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Community Notes

Traffic closure slated

Work crews will close through traffic on Orange Avenue in Port Orange. The closure began on Feb. 28 and will continue through March 23. The road closure is related to manhole and pipeline repairs. Segments of Orange Avenue, including sidewalks, from Commonwealth Boulevard northward to Howes Street will be closed. The roadway will reopen as soon as construction is completed. Isabelle Avenue is the recommended alternative north-south route.

For more information, See **NOTES, A6**

Report: City did right thing in purchasing utility

By Michael Salerno
For Hometown News

SOUTH DAYTONA — In a move that came as no surprise to some, city leaders gave its thumbs up this week to a committee's findings that the city's planned purchase of Florida Power & Light's electric utility is a good idea.

"It's obvious what the conclusion was going to be from the beginning," said Ray Lawrence, a resident leading a political action committee fighting the purchase.

The City Council voted 4-1 to accept the committee's report, which concurred with councilors' July 2011 decision in favor of purchasing FPL's assets.

Additionally, councilors voted to keep the committee in place up until the end of the year, in hopes it could serve an advisory role in the transition from an FPL-owned utility to a city-owned utility. The city council-appointed

See **POWER, A11**

The descendants



Grover Emanuel, 4, and his sister Giselle, 3, celebrate the ninth annual Freemanville Day at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Port Orange last Tuesday. Grover and Giselle are the great-great-grandchildren of Alberta McCloud, a mother who raised her family in Freemanville, a settlement for former slaves founded in 1866. The city of Port Orange and the Port Orange Historical Trust sponsored the event.

Randy Barber
staff photographer

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Ponce Inlet Lions Club hosts Jazz on the River this Saturday

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Some friendly fishing tips

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Domestic abuse victim tells story of survival

By Dan Harkins
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DELAND — The first violence that Leslie Morgan Steiner ever suffered was at the hands of her fiancé just five days before their wedding.

The Harvard graduate was working on a freelance story in the secluded apartment they shared in New England. She was still raising money for the honeymoon. She was having troubles with her computer, and she screamed at it out of frustration.

The man she calls Conner rushed into her office, grabbed her around the neck with both hands and slammed her against the wall, leaving 10 tiny bruises.

"He yelled at me that I was never supposed to scream like that

because it reminded him too much of his mother," the author told about 100 rapt Stetson University students last week in the college's Rinker Field House.

After Conner left, she called a domestic violence hotline. It was busy.

"In that few minutes before I called again, my denial crept in," she said. "Denial is an incredibly powerful psychological force."

She never called back. Ms. Steiner's two-and-a-half-year ordeal with a violent husband is chronicled in her 2009 memoir, "Crazy Love," which was on the New York Times bestseller list. She started writing the book about five years after the relationship ended,

See **ABUSE, A7**

Beach Patrol vehicle transition will take a while

By Patrick McCallister
For Hometown News

VOLUSIA COUNTY — Changes are afoot at the Volusia County Beach Patrol. The patrol's familiar fleet of white Ford F150s is getting replaced with smaller vehicles, and red will be the new white.

Volusia County Beach Safety director Kevin Sweat said hopes are high that a fleet of smaller, more maneuverable and visible vehicles will help Beach Patrol officers do their jobs better and keep beachgoers safer.

"We're hoping it encourages people to approach the vehicles, rather than (having) that closed-door, big-truck feeling," he said. "We've worked hard to right size the fleet for the job and area as

well." But it will take a while to transition the larger vehicles out of service — after 2013, at least.

For visitors, beaches are all about fun and sun. For the Beach Patrol officers, they're a special mix of law-enforcement and first-responder challenges: congested pedestrian traffic with hard-to-see sunbathers, children getting minor injuries, sudden lightning storms, and other daily hazards. The fleet has to help officers safely navigate beaches quickly for everything from getting vinegar to jellyfish victims to looking for lost children and transporting offenders to the Volusia County Branch Jail.

Mr. Sweat said the Beach Patrol's See **VEHICLE, A4**

Port Orange teen recovers from kidney transplant

By Michael Salerno
For Hometown News

PORT ORANGE — Like most 18-year-olds, Michael Ousterman Jr. goes to school, works, and drives a car. He enjoys four wheeling and video games, and volunteers in his community.

But for almost all his life, he was, in his words, "not your average kid." That's because Michael has battled kidney disease since he was five years old.

"I have to take a lot of medicine," Michael said. "I have to go to the doctor all the time."

Now, it looks like Michael may have won his battle after receiving

a kidney transplant last month.

While medications and treatments helped him through most of his life, a few months ago his kidneys operated at only 12 percent functioning, and a kidney transplant became necessary for him to survive.

He received his new kidney Feb. 10 at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida in Gainesville, just two months after he was put on the national kidney transplant waiting list — which can sometimes take years to lead to a donation.

Michael's father, Michael See **KIDNEY, A9**



Randy Barber/staff photographer Eighteen-year-old Michael Ousterman Jr. is home after a recent kidney transplant. He is shown here with his sister Amber Ousterman, 14, and his father, Michael Ousterman Sr.



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New owners Hannah Gorin, left, and Aileen Reiff work on the remodel of the Gourmet Kitchen restaurant in South Daytona recently.

Gourmet Kitchen back in business and back in the family

By Michael Salerno
For Hometown News

SOUTH DAYTONA — It was three months ago when the Gourmet Kitchen restaurant in the Sunshine Park Mall closed for business, a loss to many of its loyal customers.

Realizing how much of an impact the restaurant had on the community, the granddaughter of its original owners stepped up to reopen it.

"So many people were excited about this place," said Hannah Gorin, the new owner of the Gourmet Kitchen restaurant, which has stood at the south entrance of the mall for over three decades.

Gourmet Kitchen was scheduled to reopen Thursday, March 1. Ms. Gorin partnered with Aileen Reiff to purchase the restaurant from its previous owner after it closed in November 2011.

"We saw an opportunity," she said. "The space was available. It (the business) was something solid that provided for our families, and it brings back to the community something that was loved here."

It also puts the restaurant back in the family's hands.

Gourmet Kitchen was first opened in 1972 by Ms. Gorin's grandparents, Wanda and Robert "Van"

Van Newkirk. The couple did not only co-own the restaurant — they cooked.

"I've been taking naps in these booths before school (since) I was a little kid," Ms. Gorin said.

Tom Van Newkirk, Ms. Gorin's father, said Wanda and Van "spent months traveling and eating across the state" before coming up with the concept of the restaurant.

Mr. Van Newkirk took over his parents' business in 1981 and ran Gourmet Kitchen until he sold it in November 2005.

"Somebody offered (my father) a good amount of money," Ms. Gorin said of the sale.

After selling the restaurant, Mr. Van Newkirk and Ms. Gorin teamed up to venture on a completely different career path — lawn care.

The father-daughter team began operating Tom and Hannah's Lawn and Landscape in 2006.

"I needed a job and he wanted to do something so we bought a lawn service and took it and ran with it," Ms. Gorin said. "It was an interesting change of pace."

Last month, Mr. Van Newkirk and Ms. Gorin sold the lawn care business, paving the way for Ms. Gorin and Ms. Reiff to buy the restaurant.

Ms. Gorin said the support of the community inspired her to reopen Gourmet Kitchen.

"Some days, it's really been encouraging to us," she said.

The menu at the new restaurant will include breakfast items, deli sandwiches, hamburgers, some seafood, and the restaurant's signature dish, potato salad.

The restaurant will

employ a staff of 11, including Ms. Gorin and Ms. Reiff.

Ms. Reiff said she partnered with Ms. Gorin to reopen Gourmet Kitchen because "I've called this place my home for a long time."

She explained she worked at the restaurant for the last 14 years. In that time she took on numerous duties such as cooking, serving, washing dishes and working the cash register.

"I've worked here since my oldest boy was in kindergarten," she said. "Now he's 19 years old."

Mr. Van Newkirk said Ms. Reiff deserves to be a partner in Gourmet Kitchen's reopening because of her years of dedication to the restaurant.

"She earned her way into this business," he said.

Many customers have also considered Gourmet Kitchen home, as evidenced by the many messages they etched on the "reopening soon" signs posted on the restaurant's entrance.

Some of Gourmet Kitchen's loyal customers might be disappointed that there won't be any karaoke nights under the restaurant's new management.

Ms. Gorin said Gourmet Kitchen would only be open for breakfast and lunch. The restaurant won't be open late for dinner and karaoke, she said, because she needs to take care of her family in the evenings.

With that aside, she believes old and new customers will welcome Gourmet Kitchen back with open arms.

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My brush with snack cake greatness

In my long life I have encountered quite a few famous people. I once was able to speak with Green Bay Packer quarterback Bart Starr at Chicago's O'Hare airport. My wife Lana and I even shared a sauna with pretty little Sally Struthers, who was then starring on the TV program "All In The Family." At City Island I sat with Chicago Bears linebacker Dick Butkus and discussed some of the football talent of the World League as they worked out. I met another football great, Kenny Stabler, in Biloxi, Miss. I have also met many of the NASCAR greats through the years.

Of course, the one I mention most is my encounter with Elvis Presley on the set of his 1964 movie "Roustabout." Those were all impressive and good fun, but back in the 1980s while working in the Chicago area, I happened upon one of my all-time heroes.

As a blacktop contractor I was paving the parking lot of a 7-11 store in the affluent suburb of River Forest when I saw a distinguished elderly gentleman approaching. He asked if I would have the time to resurface the driveway at his nearby home. While the crew finished I walked with the man the two blocks to his house where I found that the work he was offering was too small to be of interest. But when I returned to my job, I discovered that I had over bought and I had enough material left to take care of the man. While the men did the work I stood off to the side and talked with the nice old fellow.

I asked him what he had done in his working life. He told me that he had been a baker for the Continental Baking Company of Chicago. That didn't interest me much until he said that he had invented the Twinkie.

"You did what?" I asked incredulously.

"Yes" he said "the Twinkie was mine."

I took a giant step back. Trumpets sounded in the heavens and a bright light shone down on the little man. I knew that I was in the presence of greatness.

He told me that his name was James Dewar and



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DAN SMITH

we shook hands. Then I hugged him. This was the man who had made my young life worth living. He had come up with the most delectable of junk foods. A snack cake for the ages. I wanted to know all about it and began asking too many questions. Jim (yes, I boldly called him Jim) patiently told me that his company produced a very popular sponge cake every strawberry season for shortcakes, but as soon as the berries were gone they couldn't give them away. He had been asked to

come up with a way to sell their sponge cakes all year long. In 1930, he created the little cake filled with a banana cream filling.

Jim admitted that he had pilfered the name from the Twinkle Toe Shoe Company, a popular brand at the time. During World War II there was a shortage of bananas and he had to switch to vanilla cream. Wow! This rotund gray haired man had given us all so much pleasure. Eventually the Twinkie was sold to the Hostess Company and sadly just last month they filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. According to my research all is not lost and Hostess will reorganize and continue to make those golden treats.

Health food a Twinkie is not. Not long ago, I tried a deep fried version of the little cake. Oh my! The hot fat melts the inner cream and sends it throughout the cake that has now become crispy on the outside.

Great! I'm not so sure how healthy the deep fried Twinkie is — the original delivers approximately 13% of your daily intake of saturated fat. But, hey, one must be ready to make a few sacrifices.

