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Gov. Rick Scott wants to put a stop to PIP insurance fraud

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BEST OF THE BLOTTER
JAY MEISEL

Some criminal cases are unusual, humorous or just outright odd. And there's no shortage of them on the Treasure Coast. This column highlights cases that often leave observers shaking their heads.

Funny money

Remember those tattoos for children where the ink would just wash off?

Creating money along the same lines did not work very well recently for a Martin County man.

The man paid a bar tab with a $100 bill.

Although the bill passed the counterfeit pen detector test, the bar employee was still suspicious.

As it turned out, the bill lacked certain features of a real $100 bill and the ink came off when the bill was put in water.

The suspect claimed he got the bill after selling a boat to a "friend of a friend."

But to the deputy, the story appeared counterfeit, also.

Not only couldn't the man name the "friend of a friend," but he also did not know the name of the friend.

One can hardly imagine the man saying to his "friend," "Hey, what's your name, come have a drink with me?"

Third time's the charm

Normally, people walk into a store with money, a check or a credit card and walk out with an item bought using the money, check or credit card.

But a pair of women in Vero Beach came up with a new way of shopping: the

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Construction to begin on new community center

By Dawn Krebs
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PORT ST. LUCIE — About a year from now, Port St. Lucie residents will not only have a new community center to enjoy, but new classrooms for Indian River College students to use.

The council unanimously awarded a contract to build the center to Kast Construction at its Nov. 14 meeting.

Kast's bid of slightly more than $5 million was the lowest of the 12 bids received for the project.

The bid came in even lower than the original bids that came in January 2010, with the lowest bid being $5.7 million from the city's construction division and the second highest bidder, Jacquin & Sons, of $5.9 million. Jacquin & Sons recent rebid quote was lower than its first one, at $5.3 million.

The council first started the process of rebuilding the center, which was damaged by the 2004 hurricanes, resulting in water damage and mold problems, about a year ago, when it was determined the repairs to fix the building would have cost more than the building itself.

The city first awarded the contract to its own construction division, but then reversed the decision in April 2010, when there was public outcry from the area's contractors

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Tri-Rail stops in Port St. Lucie

Mitch Kloorfain/chief photographer
Model railroad enthusiast John Siringo gives a lesson to Alyssa Solis, 8, and Jane Bibee of Port St. Lucie on how to move the replica Tri-Rail train across the elaborate mini-villages and tracks at the Treasure Coast Model Railroad annual open house on Thanksgiving weekend.

Teenager earns pilot's license

By Dawn Krebs
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — Through hard work and the help of the community he lives in, 17-year-old Jordan Hardison earned his private pilot license on Oct. 5.

The date is a milestone for Jordan, as that is also the day he turned 17, making the new private pilot the youngest the Federal Aviation Authority allows.

While the license is new to him, flying certainly isn't.

"I have been training for this for almost three and a half years," he said. "For myself, I think I am just as well prepared as any new pilot."

His first instructed flight was in May 2008. On his 16th birthday in 2010, he made his first solo flight, even though his logbook indicated he was ready in 2009. Because of age restrictions, he had to wait until he was 16.

"All of the extra time gave me an opportunity to gain a lot of experience," Jordan said. "I know I still have a lot to learn, but I feel good about the level of knowledge I have now, and I am ready to keep learning."

In order to fly a solo flight, the student pilot must be signed off by a flight instructor who deems the student proficient in the knowledge and procedures to pilot a plane. In earning the private pilot license, he is now permitted to carry passengers and does not need the permission of a flight instructor to fly.

Because of Jordan's commitment, his father also took flying lessons and received his license as well, so it has become a family pastime.

"I am really glad my dad got his license, too," Jordan said. "We have had some great times flying."

During his training, a variety of people and organizations helped him along the way. His flight instructor, Dave Lewis, kept it interesting and fun.

"None of this would

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Gavel passed as new leadership begins

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — There will be the same faces on city and county boards, they'll just be sitting in different seats.

During November meetings, both the St. Lucie County Commission and the St. Lucie County School Board passed the gavel and named new chairs.

The school board held its reorganization meeting on Nov. 22 and elected Carol Hilson as the new chairwoman, a seat previously held by Kathryn Hensley. Ms. Hilson was previously the vice chairwoman on the board.

Chris Dzadovsky

Taking the seat of vice chair is Debbie Hawley, who is currently serving her first term, having been elected in November 2010.

On the St. Lucie County Commission, Chris Dzadovsky stepped into the chairman position at the Nov. 15 meeting. The chairmanship was previously held by Commissioner Chris Craft.

Commissioner Tod Mowery was selected vice chairman.

"I try to be as visible as possible in the public, and be available to answer concerns," Commissioner Dzadovsky said.

This year, the county commission will also be talking to the county's constitutional officers.

"We are looking for input to gain insight on the state of the county," he said. "We want to see how the county can better work with each municipality and move forward in a united way."

Deputy recognized for undercover work

By Jay Meisel
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — When a then-27-year-old St. Lucie County detective attended high school last year, he attended classes, took tests and did homework.

But the detective, whose name is being withheld, didn't attend school for educational purposes.

He was there to combat what was perceived as a growing drug problem.

The deputy, who was recognized as Detective of the Quarter, in part because of that operation, recently said he has conducted more than 500 undercover operations during his career.

"I think I got more gray hairs from that investigation than any other," he said.

The operation took place last school year at Okeechobee High School.

Authorities had received complaints about drug activity at the school, the St. Lucie County detective said.

A detective with the narcotics task force in Okeechobee, who did not want his name used, said Okeechobee County authorities asked St. Lucie County for help because of the need for secrecy.

For the operation to be successful, "it was very, very crucial," to have an undercover detective from another county, the Okeechobee County detective said.

"Okeechobee is a small, close-knit town where everyone knows everybody," he said. "It would have been tough to bring in someone locally to work the investigation."

The youthful-looking St. Lucie County detective said only four people knew he would be at the school and that didn't include any of the other students, his teachers or even the principal.

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YOUR COMMUNITY B4

B&G ANNIVERSARY

Charles Cuomo received the Man and Youth award

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ORLANDO RESORT

James Stammer gives two thumbs up to the Gaylord Palms Resort

WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday: Partly cloudy; high: 72; low: 64; high tide: 1:31 a.m.; low tide: 7:44 a.m.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy; high: 74; low: 65; high tide: 2:29 a.m.; low tide: 8:42 a.m.
Sunday: Scattered showers; high: 75; low: 65; high tide: 3:27 a.m.; low tide: 9:38 a.m.
Weather courtesy of **www.weather.com**

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License

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have happened without Dave," Jordan said. "We always have fun, but when it's time to get in the plane, I am always reminded what we are doing is serious."

Jordan also recalls key people in the school system encouraging him.

"I had a teacher in elementary school who worked for Lockheed Martin, and when I told her I was interested in airplanes she brought me pictures and other information," he said. "She didn't have to do that, and it was cool."

Last year, the Fort Pierce Central junior took an aerospace class, and learned a lot.

"The professor had a ton of experience and another teacher at the school who is a flight instructor offered a ground school course every Monday after school," he said. "I know our schools get some negative things said about them, but I think if you want to learn here, you can. There is always someone that can help you achieve your goal."

