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Federal complaint filed against radio station owner

A half dozen people banded together to file a federal complaint against Ormond Beach radio station owner Doug Wilhite and several other people associated with WELE-AM. The group claims others say they

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WEEKEND PLANNER

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High Tide: 03:44 PM
Low Tide: 09:50 AM



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Popular music styling of the '50s and '60s comes to Ormond Beach

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Holiday break? Two words: fishing trip!

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Ready for recovery, South Daytona looks to rezoning

By Dan Harkins
For Hometown News

SOUTH DAYTONA — Like many other municipalities, city leaders here continue to position themselves to attract fresh eyes — and investment — to town. Still, like elsewhere, weathering the economic storm will come first.

A half-decade ago, it was high-density zoning work to attract more high-rises. In recent years, it was rezoning sections of the riverfront to encourage development there. This year, it's ever more tedious tinkering — like a current ordinance that would

allow campgrounds and RV parks to be placed in heavy business, commercial and light industrial zones to ensure that all respectable and healthy offers can be accommodated once the economy improves.

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Efforts aligning to patch Gamble Place

City will have to repay more than \$50,000 if park remains closed

By Dan Harkins
For Hometown News

PORT ORANGE — Just like in prehistoric days, Spruce Creek's distinctive black waters just keep flowing past by James Gamble's posh early 20th-century camping retreat off Taylor Road. Most everything else — though increasingly hopeful — is still rather uncertain.

It's been a few months since the site's benefactor, the Daytona Beach Museum of Arts and Sciences, closed the historic nature conservancy and park to public view. That was a few years after the city of

See GAMBLE, A8

A lesson to learn



Randy Barber/staff photographer

Julia Wakefield, 9, of Port Orange waits to play her part as a villager during 'Lesson and Carols' at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Port Orange last Friday.

First Pavilion tenant opens with a blockbuster

By Dale Smith
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PORT ORANGE — Call it karma, fate, coincidence or luck. Any way you look at it it's got the Hollywood touch written all over it.

"It" was the opening of Avatar, the new James Cameron epic that movie critics are calling the

biggest blockbuster in decades. Its showing occurred the same week as the area's biggest and newest theater, Hollywood Theaters Pavilion Stadium 14 in Port Orange, opened with great fanfare.

Hollywood Theaters is the first business to open at the new Pavilion at Port

Orange, an open-air shopping complex at the intersection of I-95, Taylor Road and Williamson Boulevard.

The official grand opening for The Pavilion at Port Orange is spring of 2010.

Hollywood Theaters Senior Vice President for Real Estate, Scott Hall, said they were "thrilled" to

be the first tenant at The Pavilion.

"The developers had a vision and we're happy to be a part of this project," he said, during a pre-opening event last week. "The theaters are top-of-the-line and are the latest and greatest."

Movie-goers will see the difference for themselves

as they experience a 4K image resolution versus the 2K now used on the silver screen.

"Sony is the only company with this 4K technology," Mr. Hall said. "It's a phenomenal picture."

Doug Hawkins, vice president of facilities and concessions for the theater

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Local woman named MS volunteer of the year

By Wayne Grant
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Volusia County — Tyra Roberson often says that her dad, Ty Wilson, has multiple sclerosis, but multiple sclerosis does not have him.

"My dad is an example of someone who has multiple sclerosis who also has a full life," she said. "He does everything everyone else does."

The Ormond Beach woman was recently named Volunteer of the Year by the Mid-Florida Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

She said there are many people who cannot afford

the necessary drugs and equipment to help them lead better lives and that's what motivates her to work to raise money.

"I do it to honor my dad," she said.

Doris Lill, associate director of community development for the organization, said Ms. Roberson was recognized because she is the driving force for two Volusia County fundraisers, MS Walk and Night at the Aquarium.

She has raised more than \$100,000 since 2003.

Mr. Wilson started the fundraising efforts in Volusia County in the mid-90s, Ms. Roberson said.

She helped him in the summer on her college breaks, and then took over the fundraising activities completely when she moved back here in 2001.

Ms. Lill said that Ms. Roberson was recognized for her creativity as well as hard work.

"She created the Night at the Aquarium event and handled it from start to finish," Ms. Lill said.

Ms. Roberson said she started the Night at the Aquarium, a fundraising dinner at the Aquarium Restaurant at Halifax Harbor Plaza, because she wanted to try something different.



Tyra Roberson

ment and \$11,000 was raised.

A volunteer who works with Ms. Roberson, Vicki Dimaria of Palm Coast, said she was very happy to hear about the award.

"She has been so dedicated for so many years," she said.

"There are so many walks in the area," she said.

The event included a silent auction and entertainment

Ms. Dimaria has MS, and has seen the difference the money has made for others in her support group who also have the disease.

"People can get grants to get computers or remodel their homes to help them adjust," she said. "We also have speakers who tell us about available services."

Ms. Roberson said MS is a unique disease.

"It's a prime of life disease that affects the whole family," she said. "It happens when people are in their 20s, 30s and 40s, when people are starting careers and families."

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Holiday fire safety tips

As part of the Port Orange Fire Rescue's "Keep the Wreath Green" program, the department is offering daily fire safety tips through December.

Dec. 25 - Remember to be safety conscious and have a happy holiday.

Dec. 26 - When purchasing a space heater look for heaters that have safety features such as cut-off switches that turn the

heater off if they accidentally tip over or overheat.

Dec. 27 - Space heaters need space. Make sure they are at least three feet away from combustible materials such as draperies, furniture, bedding, clothing and decorations. Also teach youngsters to keep away from them.

Dec. 28 - Use only UL labeled space heaters and follow the manufactured instructions. Never use stoves, ovens or other cooking appliances to warm your home.

Dec. 29 - Turn space heaters off when you leave the room. Also, remember to constantly supervise children and pets when space heaters are in use.

Dec. 30 - Don't cut up and burn your tree in the fireplace. Burning evergreens give off tar and creosol, which can ignite and cause a chimney fire. Dispose of your tree by following the instructions of your local trash disposal service.

Dec. 31 - Don't drink and drive, have a designated driver or call a friend.

Clarification

In reference to the Dec. 18 story headlined "SD police chief asks for more cameras to combat crime," South Daytona city officials would like to clarify that the City Council approved the use of the Intent to Negotiate (ITN) process to procure a

proposed surveillance system. The ITN or "sealed replies" process is one of three competitive procurement methods statutorily authorized by the State of Florida; the other two are an Invitation to Bid (ITB) and a Request for Proposal (RFP).

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Pavilion

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ater group, said the newest theater features full rocking "love" seats in all 14 stadium-style theaters.

"Seven of our screens are for 3-D projections," he said. "The other seven are standard digital projections with the highest image enhancements."

Erin Anderson, vice president of marketing for Hollywood Theaters, said they were thrilled to provide their patrons "an unsurpassed presentation as set by the standards and high values of Hollywood Theaters."

"We were very happy with the audience's reaction (to opening night)," Ms. Anderson said. "Our guests seemed excited to have Hollywood Theaters open."

Ms. Anderson said more

than 400 patrons saw the midnight showing last Friday morning.

"We were very happy with the attendance the first day and we are looking forward to full houses in all 14 of our theaters," she said.

Port Orange's new 550,000-square foot, Main Street-style shopping center will feature a covered play area, walking trails surrounded by water and an outdoor performance venue with plenty of free parking.

"Construction is progressing ahead of schedule right now," Katie Reinsmidt, vice president of corporate communications for developer CBL, said.

"The other anchors (stores), shops and restaurants will begin opening in January with the majority opening around the official grand opening day in March."

Ms. Reinsmidt said other store openings will continue throughout the following months.

"We are excited about great shopping and dining opportunities at The Pavilion at Port Orange," Geoff Smith, said CBL & Associates Properties, Inc., Vice President of Development. "We have listened to the requests of area shoppers and are delivering a diverse mix of retail, restaurants and services."

CBL owns or manages four regional malls and open-air centers in Florida including Volusia Mall in Daytona Beach, Gulf Coast Town Center in Fort Myers, Panama City Mall in Panama City and Lakeshore Mall in Sebring.

In addition to Hollywood Theaters, the other anchor store coming to The Pavilion at Port Orange is fashion

Work continues on the new shops set to open in the spring of 2010 at The Pavilion of Port Orange.

Staff Photo by Dale Smith

department store Belk. Junior anchor stores include Home Goods, Marshall's, Michaels, PETCO, and ULTA.