The Twinkie is also a cultural icon. You've all heard the urban myth that they have a shelf life longer than the average tin can of beans (it's actually only 25 days).

Then there's the "Twinkie Defense," first used by Dan White, who killed San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk in 1978. White said that he was suffering from severe depression. His evidence was that he had given up his usual health food diet and began subsisting on Twinkies.

I don't know about that, but I do know we all owe the late Mr. James Dewar a big thanks. Sure it was fun meeting my childhood hero Bart Starr and I was awed to be in the presence of the King of Rock 'n' Roll, but Elvis-Shmelvis, my best brush with fame had to be Jim Dewar, the impresario of the Twinkie.



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Vehicle

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22 full-sized pickup trucks and 18 all-terrain vehicles, or ATVs, haven't proven to be the best vehicles for the job. They're getting replaced with a mix of mid-sized pickups, compact four-wheel drive, and utility-task vehicles, or UTVs. And they

will all be in a new color.

"As we order, everything will be in red, for higher visibility," Mr. Sweat said.

George Baker, director of Fleet Management, said the fleet's current pickup trucks are reaching the ends of their life cycles. The pickups spend their first four years with the county in fire services, then two years with the beach patrol. After that,

they head to auctioneer George Gideon. This first stop in fire services slows the transition of the beach-patrol fleet.

"We don't want to put brand new vehicles on the beach," Mr. Baker said.

The full-sized pickups have, among other problems, hindered officers' ability to see sunbathers. For officers trying to pay attention to several things as they drive, it's been a repeated problem.

"In the last couple of years, we've had a couple of accidents and that's what led to these changes," Mr. Sweat said. "We had one officer who ran over the hand of someone about a year ago. We had an officer who ran over someone's body when they were in a lounge chair. Thank God everyone survived."

He added, "Just last summer, we had one of our part-time employees ran over someone laying on the sand.

He ran over her head, but, thank God, she wasn't killed."

According to Mr. Sweat, tests showed that the F150s in the fleet have a 23-foot blind spot as a driver looks through the passenger window. That's been remedied by side cameras installed on the trucks. However, other vehicles, such as Jeeps, have much smaller blind spots.

"The Florida Highway Patrol did cite the drivers in those cases, all of them," Mr. Sweat said. "Even though the vehicle has a blind spot, it's the driver's responsibility to look at what's there."

None of the officers involved in the accidents were terminated.

At a recent beach safety workshop, Mr. Sweat told the Volusia County Council that the current beach patrol fleet includes the 22 full-sized trucks, 18 ATVs, and two UTVs — 42 in all. By next year, it hopes to reduce the full-sized truck fleet to



Randy Barber/staff photographer
Lifeguard Jarett Wooleyhan drives one of the new Volusia County Beach Patrol UTVs recently.

13 and the ATV fleet to 12. The Beach Patrol plans to add six UTVs, two Jeeps, and a mid-sized pickup, for a total of 36 vehicles.

The UTVs are proving to be an important part of the new fleet, Mr. Baker said. They allow officers to move quickly on crowded beaches, as the ATVs do, but

accommodate more equipment — with some help.

"We actually fabricate our own beds, our own surfboard racks, and our own (law-enforcement) light racks," Mr. Baker said.

After 2013, the full-sized pickups will all be replaced as they reach six years of county service each.

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Transition Fair 2012 scheduled

The 2012 Transition Fair will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, at Atlantic High School, 1250 Reed Canal Road, Port Orange.

School News

The fair is open to students with disabilities, parents, teachers at all school levels and the community at large.

The fair provides an opportunity for parents and teachers to explore postsecondary education options and get connected with agencies. This year there will be four break-out sessions to include:

- Social Security and Benefits Planning: discussion will focus on planning for the financial future of students with disabilities
- Agency for Persons with Disabilities: discussion will focus on employment initiatives and legislative topics regarding persons with developmental disabilities
- Vocational Rehabilitation: discussion will focus on the School to Work Transition program that assists students with disabilities in preparing and planning for employment
- Project 10: discussion will focus on transition planning and its importance for students with disabilities to achieve their postsecondary goals

Attendees will have the opportunity to speak to agency and postsecondary education representatives, discuss transition planning with school personnel and enjoy a complementary light snack supper.

Also, several schools will be displaying information about their school-based enterprises and some will be offering their products for purchase.

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Local student named to dean's list

Nicholas David Bowling of Port Orange was named to the Hampden-Sydney College dean's list for the fall semester of the 2011-2012.

A senior, Mr. Bowling is a graduate of Spruce Creek High School, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew M. Bowling of Port Orange.

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When the Port Orange-based law firm of Rue & Ziffra recently celebrated its 30th year in business, the founders and staff also observed something else: 30 years of giving.

Throughout the years, the firm has sponsored everything from charity balls, motorcycle runs and Bike Week events and given monetary donations to organizations like schools, civic clubs and children's homes, to name only a few.

During 2011, the firm contributed more than \$171,000 on events that benefit residents in many Volusia and Flagler county communities.

Since Rue & Ziffra's early beginnings, founders John D. Rue and Allan L. Ziffra set a high philanthropic standard for attorneys and other employees at their firm, who frequently donate their time and efforts at local charitable events.

"We're all a part of this community and Allan and I have always felt that we should help out whenever and however we can," Rue said.

On a typical weekend, anywhere from one to four community events from DeLand to Palm Coast may have received a helping hand from the personal-injury firm, he said.

Often the sponsorship is overt with a black and gold Rue & Ziffra banner, while other donations — like contributing money for school backpacks, basketball uniforms or helping a homeless family with rent — are less obvious.

To help charitable organizations request contributions, the firm has plans to launch a new website, according to Jessica Eckelbarger, marketing director.

"It will be helpful for charities, as well as for those wanting to donate to specific charities," she said. The website, www.rzcares.com, is expected to be up and running by the end of February.

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Daytona 500 delay boosts local businesses

For the first time, the Daytona 500 was postponed until Monday because of the weather. While it probably meant more business for local merchants, International Speedway Corp. will take a slight hit on its expenses for the first quarter.

Exactly how well Speed Weeks did for area merchants won't be known until sales tax figures come in, but it should have at least equaled last year. With the additional crowd in Orlando for the NBA All-Star game, more money should have found its way to Volusia County.

Now that the February races are over, it's time for the two-wheeled enthusiasts to hit town. With an improving national economy, more bikers may have the confidence to come to the Daytona Beach area and spend more this year. Area motorcycle-related businesses definitely could use a shot in the arm after several years of depressed business.

It won't happen until 2017, but Daytona Beach got one of its first really big conventions with the National Shriners Convention coming to the area. In July 2017, the area gets to figure out if it really can host a major convention.

In an update from last week's column, Sunoco paid First Coast Energy \$11.645 million for 11 properties. At least two of the properties are vacant gas stations at 460 S. Atlantic Ave., Ormond Beach, and 1600 S. Ridgewood Ave., South Daytona. Still no word on whether Sunoco will remodel and reopen them.

The commercial real estate market isn't totally dead. In New Smyrna Beach, the former Badcock's Furniture building at Canal Street and U.S. 1 sold to some local investors for \$580,500. In DeBary, the small Village on the Green strip



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center at 220 U.S. 17/92 sold to a Winter Park investor for \$450,000. In the biggest real estate deal in Volusia for the week, the CVS Pharmacy property at Beville Road and Clyde Morris Boulevard in Daytona Beach sold for \$4 million to a Colorado investor.

Consumers in Volusia County apparently still weren't totally confident in the economy in the fourth quarter of 2011, reducing their credit card debt by 16.1 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 2010, according to Equifax. They have good reason for skepticism as high gasoline prices will cut into other spending. The price has hit \$2.80 a gallon on average in Volusia and analysts expect it to go to \$4.

Brown & Brown's buying spree across the country is far from over. The Daytona Beach company bought Kane Partners of Mamaroneck, N.Y. The employee benefits management office has annual revenue of about \$1.2 million.

In small business news, Orange City is getting a new bakery called Fun Cakes while Mel's Diner is opening at Gulfstream Village in Port Orange. Also, one of Volusia County's oldest auto shops, the Car Care Center on Bellevue Avenue, just west of Ridgewood Avenue, was sold.

Cecil G. Brumley has been tracking Volusia County business news and trends for more than 15 years. He can be reached at Cecilbrumley@gmail.com

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

•Alexandria Velasquez, 39, of Port Orange, was arrested on Feb. 19 on charges of battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest with violence. Bail was not set.

•Cedric Lamont Adkins, 28, of Port Orange, was arrested on Feb. 20 on charges of domestic violence battery by strangulation, false imprisonment and tampering with or harassing a victim. Bail was not set.

•John Joseph Nuzzi, 44, of Port Orange, was arrested on Feb. 22 on charges of burglary of a structure, grand theft auto, criminal mischief, armed burglary of a structure and grand theft with a firearm. Bail was set at \$41,500.

South Daytona Police Department

•Daniel John Stellman, 28, of South Daytona, was arrested on Feb. 22 on charges of fleeing and attempting to elude law enforcement. Bail was set at \$2,000.

•Nicholas J. Meherg, 23, of South Daytona, was arrested on Feb. 23 on charges of grand theft. Bail was set at \$1,500.

Volusia County Sheriff's Department

•Steven Hugh Sullivan, 23, of South Daytona, was arrested on Feb. 18 on charges of grand theft. Bail was set at \$1,000.

•David Lee Debenedictis, 28, of Port Orange, was arrested on Feb. 20 on charges of possession of a weapon and ammunition by a felon and retail theft. Bail was set at \$4,000.

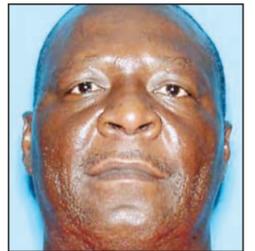
•Deric L. Shropshire, 19, of South Daytona, was arrested on Feb. 23 on charges of possession of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school. Bail was set at \$1,000.

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Wanted

Wanted person: Kenneth Nathan Cook
Aliases: Irvin Cook, Kenneth McQueen and Kenneth Brown
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Reason wanted: Absconded sex offender
Last known location: Daytona Beach



Cook

Crime Stoppers of North-east Florida is seeking information on the whereabouts of convicted sex offender, Kenneth Nathan Cook, 55. Cook has been adjudicated by the courts as a sexual offender as a result of a 1999 conviction in Orange County for committing a lewd or lascivious act on a child. As a convicted sex offender, Cook is required by Florida law to register his home address with law enforcement every six months. On Feb. 13, 2012, a judge issue an arrest warrant for Cook charging him with failure of a sex offender to properly register.

Cook is 6-feet, 1-inch tall and weighs about 270 pounds and has black hair and brown eyes. His last known address was on East Patrick Circle in Daytona Beach. If you see Cook, don't try to apprehend him.

Anyone with information regarding Cook's 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.

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In response to: 'Watch your cats'

Stray cats are the result of the people leaving them for many reasons. They are hungry and homeless. Birds can feed themselves, but cats can't. Leave some cats some food. They eat and go back to their colony. They don't bother anyone. We are all God's creations. Respect them.