At the Fort Pierce Airport, the local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association was always encouraging and will to help. The group currently offers young eagle events, which introduces youth to aviation and gives them an airplane ride at no cost.

"I have helped out at some of the events," Jordan said. "It is cool to watch the faces of the kids as they experience their first flight."

Jordan also credits his parents for his accomplishment.

"They have always been supportive in anything I wanted to do," he said.

For now, he is attending Indian River State College in the dual enrollment program, working toward a degree in engineering.

"My parents have taught me to work, do what I love and be happy," he said. "I think that is good advice because at the moment, I can't stop smiling."

Photo courtesy of Stephanie Hardison

Jordan Hardison, a junior at Fort Pierce Central High School, received his pilot's license on Oct. 5, his 17th birthday.

Deputy

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He said the principal and teachers likely knew law enforcement was going to do something to combat the drug problem.

"They knew something would happen," he said. "They didn't know what or when."

In order to conduct the operation, he said, he assumed a fake identity with fake parents and a fake residence in Okeechobee County.

He changed his hairstyle, the way he dressed and provided fake documents so he could register as a student.

Also, he altered the way he acted, he said.

"I had to immature myself. I was very careful at what I said and how I acted," he said.

He said he did his homework and tests, but tried not to do exceptionally well.

"I didn't want to stand out," he said.

He said he was successful in adopting the new persona.

"I was questioned a couple of times about my age, but it didn't go anywhere," he said.

During his time in school, he said, he didn't try to infiltrate student groups involved with drugs, but worked more as an observer.

He didn't want to get into a situation that would pose problems, such as one of the other students asking him to smoke some marijuana, he said.

"We let the investigation lead itself," he said.

The students being targeted were drug dealers, rather than those who were just experimenting by trying marijuana, he said.

During the time, he said, he could not be seen with law enforcement. They had contingency plans for what they considered to be every possible event, he said.

If a teacher asked to see his parents, he had fake parents lined up, he said.

The investigation showed students were selling marijuana, cocaine, Ecstasy and various prescription drugs. More than 40 buys were made, he said.

In the end, 22 students were arrested and all of them pleaded guilty to charges or were convicted by a jury, he said.

Despite the arrests, the St. Lucie County detective said the intent is not to give the school "a bad rap."

Most of the students were not involved in the drug activity, he said.

The Okeechobee County detective said the investigation showed a wider variety of drugs was being sold than expected.

He said he believes the investigation had a lasting effect in reducing the activity, but added investigations will continue.

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The Health Occupations Students of America at Port St. Lucie High School raised $1,008 to present to Teddy and Alexandra Sanders of Calvary Compassion Church to allow them to purchase 84 turkeys for student's families at Garden City Elementary School and C.A. Moore Elementary School this Thanksgiving.

Katelyn Lambert, president of the Health Occupations Students of America at Port St. Lucie High School presents a check for $1,008 of money raised by the student organization to Teddy and Alexandra Sanders of the Calvary Compassion Church to allow them to purchase 84 turkeys for students' families at Garden City Elementary School and C.A. Moore Elementary School this Thanksgiving.

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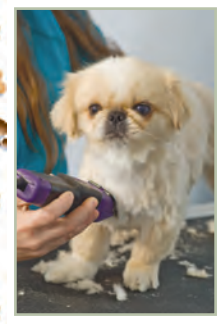

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Center

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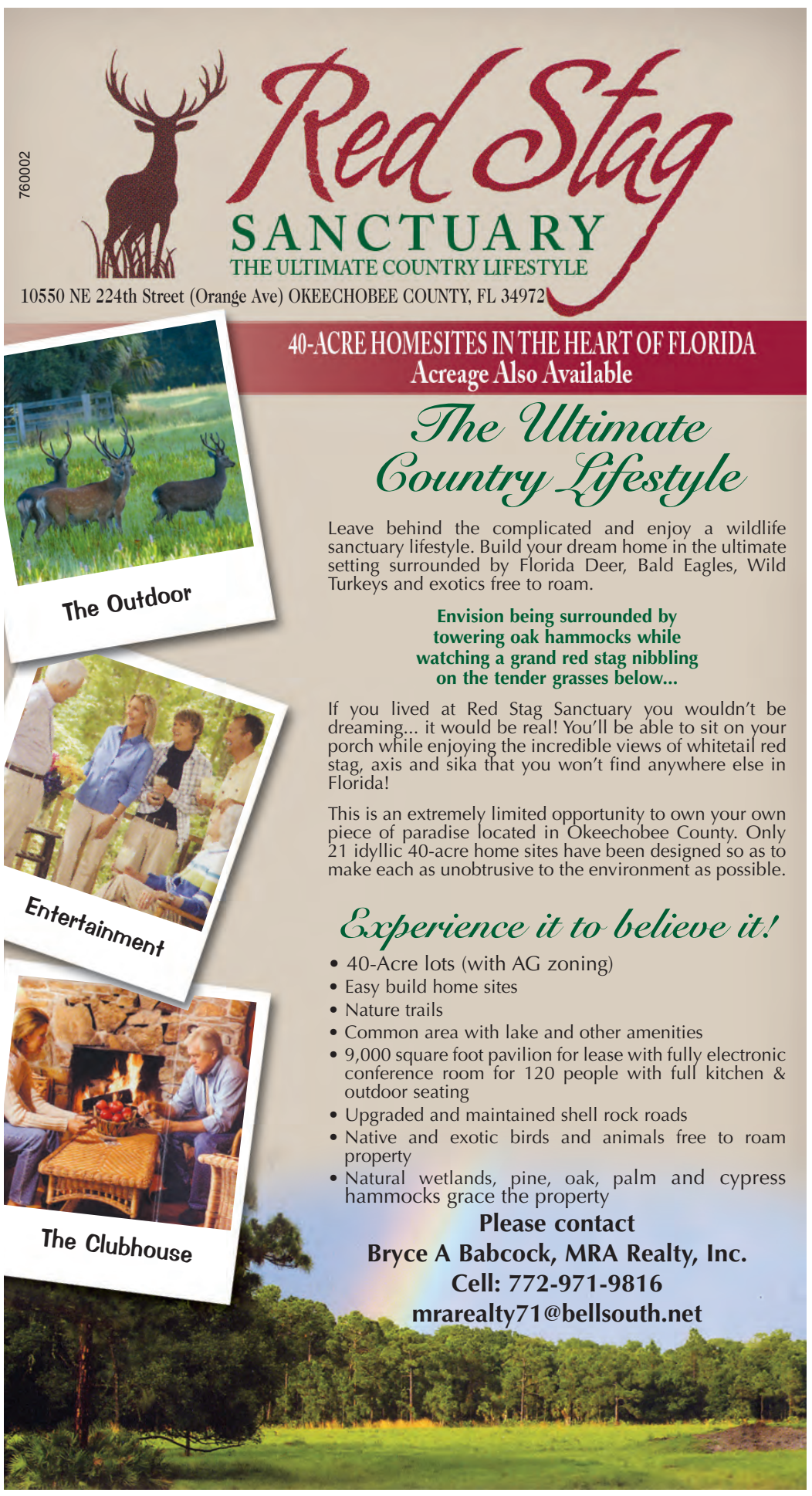
about the bidding process.

