wars characters will be there to greet you!

The private showing of Star Wars: The Last Jedi will be at 9:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Children's Hunger Project at 321-610-1900 or Rock

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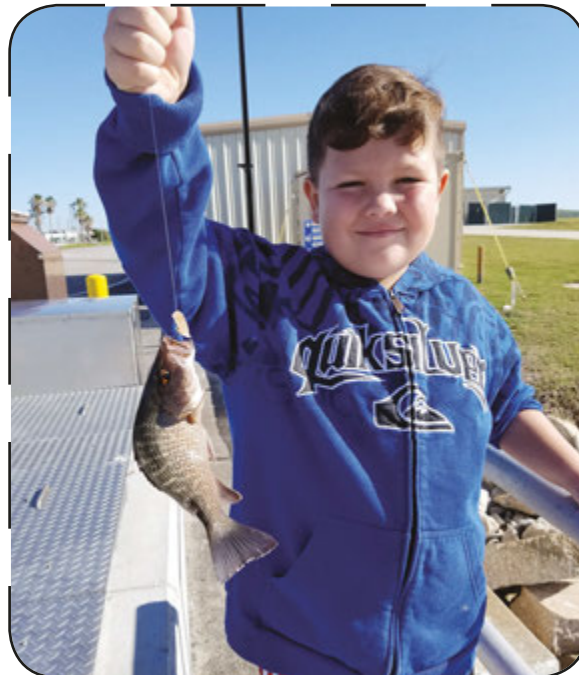
Port St. John Christmas Parade rolls Saturday, Dec. 16

The Port St. John Christmas Parade "The Reason for the Season" starts at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16.

The parade route will be east along Fay Boulevard from Waterloo Avenue to Carole Avenue.

Due to the parade, Fay Boulevard will be closed Dec.16 from Pleasant to Carole avenues from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Anyone interested in entering the parade, helping to stage the parade or making a donation to the parade may contact Randy Rodriguez at Happenings, 321-633-7499. The entry form is also available online at www.happenings.net. See OUT, page 14



Luke Broschart, 7, of Port St. John, caught this mangrove snapper at Port Canaveral.

Scopes

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SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Something in your life is causing you undue stress, Scorpio. Find a way to let it all go by focusing on thoughts and things that bring you happiness.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Sagittarius, it may seem like your time in the spotlight has come and gone, but that isn't the case. You have plenty of time to show what you can accomplish.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Capricorn, your vision of the future may be set right now, but there is always room for some modifications. Embrace some of the uncertainty that can lead to greatness.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, no career goal is out of reach right now. Therefore, if you've been thinking of a career move, now is a great time to put those plans in motion.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

The search for the truth could lead you on a bit of a wild adventure, Pisces. Eventually, you can get to the bottom of the situation.

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- Area you caught the fish
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Cod Fillets\$5.97 lb	Tortellini Pesto Salad\$4.47 lb
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Hometown News PET OF THE WEEK

Tebow is a 3-year-old cockatiel owned by Roscoe (pictured) and Judy Cross of Palm Bay. Tebow loves to eat millet, say 'Whatcha doing?' and 'Are you a chicken?' and talk to Santa.

Is your pet worthy of the spotlight?

Hometown News will be the judge of that.

We are asking our readers to submit photos of their beloved pets, as part of our "Pet of the Week" Contest. The winner for the week will have his or her pet displayed in our newspaper, while also being qualified to become the Hometown News "Pet of the Year!" Email a photo of your pet (one entry per owner) that is at least 1 MB in size to yourphotos@hometownnewsol.com. Write "PET OF THE WEEK CONTEST" in the subject line, and in the body of the email, please include the following information:

- Name of pet
- Age
- Breed
- Three of your pet's favorite things to do
- Pet owner's full name and hometown
- Phone number (in case we have questions)

Out

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Skydiving Santas jump from planes Dec. 16

Santa Skydivers will jump from two airplanes over the Cocoa Beach Pier, 401 Meade Ave., Cocoa Beach, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16.

The professional jumpers will all be dressed in Santa suits during the free event, and will demonstrate various disciplines like flying canopies together, high speed landings, and swerving around inflatable Christmas trees scattered along the landing area. Some jumpers will carry flags and smoke. Several jumpers will attempt to land on a giant, inflatable Santa chair.

'Saturday Night Fever' marks 40th anniversary

The show stars The New York Bee Gees and Rainere Martin as Donna Summer and is at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 at the King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.

Tickets start at \$47. This event is produced by Elko Concerts.