Other shops and restaurants include Adornments Boutique, Alfredo's Restaurant, AT&T Mobility, Café Fresh, Cold Stone Creamery, David's Bridal, Five Guys Burgers and Fries, General Nutrition Center, Hibbett Sports, Kirkland's, Lee Nail Spa,

Mattress One, maurices, Olive Garden, Rack Room Shoes, RedBrick Pizza, Rue21, Sally Beauty Supply, and Takara Japanese Steakhouse.

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Volunteer

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The disease is also unpredictable, she said, and affects people in different ways, which makes treatment more difficult.

Ms. Roberson has new plans the 2010 MS Walk.

"We want to make it more family-oriented rather than

a sports deal," she said. "We'll have face painting and a bounce house for the kids, so families can come and make a donation and don't have to walk."

The walk will be held in March in Rockefeller Gardens and will include a short walk of about a mile and a longer walk over the bridge and back of about two and a half miles, she said.

The Volunteer of the Year award was presented at the annual conference of the Mid-Florida Chapter in November in Tampa, though Ms. Roberson was unable to attend.

Ms. Roberson said she continues her efforts because she knows how important the money is to those with the MS. She sees her dad lead an active life, working every day

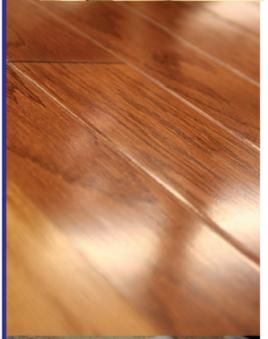
at his business, TW Realty, and she knows others with MS could also have better lives if they received the help that is available.

"The drugs are expensive," she said. "Many people need the financial aid, equipment and support the society provides."

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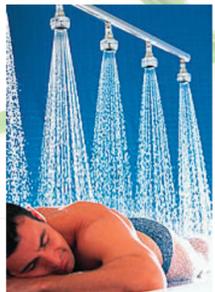
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Thanks, Santa!



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Ya'Nyah Taylor, 5, of Port Orange receives a present from Santa Claus during the Ormond Beach Police Athletic League Holiday Party at the South Neighborhood Center in Ormond Beach last Thursday.

Rezoning

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"We want to give people as many opportunities as possible to come and enjoy our community," said Mayor Blaine O'Neal on Thursday. "...This is all in hope."

Dirt is flying now at a new

eight-acre retention lake off Reed Canal Road in the southern section of the city, planned not only to alleviate flooding problems in the area, but also to open up more opportunities for near-future development. And just last week, the City Council unanimously approved a first reading of a new rezoning for the RV

parks.

"It's a just-in-case kind of thing," said Seat 2 Councilwoman Nancy Long, who's been an avid camper with her husband for almost four decades. "(The city's community development department) had a call from a citizen who was interested in finding an available campground in the area."

There wasn't one, the woman was told.

Staffers "did due diligence and realized that there was nowhere in the city that this could happen," said Mayor O'Neal.

That could change with the ordinance's second reading.

"It could be a money-maker, something like this," said Mrs. Long. "We don't have a prospective campground (developer), but if it came to us..."

Hint, hint, adds Mayor O'Neal: "We want good, clean projects that people can utilize."

After committee approval in November, asking Council to require a sewer hook-up for every campsite in a prospective park, city staff recommended instead that Council pass an ordinance that would require at least half of the sites to have sewer connections — an attempt to discourage parks that would seek tenants for permanent residency.

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Community Notes

Keep the Wreath Green Campaign: First Red Bulb of the Campaign

Just more than two weeks into the "Keep the Wreath Green" Campaign, Port Orange firefighters will replace a green bulb with a red one on each of the wreaths displayed at all five fire stations.

The red bulb represents the fire that occurred at the Triangle Motel on Ridge-wood Avenue.

Crews from Port Orange and South Daytona responded and extinguished the fire within minutes of arrival. No one was injured. Division Chief Christopher Weir estimates total damage in the area of \$20,000.

The "Keep the Wreath Green" Campaign is designed to reduce the number of fires during a time of serious fire dangers. Each time firefighters respond to a fire within the city of Port Orange, a green bulb will be replaced with a red one to remind citizens of the dangers posed by holiday decorations. The wreaths will be on display until Thursday, Dec. 31.

Free H1N1 vaccinations available

The Volusia County Health Department is offering a number of opportunities for residents to get no cost vaccinations for protection against the H1N1 flu virus including vaccination outreach teams that will come to businesses, organizations or events to provide vaccinations.

To date, more than 100,000 doses of the H1N1 vaccine have been distributed throughout Volusia

County to health and medical providers including hospitals, clinics, fire departments, pharmacies and more.

The Volusia County Health Department offers the following vaccination options:

- Free H1N1 vaccination clinics from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays, Dec. 30, Jan. 6 and Jan. 13, at the Volusia Mall, 1700 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. The clinic will be near the Dillard's Men's Store.

- Outreach Vaccination Teams group vaccinations are available for 20 or more people. For more information, call (866) 821-7704.

- Free H1N1 vaccinations from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at 1845 Holsonback Drive, Daytona Beach and 717 W. Canal St., New Smyrna Beach.

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Driver safety class offered

The Association for the Advancement of Retired Persons will hold a driver safety class from 9 to noon, Tuesday and Thursday, Jan. 5 and Jan. 7, at the Volusia Memorial Funeral Home, 4815 Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange.

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Libraries closed for holiday

Volusia County's 15 public libraries will be closed

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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.

Port Orange Police Department

- Daniel Jason Nixon, 28, of 463 Palm Castle Drive, Port Orange, was arrested Dec. 12 on charges of possession of a scheduled II narcotic. Bail was set at \$2,750.

- Donney Lane Stephens, 50, of 31 Tropic Drive, Port Orange, was arrested Dec. 16 on charges of possession of Oxycodone and possession of Soma. Bail was set at \$2,500.

South Daytona Police Department

- Donald Jordan Krauth, 19, of 515 Alice Place, South Daytona was arrested Dec. 12 for charges of burglary and grand theft. Bail was set at \$2,000.

- Richard Kellner, 73, of 2079 Oak Meadows Circle, South Daytona, was arrested Dec. 16 on charges of aggravated battery (deadly weapon). Bail was set at \$5,000.

- Gina Louise Ross, 35, of 403 Banana Cay Drive, No. 1, South Daytona, was arrested Dec. 17 on charges of possession of cocaine. Bail was set at \$1,000.

Volusia County Sheriff's Office

- John Robert Hutchison Jr., 44, of 6000 Park Ridge Drive, Port Orange, was arrested Dec. 14 on charges of false imprisonment and child abuse. Bail was set at \$11,000.

- Angela Hana Eells, 29, of 1069 Horizon View Blvd., Port Orange, was arrested



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Nicholle Fawn Titus

Crime Stoppers of Northeast Florida is seeking information on the whereabouts of Nicholle Titus, 27.

Ms. Titus is wanted on two open warrants after she failed to show up for trial on charges of forgery and also failed to appear in court for an arraignment on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Ms. Titus' last known address was on South Peninsula Drive in Daytona Beach. She's 5-feet 6-inches and weighs about 135 pounds and

has brown hair and brown eyes. If you see Ms. Titus or know where she is, don't attempt to apprehend her.

Anyone with information regarding Titus' whereabouts is asked to call Crime Stoppers toll-free at (888) 277-TIPS. You can also Text your tip by texting "TIP231 plus your message" to CRIMES. Anyone who provides information to Crime Stoppers will remain anonymous and can qualify for a reward of up to \$1,000.

Dec. 14 on charges of dealing in stolen property. Bail was set at \$2,500.

- Bobbie Pruitt Gwynn Rosa, 39, of 830 Airport Road, Port Orange, was arrested Dec. 17 on charges of dealing in stolen property. Bail was set at \$10,000.

- Gary Justus Dill, 19, of

2565 Guava Drive, Port Orange, was arrested Dec. 17 on charges of dealing in stolen property, unarmed burglary to an unoccupied structure/conveyance, false owner info pawn items less than \$300 and grand theft between \$300 and \$5,000. Bail was set at \$4,000.

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It's good to give

This letter is to remind people how good it makes you feel to give.

The Southeast Volusia Humane Society on Glencoe Road needs blankets, towels or comforters, or anything that you are going to replace. It could help the animals stay warm and comfortable in their time of need.

The Volusia County Sheriff's Office will accept donations of old cell phones.

If you have good citrus hanging on your trees, put it in a box marked free in front of your house, so you can share the abundance.

Life is good when you can help others. Happy holidays.

Is tone deafness a disease?

Tone deafness is a disease usually spread at bars and clubs that do karaoke Thursday to Saturday nights.

It is inert to the person that has it, but it is ravenous to the listeners. It is as painful as being a driver stuck on Interstate 95 during rush hour.