'Buy one, get one free' not always a good deal

Why do I have to buy two items to get one free? Why can't I buy one item at half price? "Buy one get one free" can really be a waste of food and money for the smaller family who will never use the second one or it will go bad before you get a chance to use it.

One of the major food chains, now defunct in Florida, would let you get one for half price. I don't know why the other chains don't do this.

There are many free tax services

I am responding to the person that she said she had to pay \$100 to get her taxes done because she had no deductions. If she had no deductions, she should have been able to do her taxes herself for free. I have done my taxes myself for 20 years. They are easy to do. There are also online services available. You can go to the IRS online. You can go to the public library. You can get taxes done for free. It is all about doing for yourself and taking charge of your life, being more efficient and doing things yourself.

In response to: 'Pledge of Allegiance'

The reader who said he didn't know when they put 'under God' in the Pledge of Allegiance should know that Congress did this in 1954.

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Bovine buss



Creekside Middle School principal Dr. Karen Beattie kisses a steer named Shrek as agricultural teacher Jamie Davis watches during the Olive Garden's 'Pasta for Pennies' fundraiser last Thursday. Dr. Beattie told students she would kiss a cow if they raised more than \$200 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. They did. www.lls.org

Randy Barber
staff photographer

Letters

Slot machines are not a good idea

I would like to make my voice heard regarding your article on allowing slot machines in Volusia County.

I personally do not think that it is a good idea for the following reasons:

No. 1. It encourages people of low income to spend money that should go to paying their bills, food, etc.

No. 2. Gambling is very addictive and often produces a breakdown in families.

No. 3. Gambling attracts people of dubious character and often leads to crime.

No. 4. This kind of atmosphere also attracts prostitution.

How is it that you only printed comments from people who were in favor of slot machines?

Katherine Negrini
Port Orange

Editor's note: When we run a "Man on the Street" poll such as this one, we run the first six answers we get, we do not get more and then decide which to run. In this case, the first six answers the reporter got were all in favor of allowing slot machines.

Looking for 1970 race results

I hope your readers can help me. I am looking for the complete race results for the four-mile Easter Beach Run held in Daytona Beach on March 29, 1970.

I have seen this list of finishers; I just never took a copy

with me while I was there.

I have run 16 marathons. In 2011, I looked through the race results and discovered I only had results for eight. So I set out to get the printed results for the rest. In some cases, this was just contacting the current race directors, and they shared the results copy. In many cases, more digging was needed.

Now, eight months later, I have seven of the other eight sets of race results. I am asking Hometown News readers if they have, or know someone who has, a full list of the 95 finishers of the four-mile Easter Beach Run in Daytona Beach on March 29, 1970. Anyone with information, please reply to priefberg@gmail.com.

Paul Riefberg
Allen, Texas

AARP provides tax services for all

Many people are not aware that the AARP provides tax prep services to everyone, not just the elderly.

Locations are in different places. In New Smyrna Beach and Edgewater, taxes are done at the Brannon Center on Mondays, the New Smyrna Beach Library on Fridays and Saturdays, the Edgewater Elks Club and others. Best of all, the service is free.

David Shulmister
New Smyrna Beach

Editor's note: for more information, call (888) 227-7669.

Notes

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call (386) 235-2192.

Low-cost pet show clinics planned

There will be two lower cost pet shot clinics sponsored by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals. The first will be held from 9 to 11 a.m., Saturday, March 3, at The Green Market, an open market located at the Pavilion of Port Orange 5501 S. Williamson Blvd. Port Orange.

The second clinic will be held from 12:30 to 2:30pm at Mr. Petman, 2400 S. Ridgewood S. Daytona, in the Sunshine Mall.

Nail trims and ear cleaning will be offered for \$5.

This is cash only for the shots. The clinic is open to everyone. No appointment is needed.

For more information, call (386) 748-8993.

Spaghetti dinner offered

The American Legion will hold its monthly spaghetti dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday March 3, at the post home, 119 Howes Street, Port Orange.

Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, roll and dessert. Donation is \$6.

Learn to cook with herbs

Full Moon Natives will hold "All About...Lavender" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at 1737 Fern Park Drive, Port Orange.

The Herbal Gourmet, will team up to share their knowledge.

For more information, call (386) 212-9923, visit www.fullmoonnatives.com or e-mail vette@fullmoonnatives.com.

City to hold dance

The city of Port Orange will hold a

Saturday dance from 7 to 9:30 p.m., March 3, at the Adult Center, 4790 S. Ridgewood Ave.

The Moonlighters will perform on March 3.

Admission is \$5.

For more information, call (386) 506-5867.

Singles club to meet

A meet and great club for singles 55 and older will meet the third Saturday of each month at Duff's Restaurant, 2400 S. Ridgewood Ave., South Daytona in the Sunshine Park Mall. There are no membership fees or dues. For more information or reservations, call (386) 760-2234.

Fashion show slated

The Ponce Inlet Women's Club Fashion Show Luncheon will be held at 10:30 a.m. March 14, at the Halifax River Yacht Club.

The event will support scholarships for education and charities in the community. Rewards will be given for best hats.

A benefit ticket is \$30.

For more information, call (386) 322-4512 or (386) 682-3364.

Learn to Cha Cha

The Greater Daytona Chapter USA Dance No. 6026 will sponsor beginning Cha Cha lessons from 7 to 8 P.M. followed by 20 minutes of practice time, on four consecutive Tuesdays beginning March 6, at Lighthouse Pointe Clubhouse, 155 Spring Drive, Port Orange. Instructor will be Marta Pascale.

Cost is \$20 for all four lessons.

For information, call (386) 562-0590 or e-mail martausadance@cfl.rr.com

Historical Society to meet

The South Daytona Historical Society will feature guest speaker Brian McLaughlin at its March 5 meeting at 6 p.m. at the Citizens Alert Office at the

Sunshine Park Mall.

A University of Florida graduate and South Daytona resident, Mr. McLaughlin brings a lifelong interest in history and genealogy.

He will speak about the history of the many Spanish Land Grants in South Daytona and share what he has learned about the area's history.

Open to the public.

Fashion show planned

The Port Orange-South Daytona Chamber of Commerce will hold the Passion for Fashion luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 9, at the Riverside Pavilion, 3431 Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange.

Tickets are \$20 a person.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call (386) 761-1601.

St. Patrick's Day event scheduled

The Irish American Club's St. Patrick's Day Party will be held at noon Wednesday, March 14, at Eagles Club, 5130 S. Ridgewood Ave, Port Orange.

There will be music, dancing, corned beef and cabbage, cash bar & more.

Tickets are \$18 for non-members. Advanced tickets sale only. Limited seating.

For tickets and information, call (386) 788-1588 and (386) 265-4670.

Flea Market scheduled

The Ponce Inlet Community Center will hold a free flea market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 9 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 10, at 4670 S. Peninsula Drive, Ponce Inlet.

There will be clothing, furniture, housewares, knick-knacks and much more.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the community center's business and maintenance fund.

For more information call (386) 760-0615.

Abuse

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upon starting a new relationship with her current husband, with whom she has a daughter.

Sponsored by Stetson's Gender Studies program, the Psi Chi psychology honor society, the Alpha Chi Omega sorority and the Department of Housing and Residential Life, Ms. Morgan Steiner's speech, she said, was intended to alert young students about the dangers of ignoring the signs of coming abuse.

According to Lynn Kaiser Conrad, director of operations and development for the county's Domestic Abuse Council, the county's lone domestic violence shelter can house up to about 30 women and children at one time. It served 326 individuals last year - a 17 percent increase from 2010.

According to a December report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in four women will experience domestic abuse in their lives, most often between the ages of 20 and 24. And many of these women will remain silent, Ms. Kaiser Conrad said.

"The victim feels a lot of shame for being victimized," she said. "This is why the abuse is so often kept a secret."

Another factor: "crazy" love.

By the first attack, Ms. Morgan Steiner recalled, her love for Conner was stronger than anything she'd ever experienced. This was despite the red flags that he was abusive.

Shortly after they met, the signs started showing.

After graduating from Harvard and moving to New York City to start writing for Seventeen magazine, Ms. Steiner and Conner started dating. He was kind, full of compliments.

Red flag: A few months into the relationship, he did "something that guys in New York City never do," she said. He handed her the keys to his apartment.

"The fact he was willing to

make a commitment so early on was a little bit strange," she said.

Red flag: Soon after that he finally revealed to her his abusive upbringing at the hands of his step-father.

"He grew up vowing he'd never do that to anyone else," she said. "I remember thinking that I wanted to show this man what love is all about."

Red flag: A few weeks later, he asked her to marry him. She said yes, despite the rush.

A few weeks after that, another red flag: He told her he was tired of the city and wanted to move to a secluded part of New England. He'd already quit his lucrative job as a day trader. She could quit her job too, he said, and just be a freelancer at home.

"What abusers do, consciously or unconsciously, is they need to isolate their victims," she said. "...He had to get me out of that environment before he could start dominating me physically."

After the first attack, he didn't apologize, just acted embarrassed. She chalked it up to wedding jitters. He didn't hit me, she thought.

Then he hit her. He attacked her twice during the honeymoon. He punched her face when she got lost driving. On the way home, he threw a cold Big Mac at her head.

Still, she thought she could tame him before anyone found out.

"I knew if I told people they'd think I was crazy for staying," she said.

He never did the same thing twice. One time he pushed her down the basement stairs. Another time, he poured cold water on her during a hot bath. He threatened to shoot their dog, then he threatened to shoot her.

The final straw came after he suggested they both pursue master's degrees at the University of Pennsylvania's prestigious Wharton School of Business. His idea was a mistake, she said, since it helped her find the courage to leave.

Around that time, she had told Conner she loved him but would leave if the abuse

continued. He didn't hit her again for six months. To celebrate his birthday and the newfound calm of their relationship, she planned a romantic trip to Paris.

The night before leaving, he told her they weren't going. It was the first day of winter break. Campus was quiet and reminded her of secluded New England.

"I wanted to go to Paris," she said. "So I did something that was either very brave or very stupid in that I told him I was going anyway."

Since reading the excerpt of her book that details the final assault often brings Ms. Steiner to tears, she played a video of herself reading it instead.

He smashed her favorite framed wedding picture over her head, leaving little cuts across her forehead. Then he squeezed her throat again until she passed out. When

she awoke, he looked relieved. She doesn't know how long she was passed out. He put his keys on top of the broken photo and left.

"As soon as the front door shut," she said, "I reached for the phone and called the police."

About half of the audience lined up to shake Ms. Morgan Steiner's hand after the speech, to share their own stories of abuse.

"You have to look for the red flags in your own life and in the lives of your friends," said senior Amanda Iannotti. "If they aren't looking, you have to do it for them."

Ms. Morgan Steiner said she speaks with mostly college audiences about 15 times a year and almost always has a cathartic experience.

"It's really gratifying to help people," she said, "but it's also gratifying to see that I'm not alone."

Red flags that a new partner might be abusive:

- Wants to move too quickly into the relationship
 - Does not honor your boundaries
 - Is excessively jealous and accuses you of having affairs
 - Wants to know where you are all of the time and frequently calls, emails and texts you throughout the day
 - Criticizes you or puts you down; most commonly tells you that you're "crazy," "stupid" and/or "fat," or that no one would ever want or love you
 - Says one thing and does another
 - Takes no responsibility for their behavior and blames others. Has a history of
- battering
 - Blames the entire failure of previous relationships on their partner
 - Grew up in an abusive or violent home
 - Insists that you stop spending time with your friends or family
 - Seems "too good to be true"
 - Insists that you stop participating in leisure activities
 - Rages out of control; impulsive
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Paying for Progress: CRAs face more problems than just blight

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Editor's note: This is the second story in a three-part series.