For more information, visit www.newyorkbeegees.com, www.kingcenter.com or call 321-242-2219.

Chabad celebrates Chanukah with parade, menorah lighting

Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coasts presents a Chanukah Parade that starts at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at

Chabad, 1190 State Road A1A, Satellite Beach.

A Chanukah Festival with a Grand Menorah Lighting starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Avenue Viera, 2261 Town Center Ave., outside the former Sports Authority.

Admission is free and food and concessions will be available for purchase. For more information, visit www.chanukahbrevard.com.

The Ten Tenors are 'Home for the Holidays'

The Ten Tenors present "Home for the Holidays" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at the at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.

Australia's rock stars of the opera offer traditional and contemporary seasonal favorites, such as "Joy to the World", "Sleigh Ride", "White Christmas", "Amazing Grace", "Winter Wonderland", "Feliz Navidad", and many more.

Tickets start at \$32. For more information, visit www.kingcenter.com or call 321-242-2219.

Celebrate the season with 'A Christmas Carol'

"A Christmas Carol" will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec., 23, at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.

Tickets start at \$26.50. Children's tickets start at \$19. For more information, visit www.kingcenter.com or call 321-242-2219.

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Calendar

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Hérons and many more on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays until Dec. 31.

The cost is \$5 per person, \$2.50 with senior or access pass.

Meet at the refuge, 1987 Scrub Jay Way, Titusville.

Space is limited so call 321-861-0669 for reservations.

Weekend karaoke: Elks Lodge No. 1744 welcomes Elks and guests to their lodge, 211 South Nieman Ave., Melbourne, the first and third Saturdays of the month for karaoke in the bar.

For more information about room

rentals or scheduled activities, call 321-768-1744.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17

Crystal crafts: Discover crystallography from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at Sams House at Pine Island Conservation Area, 6195 N. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island.

Explore how crystals are formed and create your own to take home. Wear closed-toe shoes.

For more information call 321-449-4720 or go to www.facebook.com/samshouse.com.

MONDAY, DEC. 18

Free two-day grief support group: The Palm Bay Library will host a grief support group on Monday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. at 1520 Port Malabar Blvd., NE.

Admission is free.

For more information, call Mary at 321-360-3444.

Knit with friends: The Palm Bay Library hosts Sit 'n Knit with Joyce Olivieri and friends Monday, Dec. 18, at 3 p.m. at 1520 Port Malabar Blvd., NE.

Cost is free and beginners are welcome.

Bring needles and yarn and join a close-knit circle of friends.

For more information, call 321-952-4519.

For the birds: Join the Annual Christmas Bird Count from 5 to 8 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 18, at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, 1987 Scrub Jay Way, Titusville.

You will be with an experienced birder to help identify a variety of birds by sight and sound. No experience is necessary.

For more information, call 321-861-0669 or email Ned Steel at nedsteel@msn.com.

TUESDAY, DEC. 19

Coming together for cribbage: Play cribbage at the Palm Bay Library on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 1:30 p.m. at 1520 Port Malabar Blvd., NE.

Bring your boards and decks of cards to play. The cost is free and all skill levels are welcome.

See CALENDAR, page 16

Christmas Worship



St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24th • 4:30pm & 7:00pm
New Year's Eve Day Worship
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Obituaries

John T. Rowntree

John T. Rowntree, 77, of Melbourne, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017. Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care.

Gary G. Newell, 70, of Melbourne, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017. Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care.

Helen Springer

Helen Springer, 83, of Melbourne, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017. Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care.

Cecil A. Broyles

Cecil A. Broyles, 73, of Melbourne, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017. Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care.

Blake George Merrick

Blake George Merrick, 14, of West See OBITS, page 17

Gary G. Newell

Calendar

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For more information, call 321-952-4519.

Karaoke night: Elks Lodge No. 1744 welcomes Elks and guests to their lodge, 211 South Nieman Ave., Melbourne, for Karaoke with Janice and Rene each Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. Supper is available after 5 p.m. For more information about room rentals or scheduled activities, call 321-768-1744.

Holiday Celebration at The Fountains: The Fountains presents the traditional Dickens Carolers and a hot chocolate bar at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at The Fountains, 4451 Stack Blvd., Melbourne. The deadline to RSVP is Dec. 18. For more information to RSVP, call 321.984.1494.

Put it all together: The Palm Bay Library will host the Future Builders Club at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 1520 Port Malabar Blvd., NE.

For more information, call Elanya at 321-952-4519.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

Christmas Toy Drive

www.toysfortots.org

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Obits

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Melbourne, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2017.
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Harold L. Scurlock Sr.