I completely understand that it is all in fun especially after having a few bravery cocktails. But before running out the following week and buying a case of all your favorite tunes you sing in the car, get an honest opinion. Not all of Americans have got talent and the drunk sitting next to you may not be the best critic.

So here are a few tips:

Find a song you like in your voice range (trying to hit notes that don't exist is not good)

•If you do find a tune you can do fairly well, don't do it week in and week out, (the original hit didn't last that long)

•Don't get plastered before your turn, (slurring and miscues is not good)

•If you can't sing acapella, karaoke won't help
Try to remember some people are meant to be the audience, so enjoy the people who can sing and have a repertoire and find something you are truly good at.

Please be courteous with cell phones

In regard to cell phones being opened in movie theaters, especially the Regal Theaters in Ormond Beach.

It is very distracting when someone near you keeps opening his or her cell phone. The light comes on, and you can't enjoy the movie having the light shine in your eyes. Some people do try to shield their cell phones, but it is difficult to do.

In response to

'I shouldn't have to pay taxes for schools'

Well think about living in an illiterate society. If you work for someone, and that person is replaced by someone who didn't know how to read, write or do arithmetic who you have a hard time getting paid, and it wouldn't be much of a fun place to work.

In response to

'If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all'

I want to apologize for what that misguided person did to her in the checkout line, and I hope she's had some really good days since. I was offended, too.

The offender doesn't understand the dynamics of negativity versus positivism, and that behaving as he did is likely to bring bad things on himself.

In most stores, the express item limit is taken as a rough figure, and most people (myself included) have no problem with a few extra items.

Oh, what fun...



Randy Barber/staff photographer

Judy Dixon (left) and Dixie Mesick of HighHorse Carriage Rides in Ormond Beach lets Ryan Domon, 4, of Port Orange take the reins as his grandmother Jackie McPowell watches during the Christmas in Rockefeller Gardens at The Casements in Ormond Beach recently.

Letters

'Twas the night after Christmas'

'Twas the night after Christmas, and all through the house, lay the empty gift boxes from me and my spouse.

The stockings that hung from the chimney with care, are now to be found at heaven knows where.

The toys and the games and the bright-colored sox, now lay to the side, while kids play with the box.

The turkey and dressing and all the desserts, still bulge at your waistline to the point where it hurts.

The tree that was bright and so perfectly trimmed, now looks kind of tired and the lights, kind of dimmed.

The cards that were taped all around the porch door, are now one by one winding up on the floor.

And the fire that roared with a crackling of barks, has now dwindled down to a few gentle sparks.

All the an-tici-pa-tion, and the thrill of it all will eventually lead to the bills on the wall.

But I have no regrets, as I look round the room, for I see my whole family with their faces in bloom.

And I say to myself, "thank the Lord up above," for having this Christmas with the people I love,

And I wish that this feeling of love and good cheer will remain with us all year, every day, every year.

Jerry Genovese
Daytona Beach Shores

In response to

"I shouldn't have to pay for school taxes"

It seems as though the letter writer believes he is being

treated unfairly because the disbursements of real estate taxes pertaining to schools has touched a nerve.

There is much to be said about both sides of this argument.

Let's examine the tax in question here, that of taxing real property. This tax is supposed to be for the support of local and county services to residents of its jurisdictions; services such as police, fire, school and water resources, to name a few. These taxes are levied on just the homeowner, but the services are provided to all of the residents, both property and non-property owners alike. Many recipients of these services could be renters, squatters and even the homeless, basically anyone occupying space in these taxed communities.

Is a homeowner being taxed fairly in this case? Of course not, it's done solely because they are easy marks and the incentive for paying this tax is not losing their home. Non-property owners are getting a free ride when it comes to shelling out for these services. The only fair, equitable form of taxation for services such as those paid by real estate taxes is a head tax.

In this manner everyone pays their fair share for services rendered. The government doesn't see it this way because of the problems they would encounter with both collections and enforcement. So, we are now stuck with real estate taxation.

The revolution fought in this country was in large part about unfair taxation.

Have we lost our moral compass by expecting others to support our responsibilities through forced taxation?

Anthony Cavicchia
Ormond Beach

Brief

From page A1

have been defrauded by the station and its travel show and are asking for class action status. In the complaint, sent to us by local resident Murray Steinberg, the group claims they bought travel packages that came with hidden fees and restrictions. In some cases, the group says they were sold packages they could never use. Mr. Wilhite, an admitted nudist, was recently found not guilty in a criminal case where a teenager, who is close to Mr. Wilhite, claimed Mr. Wilhite sexually abused him. Mr. Wilhite faces additional criminal charges lodged by friends of the teenager who say they were given alcohol at Mr. Wilhite's home, shown pornography and encouraged to have sex with each other so Mr. Wilhite could watch.

Man killed when hit by car

A man in his 50s was hit by a car and killed in the 3200 block of Daytona Beach Shores. Police say they were called to the scene of the crash and found the victim unresponsive, lying in the roadway near the curb. He was rushed to the hospital but died before doctors could help him. Police say Jodi Ascherman, 38, of Ponce Inlet was driving a

vehicle northbound when she struck the victim, but there's no word on why he wandered into the road and in this early going, police have not been able to identify the victim. Charges are still pending.

Subway robber sentenced to life

A man who robbed a Subway restaurant in Port Orange will go to prison for life without the chance of parole. Prosecutors say Isaac Andrews committed the crime less than three years after being released from prison on another stint so as a result he faces a far more significant punishment. Mr. Andrews robbed the restaurant at gunpoint in April, but was seen on store surveillance and later arrested when an officer recognized him.

Carjack victim escapes after being punched

A 76-year-old man was punched in the face in Port Orange when a suspect claiming to have a gun attacked him in his car. Fortunately, police caught up with the suspect. They say 40-year-old Lawrence Singletary of New Smyrna Beach approached the elderly man who was sitting in his car at a business plaza. Police say Mr. Singletary told the victim he had a gun and ordered him to move over into the

passenger seat. Mr. Singletary punched the victim in the face according to authorities, but the victim managed to get out of the car and the suspect took off in it. He was captured in Daytona Beach and police say the gun turned out to be a plastic toy.

Motel fire was arson

Investigators say a fire that did more than \$20,000 damage at a motel in Port Orange was deliberately set. The blaze broke out in the office at the Triangle Motel on Ridgewood Avenue in the pre-dawn hours and firefighters were able to contain it and prevent it from spreading to adjacent rooms. No one was hurt, but state investigators say the fire is definitely a case of arson and are offering a \$2,500 reward for information.

Pornography viewed on library computers

A concerned citizen contacted WESH 2 News after she was looking up recipes on the Internet at the Port Orange library recently and saw a man on a computer near her looking at pornography in plain view. The citizen, who does not want to be identified, complained to the librarian who asked the man to log off. The citizen filed a complaint with Port Orange Police as well because she believes

children could be exposed to adult material. County officials say viewing pornography, even in a public arena like a library, is protected by first amendment rights, though library officials do what they can do discourage it. Computers at area libraries are filtered, but adults can disable the filter and view pornographic images. According to county officials, libraries are places where there is, by law, a free flow of information. Unless a user is totally disruptive in what he or she is doing in a library, officials say there is little they can do to prevent what people choose to see or listen to on computers, or read in books. The citizen believes her own rights, to not be exposed to what she considers obscene material, are being abused by the policy.

Woman critically injured

A 46-year-old woman walking back to her broken down car was hit by a vehicle in Edgewater and critically injured. Police say Teresa Crissman from the Jacksonville area, had car trouble on Interstate 95 and had gone to make a phone call. Ms. Crissman was walking back to the highway along State Road 442 near Old Mission Road just before 1 a.m. when she was hit by a westbound vehicle. It's still unclear if the driver of the car, Mark Youd of Ormond Beach, will face charges.

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Son refurbishes table, family memories

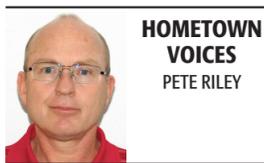
While most people will associate money or valuable property with things left in a last will and testament, the gift to me from my father was something completely different, but very special.

At 11 inches wide and almost seven feet long, it wasn't your normal cocktail table.

This anomaly, fabricated from angle iron, half-inch plywood and multicolored two-inch square tiles that had been laid in no particular pattern or order was a labor of love created by my father sometime in 1956.

The table had been in our family for as long as I could remember. Often the subject of discussion between my father and me, I always liked the table and hoped one day to have it passed on to me. I told dad that the only thing I really wanted from the small group of family treasures once he was gone was the cocktail table. He obliged, and after his passing in 1999, I learned that he had kept his word and left it to me in his will.