VOLUSIA COUNTY — When the state Community Redevelopment Act was

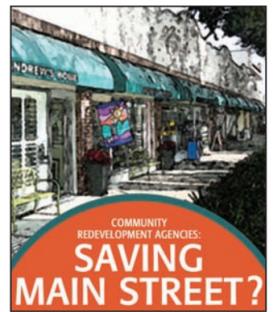
passed in 1969 to help municipalities improve their blighted areas — mostly urban centers — by providing grants and other incentives to developers, the hopes were of renewed, vibrant communities and prosperous businesses. And in many places for

many years, that was the case. CRAs are credited with revitalizing many a city, bringing in new businesses and renovating existing ones. Now, however, Community Redevelopment Agencies, which are in charge of Community Redevel-

opment Areas, are increasingly coming under fire as bureaucratic behemoths playing loose and fast with taxpayer money. In California, its more than 400 CRAs are being dismantled. Here in Florida, Gov. Rick Scott has called for an audit of all of the state's 1,600 special

taxing districts, including 178 CRAs (15 are in Volusia County).

Cronyism is an oft-heard criticism, considering that some CRA boards, like the one in New Smyrna Beach, are made up of volunteer business people — the same ones who like to benefit from CRA funding. The boards that are run by the town's elected officials are often accused of being used to curry political favors.



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New Smyrna Beach city commissioners unanimously passed a law in January forbidding any city worker, elected official or unpaid board member from personally benefiting from the CRA.

It was a needed change, said Zone 4 Commissioner Lynne Plaskett.

“I’ve never taken a damn dime for anything that I’ve ever approved and I’d never do that,” she said after the ordinance was approved.

The upheaval has led to even more changes. A majority of board members have either resigned or indicated their desire to do so, causing Mayor Adam Barringer to advise counsel in recent weeks to draw up legislation allowing commissioners to start running the CRA board.

On Jan. 29, Chairman James Kosmas left the board too, but he didn’t cite the \$2,000 CRA grant that he returned late last year.

Instead, in a resignation letter to Mayor Barringer, he took issue with alleged personal attacks on himself and other board members from some city officials who were backpedaling from “politically unpopular” decisions.

“To have certain elected and appointed public officials try and throw me - and the other volunteers - under the bus to advance their own political agenda is simply wrong,” he wrote.

The switch to a commission-led board would bring the city in line with how most other CRAs are governed. In cities like DeLand, Ormond Beach, Port Orange and Daytona Beach, commissioners handle all CRA business.

Rick Goss, Ormond Beach’s planning director, said the advantages of the arrangement are “obvious.”

“What you’re not seeing in this city is: People are not on the CRA getting benefits through the program,” he said. “And they don’t have any inconsistencies with one group not agreeing with another.”

One group versus two equals one clear vision, said Patrick Henry, Daytona Beach’s Zone 5 city commissioner. “It’s ultimately city commissioners’

greater legitimacy,” he said, CRA, A10

So, which is it? Are CRAs city saviors or just a financial boon for those involved?

That’s according to who you ask.

“When things go well, everybody loves the CRA,” said Carol Westmoreland, director of the Florida Redevelopment Association. “But when things go bad, it’s, ‘What’s going on here?’ When tax money is involved, everything should be transparent and fully accountable. It doesn’t always happen but we do preach it over and over.”

How the board is stacked

It’s an unfortunate Catch-22 for CRAs that the people who are best to serve on the board are the same people who benefit from the CRA — local business people. This can lead to accusations of favoritism when board members are handing out money to their friends, business associates and even themselves. If rules are applied that board members cannot receive any CRA funding, cities may find themselves without a board. Both of these things happened recently in New Smyrna Beach.

When it was noted recently that one CRA board member had received a grant for his business and another had an application in for one, CRA attorney Mark Hall said they were violating state ethics guidelines.

Both of those members have since resigned.

Also, since 2009, city records show that New Smyrna Beach CRA board members declared conflicts of interest 11 times when it came to doling out money.

T. Wayne Bailey, a professor of political science at Stetson University, said too many conflicts can soil public trust.

“You get into the issue,” Mr. Bailey said, “of ‘Wink, wink, I declare a conflict of interest, but you know who I am, and, wink, wink, I know you’ll be fair.’”

When these incidences stack up, he said, it could leave the impression of insider politics.

“(A board) could achieve greater legitimacy,” he said,

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Kidney

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Ousterman Sr., said the results of the transplant so far are positive.

"We found out he's operating at 85 percent (kidney function) or better," he said. "His blood work's coming back astronomically awesome. Everything is showing he's going to do well."

It's a miraculous change of pace from before the transplant, when Michael was close to needing dialysis for his kidneys to function, Mr. Ousterman said.

Joanna Lewis, Michael's mother, said she "never, ever" wanted to see her son have to go through dialysis.

"Michael's grandfather had kidney disease, too ... he was put on dialysis three days a week and it drained him," she said. "We (Michael's father and I) did not want to put my son through that. Doctors kept their promise that would not happen."

Both of Michael's parents planned to go in for tests to determine if either of them could donate a kidney, but Michael received the transplant from a deceased donor before the tests were to take place.

Ms. Lewis said of Michael's new kidney, "It was a miracle that he had done so well with his transplant."

Before the transplant, Michael said, he was tired most of the time. Now he has enough energy to help his 14-year-old sister Amber Ousterman with her homework and drive her to the Port Orange YMCA for cheerleading lessons.

He also believes he will function better when he goes back to work as a cashier at Winn-Dixie, a job he's held since last November.

When Michael's parents first learned of his kidney problems when he was five years old, Mr. Ousterman said he didn't know what he could do to make his son feel better.

"I felt sort of helpless, (like I) couldn't do much for him," he said.

Ms. Lewis said she wished her son had been able to lead a normal childhood without the need for repeated doctor's visits or lots and lots of medication.

"I feel very sad that my son has had to go through this since he was a young child," Ms. Lewis said. "Bringing him to doctor's appointments, in and out of hospitals and giving him

medications has been upsetting to me since he has been unable to live a normal teenager's life."

Michael's kidneys were affected by kidney dysplasia, described by the National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse as a condition where tubes that collect urine fail to branch out through one or both of a person's kidneys. This causes urine that would normally flow from those tubes to collect inside the kidney and form cysts.

But Michael's health issues weren't limited to his kidneys.

Two years ago, he contracted an unrelated condition, juvenile dermatomyositis, an inflammatory disease that weakens the muscles.

Michael was prescribed prednisone to boost his low corticosteroid levels as a result of the dermatomyositis. Following that, he got cataracts on his eyes, a side effect of high prednisone dosage. Last year he went in for surgery to remove the cataracts.

"Michael's had a hell of a battle," his father said.

But that battle never stopped Michael from living his life. It even influenced what he wants to do with his life.

Michael is a senior at Atlantic High School, where he is doing well in his classes. After he graduates, he plans to go to college in the hopes he will become a paramedic, adding he also wants to become a registered nurse specializing in pediatrics.

The pain he felt for years from his illnesses inspired his interest in helping others — especially children — that are suffering similarly.

"I understand the pain some kids are going through," he said.

Michael also dedicated some of his time to volunteer work.

He spent his Saturdays at the Port Orange YMCA during teen night, where he would help teens with their workouts. He was honored for his work in 2006 when he was named the YMCA's teen volunteer of the year.

He also served as a Port Orange Police Explorer, where his activities included assisting with road cleanups and parking cars during city events.

Michael said he owes his recovery to his family for being supportive of him during his journey, even if that support was something as little as bringing him something to drink.

"I was bedridden for a while," he said. "If I needed a glass of water, my sister would get one for me."

Although his parents divorced a year ago, Michael's health and well being remained on Ms. Lewis's mind. She moved to Ohio for a brief time after the divorce, but moved back to Port Orange knowing Michael would soon need a kidney transplant, she said.

Michael and his family also commended his grandmother, Joan Ousterman, for her support in driving him to Shands at UF for treatments whenever his father was unable to do so.

"It's been hard at times, but it always got better," Michael said. "Family and friends made it better."

Mr. Ousterman said he has high hopes for his son's improved health.

"(Doctors) estimate (Michael's new kidney will last) between five and 15 years," Mr. Ousterman said. "We hope it goes beyond it to 30 years. We hope it's a lifetime organ."

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CRA

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responsibility for CRAs anyway," he said. "We just take that responsibility up front."

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Equality still elusive

Regardless of who sits on the CRA board, not everyone will be happy with how the money is doled out.

At a late-January community forum in New Smyrna Beach hosted by Volusia County Council vice chair Joyce Cusack, nearly 100 residents and public officials filled the community room at Alonzo "Babe" James Youth Center to hear about recent redevelopment efforts in the city's predominantly black Westside neighborhood.

They were told about a few streetscaping projects that have improved stretches of West Canal Street and Mary Avenue on the northern edge of the neighborhood, but some residents were more interested in learning why nearby business districts like Canal Street enjoyed most of the approximate \$1.5 million in annual CRA funding, while the largely blighted Westside got mostly piecemeal offerings.

Officials explained how just a small piece of the Westside is included in the CRA district. Some in the audience wanted to know if

that could change.

"What can you do to expand the boundaries of the CRA in our district?" asked area activist Melvin Brown.

City Manager Pam Brangaccio said that the current CRA would expire in three years and that a new CRA was being planned to address the Westside blight, particularly the corridor along U.S. 1.

Ms. Cusack, who grew up in this neighborhood and now lives in DeLand, explained after the meeting how expansions of any of the county's CRAs aren't favored by the county council. However, she did voice her desire to see CRAs become more equitable in the future.

"I get a lot of calls and e-mails saying, 'That's a waste of our money,'" she said. "But I don't think they should go away. We should reinvest in all our communities, and we should do it in a more inclusive manner."

In cities like Daytona Beach, the same complaints of favoritism often arise, Daytona Beach Commissioner Henry said.

But some areas, he said, naturally generate more money than others, since property values and tax overages, which are used to determine each CRA district's funding, are more generous in downtown and tourist areas than in blighted neighborhoods.

"Beachside gets more money from the CRA because of how much money it brings in," Mr. Henry said. "It appears on the outside that the city is less interested in investing in an area like Midtown, when it's just because we have less money there."

The city of DeLand has two CRAs: one formed

in 2005 for the embattled Spring Hill neighborhood southwest of downtown, and an earlier one created in 1983 for downtown.

While the Spring Hill CRA, which is controlled by both county and city officials since much of the land is unincorporated, struggles to generate any funding, the downtown CRA continues to generate high praise, said Dale Arrington, the assistant city manager in charge of community development.

"If you saw what the downtown area looked like before the CRA, you wouldn't have wanted to come here," Ms. Arrington said. "We had boarded up buildings everywhere and not one flower in sight."

Now, the fully streetscaped roads and brick sidewalks are bustling with pedestrians and near-fully occupied buildings. Old-fashioned lighting and signage, flower pots filled with plants, an occasional historical mural and decorative awnings tie the area together. Utilities have been moved behind the buildings. Parking lots are resurfaced.