While that process was going on, the city demolished the building in April in order to stay on schedule.

Federal grants have been received to help cover the cost of replacing the building. The rest of the funding for the construction comes from funds that can only be used for capital construction.

Once construction begins, the contract is for exactly one year.

The city received the land next to the community center from the Indian River State College Foundation to not only build the new 24,771-square-foot center, but also a 10,981-square-foot wing for college classrooms for IRSC.



Students to perform in honor band festival

Each year, Indian River State College hosts the prestigious four-county Honor Band Festival for high-school students of St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee counties.

The festival is one week long consisting of rehearsals and lessons from visiting professional conductors throughout in preparation for a closing performance by the students, which will take place on Saturday, Jan.7, 2012.

Participants in the festival are divided among the following categories: seventh- and eighth-grade band, ninth- and 10th-grade band, 11th- and 12th- grade band, and ninth and 12th-grade jazz band.

Congratulations to the following John Carroll High School students who have been selected to attend the 2012 Honor Band Festival: Lisa Romero, Noah Graben, John Marcano, Gregory Fessler, John-Paul Fox, Jeff Zhang, Alexis Farinacci, Kyle Willems, Zain Al-Tur, and Edward Wu.

These students were recommended by Ralph Phillips, band director at John Carroll, and were carefully selected after evaluation by John Southall, president and director of the Indian River State College music program.

John Carroll High School is joining forces with the National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum to host an amazing evening, using the impressive new museum facilities on North Hutchinson Island.

The Seaside Soiree will be held Feb. 3 beginning at 6 p.m. The evening will feature numerous gourmet food stations, cocktails, live music and an extensive silent auction.

Tickets to the event are $75 per person and will be sold on a first come first served basis, so reserve tickets today.

In addition to the party, the school will give away up to $20,000 through a new drawing. In light of this special year, only 2,012 tickets will be sold, for a donation of $50 each.

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Fundraiser set to help family

For Hometown News
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — Two months into their marriage, Ron and Toni Ann D'Amico's happiness turned into a nightmare when Mr. D'Amico was diagnosed with ALS commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Now totally confined to a wheelchair and progressively becoming paralyzed by the disease, which robs individuals of their ability to move, speak and live, while not affecting their mind at all, the D'Amico family needs community support.

Mr. D'Amico, who turns 44 on Dec. 5, requires round-the-clock care.

On Dec. 7, from 4-10 p.m., the Van Duzer Foundation will host a birthday to remember the D'Amico's at Big Apple Pizza and Pasta in Fort Pierce.

All food and beverage proceeds will help the D'Amico family, as well as staff salaries, all tips and any donations.

Florida's Blood Centers will be on hand with a mobile donation unit because the area's blood supply is at a critically low level going into the busy holiday season.

To help the D'Amico family, order a pizza, enjoy some wings and a beer or drop a donation in the bucket. Come, share in a birthday to remember and yes, there will be birthday cake.

Formed three years ago, the all-volunteer Van Duzer Foundation has raised more than $446,000 to help individuals and families in the county who are struggling with financial and personal hardship brought about by unforeseen crisis or tragedy.

Recently, the foundation hosted Be a Hero Day, during which 1,352 pints of blood were donated, making it the largest blood drive in the state.

The event also benefitted St. Lucie County veterans and the Gulfstream Council of the Boy Scouts.

For more information, visit www.thevanduzerfoundation.org.

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 St. Lucie Police Department

•Jerry Mark Kohler, 36, 2501 Center Road, Fort Pierce, was arrested Nov. 17 and charged with trafficking oxycodone and possession of oxycodone without a prescription.

•Christina Ann Brown, 41, 3261 S.W. Ronlea Court, Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 17 and charged with two counts of obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.

•David Allen Dunn, 22, 2266 S.E. Arbor Road, Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 17 and charged with battery and resisting an officer with violence.

•Antonio Azoy Trascos, 23, 1134 S.W. Ingrassina Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 17 and charged with aggravated battery.

•Christina Marie Restauri, 50, 4502 S.W. Attlee St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 16 and charged with failure to appear in court on a charge of grand theft

•Jessica Lee Daigle, 22, 309 Chestnut Hill Road, Millville, Mass., was arrested Nov. 15 and charged with third-degree grand theft, dealing in stolen property and giving false information to a pawnbroker. She also was arrested on Nov. 15 by the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana.

•Jack Cesseta, 26, 4800 S.W. Woodham St., Palm City, was arrested Nov. 15 and charged with third-degree grand theft, dealing in stolen property and giving false information to a pawnbroker. He also was arrested by the St. Lucie Country Sheriff's Office on Nov. 15 and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana.

•Lauren Ann Clary, 25, no address given, was arrested Nov. 15 and charged with giving a false name to a law enforcement officer, carjacking, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting an officer with violence, two counts of battery on a law enforcement officer and criminal mischief.

•Riley Marcus McKinzey, 22, 230 S.E. Thornhill Drive, Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 19 and charged with aggravated assault with a firearm, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and driving while license suspended.

•Marcus N. Adderley, 20, 2806 Atlantic Ave., Fort Pierce, was arrested Nov. 21 and charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant woman.

•Nicole Martin, aka Nicole Lembo, 41, 702 S.W. Belmont Circle, Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 21 and charged with three counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud.

•Evelyn R. Soto, aka Evelyn Ramirez, 33, 2390 Baha Vista St., Sarasota, was arrested Nov. 21 and charged with with-holding information from a practitioner.

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•William B. Hernandez, 40, 1674 S.W. Success Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 17 and charged with dealing in stolen property.

•Kyle William Sheppard, 22, 771 Olive St., Fort Pierce, was arrested Nov. 17 and charged with burglary of a dwelling, grand theft, dealing in stolen property and giving false verification of ownership to a second-hand dealer. He also was arrested by the Fort Pierce Police Department on Nov. 17 and charged with two counts of burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, two counts of criminal mischief and two counts of third-degree grand theft.

•Eduani Martinez, 38, 2541 S.W. Savage Blvd., Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 17 and charged with owning, leasing, or renting property for the purchase of trafficking selling or manufacturing a controlled substance.

•Brandon Moses Carter, 23, 5014 Lasalle Ave., Fort Pierce, was arrested Nov. 17 and charged with burglary of a conveyance.

•Nathaniel T. Bryant Jr., 18, 657 S.W. Bridgeport Drive, Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 16 and charged with dealing in stolen property, burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and third-degree grand theft.

•Aurenthiel Gene Younglood, 26, 404 South 14th St., Apt. B, Fort Pierce, was arrested Nov. 16 and charged with leaving the scene of an accident with personal injuries and felony criminal mischief.

•Jason Salvado Amparo, 19, 769 S.W. Parker Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 16 and charged with dealing in stolen property.

•Harvey James Kinder, 34, 705 North 35th St., Fort Pierce, was arrested Nov. 16 and charged with being a habitual traffic offender.

•Rhiannon Eugenia Pritchard, 18, 5003 El Nueva Ave., Fort Pierce, was arrested Nov. 16 and charged with failure to appear in court on charges of extortion or threats and third-degree grand theft.