After recently realizing that it had been almost 10 years to the day that my dad had passed away, while sitting on the back porch enjoying the Florida sum-



HOMETOWN VOICES
PETE RILEY

mer evening, I decided it was time to refurbish the table. I was ready to



breathe new life into our old family member...bring new color to her face, new grout to her joints, and a fresh coat of shiny black paint to her frame. She would become as good as new...just like she was in 1956.

I removed and cleaned each tile and numbered each one by row and placement. I wanted the table to be in the exact condition and look it had started with.

As I worked, I questioned things this old table had been through. Where did the tiles come from? What was

with the three red tiles in a row in row 26?

Maybe it was dad's passion for art that moved him to place the tiles in the order they were in. I suppose that will always be one of the secrets that the table holds. I also recalled some of the significant events that this table and I had shared. I remember sitting on it as a boy of 5, glued to the old black and white television for three days after President John F. Kennedy was shot.

Another significant memory occurred not long after the JFK event. It was the Beatles and their appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show. As I recall, we sat and watched it with the babysitter as she sang along with the Fab Four.

For a week, I sanded and

cleaned her rusty frame, then painted the table with a fresh coat of primer and a nice glossy coat of black. With each pass of the sprayer, it was almost like a feeling of rebirth — of renewal. As I laid the tiles in exactly the same order that they were removed, I couldn't help but think about my dad; his idiosyncratic methods, his meticulous manners and his spirit.

Three weeks to the day when I started the project, it was completed. The table shone with a fresh glossy black coat on her frame, the tiles replaced carefully to original locations (yes,

including the three red tiles in row 26), and a topping off with fresh, tan grout. As I stood back and admired my work, I couldn't help but think that although the table looked new, it still holds the many memories of our family inside. That is one thing that can never be updated, changed, or modified.

Notes

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Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The libraries will close at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

Patrons will be able to visit the library system online at www.volusialibrary.org during the holiday closings.

Italian language class slated

The city of Port Orange will be holding an Italian language class.

A new class will be scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m.,

each Tuesday evening as soon as there are 15 confirmed students.

The cost of the eight-week class is \$80.

For more information, call (386) 756-5391.

Zumba class planned

The city of Port Orange will hold Zumba, a Latin dance rhythms class, from 11 a.m. to noon each Monday, 11:15 to noon each Tuesday and 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. each Thursday at the Port Orange Gymnasium, 4655 City Center Circle.

Classes begin Monday, Jan. 4.

The cost is \$5 per class if

paid monthly or \$6 per class.

For more information, call (386) 756-5391 or visit the Web site www.Quanita.com.

Babysitting course offered

Port Orange Fire & Rescue will offer a babysitting course on Tuesday, Jan. 19, which is a teacher duty day for Volusia County Schools.

The course will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Port Orange Fire Station No. 72, located at 5839 Trailwood Drive.

The cost of the course is \$30 and includes all course materials, babysitting/pediatric certification cards, and snacks/drinks/lunch. Stu-

dents must be at least 11 years old.

Course content will include: babysitting responsibilities, basic care of children, accident prevention, characteristics of children, supervising/feeding/ playing with children, what to do in an emergency and first aid treatment.

Students will receive a certificate of participation and certification cards from the American Safety and Health Institute.

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Benches once used by visitors to soak up the beauty in the scenic Spruce Creek Preserve lay abandoned in ruins at Gamble Place. The 1907 cracker-style cottage called Egwanulti (a Native American word meaning 'by the water') remains closed due to issues between the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona Beach and the City of Port Orange.

Randy Barber staff photographer

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Port Orange stopped paying its \$50,000 annual rent to the museum and staffing the park with groundskeepers, citing financial constraints. Money's tight for everyone, lamented Museum director Wayne Atherholt, when asked last month about the timeworn condition creeping back into Gamble Place.

And so it sits, with the two parties still bickering over the site's full value and who should be its caretaker.

"We've made proposals through the mayor that the city is willing to take over the maintenance again, but we could not pay rental fees," said City Manager Ken Parker. "The reason (Mayor) Allen

(Green) is doing it is that he has a real kinship to the property. Having grown up here, he traveled that river all the time. That property is special to him."

But, of course, it isn't his. And it isn't really Mr. Atherholt's either.

The grandchildren of the former Proctor & Gamble chief and heir deeded all 175 acres — along with Gamble's grand Cracker home, its citrus packing house and Snow White replica cabin — to the Nature Conservancy of Florida in 1983. It wasn't until 1999, however, that the property started living up to its full potential again, when the city and museum successfully proposed a partnership, along with recreational services provided by neighbors

Bob and Jill Williams and their Cracker Creek Canoeing.

The conservancy still holds a "conservation easement" over the property, and still does annual inspections — one of which they've just performed.

"It's largely been productive and successful through the evolution of the relationship to date," said Walter Thomson, the conservancy's director of terrestrial conservation. "There was heavy storm damage in 2004, and most of that damage was dealt with, cleaned up. The current condition is excellent."

Most of the damage out there now would take a week or two at most to spruce up, he said. Landscaping and

maintenance stuff: A fallen limb that's crushed a boardwalk would take a carpenter a few hours to mend; a palm that's pushing a new dock into the water just needs to be felled.

The problem: No one is yet willing to pick up that tab again.

A \$72,000 county ECHO grant in 2004, which restored the historic buildings on the site in exchange for a 20-year expectation of public access, was well-spent, added Mr. Thomson. The structures, he noted during his inspection, were holding up well. Though no one's seeing them anymore.

The conservancy did have one area of concern, though. For years, the city performed

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Word has been received of the death of William J. Egan, on December 15, 2009. He resided in Port Orange, Florida, having moved here from Manchester, New Hampshire. Mr. Egan was born in New York City on March 6, 1933. He was the son of the late Thomas and Charlotte Howe Egan.

Mr. Egan retired in 1990 from the Manchester NH, Police department after 30 years of service.

He was a United States Navy Veteran who had served during the Korean War. He then became a Life Member of the American Legion Post # 79 in Manchester. His commitment to veterans took him to the position of State Commander of the New Hampshire American Legion in 1991 and 1992. Mr. Egan was also a member of the VFW # 8214 in Manchester, the Eagles, and many other organizations. He was a devoted Yankee Baseball fan who seldom missed watching his team play. He also enjoyed singing and dancing.

After moving to Florida, he remained active in the American Legion, VFW, and Eagles. He also joined the American Veterans Org. (AMVETS) Post # 911 where he had served in the official title of "Good Will Ambassador" for several years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Sandra Hurler Egan, four sons: Shawn and wife Lisa of Litchfield, NH; Brian and wife Sandra of Candia NH; and Keith and Glenn both of Manchester and three sisters; Helen Joseph of NH, and Ruth Reno and Joan Palmer both of FL. He had three granddaughters, one grandson, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas and Robert; and one sister, Rita, all of New Hampshire.

A Memorial Service will be held at the AMVETS Post 911 on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 1 PM. A Veteran's Memorial Service will also be held in New Hampshire through the American Legion at a time to be announced.

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By Wayne Grant
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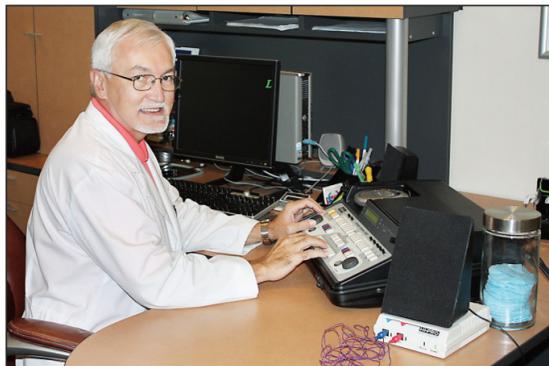
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Virgil Baker, regional director for AccuQuest, uses an audiometer to test the hearing of a patient who is in a nearby booth.

made overseas," he said.

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Gamble

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the regular controlled burns needed to maintain the safety and health of the sand hill and large pine stand forests there. It hasn't been done for three or four years, though it should be done yearly or at least every two years.

"We recognize the situation with the economy," said Mr. Thomson. "Certainly all organizations are seeing financial challenges, so we've offered to bring our services in to get habitat management back on its legs."

Mr. Thompson said he'll lead a team here in late January or early February to begin regular burning again. Beyond that, the city and museum need to come to a settlement to determine who will maintain the rest of the place with its eight miles of trails and hundreds of acres of verdant Florida forest.