Spring Hill is still trying to accomplish just some of its goals. Though the CRA there started off in 2005 with an annual budget of about \$135,000, the CRA was able to perform just some sanitary sewer work in the early years before dwindling property values took their toll a few years later.

This year's available CRA funding to the Spring Hill area from property tax overages: zero.

"We can't do anything," Ms. Arrington said, "if there's no money."

Next week: A look at the future of Volusia County's CRAs.



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Neil and Val Sanders of Deltona ride by on their tandem bicycle during the opening of the new East Central Regional Rail Trail Saturday.

First leg of Rail Trail open in Deltona

By Dan Harkins
For Hometown News

DELTONA – Neil and Val Sander pushed their tandem bike on Saturday morning up to the crowded entrance of the county's first Rail Trail segment near Lake Monroe.

Proud snowbirds for three decades from Winnipeg, the Sanders sported Canadian flags on their matching spandex shirts and helmets. They were already planning the fuel-free trip they'll take to the ocean when the trail is finally finished in the coming years.

"We'll watch the weather and, when it's nice, we'll leave on a Friday from here on our bikes, then head right to the beach," said Ms. Sander.

"We can stay at a bed and breakfast," added her husband, "and come back at the end of the weekend with some exercise. We won't even have to take the car over there."

The reality is that they'll have to patient.

This \$2 million leg of the East Central Regional Rail Trail starts heading east at Providence Boulevard and Perimeter Drive, ending at State Rt. 415 in Osteen.

An underpass will start taking shape in summer which will allow the trail to continue along County Road 4164, or Osteen Maytown Road, until it

reaches Maytown in Southeast Volusia County.

This is where it will split into two trails – one that will head south to the Indian River shore in Brevard County's Titusville, the other heading north to the shore of Mosquito Lagoon in Edgewater.

Brevard County is slated to begin its section of trail in April, said Volusia County Councilwoman Pat Northey, who lives in Deltona and is credited by many for seeing this project through to the groundbreaking.

Total construction cost of the 50-mile endeavor: nearly \$10 million.

The first leg's cost was split among federal grant funding and the county's ECHO and trail-building funds. The state's Office of Greenway and Trails bought the needed land for the trail in 2007 from East Coast Railroad for \$16 million.

Ms. Northey said Volusia County Council will now seek funding to complete the next 16-mile segment in the center of the county, from State Rt. 415 to the Maytown fork.

To the west, the Rail Trail is expected to connect with the Spring to Spring Trail that is envisioned to someday connect DeBary's Gemini Spring State Park, Orange City's Blue

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FPL

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committee was scheduled to sunset after completing its report.

Mr. Lawrence said he attended the committee's two meetings last month. What city staff presented was a "total one-sided presentation" of how the utility will be financed and operated, he said.

City Manager Joseph Yarbrough said Tuesday the committee's findings were based on financial data and operational plans presented by city staff and a representative for ENCO Utility Services, the company that will manage the city-run utility's operations.

The findings took the form

of a questionnaire each committee member answered to evaluate revenue projections and the utility's operation.

The 10-member committee supported the electrical acquisition 9-1.

Chairman Art Giles summed up the majority opinion when he said he trusts the City Council in their decisions related to the utility purchase.

"They did their due diligence and I would support them fully," he said.

Ed Walton, the only committee member who voted against the purchase, said he is concerned about "unknowns" regarding the purchase, but believes city leaders would be able to match FPL's level of service — possibly by meeting or beating their rates, he said.

Councilors said they valued the input of committee members and believed extending the duration of the committee would help them in their deliberations and allow for more public input on the power takeover issue.

"I think the citizens' request to have this board extended is an excellent idea," Vice-Mayor Nancy Long said at Tuesday's meeting. "... I think the presentations were well done. I wish more citizens could have attended because almost every question was answered, and the questions came from the citizens."

Councilman Ralph Schoenherr suggested the committee should remain in place for the first five years of the city-run utility's operation as a way to monitor its financial outcomes.

But while he supported the work of the committee, he said he could not vote in favor of accepting its findings because he felt the financial assumptions were "overly

optimistic."

"With all due respect to the committee, my colleagues, staff, (and) legal counsel, I believe the pro forma and related information present-

ed to the committee painted an unrealistic, rosy picture," he said. "So I cannot accept these findings."

Trail

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Spring State Park and DeLeon Spring State Park along the county's western

edge. That trail is currently about one-third complete.

To connect the first trailhead of the Spring to Spring Trail with the Rail Trail, said DeBary Mayor Bob Garcia, just a few more sections need to be fin-

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Out & about

FRIDAY, March 2

•Movies on the Halifax: The Ormond Beach Leisure Services will show "Nanny McPhee" at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 2, in Rockefeller Gardens. Participants should bring a lawn chair or blanket. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

•Ormond Memorial Art Museum: A free family art night will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, at 78 E. Granada Blvd. Each family can create a kid-friendly art project. For more information, call (386) 676-3347.

•Elvis tribute show: Local Elvis tribute artist Michael Leone will star in Aloha 2012, March 2, at the News-Journal Center. Aloha 2012 is a tribute to the music of the Elvis Concert, Aloha from Hawaii. Joining Michael Leone will be an 11-piece band featuring music director Eddie Uzzle. Showtime is 8 p.m. and the doors open at 7:30 p.m. The News-Journal Center is located at 221 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Ticket prices are \$20 for reserved seats or \$30 for VIP seats. For tickets or more information, call (386) 307-0922.

•Home and Garden Show: The new Daytona Beach Home & Garden Show will return to the Ocean Center March 2, 3 and 4. The show will feature area contractors exhibiting everything for, in and around the home and landscape displays by area landscape designers. There will be special guest appearances by Krista Watterworth from HGTV shows "Save My Bath" and "Splurge and Save." Krista is recognized nationally as a top interior designer. Back by popular demand, the Daytona Beach Home & Garden Show will be combined with the Daytona Boat Show, representing makes and models from local boat dealers. The show will again be produced by East Coast Consumer Shows, which also produces the Orlando Home & Garden Show. Complimentary passes can be found at all area Walgreens and Home Depot stores for a limited time. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 2 and 3 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 4. For further information, visit www.DaytonaBeachHome-Show.com or call (407) 273-7469.

•Opera: La Traviata will be performed at 7 p.m. March 2, at the Peabody Auditorium. For more information, visit www.dbss.org.

•Cinematique: Declaration of War, "LeHarve," "House of

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The Twelve O'Clock Band from Spruce Creek High School will be one of the featured performers during Jazz on the River.

Photo courtesy of the Ponce Inlet Lions Club

Lions Club brings Jazz on the River to Ponce Inlet this Saturday

For Hometown News
Newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

PONCE INLET - The Girl from Ipanema is coming to Ponce Inlet Saturday, March 3, when six bands let loose with a program of continuous jazz favorites and improvisations at Jazz on the River.

The event, sponsored by the Ponce Inlet Lions Club, runs from noon until sunset at 4894 Front Street (adjacent to Down the Hatch restaurant).

"It's a great setting, and we've lined up not only some exciting bands, but also a terrific show by the Art Guild of Ponce Inlet, delicious food and lots more," said Lion Tom Gannaway. All proceeds will benefit Lions' charities, which include help for the blind and hearing impaired.

"Bring a blanket or lounge chair and relax and listen to the bands all day long," said Jacque Lyn, day manager at Down the Hatch restaurant, which is preparing a

menu of Cajun food including jambalaya, gumbo and several other favorites. A full bar will be available, as will cookies and other treats. Chairs will be available to rent for a minimal price.

Spectators will sit on a hill facing the Halifax River, where bands will play on a stage set up along the river's banks. Bands include Nightlife, the Ten O'Clock Band, the Eleven O'Clock Band, and the

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The Club Scene

• Alfredo's Ristorante Italiano: Live entertainment is held from 6-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Alfredo's Ristorante Italiano is located at 4647 Clyde Morris Blvd, Port Orange FL 32127. For more information, call (386) 322-6090.

•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. There is a \$3 cover. For more information and a full events schedule, visit the website at www.DaytonaBluesSociety.org.

•Black Sheep Pub and Eating House: Happy Hour is daily from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. - Close. Black Sheep has social night on Wednesday which means

Happy Hour all night as well as wing specials. Wednesday is also Live Team Trivia hosted by Caleb and Crystal starting at 7:15 p.m. There are weekly specials that include Monday Meatloaf special for \$6.96. Tuesday is Fish & Chips for \$7.95. Thursday is Shepherd's Pie for \$7.95 and Sunday is 10-ounce N.Y. Strip for \$9.95. Live music most Friday and Saturday nights starting at 6:45 p.m. with the Clockwork String Band. Visit www.theblacksheep.co to see a calendar of events. Black Sheep Pub and Eating House is located at 890 S. Atlantic Ave., Ormond Beach. For updates visit www.facebook.com/theblacksheeppub or call (386) 673-5933.

•Bruce Rossmeier's Destination Daytona: Every Thursday Evening is Bike Night at Saints &

Sinners Pub located at Bruce Rossmeier's Daytona Beach. There is live music from 7-10 p.m. All model Bikes welcome. Every second Sunday of the month is Super Swap Sunday Car & Motorcycle Swap Meet from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Vendor spots are \$10 for 18-feet by 30-feet space. Proceeds benefit Camp Boggy Creek. There is live music at 1 p.m.. Live Music at Saints & Sinners Pub every Thursday, Saturday & Sunday. The schedule is available at www.brucerossmeier.com.

•Caffeine Bistro & Wine Bar: Caffeine Bistro has live music Wednesday through Saturday. Kona Tiki Bar opens daily 4 p.m. Happy Hour is daily from 3-6 p.m. Thursday Nights Live music on the Patio and DJ Frankie inside Caffeine. There are daily-featured food and drink specials. A late night

dinner menu is available until 1:30 a.m. Regular Dinner until 11 p.m. Private dining is available for special events. Caffeine Bistro & Wine Bar is located at 49 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 672-7277.

•The Dish Tavern & Grill: Null and Void, playing Caribbean rock and folk, will perform from 8-11 p.m. Saturday. The Dish Tavern & Grill is located at 1185 W. Granada Blvd., Suite 1, Ormond Beach. For more information or reservations, call (386) 672-3567.

•Five O' Clock Charley: The band will perform from 5:30-8:30 p.m. each Thursday, at Pirana Grille, 241 N. U.S. Highway 1, Ormond Beach. For more information, visit www.fiveoclockcharley.com.

•Fletcher's Cigar Bar &

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STAR SCOPES

James Tucker
Week of 3-2-2012

Aries-March 21-April 19

Life is going your way. The key to continuing success is to listen to and follow your instincts and heart, not your head. Your very first impressions are always the best. Make quality time for yourself every day. Do something for fun just because you want to. Let others know what you need. They will give it to you. Now everyone is happy.

Taurus-April 20-May 20

New opportunities are opening up all around you. How do you know which ones to pursue? First make a list. Write them down. Then, if an opportunity still feels good in a week or two, take action. If it doesn't, it wasn't meant to be. This approach keeps you from getting sidetracked on no-win situations.