•Charles Edward Owens, 31, 598 Twig Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 16 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for possession of prescription pills with out a prescription.

•Thomas L. King, 46, 2221 S. Webster Ave., Unit 120, Green Bay, Wis., was arrested Nov. 19 and charged with two counts of battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting an officer with violence and resisting an officer without violence.

•Yonny Torres Parra, 32, 344 S.W. Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 19 and charged with two counts of grand theft of a motor vehicle.

•Ricardo Anthony Pasizor, 25, 7006 Deland Ave., Fort Pierce, was arrested Nov. 19 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for carrying a concealed firearm.

•Hoyle Anthony Fabrio, 40, 3376 Hatcher St., Fort Pierce, was arrested Nov. 19 and charged with battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting an officer without violence.

•Sylvestor Williams, 54, 904 North 21st St., Fort Pierce, was arrested Nov. 18 and charged with tampering with evidence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Scott Edward Kratz, 27, 20806 Glades Cutoff Road, Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 18 and charged with tampering, false imprisonment, child abuse and criminal mischief.

•Charles Edward Reed, 36, 1503 E. Trapnell Road, Plant City, was arrested Nov. 18 and charged with two counts of transmission of harmful material to a minor, two counts of lewd battery and traveling to meet a minor.

•Chester P. Snyder, 69, 709 W. Main St., Pickens, S.C., was arrested Nov. 20 and charged with lewd/lascivious behavior involving a child under the age of 12.

•Steven Edward Parker, 34, 524 Susannah Leigh Lane, Orlando, was arrested Nov. 20 and charged with sexual assault.

•Krystyna Marie Petrie, 32, 4705 Elm Ave., Fort Pierce, was arrested Nov. 20 and charged with loitering and prowling, three counts of resisting an officer without violence, resisting an officer with violence, battery on a law enforcement officer and disorderly conduct.

•Liondel Calzada, 31, 289 N.E. Glenry Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 21 and charged with possession of oxycodone without a prescription and driving while license suspended.

•Bobby Ellis, 56, 2408 Avenue G., Apt. A, Fort Pierce, was arrested Nov. 21 and charged with felony battery.

•Bryant Clifton McDuffie, 23, 2322 S.E. Midtown Road, Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 21 and charged with third-degree grand theft.

•Alexander Michael Pirozzi, 20, 997 S.E. Bywood Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 21 and charged with dealing in stolen property and giving false information to a pawnbroker.

•Sean D. Andrews, 43, 950 S. Kanner Highway, Unit 5, Stuart, was arrested Nov. 21 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for third-degree grand theft.

Florida Highway Patrol

•Allen Mack Michael, 45, 7907 Palomar St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 10 and charged with felony driving under the influence and driving under the influence.

VIEWPOINT

Florida needs better protection from PIP fraud

GOVERNOR
RICK SCOTT

Honest Floridians pay the price for PIP fraud. That's the takeaway from meetings I attended around the state recently where PIP auto insurance fraud was the topic of discussion. PIP, or personal injury protection, is insurance coverage added to your overall auto policy that is intended to pay for medical and other expenses associated with a car crash, regardless of fault.

In Florida, a minimum of $10,000 PIP coverage is required with each policy. We pay the highest auto liability insurance premiums in the nation, 56 percent more than other states.

Unfortunately, Florida also leads the nation in staged accidents and questionable claims, which is why the number of crashes is going down, while the number of PIP claims and the cost of those claims is going up.

After receiving a PIP fraud update during the cabinet meeting in Tallahassee, Jeff Atwater, Florida's chief financial officer and I participated in listening meetings with Floridians in Tallahassee, Orlando, Fort Lauderdale, Tampa and Miami to hear their concerns about PIP fraud and ideas for a solution.

We learned that if we do nothing, the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation predicts a 29 percent PIP pure premium increase each year.

While the pure premium increase directly impacts the insurer, the costs get passed down to consumers through rate hikes, since insurers must raise rates to close the gap created by rapidly increasing fraud costs. In a time when we're working every day to get Florida's economy back on its feet, the last thing we need is fraudsters to cause auto insurance premiums to skyrocket and raise the cost of living in this state, something I have vowed to prevent as governor.

After listening to constituents affected by PIP fraud and their solutions to the problem, I announced four pillars that must be addressed to fix PIP: fraud prevention, litigation reform, utilization and provider reform and accountability. My expectation is that we will provide significant PIP reform this legislative session.

Florida consumers have already paid more than $800 million for PIP fraud over the last several years and enough is enough.

Florida needs better protections for consumers, and I am committed to holding the line on runaway premiums in order to fulfill my promise to keep the cost of living low and get our state back to work.

I encourage all Floridians with ideas for fixing PIP to email me at *Rick.Scott@eog.myflorida.com* or call your House and Senate members and let them know that you expect them to support PIP reform so we can reduce the cost of auto insurance in Florida.

Lighting the way towards a cure

Mitch Kloorfain/chief photographer

Frank Hotz of Port St. Lucie launches a lantern at Abingdon of Tradition to honor and recognize those fighting Alzheimer's Tuesday, Nov. 15. More than 50 lanterns were released, leaving a trail across the sky over Tradition.

Police 'take the fifth' on abuse of power incident

ON CARS
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Regular readers of my column are familiar with the saga of my being reported to the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle department, FHSMV, as a mentally or physically incompetent driver. I became aware of this approximately two weeks after I was ticketed for speeding by a North Palm Beach policeman.

The letter I received from the FHSMV started out, "This agency has received information expressing concerns about your ability to drive safely. Please call the driver license office below to set up an appointment to take the vision, written, driving (in traffic) and hearing examinations."

I looked into this and learned this "information expressing concerns about my ability to drive" was reported to the FHSMV under a little-known Florida law, 322.126(2), (3), which allows "any person" to confidentially report any other Florida driver as unable to drive safely and be held harmless from all civil or criminal liability even if the report was malicious in intent.

I subsequently started a petition at *www.DumbLaw.org* to change this law. I've also met with two Florida legislators, Democrat Irv Slosberg of Boca Raton and Republican Pat Rooney of Palm Beach Gardens, to ask their assistance to change this law in Tallahassee. Both strongly support my position and have agreed to help me.

Under the law, the

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Gas station woes

I recently purchased gas at a local gas station. The pumps had small hand written signs at the bottom of the pump which read, "Do not use this pump, no explanation." The pump jumps to between 10 and 15 cents without ever dispensing any gas.

When I realized what was happening I stopped and moved to another pump. Another customer who used the pump after me said this has been going on for more than a week.

Is there someone I can call to complain to and find out why these pumps remain operational while stealing money and the owners get away with it?

Happy holidays?

Christmas is coming soon and already Scrooge is on the prowl throughout the land. He is trying to convince all of us to say "happy holidays" rather than "merry Christmas."

Meaning of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving allows us to take the time to reflect and give thanks for our many blessings, not the least of which is living in this special land. Our nation is faced with many crises threatening the very principles which made us great. We must not take our way of life for granted. Patriotism should be expressed at every opportunity, and Thanksgiving Day is such a time.