"I think it's the hope of many ... that Spruce Creek be available and presented to the public as the fantastic

cultural and ecological resources that it is," Mr. Thomson said. "And we, as an organization, are happy to enter into the equation again to help."

Another organization is entering into the equation again, too, hoping to spur some needed urgency.

The county ECHO grant program, once it learned of the site's closure, sent a letter to the city on Dec. 11 asking for a prorated \$52,946 refund of the money it spent on restoration, since the grant stipulates 20 years of public view. The program, noted coordinator Margaret Hodge, doesn't bequeath funding for maintenance.

"As long as the owner kept it open, we didn't seek restitution of any grant funds," she said. "But under the agreement, as the stewards of these dollars, we have a right to request the grant money back now. My role is to administer the grant policies as approved by the County Council. (The city was) aware in advance that this is one of the conditions."

Mr. Parker confirmed that city officials knew some of the grant money would have to be paid back and it has been set aside since the city stopped paying the lease to the museum in 2007. He said he will recommend paying back the money to the city council at its Jan. 5 meeting.

Ms. Hodges explained that such actions aim to serve as an "incentive to follow through on your conditions when the grant was awarded to you."

Mr. Atherholt and city leaders still appear to be committed to the property.

"They don't want to let it fall apart," she said. "Our hope is for the residents of Volusia County, that it opens again at some point to them. ... There is some movement, some positive movement for this property, and I don't really see it going into decay. There's people who care about it, and they're the ones getting their hands in the dirt right now and getting it cleaned up."

That was news to Jill Williams, who shares with her husband a grand Cracker home within sight of the Gamble estate. The couple invested their life savings into an eco-tour, camping and recreational boating company to supplement the city and museum's offerings at Gamble. For several years, they've spent thousands to make their property and lives part of the Gamble Place experience.

And since 2007, they've been struggling to do all the maintenance on both properties themselves.

"The problem is, the conservation gave the property to the museum for them to assume all these responsibilities," Ms. Williams said. "And they either want to be paid a high-dollar figure or they want to be paid a large lease payment as they were getting from the city. Obviously, everyone is concerned about public accessibility. That's the bottom line."

Ms. Williams said she is hopeful that everyone will come together to reopen Gamble Place, she just wishes things would move a little quicker.

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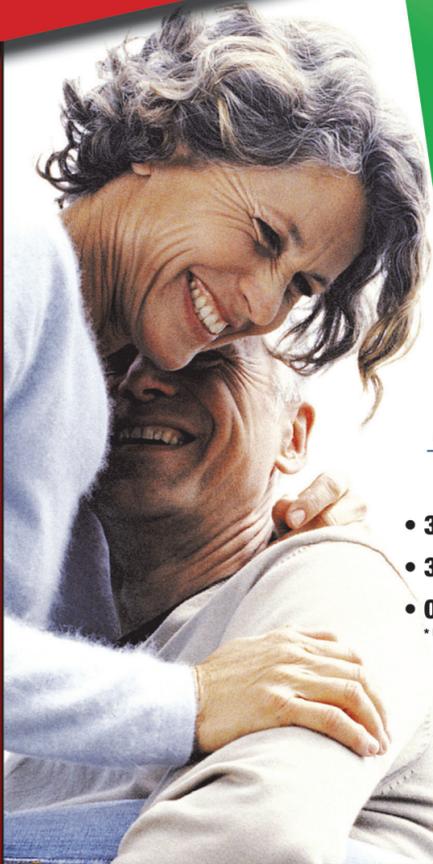
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Out & about

SATURDAY, Dec. 26

•**Espresso:** The group Espresso will perform from 5-9 p.m., on the deck of the Rivergrille at 950 N. U.S. Highway 1, Ormond Beach. They will perform with Jonathan Brady on keyboards.

•**Ballroom dance:** The Greater Daytona Chapter of U.S.A. Dance will hold a ballroom dance from 7-10:30 p.m. at the City Island Recreation Center, 108 E. Orange Ave., Daytona Beach. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for non-members and \$3 for students. Admission includes a one-hour group lesson from 7-8 p.m. Attire will be dressy casual. The public may attend. For more information, call (386) 756-8433 or (386) 427-4591 or visit greaterdaytonachapter.org.

SUNDAY, Dec. 27

•**Historical bus tour:** A scenic historical bus tour presented by the Ormond Beach Historical Society will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday. Bus tours leave from The Casements parking lot, 25 Riverside Drive. This two-hour tour includes the Ormond Scenic Loop, Fairchild Oak, Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Ruins, Ormond Indian Mound and historic homes along the way. A knowledgeable tour guide will interpret the 30 sites on the route. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors 65+, \$7 for ages 7 to 12, and can be purchased at the OBHS Welcome Center, 38 E. Granada Blvd. or by phone using Visa or Master Card. Reservations are required as space is limited. For more information, call (386) 677-7005 or visit www.ormondhistory.org.

•**Walk:** The Happy Wanderers will hold a 5K/10K walk at 1 p.m., Sunday, at Daytona Beach - City Island Library, 105 E. Magnolia Ave. Cost is \$3. For more information, call (386) 788-4026, (386) 676-9863 or visit www.happywanderersfl.org

MONDAY, Dec. 28

•**Afternoon at the movies:** The Port Orange Regional Library will show the film "Angels & Demons" at 2 p.m., Monday in the library auditorium, 1005 City Center Circle. This film is rated PG-13 and is 138 minutes. Harvard symbolologist Robert Langdon works to solve a murder and prevent a terrorist act against the Vatican. Tom Hanks stars. For more information, call (386) 322-5152 Ext.4. See **OUT, B2**



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"Doo Wop With A Twist.... A Night Of Doo Wop & Rock N' Roll" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 N. U.S. Highway 1. Shown left to right are performers Frank Mancuso, Tony Passa, Steve Horn and Tommy Mara.

Doo Wop show comes to Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center

For Hometown News
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Richard Nader Entertainment's "Doo Wop With A Twist.... A Night Of Doo Wop & Rock N' Roll" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 N. U.S. Highway 1.

Cruise down memory lane with music featuring artists from the '60s, Joey Dee, Frank Mancuso, Tony Passa, Steve Horn, Tommy Mara and special guest Amanda.

Joey Dee and The Starliters were discovered while working at a nightclub called Oliveri's in Lodi, N. J. They were booked for a weekend at an New York City nightclub called the Peppermint Lounge. It was suppose to be a weekend stand that escalated into a 13-month run. In 1961, their first song "Peppermint Twist" went gold. This was followed by "Hey Let's Twist," "Shout Part 1" and "What Kind Of Love is This" to name a few.

Mr. Mancuso attended Tilden High School in Brooklyn where he and his four school buddies became known as The Red Hot Chico and His Four Peppers. When his family moved to Long Island his search began for new singers who lived close by. It wasn't long before Mr. Mancuso and four new friends created The Imaginations. They are remembered for "Guardian Angel," "Good Night See **DOO WOP, B3**

The Club Scene

•**The Aquarium:** Neil Freestone will perform acoustic '80s rock from 5-9 p.m. each Friday. The Fabulous Slidells perform classic rock from 4-8 p.m. each Saturday, and Nancy Heartline will perform folk acoustic music from 4-8 p.m. each Sunday. Aquarium nightclub hours are from 9:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday. The Aquarium is located at 125 Basin St., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 255-6477 or visit www.AquariumDaytona.com.

•**Bank & Blues Club:** Daytona Blues Society True Blues Jam is held at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday. The Show Case Act will be held at 8:30 p.m. Daytona Blues Society "True Blues" Live Jam open jam session is held from 10 p.m.-1 a.m. each Wednesday at 701 Main St., Daytona Beach. There is a \$3 cover. For more information and a full

events schedule, visit the Web site at www.DaytonaBluesSociety.org.

•**First Turn Steakhouse:** Larry Tomei will perform at 6 p.m., Saturday at the tiki bar. First Turn Steakhouse is located at 5236 S. Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 788-5434 or visit www.firstturn-steakhouse.com.

•**Frappes North:** Wine tastings are held at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Reservations are required. Live Music Friday Nights are held from 7-11 p.m. Frappes is located at 123 W. Granada Blvd. in Ormond Beach. To make reservations, call (386) 615-4888 or visit the Web site at www.frappesnorth.com.

•**The Garlic:** Blues and jazz musicians perform seven nights a week. "Muddy Harp" Hodgson will play the blues from 7-11 p.m., Saturday. He will be joined by Ray Guiser at

9 p.m. Sax man Thom Chambers will also perform from 6-10 p.m., Sunday and Monday. Pianist and vocalist Michael Lamy will perform from 6-10 p.m., Tuesday. Mr. Hodgson will perform from 6-10 p.m., Wednesday and 6 p.m.-midnight, Thursday. Mr. Chamber will perform at 9:30 p.m., Thursday. The Garlic is located at 556 E. Third Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 424-6660.