Gemini-May 21-June 21

When you give, you give freely. Learn to feel in your heart what others need from you. You have a great reservoir of love and talent to draw from. Being sensitive to others' motives keeps you moving in the right direction. Sometimes less is more. Your very first feeling is the best guide on when to act and when not to.

Cancer-June 22-July 22

Your positive attitude has brought you safely through many past challenges. It will continue to bring you through present ones. Keep honing your skills and talents. Stay sharp. Keep your mind and great heart open. See your projects through to completion and celebrate the victories. Life is good. You make it that way.

Leo-July 23-Aug. 22

Continue moving ahead with those new ideas. You have plenty of energy. It's like you have guardian angels watching over and guiding you. With the intelligence, heart and spirit working so strong, you set a shining example for others around you. You are a winner in the game of life. Thanks for your light and guidance.

Virgo-Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Balance continues to be the key to your progress. Take life one day at a time. You have many admirers. Savor the lit-

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ORMOND BEACH — The Leisure Services Department, Special Populations Division, will present the Shining S.T.A.R.S. Pageant and Fashion Show from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. March 3 at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 N. U.S. Highway 1.

This is an event for the special needs community to become stars for the day. It showcases the fashion and talent of people with challenges and disabilities.

The event is presented with operational assistance provided by Dawn and Tia McDonald and Very Special Arts of Florida. Entertainment will be provided and there will be an art exhibit displayed in the lobby courtesy of Very Special Arts of Florida. A reception will follow.

Audience admission is \$4 at the door, and there is no cost to pageant participants.

For more information, call (386) 676-3252.

— City of Ormond Beach

Out

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Pleasures" and "Bullhead" will be shown. Ticket prices are between \$5-\$9. General admission tickets for "First Look Friday" are \$5. Selected films and show times will be listed on the festival website: dbff.org and Cinematique.org and on the box-office movie phone at (386) 252-3778.

SATURDAY, March 3

•**Jazz on the River:** The Girl from Ipanema is coming to Ponce Inlet Saturday, March 3, when six bands let loose with a program of continuous jazz favorites and improvisations at Jazz on the River. The event, sponsored by the Ponce Inlet Lions Club, runs from noon until sunset at 4894 Front Street (adjacent to Down the Hatch restaurant). Spectators will sit on a hill facing the Halifax River, where bands will play on a stage set up along the river's

banks. Bands include Nightlife, the Ten O'Clock Band, the Eleven O'Clock Band, and the Twelve O'Clock Band from Spruce Creek High School, the Jazz O Matics, and a surprise band. The Art Guild will have five tents featuring fine art paintings on glass and canvas and collage, as well as bag and T-shirt painting. Other exhibitors include the Conklin Center for the Blind, the Daytona Beach Symphony Society, the Halifax Humane Society, the Museum of Arts & Sciences, the Ponce Inlet Garden Club and the Ponce Inlet Women's Club. Tickets, \$5 donation, are available on site. For more information, call (386) 304-9807 or (386) 527-2882.

•**Shining STAR Pageant and Fashion Show:** This show will be held from 1:30-3 p.m., March 3, at 399 N. U.S. Highway 1, Ormond Beach. Admission is \$4. For more information, visit www.Ormondbeach.org.

•**"Menopause the Musical":** This show will be performed at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 3, at the Peabody Auditorium. Four

women at a lingerie sale with nothing in common but a black lace bra and memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex and more. This musical parody set to classic tunes from the '60s, '70s and '80s will have you cheering and dancing in the aisles. For more information, visit www.peabodyauditorium.org.

•**Antique Auto Exhibit:** See antique and classic autos at this exhibit held in conjunction with the Volusia Chapter of the Antique Auto Club of America at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse on March 3. Included in the cost of regular admission, no advance reservations required. Regular admission to the lighthouse museum is \$5 for adults (12 years and older), and \$1.50 for children. The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse is located at 4931 S. Peninsula Drive. For more information, call (386) 761-1821, Ext 18.

•**Historical Bus Tours:** The Ormond Beach Historical Society will present this two-hour scenic historical bus tour, which includes the Ormond Scenic Loop, Fairchild Oak, Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Ruins, Ormond Indian Mound and historic homes along the way at 9:45 a.m. March 3. A knowledgeable tour guide will interpret the 30 sites on the route. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$7 for ages 7-12, 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. Bus

tours leave from The Casements parking lot, 25 Riverside Drive, at 9:45 a.m. For more information, call (386) 677-7005 or visit www.ormondhistory.org.

SUNDAY, March 4

•**An Evening with Johnny Mathis:** This show will be held at 7 p.m. March 4, at the Peabody Auditorium in Daytona Beach. Prepare for over five decades of music to fill the room as Mr. Mathis' favorites come alive, along with some new tunes. Enjoy an evening with one of the most famous recording artists of all time selling 350 million records worldwide. For more information, visit www.peabodyauditorium.org.

•**Strawberry Festival:** Enjoy fresh strawberries and listen to fish tales during the annual Strawberry Festival at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at the Ormond Beach Regional Library, 30 S. Beach St. Dan Smith, a columnist for Hometown News, will discuss his new book, "I Swear the Snook Drowned," a compilation of tales from his 40 years of fishing Volusia County's waters. Mr. Smith is a retired contractor and active member of the Ormond Beach Historical Trust. The Friends of the Library is sponsoring this free event and will serve homemade strawberry refreshments. Reservations are not required. For more information, call (386) 676-4191.

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The Tamburitzens will perform at 4 p.m. March 3 at Atlantic High School Theater in Port Orange.

Courtesy of the Port Orange Family YMCA

Group offers East European music, dance

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The Tamburitzens, the longest-running multicultural song and dance company in the country, will perform at 4 p.m. March 3 at Atlantic High School Theater in Port Orange.

The group is an ensemble of folk artists dedicated to the performance and

preservation of the music, songs and dances of Eastern Europe and neighboring folk cultures.

The performers are full-time students who receive scholarship awards from Duquesne University, with additional financial aid provided by Tamburitzens Scholarship Endowment Funds.

All proceeds from the sale

of tickets will be dedicated to the Port Orange Family YMCA's Community Campaign, which funds financial assistance for children, families, adults and seniors in the area to participate in Y programs and membership.

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DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Annual Riverfest will feature music, rides at Gemini Springs

For Hometown News
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DEBARY — The Four Townes Rotary Club will hold its 11th annual Riverfest from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Gemini Springs Park.

The event features two entertainment stages — one with a folk/bluegrass lineup and a community stage featuring local musical entertainment and dancers.

Entertainers include the Hispanic America Youth Group of Deltona, the Heart Beat Boys, Blackwater Creek and Somethin' Else, along with many others.

There will be children

rides, local business vendors and non-profit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Volusia County Mosquito Control, and Greyhound Pets of America. Food includes Four Townes Rotary "famous" catfish dinner, as well as hamburgers, hot dogs, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn and nachos.

Admission is free and there is a suggested \$3 parking fee.

All of the Riverfest proceeds benefit the local community. Riverfest benefactors include the Healthy Start Coalition, local food banks, high school scholarships for graduating seniors,

and student leadership organizations such as INTERACT.

The Four Townes Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at noon at University High School. Rotarians are business, professional and community leaders who take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and to encourage peace and goodwill.

— Four Townes Rotary Club

Johnny Mathis brings five decades of music to Peabody

For Hometown News
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DAYTONA BEACH -- Legendary entertainer Johnny Mathis will make an encore appearance Sunday at Peabody Auditorium.

The singer's hits include "Chances Are," "A Night to Remember" and "Too Much, Too Little, Too Late."

Audience members (some may have heard him in previous concerts at Peabody) should prepare for more than five decades of music. He'll sing his standards, along with some new tunes.

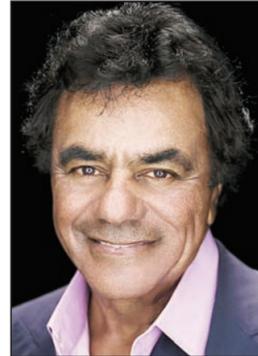
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Scopes

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tle victories in life, but don't become too attached to any of them. More are on the way. You are an inspiration to many. You are creating your own brand of magic. How? By trusting your own feelings and instincts.

Libra-Sept. 23-Oct. 22
As your spirit rises, so does your mental and physical strength. Your thinking is keen and your overall view of life is positive. You have many spiritual blessings. Just stay focused when faced with daily challenges and you will continue to achieve fine results. Why? Because you have passion and you take action.

Scorpio-Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Gather information from many sources, then bring it together to form your own truth. Go within and let your heart speak to you before

starting new projects. Answers that may seem outwardly unattainable will come together when you follow your heart. Put the pieces together in an organized manner and move forward to victory.

Sagittarius-Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You have all the right answers inside you right now wanting to be released. Do not put limitations on yourself. You have unlimited power to manifest and create life's greatest rewards. Accept the beautiful being that you are. Make life an exciting adventure. Expect extraordinary results. Much good is on the way.

Capricorn-Dec. 22-Jan. 19
No matter what has happened in the past, life always gives second chances. Accept the responsibility for all of life's decisions. When one door shuts, a better one is waiting to be opened. Keep a lighter touch. If it isn't fun, don't do it. Scattered

energy has no way to grow. Keep on keeping on. The best is yet to come.

Aquarius-Jan. 20-Feb. 18
New responsibilities are on the way. Why? Because you have done such a good job with the old ones you have been chosen to handle more. Your sense of balance is legendary. You always know the right things to say and do. The impulses that come from the gut instinct are never wrong. Listen to this inner glow and your light will continue to shine.

Pisces-Feb. 19-March 20
So what if others don't agree with your decisions? It's your life, thank you. Lighten up a little. You handle family and work responsibilities in a beautiful way. Just be sure to set priorities and deal with the most important things first. Refuse to let the world push you around. Today is the best day of your life. Don't forget it.

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Out

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Symphony Orchestra: The Daytona State College Symphony Orchestra will perform a sampling of music from the Romantic Era and 20th Century at 2:30 Sunday, March 4, at the News Journal Center 221 N. Beach Street. Tickets are \$8 per person or two for \$15 and free to Daytona State College, Volusia and Flagler County students. For more information, call (386) 506-3377 or visit www.daytonastate.edu/TheArts

MONDAY, March 5

Afternoon at the Movies: The Port Orange Regional Library will show "Abduction" at 2 p.m. March 5, in the library auditorium, 1005 City Center Circle. A young man is unwittingly thrust into a deadly world of covert espionage. Taylor Lautner and Alfred Molina star. This film is rated PG-13 and is 106 minutes.

TUESDAY, March 6

Story Time in the Garden: This free event will be held from 10-10:45 a.m. at 78 E. Granada Blvd. For preschoolers and their adults. Enjoy an enchanting story and activity in the Memorial Gardens. Meet in the historic Emmons Cottage at the southwest corner of the Gardens and add a leaf to our reading tree. For more information, call (386) 676-3347.

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Film festival will publicly screen submitted films — for free

For Hometown News
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DAYTONA BEACH — The Daytona Beach Film Festival is giving new filmmakers an opportunity for exposure and offering free movies in the process.

The film festival, now in its 10th year, will provide a weekly series of films contending for a limited number of slots in the November festival.