Sign overload

What is going on with the new (worthless) road signs; signs to protect us from things that will never happen? Expensive signs.

An example: I live in a condo and when you exit the condo, you can only go north or south. There is an empty lot on the other side of the street. Three new signs were posted so you don't drive across the road into an empty tree filled lot. Who would ever do this? Nobody.

This is repeated all up and down the street. There must be 50 signs within a few miles.

There are also new signs to tell us how to turn into a turn lane. The point is, we don't need signs to tell us the obvious.

This is a huge waste of our money and someone should look into who is authorizing this fraud. This is another example of government gone wild. Something here smells real fishy.

Don't blame Rubio

Isn't it a shame that we live in an era of the politics of personal destruction?

Some of Marco Rubio's detractors are seeking to smear him based on when his parents fled communist Cuba. Everyone who could do so got away from Fidel Castro. Mr. Rubio's parents fled because they "could no longer live and work under a communist regime."

Those who dislike the senator should argue against his policies, not try to destroy the man.

Underachievers in Congress

It is an understatement to say that our Congress is a group of underachievers. This nation should know from Europe's experience that you cannot spend yourself into prosperity because much of Europe is in desperate financial straits.

Congress is reluctant to cut spending or to cut budget deficits. It should have learned this clear lesson. We have a stern warning but there is little evidence Congress appreciates the gravity of the situation.

Post Office money pit

The money-losing Post Office is not the only government agency in shambles but it is one we see frequently. This bureaucracy is a hulking, foundering, money-hemorrhaging behemoth, which has employees earning above-average salaries and getting generous benefits and pensions.

It has more vehicles than any other organization on the planet. Virtually all government agencies are inefficient but this one takes the cake, a very expensive cake.

Global crisis

We seem to be spiraling downward. First, it was Greece facing bankruptcy. Then it was Ireland and Portugal in financial trouble.

Last week, South Africa had its bonds downgraded. But worst of all, Spain and Italy are now being exposed as unable to pay their debts.

The only hope for survival is drastic action, but the socialists who run much of Europe lack the courage to make spending cuts. Is there a message for us here in the United States?

Golden boy no more

We voters are a bunch of boobs. When Jon Corzine, the

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Agency gets grant for turtle project

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — The University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences St. Lucie County Cooperative Extension office received funding from the Florida sea turtle grants program, which is funded by the sales of the sea turtle specialty license plate.

The extension office received the $4,900 grant to support the Treasure Coast sea-turtle friendly beaches public education campaign, which will benefit Florida sea turtles.

According to Ken Gioeli, Natural Resources Extension agent and grant project manager, the extension office was chosen for the award through a competitive application process that is open to coastal county governments, educational institutions and Florida-based nonprofit groups striving to improve the livelihood of sea turtles and conserve Florida habitats.

The grant has enabled the extension office to produce educational materials, highway billboards and displays, which are distributed to sea-turtle coordinators in Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin counties.

In addition, local environmental education centers such as the Manatee Observation and Education Center, FPL Energy Encounter and Oxbow Eco-Center received displays and publications.

In total, 7,000 publications were distributed to coastal residents, displays

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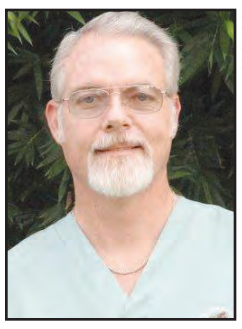
Hypertension

by Patrick Kelly, DVM



Hypertension in our pets is not something most pet owners give a second thought to, but it is much more prevalent than you think. We associate hypertension in humans with stress, smoking, diabetes, obesity, too much salt consumption, or familial history. Hypertension in humans is often considered primary, meaning an underlying cause cannot be determined. In animals, hypertension is usually secondary. The most commonly associated diseases with hypertension are hyperthyroidism (in cats), Cushings disease (overactive adrenal disease in dogs), diabetes mellitus, and kidney disease.

The most common sign associated with hypertension is vision loss. The retinas are very sensitive to high blood pressure and are usually the first organs to be affected. Unfortunately, a pet cannot communicate a loss in visual acuity, and often a pet owner does not realize this until the pet becomes acutely blind. This is most common in cats. The presenting sign is a cat that was normal one day, and the next has huge dilated, unresponsive pupils, and is bumping into things. Oftentimes once this happens, the retina has detached and the blindness is permanent.

Early diagnosis is key to good control just like in humans. We take it for granted that our blood pressure is measured every time we visit our own physicians, don't our pets deserve the same? We encourage blood pressure checks in any pet 6 years of age and older at least twice a year, and in any pet that has a disease that is associated with hypertension. We include blood pressure checks in any pet with kidney disease, dilute urine, protein in the urine, Cushings disease, diabetes, and hyperthyroidism. We usually do blood pressure checks after we have the results of the bloodwork. If a cat is diagnosed with hyperthyroidism, we treat that condition first, and oftentimes the blood pressure normalizes.

Blood pressure is measured in pets similarly to humans. A special inflatable cuff is applied to the foreleg of the pet and a series of measurements are taken. We usually take 3-5 blood pressure readings and the average is interpreted. This allows the pet to calm down and minimize the "white coat syndrome", which can artificially elevate the blood pressure. The most important reading is the systolic blood pressure. We want the systolic blood pressure to be below 160.

Treatment is similar to humans. The underlying disease needs to be controlled. The most common blood pressure medications we use in veterinary medicine are benazepril, enalapril, and arnlodipine. These are the same medications we use in human medicine to control hypertension.

Hypertension is common and treatable if diagnosed early. Blood pressure checks should become as routine in veterinary medicine as it is in human medicine.

Shelter gets boost from cosmetics company

By Brittany Llorente
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TREASURE COAST — Safespace received a $20,000 grant from Mary Kay cosmetics company to help its locations serving the Treasure Coast.

SafeSpace, a nonprofit organization helping victims of domestic violence, operates shelters in Indian River, Martin and St. Lucie counties, where families can go to escape to a safe environment.

On Sept. 30, after applying for a grant from the Mary Kay Foundation, SafeSpace received a $20,000 grant to help its facilities and toward programs to help the community.

"This grant is extremely important because our funding from some sources has been decreased and domestic violence is on the increase," said Art Ciasca, SafeSpace director of development.

"People are staying together because of extreme financial needs and domestic violence has become more severe. It is extremely important for us to be able to meet the needs of the victims and children who come forward."

According to Mr. Ciasca, the funds will be used toward the operational support of all programs at SafeSpace, including two emergency shelters for the three counties located in Indian River and Martin County. The funds will also be used for the emergency hotline that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week 365 days a year.

"We also have outreach services," said Mr. Ciasca.

"A woman doesn't move into the shelter but receives the safety planning and the same resources to help her determine what she wants to do and helps her with what she is going through."

The shelters are for women and children, but SafeSpace does provide help for male victims with its outreach services.

"We encourage folks to escape violence; doing lots of work with women and men and exit strategies to get out of a relationship and how to do it in the safest way possible," said Judy Brothy, SafeSpace director of programs.

Ms. Brothy also encourages use of its prevention program. The purpose is focusing on youth and people in healthy, non-violent relationships, defining that and creating future generations of non-violence.