•**Inlet Harbor:** Rattle Shake will perform from noon-4 p.m., Saturday. Rokit hits the stage at 5 p.m., Saturday. Eddie Uzzle will perform from 12:30-4:30 p.m., Sunday. Gaillforce hits the stage at 5 p.m., Sunday and at 12:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday. Mr. Uzzle will perform at 5 p.m., Monday. Mike Caso hits the stage at 5 p.m., Tuesday. Carl Bernard will perform at 5 p.m.,

Wednesday. Rattle Shake will perform at noon, Thursday for New Year's Eve. The Better Way will perform from 5 p.m. to midnight, Thursday for the New Year's Eve bash. Inlet Harbor is located at 133 Inlet Harbor Road, Ponce Inlet. For more information, call (386) 767-5590.

•**Java Jungle:** Open Mic Night with Wes Malone is at 7 p.m. each Thursday. Musicians, authors, singers, poets and composers are welcome. Java Jungle is located at 4606 Clyde Morris Blvd., Unit 2P, Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 760-8969.

•**Ohana Luau Dinner Show:** This dinner show spectacular and family-style feast, with a 6:30 p.m. seating, dinner served at 7:15 p.m. and show time at 7:30 p.m., is held Thursday, Friday and

See **SCENE, B3**



STAR SCOPES

James Tucker
Week of 12-25-2009

Aries-March 21-April 19

You know what you want. Stay centered on your main goals. Listen closely. You are in a very positive energy pattern right now. Find a little quality time for yourself. Do a few deep breathing exercises when you first wake up. It's better than drinking two cups of coffee. Now you are running on your own steam. Good luck.

Taurus-April 20-May 20

Let go of the past and move on. Don't expect others to do things your way without a commitment. You can't rescue the wounded. Stop trying. Your place in this world is to keep a steady pace, move forward and live an exciting, inspired, joy-filled life. You have all this potential. Make the best of it. It's your destiny.

Gemini-May 21-June 21

You continue to shine in wonderful ways. Why? You listen to your inner guidance. You move forward when it feels right. Many friends are proud of you. Stay focused on your three top priorities. Less important things can wait. Keep this plan going in 2010 and you will have the best year of your life just ahead.

Cancer-June 22-July 22

There is much more to life than basic survival. All the earthly pleasures will not sustain you until you feed your emotional and spiritual needs first. Take it one day at a time and trust your very first impressions. This is possible for you because of your extra large heart. You can do it. Your personal happiness depends on it.

Leo-July 23-Aug. 22

Recent successes have motivated you to wanting even more. Just be sure to not take on too many things at once. No reason to get scattered now. You know what feels right. It's good to make a written plan or agenda every day. Be flexible but follow it closely. It will move you forward and insure success.

Virgo-Aug. 23-Sept. 22

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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30

•Music for Healing: Sponsored by the Port Orange Ministerial Association, "Music for Healing: Body, Mind and Spirit" is held from 12:15-12:45 p.m. each Wednesday at the All Saints Lutheran Church, 751 Dunlawton Ave., Port Orange. Musicians from local churches

and schools present instrumental music for peaceful contemplation, reflection, self-care and meditation. Barbara Kaufmann will provide the organ music. The public may attend. Instrumental musicians are needed. For more information, call (386) 761-9129.

THURSDAY, Dec. 31

•Opera Video Club: The club will show "La Gioconda," the opera by Ponchielli, sung in Italian with English subtitles, at

noon, Thursday at the Daytona Beach Shores Council Chambers' activity room, 3048 S. Atlantic Ave. The film is 162 minutes long. Admission is free. For more information, call (386) 767-6967.

ONGOING EVENTS

•American Legion Post 17: Spaghetti night is from 4:30-6:30 p.m. each Thursday. Surf and turf is served from 4:30-6:30 p.m. each Friday. Breakfast is served from 8-11 a.m., Sunday. American Legion Post 17 is located at 619 W. Canal St., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 427-5013.

•American Legion Post 270: A fish fry and music entertainment is held from 5-7 p.m. each Friday. Taco night is held each Monday from 5-7 p.m. Wing night is held each Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. The public may attend. American Legion Post 270 is located at 119 Howes St., Port Orange.

•Chess club: The Port Orange Regional Library hosts a chess club for ages kindergarten through adult from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Friday. All are invited to attend. The library is located at 1005 City Center Circle. For more information, call (386) 322-5152, Ext. 4.

•Cracker Creek's Pirate Cruise: Featuring the Pirates of Spruce Creek, cruises are held at 1 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday at 1795 Taylor Road, Port Orange. Costumed pirates create a live, interactive experience as young buccaneers learn navigation, pirate weaponry, knotting or rope tying and pirate lingo, all the

while searching for the lost treasure at Spruce Creek. Pre-registration is required by calling (386) 304-0778. Canoe and kayak launch and rentals, guided eco-history Pontoon boat tours and golf cart tours of the conservation nature trails also are available. For more information, visit the Web site at www.OldFloridaPioneer.com or send an e-mail to cracker-crew@OldFloridaPioneer.com.

•Cruise night: East Coast Cruisers hold a cruise night from 4-8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month on Canal Street in New Smyrna Beach.

•Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club: Duplicate Bridge is played Monday through Saturday at 600 Driftwood Ave., Daytona Beach. For the schedule, call (386) 255-7744 or visit the Web site at www.DaytonaBridge.org.

•Democracy Now: Internet news with Amy Goodman will be presented at 10:30 a.m. each Thursday at Unitarian Universalist Society, 56 N. Halifax, Ormond Beach. News and analysis will be covered. Coffee and donuts will be served. The public may attend.

•Edgewater Fire-Rescue Bingo: Games begin at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at the Fire-Rescue Association Fire Hall, 2616 Hibiscus Drive. Two games have \$100 jackpots. The facility is non-smoking. Snacks and soft drinks are available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Fire-Rescue Association's various causes. For more information, call (386) 424-2445.

•Elks bingo: Games begin at 1 p.m. on Sundays and 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at 820 W. Park Ave., Edgewater. The

facility is non-smoking, food and soft drinks available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Elk's sponsored charities. For more information call (386) 427-2512.

•Gospel open mic: Faith Church will hold a gospel music open mic at 7 p.m., the first Friday of each month from November to April at the church, 4700 Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 761-5482.

•Ormond Beach Historical Society Welcome Center and Museum: This is the "Gateway to the Ormond Scenic Loop" featuring historical photographs, a 20-minute DVD, and interpretive panels that reveal the rich and diverse history of the Ormond Beach area.

Located in the 1895 MacDonald House, the welcome center features information about the Timucua Indians, the Spanish and British Colonial Periods, early pioneer settlers, the Hotel Ormond, "Birthplace of Speed", and John D. Rockefeller. Hours are 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. Admission is Free. The welcome center and museum is located at 38 E. Granada Blvd. Ormond Beach. For more information, call 386-676-7005 or visit www.ormondhistory.org.

•Ormond Memorial Art Museum & Gardens: Bassmi Ibrahim of Clearwater, Florida will exhibit his collection of more than 40 large scale mixed media pieces from Dec. 4 to Jan. 8, at the Ormond Memorial Art Museum & Gardens, 78 E. Granada Blvd. The exhibited work is largely from his Isness Series, which he identifies as lyrical abstractions of the negative-sounding stain painting. Stain painting is a

process of applying thinned down acrylics and/or oils to unprimed canvas. The Ormond Memorial Art Museum and Gardens is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday and from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. There is a \$2 suggested donation.

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Doo Wop

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Baby," and "The Search Is Over." In 1988, he reorganized The Imaginations and in 1998 became a part of The Legends of Doo Wop.

The original members of the Fascinators came together in their hometown of Brooklyn. They were an offshoot of another group - the Clusters. Tony Passalacqua, who later shortened his name to Passa, was the lead of the group. They recorded on Capitol Records. From their first recording session in 1958 the group released the now-famous "Chapel Bells."

Mr. Passa would go onto a solo career. Later, he

became a member of the Archies, singing on their last release "Who's Your Baby."

Mr. Horn began singing bass in junior high school in the Bronx. In 1960, he was asked to join a group called The Sharks, who made 26 singles and five albums. Their most memorable songs were "Stormy Weather" and "Canadian Sunset." Mr. Horn is responsible for forming the Legends Of Doo Wop who have been touring since the late 1990s.