“The primary focus of the Daytona Beach Film Festival in past years has been to celebrate film as an artistic medium in the community,” said Festival Director Stephanie Mason-Teague. “But every year, we have to turn away a number of exceptional films by emerging directors just

because we don't have room for them all in our programming.”

This year, the film festival, in conjunction with the Cinematique Theater, will begin showing the best submissions as an extension of the festival called First Look Fridays.

“This will be a great opportunity for both the filmmakers and the community,” said indie filmmaker and festival administrator Hillary J. Walker.

Ms. Mason-Teague and Ms. Walker are excited about the potential the First Look series has to put the focus on the filmmaker.

“It's our hope that the filmmakers will be available to interact with the audience members following most of the screenings either in per-

son or via Internet video for them all in our programming,” Ms. Mason-Teague said. “We'll also be listing the screenings on our website and putting out promotional information for them. It will be a great opportunity for new films and their filmmakers to get some individual attention and PR that they usually have to compete for during bigger events.”

For submission directions, visit www.dbff.org.

First Look Friday screenings will be free for Cinematique Film Society members and Daytona Beach Film Festival All-Pass holders. General admission tickets are \$5. Selected films and show times will be listed at dbff.org and Cinematique.org and at (386) 252-3778.

Scene

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Social: Tuesdays is Beer Club. There is free New Craft beer every Tuesday (half of every beer Every Tuesday.) Cost is \$15 monthly or \$150 annually. Thursday night is poker night. There is no buy-in, free to play. Fletcher's Cigar Bar & Social is located at 1220 Hand Ave., Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 677-2700 or visit www.fletcherscigarbar.com.

Fountain Beach Resort: The resort is home to the Oasis Tiki Bar & Grill. Karaoke is held every Friday thru Monday 5-10 p.m. Fountain Beach Resort is located at 313 S Atlantic Ave., just south of International Speedway Boulevard on the beach. For more information, call (386) 255-1001.

Frappe 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 North is located at 123 W. Granada Blvd. in Ormond Beach To make reservations, call (386) 615-4888 or visit the website at www.frappe north.com.

The Garlic: Blues and Jazz musicians perform seven nights a week. Mark “Muddy Harp” Hodgson plays the blues 7-11 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 6-10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday. To make a reservation, call (386) 795-0161. Thom Chambers entertains on sax from and 7-10 p.m. and 6-10 p.m. Monday. Broadway show tunes and standards with Michael Lamy at the piano, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday. The Garlic is located at 556 E. Third Avenue, New Smyrna Beach. For more information call (386) 424-6660.

Inlet Harbor: Les B Fine hits the stage at 1 p.m., Friday. Trae Oierce & Tstone Crew will perform at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Mike Caso will perform at 1 p.m. Saturday. Parallel will perform from 1-7 p.m., Sunday. Eddie Uzzle will perform at 1 p.m. Monday. Mike Caso hits the stage at 1 p.m. Tuesday. Greg Cardino will perform at 5 p.m. Wednesday. Steve Hageman will perform at 1 p.m. Thursday. Inlet Harbor is located at 133 Inlet Harbor Road, Ponce Inlet. For more information, call (386) 767-5590.

Julian's 67 Beachside Bar and Grill: The Sal Ronci/Lenny Galasso Duo will perform from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3. The two musicians blend Swing and Big Band favorites with a sprinkling of Jazz, Rhythm and Blues, Latin, light Rock and Italian Favorites. Retro dining, dancing and entertainment is held Wednesday to Sunday. Julian's is located at 88 S. Atlantic Ave. For more information, call (386) 677-6767.

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The Moose Lodge 1263: The lodge will hold an “all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet” from 8:30-1 p.m., each Sunday. Lenny Galasso, Sid Blair and Al Ciro will perform each Sunday from 2-4:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door. These events are open to the public. This is open to be public at 601 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 673-8722.

Top of Daytona: Linda Epstein Flynn will perform from 6-9p.m. Saturday March 3. Top of Daytona Restaurant is located at 2625 S Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 767-5791.

Norwood's Restaurant and Wine Shop: Free wine tastings are held from 5-7 p.m. each Friday on the deck and Saturday in the shop with complimentary cheeses. Norwood's is located at 400 Second Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 428-4621.

Ocean Deck: The Ocean Deck has live entertainment. Karaoke is held from 4-8 p.m., each Saturday and Sunday. Caribbean Posse performs from 10 p.m.-2 p.m., each Thursday through Sunday. Tom Redmond performs classic rock from 5-8 p.m., each Friday and 10 p.m.-2 a.m. each Monday. The Ocean Deck is located at 127 S. Ocean Ave., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 253-5224 or visit www.oceandeck.com.

Ohana Luau Dinner Show: This dinner show spectacular and family-style feast will be held Thursday and Saturday. This show has a 6:30 p.m. seating, dinner at 7:15 p.m. and show at 7:30 p.m., 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, or visit www.myohanaluu.com.

The Original First Turn Steakhouse: Smedly will perform from 6-10 p.m., Friday. Repeat Offender Band will perform at 6 p.m. Saturday. Eric from Philly will perform at 4 p.m., Sunday. Diego & the Misfits will perform from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday. The Chris Hiatt Experience will perform from 6-10 p.m., Wednesday. An open jam with Sam Church will be held from 6-10 p.m. Thursday. The Original 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.

Ormond Beach Elks: Sunday Night Singles Dance is held from 8-11 p.m. each Sunday Night at the Ormond Beach Elks, 285 Wilmette Ave. Admission is \$8 at the door. Snacks are provided. Dressy casual attire is requested. All singles are welcome. For more information, call (386) 492-7011.

Peanut's Restaurant & Sports Bar: The Mike Quick Band will perform at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Every Thursday the Pirates sing their original hits and your favorite tunes at 8 p.m. Texas Hold'em is played at 6 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday. A comedy auction with Robert Lewis and Free Bingo for Beers is held at 7 p.m. each Tuesday. Every Wednesday is Ladies' Night, 8-10 p.m. Peanut's is located at 421 Flagler Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 423-1469.

Peter's Wine Shop: Wine Events are held each week. Girlfriends Get Together is held from 4-7 p.m. each Wednesday. Thursday wine tasting is held from 5-9 p.m. Guest wine experts pour and discuss wine. Peter's Wine Shop located at 1665 Dunlawton No. 105, Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 689-1946, e-mail peter@peterswineshop.com or visit www.peterswineshop.com.

Roadside Tavern: Karaoke with Rhonda will be held from 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Friday. Toybox will perform from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday. Karaoke with Billy and Irma will be held from 8 p.m.-midnight, Sunday. Karaoke with Tommy C. will be held from 8 p.m.-midnight, Monday. Karaoke with Dwayne will be held from 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Tuesday. He will also be hosting karaoke on Wednesday. Karaoke with Mike Leone will be held Thursday, Thursday. There will be free poker with Tri Poker at 7 p.m., Wednesday and 3 p.m., Saturday. Roadside Tavern has a new back porch with a horseshoe pit, darts and pool. Roadside Tavern is located at 3400 S. Nova Road, Port Orange. For more information call (386) 763-3800.

Seabreeze Coffee Connection: A hand drum circle is held at 8 p.m. each Wednesday at 315 Seabreeze Blvd., Daytona Beach. For more information, visit www.drumcircle.meet-up.com.

T.G.I. Friday's: T.G.I. Friday's Ormond Beach will be celebrating the start of the weekend with \$2 Miller Lite Drafts and \$3 LIT's from 8 p.m. to close and \$5 burgers from 10 p.m. to close. Ormond Beach Location only, 24 Ocean Shore Blvd., Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 672-4121.



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Can't beat fishing in a friend's backyard

I always enjoy helping someone who wants to become a better fisherman. When that someone happens to be an old friend, it is even more rewarding.

About six months ago, I began receiving e-mails from Norm Echelberry of Tomoka Estates. I had met Norm and his wife, Mary Ann, back in 1996. His is a most unusual case for Norm and Mary Ann own a beautiful waterfront home on the Tomoka River. They have a dock, a boat davit and a nice 15-foot skiff.

In recent months, my friend had demonstrated his interest by buying a number 30 Okuma and medium action rod that I had recommended. Soon after, he had caught a fat flounder on a chartreuse jig and a 22-inch redfish on shrimp. Now he was ready to refine his methods.

I showed up at his house on a gorgeous morning and soon we were on the water. I was immediately jealous of the fact that within minutes of launching, we were catching fish and still within sight of the house.

Norm was fishing live shrimp, but the hits began to come on my jig, causing



FISHING WITH DAN
DAN SMITH

him to switch. Before long, Norm had jigged up his very first sea trout. I think that I enjoyed that catch more than he did.

As we drifted, we talked of where to look for fish. I pointed out that fish are always looking for an easy meal and will lay just off the current waiting for bait to come to them. Anything that creates a little increase in tidal flow will attract fish. A narrow spot in the river, a sandbar or an oyster reef can do that. I reminded him that all drop offs, points and creek mouths should get special attention.

We spoke of finding hidden structure with a depth finder, and I mentioned that my least favorite way to locate habitat was to become hung up. Any time I stick a lure on the bottom, I make a mental note and fish that spot hard the next trip.

Norm and I spoke about which fish will eat shrimp, cut bait, live mullet and lures. He confessed that he

had yet to master the art of throwing a cast net, so when we returned to dry land, we practiced a bit. Soon he was able to get the net to open. Now he and Mary Ann will be able to get all of the bait they need right off their own sea wall.

Next I demonstrated how to prepare your catch for the table. Turning fish into nice boneless filets is a skill that comes with repetition. I am sure Norm will butcher a few, but before long, he will be turning out fish steaks as well as any seafood market.

That morning, our trip had begun with us planning to fish the Tomoka west past I-95 where it turns to be mostly fresh water. The reality was that the fish had hit so well we never got more than a half-mile from the Echelberry home.

If you would like to try it there, put in at Tomoka State Park. This is a trip that is hard to beat.

Dan Smith has fished the waters of Volusia County for more than 40 years. E-mail questions and comments to fishwdan@att.net. His book, "I Swear the Snook Drowned," is available for \$10.95 at (386) 441-7793.

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Broke in Brevard needs advice setting up a budget

Dear Lola,
I have some large expenses coming up and want to start budgeting my money better. My grandma suggested that I create a budget notebook like she did as a newlywed and set aside bill payments in advance in individual envelopes.

However, I bank online and am looking for something a little more technologically savvy. Any tips?
Broke in Brevard

Dear Broke in Brevard,
You need to track where your money is going and find places where you can save. You might use Quick-en, or one of the free Internet money management and budgeting tools. A program like this can show

you where you are now and where you are going, financially.
Set up automatic payments through your bank for important bills such as a mortgage, car payment, utilities, etc. Don't forget to have an emergency fund that you contribute to every month, no matter how little.

Dear Lola,
I have two sons and recently have heard a lot of negative stories about mother in laws. I realized one day I, too, will be a mother in law and this started a chain of thought.
Can you offer any insight on why it is acceptable for women to phone their mothers 20 times a day if they want, let their mother interfere in everything, yet if the husband/boyfriend talks to his mother even



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1/10th of the time, he's considered a mommies boy/needs to cut apron strings etc.? His mother cannot speak without the wife being annoyed. Just doesn't seem fair that I will have to end up "losing" my boys, while the girls parents are still involved in every aspect of her life.
Mother-in-law losing sons

Dear Mother-in-law,
It shouldn't be acceptable for anyone to call a parent 20 times a day, nor a parent to interfere in a marriage. Why do you feel sons and daughters should

be treated differently?
A child who has been raised to be independent will not feel the need to seek their parents approval of everything in their life.