Harold L. Scurlock Sr., 87, of Melbourne, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017.
Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care.

Thomas William Smith

Thomas William Smith, 72, of West Melbourne, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2017.
Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care.

Michael G. Adkins

Michael G. Adkins, 53, of Melbourne, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2017.
Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care.

Rants

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A majority of taxpayers do not qualify nor itemize itemized deductions. Since the standard deductions will be doubled, it should make up for some of the items no longer eligible for deduction. The doubling of standard deductions will be beneficial to those who do not itemize. The estate tax will be eliminated as this tax has been taxing property that has already been taxed and paid for.

Corporate taxes will be reduced to 20 percent, making the U.S. compatible with foreign countries whose lower corporate taxes have lured many companies offshore. These corporations with proper incentives should want to come back to the U.S., bringing with them more jobs and tax money to boost the American economy.

Flowering Names

Edited by Linda and Charles Preston

ACROSS

- 1 ___-a-brac
- 5 Unusual
- 8 Parisian parent
- 13 Holy cup
- 18 "Tonight Show" host
- 19 Nonecclesiastic
- 21 Particles
- 22 Reiterative composition
- 23 "... on a wing ___ prayer"
- 24 Women's magazine
- 25 Of the ages
- 26 John Jacob ___
- 27 Floral trumpeter?
- 30 Former RNC chair Michael
- 31 Make happy
- 32 Blind feature
- 33 Respect
- 35 Regarding
- 38 ___ as a beet
- 40 Second transfers
- 44 Floral country singer?
- 48 June celebrant
- 49 Young horse
- 50 Before, poetically
- 51 Tracy's Trueheart
- 52 Lope
- 54 Water barrier
- 55 Director Wertmuller
- 57 Busy bug
- 58 Put in a good word for
- 59 Standout
- 60 Bifocals
- 62 Not ___ you first!
- 66 "... ___ the sparrow"
- 68 Roof topping
- 69 Floral Stepford novelist?
- 71 Puts a stop to
- 75 Home extensions
- 77 More relaxed
- 78 Dreaming
- 79 Palm reader
- 82 Belonging of value
- 84 Dew-covered
- 86 Completed
- 87 Talon
- 88 Computer pointer
- 90 Cache box?
- 91 Bird of legend
- 92 Sparkling wine
- 93 Afternoon social
- 94 Floral pop singer?
- 98 40 Across broker
- 100 Move along
- 101 Singapore's continent
- 102 ___ Antilles
- 104 Component
- 106 Steer clear of
- 110 Ex-Dodgers ace Clem
- 113 Floral "Blondie" star?
- 117 Sections
- 118 Dieter's nemesis
- 119 Prince of opera
- 120 Outer coating
- 121 Lawrence's other half
- 122 "___ with Love"
- 123 Space or stat start


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- 28 "___ Can"
- 29 Where the sun rises
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- 34 40 Across transaction
- 36 British farewells
- 37 Ready for business
- 39 Main dishes
- 41 Chop choice
- 42 Sommer of films
- 43 After lob or hip
- 44 Hollows
- 45 Shakespearean sprite
- 46 Dye plant
- 47 Up and about
- 48 Colloquial dissimilarity
- 53 "Superman" Chris
- 56 Floral aquatics star?
- 61 Moray
- 63 Records
- 64 21 Across item
- 65 Road sign
- 67 Sounds of surprise
- 69 Release sources
- 70 Author Shaw
- 72 Dana of films
- 73 Carnegie Hall performer
- 74 Tiny spot
- 76 Milk sugar
- 78 Map collection
- 79 "___ Face"
- 80 "What ___ can I say?"
- 81 "I could ___ horse!"
- 83 Mexican Mrs.
- 85 Kazan of Hollywood
- 89 Preconcert musicians
- 90 Africa's most northern country
- 95 Actor Shalhoub
- 96 The sky over Paris
- 97 Shirley's pal
- 99 Gets uptight
- 100 John Travolta musical
- 103 Florida attraction
- 105 Calvin's Hobbes
- 107 Suffix for fix or flirt
- 108 Cartoon kid
- 109 Finished
- 110 Falls behind
- 111 "Pretty Maids All in ___"
- 112 Reiterative ailment half
- 114 Ken, of "Thirty-something"
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- 1 Knife edge
- 2 Kidney-related
- 3 Land of curry cuisine
- 4 By the sea
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- 6 Spanish surrealist
- 7 Pickle herbs
- 8 Conductors
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- 10 Wealthy
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- 12 Pres. advisory gp.
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