As a teenager, Mr. Mara played the drums in Brooklyn and sang in a local rock band. He then toured with Blonde. After moving to Florida, he joined The Saints and then The Crests. Mr. Mara, who is the present day lead singer and owner of The

Crests, has been referred to as both "The Pavarotti of Doo Wop" and "The Meatloaf of Doo Wop." He sings hits that include "Cara Mia," "Sixteen Candles," and "Step By Step."

Special guest during the "Night of Doo Wop will be 13-year-old singer Amanda.

In 2009, she was showcased in a solo in "Cirque Dreams" and she performed twice with David Foster.

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Scene

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Saturday, at the Hawaiian Inn, 2301 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores. Participants will learn traditional dances with Polynesian women, warriors and keikis (children). A flaming fire knife dance and hula with audience participation will be featured. For more information, call (386) 255-5411, Ext. 186.

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Rockin' Ranch: The Native Skeeter band will perform at 9 p.m., Saturday. The Saloonatix will perform at 9 p.m., Thursday, New Year's Eve. There is no cover. The Rockin'Ranch is located at 801 S. Nova Road, Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 673-0904.

Doo Wop contest winners announced

Three winners have been chosen in the *Hometown News/Doo Wop* with a Twist contest. *Hometown News* reader Nadene Schantz, of Ormond Beach, won the grand prize of two VIP tickets that includes a back stage

tour, meet and greet, photos and dinner with the performers.

Readers Shirley Russell and Linda Scott, both of Port Orange, won the second and third prizes of two tickets each to the event.

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Scopes

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helps guide your life toward positive results. Do something really personal and creative for your true love and it will be fondly remembered for all the coming year. You will be surprised how much will come back to you.

Libra-Sept. 23-Oct. 22

The universe is going to bless you with all the energy you need to make it safely through the holidays. Contact a few relatives and friends you haven't talked to in a while. This spreads joy to the world. Find a little time to exercise, as well. This will keep you in top shape and raring to go when the New Year rolls around.

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Scorpio-Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Give yourself a little extra time during the holidays. You work hard all year. Let this be a present to yourself. Take an inventory of your life and make new plans for next year. It is a time for saving and being resourceful. Clean out the hallway closet. You never know what you will find; maybe some hidden money.

Sagittarius-Nov 22-Dec. 21

Compassion and idealism along with a keen sense of humor best describes your attitude toward life. You have serious goals and high regard for the universal laws, but you wish to enjoy yourself while you work. Your cheerful attitude inspires others and makes them feel good. This wonderful gift is the rarest of treasures.

Capricorn-Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Your time is becoming more valuable. Stay close to your positive inner circle. Then, take this new energy and use it to manifest your special projects. This plan will keep you moving in the right direction and please you with the results. The universe blesses you because you bless it with "balance."

Aquarius-Jan. 20-Feb. 18

The focus you have been giving to your main goals is working. You are on a positive roll. Your spirit is strong. Your mind is clear and your desire is great. Much new learning is coming soon. Continue to release the past of old habits, attitudes, events and things that no longer serve you. A higher level is on the way.

Pisces-Feb. 19-March 20

Your home life is better now than in a long time. Why? Because you have the courage to stand up for your true beliefs. This is the path of respect. Continue on with this natural high. This resurgence of your spirit and truth will now spill over in your professional and social life. I predict a fine year coming ahead for you.

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— James Tucker

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place at 2 p.m. each Thursday and costs \$4 for members. Also, from 2-4 p.m. each

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Wednesday. Drawings, prizes and free refreshments are available. The cost is \$1 for members and \$2 for nonmembers. The Sica Hall Senior Center is located at 1065 Daytona Ave., Holly Hill. For more information,

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•Super Singles of Florida: A dance is held from 8-11:00 p.m. each Wednesday at the Eagles Club, 190 S. Nova Road, Ormond Beach. Music is provided by Jim & Vicki of Mr. DJ. Entertainment. The cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Participants must be single. For more information, call (386) 736-0749 or send an e-mail to Darlin115308@yahoo.com.

•Teen art group: The Port Orange Regional Library will hold "Teen Zone" from 4 to 5 p.m. each Friday at 1005 City Center Circle. This program is completely teen run in conjunction with a knowledgeable college student. Learn to draw animals, manga, still life and other art forms. Participants should bring their own art supplies. For more information, call (386) 322-5152, Ext. 4.

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A reader e-mailed thanking me for this recipe her grandmother used to make. I'm writing on Dec. 14; how strange to write about the New Year when we haven't had Christmas.

Let's ring in year 2010! Here are a couple of New Year's traditions. Up north, eat a piece of pickled herring at midnight and touch a dollar bill. Symbolically, may there always be food on the table and money in your pocket.

Here in the south, you must eat pork and black-eyed peas on New Year's Day.

I can remember New Year's eve being a celebration where we made as much noise as possible at midnight. I have some noisemakers from my parents, given to them by my dad's parents, that date back almost 100 years, wooden handles and all. No cut fingers from sharp metal, that's for sure.

To me, it's a capital sin to be sleeping at midnight. I used to wake my kids up just to make noise. Silly? Childish? Maybe so, but I hope to never lose that excitement.

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another more. Don't think there will always be tomorrow. Sometimes tomorrow never comes.

This week's column is a tribute to mamma, my paternal grandmother. For New Years she made "cookies," not regular cookies but special Italian treats coated with honey and topped with colored candy sprinkles.

Many of you are familiar with Strufole (honey clusters), but her other specialty I bet you've never heard of. Tordillo, made with olive oil and wine, was everyone's favorite. When I finally decided to make them, I kept hearing mamma saying, "you have to feel when it's right." Back my memory went to when I was 17 and "I remembered mamma." I asked for the recipe and mamma said in her delightful Italian accent, "you come over and we do it together."

What I thought was going to be very easy turned out to be a bit of a fiasco when I kept questioning mamma's instructions. Here's how it

went while making the tordillos.

Mamma: Dump flour on the board.

Me: How much flour?

Mamma: "This much," she said as she pointed.

"Make a hole in the center of the flour and pour in 1 glass of wine and 1/2 glass oil."

Me: "What size glass?" Wouldn't you know I meant how many ounces?

Mamma didn't. As her voice started to rise, she held up the glass and shouted, "This size! Now mix it all together until it feels right," she said, determined to go on.

At that point I just couldn't resist and asked, "What does right feel like?"

Well, she threw her hands up in desperation and said, "Don't say another word, you ask too many questions; watch what I do and DO it."

In most traditional cooking, you have to feel when it's right. I've taken that "feel" and tried to put it

into measurements for you in all family recipes I have written. While making these cookies, I think I really learned what "right" feels like as "I remembered mamma."

Enjoy. See you next year!

TORDILLO (NIB)

The wine used for these cookies was muscatel. If you can't find it, use a slightly sweet white wine or a dry white wine. such as chablis or Chardonnay, mixed with 1 teaspoon of sugar.

- 4 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2-cup extra virgin olive oil, warmed slightly in the microwave
- 3/4-cup wine
- Canola oil, enough to fill a medium saucepan halfway
- 1 cup honey
- 1-1/2 tablespoons sugar
- Multi-colored candy sprinkles

Using the dough hook on

your electric mixer or food processor, mix first three ingredients together. Place dough on cutting board and knead for about 5 minutes until smooth and silky.

Break off small pieces of dough and roll into a cylinder about 1/2-inch wide and 2-inches long. Place thumb (or 3 fingers) in center of cylinder and press dough down firmly as you push forward then towards you, causing the cylinder to curl and look somewhat like a seashell.

Fry cookies a few at a time until golden. Drain on paper towels.

In medium saucepan, bring honey and sugar to a boil, lower heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Add cookies a few at a time, turn to coat. Remove to platter with a slotted spoon. Dust with sprinkles.

Note: Cookies can be made, fried and stored in an airtight container for weeks. Glaze the day you're ready to serve.

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Do the math: stacking coupons adds up to big savings

I'm often asked how many coupons we can use on a single item. To answer this, you need to note the difference between manufacturer coupons and store coupons.

Manufacturer coupons always have the words "manufacturer coupon" printed on them. Regardless of whether a store's name or logo is also on a coupon, if those words appear on it, it's a manufacturer coupon. Store coupons will have the words "store coupon," or "retailer coupon" on them, and the name of the issuing store will also appear on the coupon.

Many stores allow us to "stack" coupons, using one manufacturer coupon and one store coupon on the same item. This gives us an even larger discount on that particular product.

But in order to successfully stack, it's important to

make sure you are only using one store and one manufacturer coupon, not two manufacturer coupons. We can only use one manufacturer coupon per item. The register will never accept more than one manufacturer coupon on the same item; this would be considered coupon fraud.