Assuming you will have a bad relationship with your daughters-in-law is starting on the wrong foot even before you get to the race. Many couples are closer to the husband's parents.

If your sons are able to think for themselves and have a good relationship with you before marriage, their wives should feel secure.

Your job in keeping this relationship healthy is to be friendly and interested without asking too many questions and only offering advice when ask.

This may be walking a thin line to begin with, but over time, you will be able

to define your roll in the family.

Dear Lola,
I am a single man, age 42 and never married. I am dating a never-married woman with three children. The fathers of these children are in and out of their lives.

Should I marry a woman with children? I have no idea what I am in for.
Confused in Vero

Dear Confused,
This family has lived amid turmoil and it will probably continue. The children need a stable role model, but the question is

should it be you?
Being a good father is a hard job, but being a good stepfather is even tougher, especially with numerous people involved.

Just by asking for advice shows you are having misgivings. Take this relationship very slow and don't make any commitments until you are absolutely sure. The children don't need more trauma in their lives than they have had already.

For advice from Lola, send your questions to dear-lola@hometownnewsol.com.

Daytona Beach's City Island Library to host 'Cinematique Under the Stars'

For Hometown News
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The Daytona Beach Regional Library-City Island and Cinematique will kick off a new book and movie series titled "Cinematique Under the Stars" March 2.

The first book and movie to be featured will be "The Help," an inspirational story about women in the 1960s who build an unlikely friendship around a

secret writing project that breaks society's rules and puts them all at risk. The book, written by Kathryn Stockett, was USA Today's 2009 Book of the Year. The PG-13 movie has received three Academy Award nominations.

Each session will include a 5 p.m. book discussion in the library auditorium followed by a free outdoor showing of the corresponding movie at dusk in Riverfront Park on the cor-

ner of Beach Street and Magnolia Avenue. The rain date for each movie is the following Friday.

Moviegoers should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Hot dogs, popcorn, candy and soft drinks will be available for sale.

Upcoming programs include "Emma" April 6, "Water for Elephants" May 4, "Hugo" June 1, "The Accidental Tourist" July 6, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" Aug.

3, "To Kill a Mockingbird" Sept. 7, and "1408" Oct. 5.

The programs are cosponsored by the Friends of the Library. Reservations are not required. For more information, call Adult Program Coordinator Deborah Shafer at 386-257-6036, ext. 16264.

—Cinematique

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Twelve O'Clock Band from Spruce Creek High School, the Jazz O Matics, and a surprise band.

The Art Guild will have five tents featuring fine art

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WEDNESDAY, March 7

•Walk: The Happy Wanderers will hold a 5K Fun Walk at 6 p.m., March 7, at Colin's Park, Halifax Avenue and University Drive in Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 760-3872 or (386) 676-9863 or visit www.happywanderersfl.org.

THURSDAY, March 8

•Opera Video Club: The club will meet at noon Thursday, March 8, at Daytona Beach Shores Council Chambers' Activity Room for the screening of "Electra" opera by R. Strauss, sung in German, with English

subtitles. This will be followed by the ballet "Die Fiedermaus. The event is free and located at 3058 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores. For more information, call (386) 767-6967.

•Climb to the Moon: Come experience views of the sunset and moonrise from atop the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 8, at 4931 S. Peninsula Drive. Enjoy panoramic views of the ocean, inlet and inland waterways by the light of the full moon. Toast the setting sun with sparkling cider and hors d'oeuvres provided by Inlet Harbor Restaurant. This special event is limited to 25 participants. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling (386) 761-1821, Ext. 10.

UPCOMING EVENTS

•Bike Week: This event will be held March 9-March 18, at various locations in Daytona Beach and Volusia County.

•Bike Week at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse: Special activities & artifacts will be held from noon to 2 p.m. March 9, at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, 4931 S. Peninsula Drive. Included with regular admission, no advance reservations required. For more information, call (386) 761-1821, Ext. 18.

•Walk: The Happy Wanderers will hold a 10K Walk at 1 p.m., March 11, at Reed Canal Lake - South Side in South Daytona. Cost is \$3. For more information, call (386) 760-3872 or (386) 676-9863 or visit www.happywanderersfl.org.

•Afternoon at the Movies: The Port Orange Regional Library will show "Courageous" at 2 p.m. March 12, in the library auditorium, 1005 City Center Circle. Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. When tragedy hits home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. This film is rated PG-13 and is 129 minutes.

•Fashion show: The Ponce Inlet Women's Club Fashion Show Luncheon will be held at 10:30 a.m. March 14 at the Halifax River Yacht Club. The event will support scholarships

for education and charities in the community. Rewards will be given for best hats. A benefit ticket is \$30. For more information, call (386) 322-4512 or (386) 682-3364.

•Walk: The Happy Wanderers will hold a 5K Fun Walk at 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, at Bushman Park, 4575 Spruce Creek Road, Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 760-3872 or (386) 676-9863 or visit www.happywanderersfl.org.

•Memorable Movies: The Port Orange Regional Library will show "Imitation of Life" at 4:45 p.m. March 15, in the library auditorium, 1005 City Center Circle. A black maid and a white widow team up to manufacture pancake batter. The pairs common bond is self-manufactured suffering at the hands of their daughters.

•Opera Video Club: The club will meet at noon Thursday, March 15, at Daytona Beach Shores Council Chambers' Activity Room for the screening of "The Damnation of Faust" opera by Berlioz, sung in French, with English subtitles. The event is free and located at 3058 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores. For more information, call (386) 767-6967.

•Quilt show: Rings of Love 2012 Quilt Show presented by Pelican Piecemakers will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, March 16 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday March 17, at Christ Community Church, 1210 Mission Drive, New Smyrna Beach. Admission is \$7. For more information, e-mail pelicanpiecemakersFL@yahoo.com.

•Ponce Inlet Lighthouse: Special activities for Bike Week will be held from noon to 2 p.m. March 16 and 17, at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, 4931 S. Peninsula Drive. Included with

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9:15 p.m. March 2 (interactive Q&A with directors Delphine and Muriel Coulin) and 1:30 p.m. March 3

Based on a headline-grabbing incident in the U.S., sisters Delphine and Muriel Coulin's provocative debut feature follows the fallout in a sleepy French coastal town when a group of teenage girls all decide to become pregnant at the same time.

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9:30 p.m. March 3 and 1:40 p.m. March 4

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3:30 p.m. March 4 (interactive Q&A with actor Vincent Lindon) and 5:30 p.m. March 6

Filmmaker Alain Cavalier teams up with actor Vincent Lindon for a witty, semi-improvised look at men, power and politics, starring Cavalier as a fictional French president and Lindon as his newly appointed prime minister.

THE SCREEN ILLUSION (L'ILLUSION COMIQUE)

6:15 p.m. March 4 and 1:30 p.m. March 7

Actor-director Mathieu Amalric's wildly inventive update of Corneille's popular 17th century tragic-comedy follows a hotel concierge on the trail of a missing young man who seems to have left many a young female heart aflutter.

THE LAST SCREENING (LA DERNIERE SEANCE)

9 p.m. March 6

A provocative genre film about the dutiful manager/projectionist of a repertory cinema in the French provinces and the many secrets he holds.

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5:30 p.m. March 8

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•Afternoon at the Movies: The Port Orange Regional Library will show "J. Edgar" at 2 p.m. March 19, in the library auditorium, 1005 City Center Circle. As the face of law enforcement in America for almost 50 years, J. Edgar Hoover was feared and admired, reviled and revered. But behind closed doors, he held secrets that would have destroyed his image, his career and his life. Leonardo DiCaprio stars. This film is rated R and is 137 minutes.

•Opera Video Club: The club will meet at noon Thursday, March 22, at Daytona Beach Shores Council Chambers' Activity Room for the screening of "Lohengrin" opera by Wagner, sung in German, with English subtitles. The event is free and located at 3058 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores. For more information, call (386) 767-6967.

•Historical Bus Tours: The Ormond Beach Historical Society will present this two-hour scenic historical bus tour, which includes the Ormond Scenic Loop, Fairchild Oak, Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Ruins, Ormond Indian Mound and historic homes along the way at 9:45 a.m. March 23. A knowledgeable tour guide will interpret the 30 sites on the route. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$7 for ages 7-12, 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. Bus tours leave from The Casements parking lot, 25 Riverside Drive, at 9:45 a.m. For more information, call (386) 677-7005 or visit www.ormondhistory.org.

•Florida Heritage Day: This event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, 4931 S. Peninsula Drive. Enjoy a day of four reenactors talking about the Second Seminole War, the Spanish/American War, the Civil War, World War II, and Florida's role in each. Included with

regular admission, no advance reservations required. Regular admission to the lighthouse museum \$5 for adults (12 years and older), and \$1.50 for children. For more information, call (386) 761-1821, Ext 18.

•Afternoon at the Movies: The Port Orange Regional Library will show "Project Nim" at 2 p.m. March 25, in the library auditorium, 1005 City Center Circle. Nim is the chimpanzee who in the 1970s became the focus of a landmark experiment which aimed to show that an ape could learn to communicate with language if raised and nurtured like a human child. Following Nim's extraordinary journey through human society. This film is rated PG-13 and is 93 minutes.

•Afternoon at the Movies: The Port Orange Regional Library will show "Koyla" at 2 p.m. March 26, in the library auditorium, 1005 City Center Circle. Louka, a down-on-his-luck concert musician, agrees to a bogus marriage with a Russian woman for money. When she takes off for Germany, leaving her five-year-old son behind with her new husband, it is now up to Louka, as his legal father, to look after him. The frightened boy speaks only Czech, but the pair learns to communicate with and finally love each other. In Czech with English subtitles. This film is rated PG-13 and is 112 minutes.

•Neil Sedaka in concert: Neil Sedaka will perform at 7 p.m. March 27 at the Peabody Auditorium. The hits he wrote and recorded became "the music of our lives," include "Breaking Up Is Hard to Do," "Calendar Girl," "Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen," "Oh! Carol" and countless others. For more information, visit www.peabodyauditorium.org.

•Walk: The Happy Wanderers will hold a 5K Fun Walk at 6 p.m. March 28, at Tom Renick Park, 1565 Oceanshore Blvd., Ormond-by-the-Sea. For more information, call (386) 760-3872 or (386) 676-9863 or visit www.happywanderersfl.org

•Opera Video Club: The club will meet at noon Thursday, March 29, at Daytona Beach Shores Council Chambers' Activity Room for the screening

of "Carmen" opera by Bizet, sung in French, with English subtitles. The event is free and located at 3058 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores. For more information, call (386) 767-6967.

•B.B. King with opening band Victor Wainwright & the Wildroots: This concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 31, at the Peabody Auditorium. There is one King of the Blues—Riley B. King, affectionately known as B.B. King. Born on a cotton plantation in Mississippi in 1925, he played on street corners for dimes until he saved enough money to travel to Memphis where regular gigs and radio performances paved the road to his first number one hit, "Three O'clock Blues." Thus started B. B. King's national touring which has

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