Currently, all programs are free of charge. Current funding comes from the United Way in the three counties, the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence and donations and grants from other organizations.

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Stewart

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FHSMV keeps secret the name of the informant. However, after a little detective work, I came up with a "person of interest" or suspect in my case. He is a North Palm Beach policeman, the same one who ticketed me for speeding two weeks before I received the letter from the FHSMV. It turns out this officer's wife was recently employed by me at my Toyota dealership. For what I believed were good reasons, I was forced to terminate her employment. She subsequently sued me under the EEOC for wrongful termination and my insurance company settled the case.

I was also able to learn from the FHSMV the informant was a "professional" meaning a police officer or doctor.

Since my doctor agreed to give me a letter stating that I was 100 percent mentally and physically capable of driving a car, that left a policeman. The only policeman that I'd had any dealing with in quite some time was this North Palm Beach policeman.

Finally, I did take and pass all of the required driving tests, written, eye test, hearing test, driving in traffic and driving on a special course. In fact, I not only passed, I passed with flying colors. My hearing and eyesight (20/20 with glasses) were perfect. I completed all of the driving tests without a single mistake and I missed only one question on the test (I could have passed missing up to10).

These findings prove that the "person" who reported me to the FHSMV was either mistaken or not telling the truth. Since we know that the "person" was a professional, it would seem unlikely that he was mistaken.

Feeling the above circumstantial evidence uncovered by my detective work was overwhelming, I decided to confront the town of North Palm Beach. Through my attorney, I spoke with the vice mayor, who agreed to talk to the chief of police. When I didn't hear back for a while, I was told that the matter was being discussed with the "collective bargaining" entity for the police department, the PBA. After several weeks, the North Palm Beach town attorney wrote me a letter stating the town's position on my allegations. This is the pertinent part of the letter:

"With respect to the letter Mr. Stewart received from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles requesting that he appear for re-examination, Section 322.126(3), Florida Statutes, states that any report regarding a licensed driver's mental or physical disability to drive is confidential and exempt from disclosure pursuant to Florida public records law. The Florida Legislature has expressly determined that such reports shall not be disclosed or used for any purpose other than determining the qualification of a person to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of this state. As such, no civil or criminal action may be brought against any physician, person or agency who reports a potential disability to the DMV, nor shall any such report be used as evidence in any civil or criminal trial or in any court proceeding. 322.126(3) & (4), Florida Stat. (2011). See also Duckworth v. State, 923 So. 2d 530 (Fla. 4th DCA 2006).

The Florida Legislature has clearly determined that the overriding public interest in ensuring that all licensed drivers possess the requisite ability to operate a motor vehicle trump any concerns raised by licensed drivers regarding the circumstances surrounding the filing of such a report.

"In light of the foregoing, even if the village possessed information regarding a medical report filed with the DMV concerning Mr. Stewart, the village is prohibited from disclosing the information set forth therein.

Additionally, neither your client nor the village can utilize the report as evidence in any criminal or civil proceedings unrelated to Mr. Stewart's qualification to operate a motor vehicle.

"Should you have any questions relative to the foregoing, please do not to hesitate to contact me."

After reading the above, I think you can appreciate my title to this article. Most people understand that people accused of a crime in America can elect to "refuse to answer on the grounds that it might tend to incriminate them." If you feel the same way I do about this, "taking the fifth" it's just another way of saying "I'm guilty but you'll have to prove it without my cooperation."

I'm betting this police officer has never filed another report under this statute before in the remote chance that he believed in good faith the driver lacked the physical or mental qualifications to drive.

It's a shame, arguably disgraceful, that law enforcement in North Palm Beach allows its officers to quench their personal agendas by abusing their official position and then hiding behind a statute's confidentially provisions. I'm sure the confidentially provision was not made part of the stature by the legislature to allow police officers to file reports in bad faith and with no objective basis.

My attorney tells me that, in spite of this statute, I have grounds to sue on the basis that this Florida statute is unconstitutional and that a judge could overturn this part of the law. But I don't want to sue the town of North Palm Beach, the cop who reported me or anybody else.

What I do want is for the town and the police officer to do the right thing, which is to sincerely apologize. I would also like the town to take the necessary precautions to see that this never happens again to anybody else driving through the town of North Palm Beach.

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Geoff Moore and Dana Daniels from 93.7 The Breeze and Barbara Cooper of the law firm Hoskins, Turco, Lloyd & Lloyd, along with nominator Carmen Robinson, present the award for the Treasure Coast Teacher of the Month to Adrienne Mendoza, an eighth-grade teacher at Southport Middle School. From left: Mr. Moore and Ms. Daniels Ms. Mendoza, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Cooper and Hamp Elliot of 93.7 The Breeze.

Instructor gets Teacher of Month honors

For Hometown News
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PORT ST. LUCIE — Adrianne Mendoza, an eighth-grade teacher at Southport Middle School in Port St. Lucie was named Treasure Coast Teacher of the Month on Oct. 21, by 93.7 The Breeze and attorney Steve Hoskins of the law firm Hoskins, Turco, Lloyd & Lloyd.

The Breeze honors a teacher who has made a difference with an official "Teacher of the Month" engraved award, formal presentation, pizza party for her class, a class visit to the South Florida Science Museum and gift basket from Teachers Pet and More.

"I love my students. I work them hard and many of them I challenge until they get completely frustrated with me, but we all see the results at the end of the year. I am so proud of each and every one of them," said Ms. Mendoza.

Steve Hoskins, senior partner at the law firm, has been supporting The Breeze Teacher of the Month program since its inception in fall 2010.

Mr. Hoskins was pleased to make this award to Ms. Mendoza because of her involvement in her students.

"She is well deserving of this Teacher of the Month award. We appreciate her hard work, dedication and most of all, her passion for guiding these future leaders of our community," said Mr. Hoskins.

To nominate a teacher for the 93.7 The Breeze Teacher of the Month award, visit www.thebreeze.fm.

Turtle

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were distributed to 22 environmental education providers or local libraries and one highway billboard was erected reaching an estimated 25,500 viewers daily.

Launched in 1996, the "Helping Sea Turtles Survive" specialty license plate raises money for two important programs that benefit Florida sea turtles: the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission's marine turtle protection program and the sea turtle grants program, which distributes money back to the local level for turtle conservation projects.

The sea turtle specialty plate is currently No. 2 in sales, having sold 76,804 plates in 2009, second only to the University of Florida specialty plate.

For more information about the turtle friendly beaches program, call (772) 462-1660, email ktgioeli@ufl.edu *or visit* www.helpingseaturtles.org .

Boost

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Elyse Romano, a Mary Kay independent senior sales director, wrote the recommendation letter to Mary Kay for the proposal from SafeSpace.

"Mary Kay asked the sales consultants and directors to give one hour of service back to our community," said Ms. Romano.

"Domestic violence is close to my heart. I went to a class so that I could help the victims and the more involved I got the more I saw there was a need."

Ms. Romano helps to coordinate spa days for the victims at the shelters and organized a sale of lipsticks, where $1 is donated to the Mary Kay Ash Foundation and $1 goes directly to SafeSpace.