In my coupon classes, it's a common misconception that you can stack one Internet-printed coupon with a coupon from the newspaper inserts, but this is rarely the case. Most coupons available on the Internet for printing are manufacturer coupons, so double-check the wording. If you have a coupon you printed out and a newspaper coupon for the same item and both state "manufacturer coupon," you'll either have to choose which coupon you want to use, or

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buy two of that item in order to use both coupons on a given shopping trip.

As long as you note the differences in the coupons and play by the rules, though, you can definitely multi-stack deals. The goal? To maximize the number of items you take home while minimizing what's coming out of your pocket to do so.

To help you understand the way I will break down a sale, I'll share with you one of my recent deals involving multi-stacking.

An area grocery store had a sale on pork ribs, which were \$6.99 a slab or \$12.98 for two. When I spot a good sale, I'll always look for

coupons to see if I can bring the price down even more.

A common misconception many people have is that there aren't coupons for meats, but there are, you just need to look in the right places!

Since these ribs were labeled under the store's house brand, I went to the store's Web site to see if the store itself was offering any coupons for them. Many chain grocery stores offer coupons on their Web sites.

In this case, the store offered a printable store coupon for \$2 off a slab of house-brand ribs. Because most Internet coupons have a print limit of two, I printed two of them. Now my two slabs of ribs were \$8.98.

I wanted to get a bag of charcoal to grill those ribs with. It was \$7.99. The store's weekly flyer had a \$2 store coupon for the charcoal, bringing the price

down to \$5.99.

I browsed the Web site of the charcoal company and found a valuable manufacturer coupon there, too: \$6 off pork when you buy a bag of charcoal plus a bottle of barbecue sauce. This was a valuable coupon!

Adding the bag of charcoal to my bill brought my total to \$14.97, but the coupon took another \$6 off the ribs. Now my total for both was \$8.97, a penny less than it would have been had I bought ribs alone! But I still needed to buy a bottle of barbecue sauce in order to qualify to use the charcoal site's coupon. So I did. I bought a \$2 bottle of name-brand barbecue sauce, because I had a great coupon from my newspaper inserts: "FREE barbecue sauce with purchase of charcoal."

Buying the sauce added \$2 to my total and the

coupon took that \$2 right back off.

Now, my end total for two slabs of ribs, an 18-pound bag of charcoal and a bottle of barbecue sauce was \$8.97. This is a great example of multi-stacking.

A lot of coupons were involved, but I never used more than one manufacturer coupon on the same item. Remember, as long as you do not exceed more than one manufacturer coupon on the same item, you can use a manufacturer coupon for every single item in your shopping cart, and I often do!

Jill Cataldo, a coupon workshop instructor, writer and mother of three, never passes up a good deal. Learn more about couponing at her Web site www.super-couponing.com. E-mail your own couponing victories and questions to jill@ctwfeatures.com.

Caring for plants after the holidays so they last all year

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas holiday and a have a happy and safe New Year!

Now that the holidays are coming to a close, many of us will have an abundance of holiday plants to nurture for an entire year so we can enjoy them again next year.

One of the most popular gifts of the holiday season are amaryllis bulbs.

Amaryllis bulbs are relatively easy to take care of. If you give them adequate water and bright light, they should bloom in about six weeks. The best way to water is to keep the plants evenly moist. Do not water

so much that the plants are sitting in standing water.

Keep the plants on a windowsill or protected porch for best results. If your bulbs are too small, you may have to wait until next year before you get blooms to form.

If you received a Norfolk pine as a gift or bought one for yourself, you can successfully grow them indoors. As a matter of fact, I recommend that you either grow them indoors or plant them in a container. I do not recommend planting them outdoors.

These trees do not fare well in hurricane-force winds and they grow

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extremely large. With that said, Norfolk pines will do extremely well in an indoor environment, as long as there is ample light. Position your plant near a window where it will receive a bit of sun daily.

These plants will do best if they are watered on a regular schedule. Keep the plants evenly moist but not dripping wet. Do not allow the plants to sit in standing

water. Norfolk pines also enjoy a humid environment so if the plant is indoors, you may find it beneficial to lightly mist it from time to time to help increase the humidity around the plant.

Improper watering can result in needle loss that will not regenerate itself. In addition, never try to prune the tree to shape it. The only pruning that should be done on this plant is for basic maintenance, such as trimming off dead or yellow lower branches.

In the past, I have discussed about how to choose and nurture poinsettia plants during the holidays.

These delicate plants can also be planted outdoors after the season is over.

First, choose a location that is sheltered away from strong winds and the full direct rays of the summer sun. Also, choose an area where you can control the artificial light at night, so you can get your plants to bloom next season with minimal effort.

Use a good-quality potting mix to place your plants in the ground and be sure it is a well-drained location. It might be wise to repot your plant in a large pot until all danger of frost and cold weather has past.

March would be a great transition month to place your prize in the ground.

Once it's planted and established, be sure to trim off all the old red bracts. You will need to do this in order to get blooms next season.

Now comes the tricky part. Starting around November or sooner, the plant is going to need long nights in order to re-bloom. During this two-month period, you will need to eliminate, as much as possible, all signs of artificial lighting at night. Keep the area as dark as possible.

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At this point, I would ask each and every one of you to pause for a moment and allow your mind to wander back to your first fishing memory.

It was not difficult to summon up, was it?

If it meant enough for you to carry with you this long, surely you would not deny your children or grandchildren the same experience.

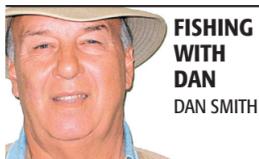
As you searched your memory, I was right there with you, but my first fishing memory is not actually a memory at all.

It is one of those stories from our youth that we have all heard repeated so many times we only think it to be a memory.

At age 4 or 5, my grandfather (who was no fisherman) asked me to ride with him into town in his big old Buick with the twin side mount spare tires.

On the way, I spotted a large puddle left from the previous night's rain. The way the story goes, I pestered the old man until my gramps pulled over. He rigged a piece of twine onto a stick (no hook) and allowed me to fish in the rainwater until I was satiated.

After some time, my mom and dad came by in their '49 Plymouth and got a good laugh from the sight of grandpa sitting, forlornly,



FISHING WITH DAN
DAN SMITH

on the running board of the Buick.

As I said, my gramps did not like to fish, but he did like kids.

My own son, Landan, who now teaches middle school, began fishing when he was around 3 years old. We would take him onto the pier beneath the Granada Bridge where he could catch sailor's choice, catfish and other assorted bait snatchers.

For some unknown reason, he declared that each one was a ratfish. Some were mommy ratfish, some were daddy ratfish, but all were designated ratfish. He was fast to point out to any passerby that he had just landed a ratfish. I am not sure if that is a good memory for him, but it is a great one for me.

My daughter Shayla has fished since she was old enough to hold her Snoopy pole. These days the same Snoopy pole, which is now nearing 30 years old, is in the capable hands of her 6-year-old daughter Delayna.

She is by far the most serious of all the Smith

fishermen and insists that I practice catch and release. When I have the nerve to suggest that one of my catches might be good for dinner her stock reply is: "Heartless!"

Delayna shows much more potential than her old grandpa did as a kid.

At this point, she has caught six species including a dogfish and an eel and as my wife, Lana points out, is much too smart to fish in a rain puddle without a hook.

I hope everyone will take advantage of this great family time of year to get a bag of shrimp or box of worms and take the kids to a nearby stream or pond. Just

watch their eyes light up when they get a bite. Who knows, you may even rekindle that old excitement within yourself. Merry Christmas and happy holidays to all.

Dan Smith has fished the

waters of Volusia County for more than 40 years. E-mail questions and comments to apes123@myblue-light.com. His book, "I Swear the Snook Drowned," is available for \$10.95 at (386) 441-7793.

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Garden

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This is the key to getting new blooms for the holidays.

One of the biggest problems you might encounter with a poinsettia plant is root rot. Oftentimes, you will see poinsettia plants wilting as if they were not watered in days. You go to check the soil and it is still moist. So why is the plant wilting?

Actually, the poinsettia most likely has a root fungus or disease that is preventing the plant from taking on water. That explains the wilted condition. This is usually caused from the plant being in soil that is overly moist.

This condition will almost always lead to a dead plant. In addition, you must also keep a watchful eye out for whiteflies. Treat them at the very first indication with Orthene.

With a little luck and some skill, you should be rewarded with some great holiday color in your garden next season.

Joe Zelenak has 28 years experience in gardening and landscape. Send e-mails to hometowngarden@gmail.com or visit his Web site www.hometowngarden.com.

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