Last year, the three counties helped 277 women and 274 children in the shelters that have 48 beds in each facility. The shelters provided 13,192 days of shelter. Their outreach program helped 453 men, women and children in all counties.

For more information on SafeSpace, visit www.safespacefl.org. To reach the hotline, call (800)500-1119. To purchase a lipstick, visit www.marykay.com/eromano1 and put SafeSpace in the comments.

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Blotter

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only problem was it's illegal.

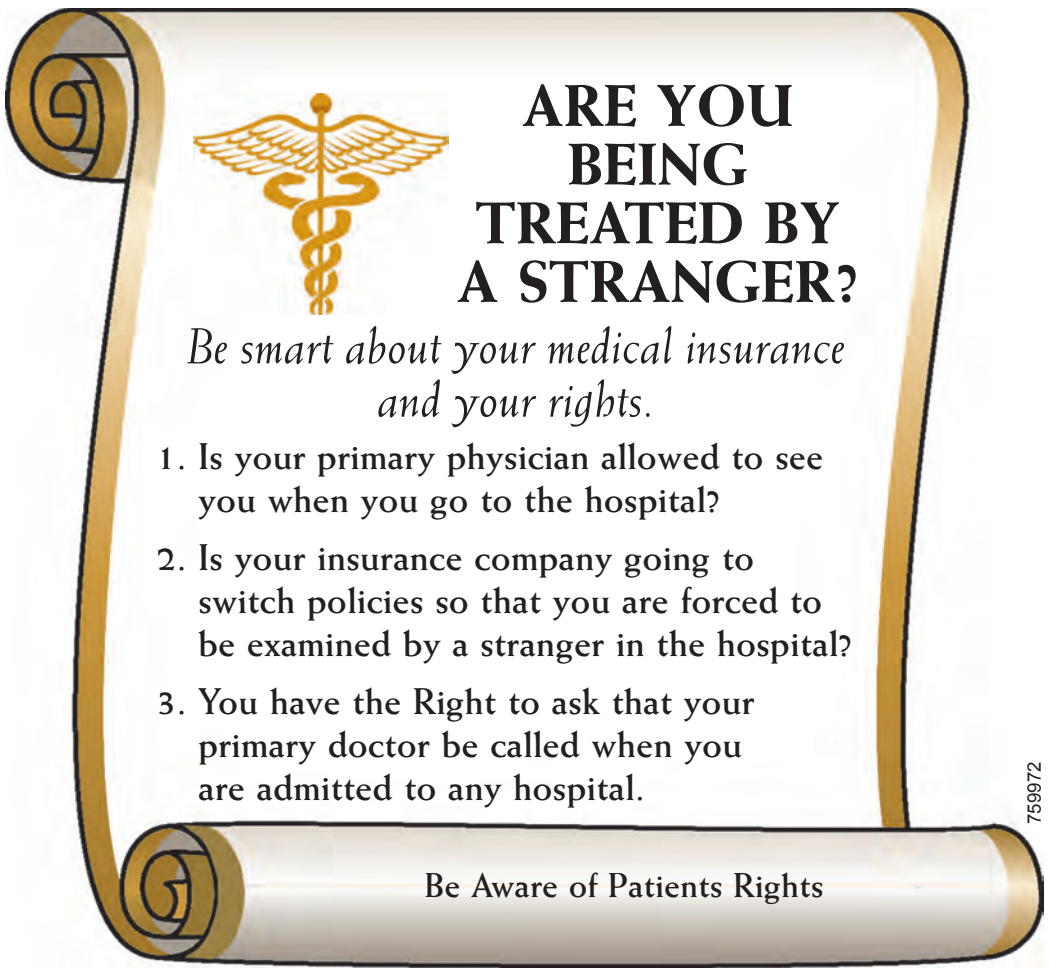
On three separate occasions in November, one woman would go into a store and select an item, such as a baby stroller, and then head toward the customer service desk and meet up with the other woman.

The other woman would then obtain a refund for the item that was never paid for in the first place.

In all, the two women received refunds of almost $700. The report doesn't explain, however, how they obtained the refunds without having paid for the items, leaving the conclusion that maybe they had phony receipts.

After the third incident, they were arrested and it was all caught on video surveillance.

Maybe they just didn't understand the system that you have to pay for an item in order to legally be able to obtain a refund for it.



Obituaries

Darryl N. Holcomb

Darryl N. Holcomb, 50, of Port St. Lucie, died Nov. 10, 2011.

He was born in Hialeah and moved to Port St. Lucie 15 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Debi; a stepson, Mike; his mother, Joyce; his father and stepmother, Ron and Joan; a sister, Cheri; three nephews, Mitchell, Michael and Matthew and a stepbrother, Jay.

Arrangements by Cox Gifford Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory of Vero Beach.

Oto E. Albright

Oto E. Albright, 83, of Port St. Lucie, died Nov.13, 2011.

He was born in Homestead, Pa., and moved to Port St. Lucie 25 years ago.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Lorrie; two daughters, Amy and

Susan; two sons, Mark and

Tim and six grandchildren.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory Treasure Coast Chapel.

Robert E. Hickey

Robert E. Hickey, 87, of Port St. Lucie, died Nov.16, 2011.

He was born in Syracuse, N.Y., and moved to Port St. Lucie in 2009.

He was an electrical engineer.

He served with the U.S. Marines during World War II.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, A. Jayne; three sons; Jeffrey, William and Timothy; two daughters, Gretchen and Tracie; a brother, Raymond; six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

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Glenn Schmidt

Glenn Schmidt, 49, died Nov. 5, 2011.

He was born in Hollywood and moved to the Treasure Coast 34 years ago.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Frances.

He is survived by two daughters, Ashley and Amanda; a son, Joshua; a sister, Linda; two brothers, Alfred and Robert and four grandchildren.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory Treasure Coast Chapel.

Ann Rita Serrago

Ann Rita Serrago, 81, of Port St. Lucie, died Nov. 18, 2011.

She was born in Providence, R.I., and lived in Port St. Lucie since the 1980s.

She was a member of St. Lucie Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; a son, Robert and a grandson, Thomas.

She is survived by a son, Keith; a daughter, Emily and five grandchildren.

Arrangements by Yates Funeral Home.

Essay contest open to high-school students

For Hometown News
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TREASURE COAST — High-school students and their teachers are invited to participate in the Bill of Rights Institute's sixth annual being an American essay contest.

The largest contest of its kind in the country, it explores the founding principles outlined in the Constitution.

The contest is administered by the Bill of Rights Institute, a nonprofit educational organization in the Washington, D.C., area devoted to educating young people about the Constitution and founding principles. The 2011-12 contest is sponsored by the History Channel.

"This contest is unique in that it gives students the opportunity to think about the important founding principles communicated in our Constitution," said Jason Ross, Bill of Rights Institute vice president of education programs.

"This context is vital to helping students see their founding principles as a meaningful part of the American experiment of self-government."

Specifically, students are asked to share their thoughts on the Constitution by answering the following question: how does the Constitution establish and maintain a culture of liberty?

The top three student winners from each of the five geographical regions will be awarded cash prizes of $1,000 (first place), $500 (second place) and $250 (third place).

Teacher sponsors for each student winner will also receive a cash prize of $100.

"The contest not only honors and awards sponsoring teachers, but also equips them with free lesson plans and other supplemental materials that meet state and national academic standards so they can easily incorporate the essay contest into their classrooms. The contest is really a tribute to the excellent work teachers do in the important task of civic education," said Mr. Ross.

More than 80,000 students have participated in the essay contest since it began in 2006.

Complete contest details and information, including submission criteria, lesson plans and background information on the Constitution, Bill of Rights, founders and founding principles are available at www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest.

Rants

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golden boy of Wall Street, appeared on the scene as a candidate for governor of New Jersey, voters swallowed his pitch that he knew finance and could help the state.

Using some of the hundreds of millions he cashed out when he left Goldman Sachs, he bought the election. He promptly ran the state into the ground.

After he was termed out, he took over MF Global, and guess what? That firm is belly-up and the golden boy is seen for what he is: a fake and a failure.

When in Rome…

A report from Rome indicates Italy's economy is hampered by high-wage costs, fat government payrolls, excessive taxes, choking bureaucracy and an educational system which produces one of the lowest levels of college graduates.

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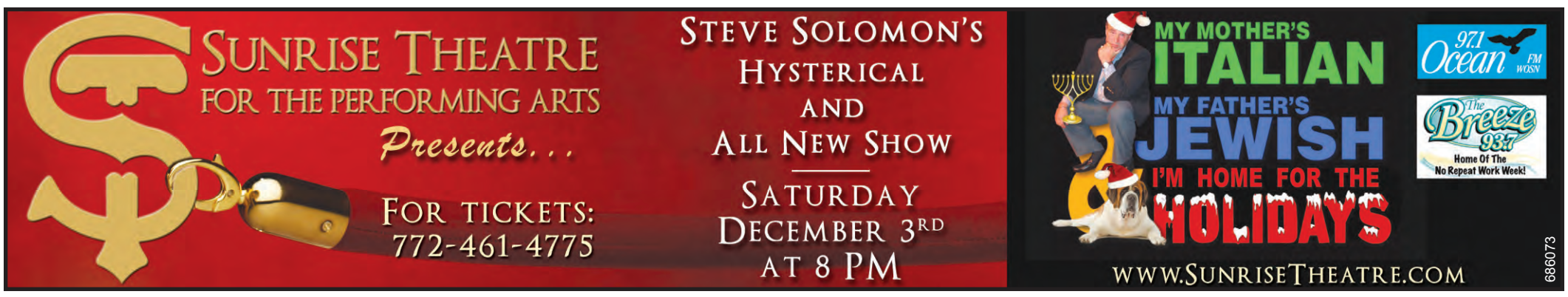

Out & about

SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

• **51st annual Stuart Christmas parade**: 'It's a Wonderful World.' Presented by Stuart Main Street. Schools, churches, civic clubs and businesses design and build the nearly 50 spectacular lighted floats that make up the parade, along with marching bands, twirling groups and Santa. Contestants must complete an application, available on Stuart Main Street's website at *www.stuartmainstreet.org*, under the 'sponsored events' link. Submit it with the $50.00 entry fee by Oct. 17. *For more information, call (772) 286-2848.*

• **Take Back the Night** will be held at 5 p.m. at the Backus Museum and Gallery. This event is to raise awareness of women's safety. *For more information, call Mindi Fetterman at (561) 909-9991.*

• **Friday movies**, 2-4 p.m., Fort Pierce library branch, 101 Melody Lane. *For more information, call (772) 462-2787.*

• **Friday Fest** featuring the Humdingers, 5:30 to 9 p.m., downtown Fort Pierce.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2-SUNDAY, DEC. 4

• **St. Lucie County Senior Amateur Men and Women's Golf Championship**, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, Fairwinds Golf Course, 4400 Fairwinds Drive. *For more information, call (772) 462-2272.*

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

• **Steve Solomon's "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm Home for the Holidays,"** Sunrise Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets cost $45 and $39 depending on seating. *For more information, call (772) 461-4775.*

• A **visit with Santa** will take place from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. for children 12 and under at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmore-

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Holiday festivities abundant in county

By Dawn Krebs
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — Residents of St. Lucie County will be getting into the holiday mood this weekend, as parades, Christmas tree lightings and more take place.

In Port St. Lucie, the annual Festival of Lights and tree-lighting ceremony will take place on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center to bring a sparkling start to the season.

Earlier in the day, Santa's Workshop will welcome children to the civic center from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is $9. The children will make their own gifts to give for the holidays, and cookies and drinks will be available.

There will be live music, rides for the kids, arts and crafts and a car show hosted by the Stuart Corvette Club.

A 6 p.m., the Port St. Lucie parade of lights will make its way through the streets of the civic center, and include floats, youth groups, bands and more.

About 30 minutes after the parade ends, the tree in Village Square will be lit.

Admission and parking are free to the event.

The Port St. Lucie Community Center also has its halls decked, as well. There is a one-of-a-kind "Winter Wonderland" light and sound show taking place every evening starting at 7 p.m. through Monday, Jan. 2. It is free and open to the public. The community center is located across from city hall on Airoso Boulevard.

In Fort Pierce, the Main Street Association has once again put together a variety of events for Fort Pierce residents.

The events begin at 10:30 a.m. with a Sunday service by Common Ground Vineyard Church.

Afterward, the Sights and Sounds on Second Christmas Festival and Parade begins at 1 p.m. Sponsored by Center State Bank, Sea-

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Sorority to support programs for girls

By Dawn Krebs
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — The PACE Center for Girls offers a variety of programs that can help girls obtain better futures. To help the organization achieve its goals, a local nonprofit, the Fort Pierce Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, is partnering with the PACE Center to present a holiday dinner fundraiser on Dec. 3.

"We are trying to get some extra funds for these girls," said sorority member Mildred Allen. "These are young ladies who show potential, but need help with tutoring or counseling to give them a new outlook on life."

The dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 at the Beacon Life Center at the First United Methodist Church, 260 S.W. Prima Vista Blvd. in Port St. Lucie.

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Leggy performance

Amanda Sofia of Port St. Lucie gets a leg up during a performance of 'Lonely Streets' during Dance for Food 2011 by the Preston Contemporary Dance Theatre Wednesday, Nov. 23 at the Port St. Lucie Community Center. The event benefited Artists For A Cause and the Treasure Coast Food Bank.

Mitch Kloorfain
chief photographer

STAR SCOPES

James Tucker
Week of 12-2-2011

Aries-March 21-April 19
Continue to live your life with ideas that give you peace, love, health, abundance and joy. Stay centered and keep focused. You know what you want. The inspiration for greatness is in your soul. You were born for greatness. Refuse to allow the world or negative people sidetrack you on your great mission through life.

Taurus-April 20-May 20
New learning and understanding is creating better results in your work and at home. Pace yourself. Patience is working. Read the signs that patience is working in your favor. Your job is to read the signs that favor is working in your behalf. Slow down and read the signs that favor is working for you. It is.

Gemini-May 21-June 21
Affirm every day that you are continually fed and protected by the unlimited good in the universe. Give thanks for the many wonderful friends who grace your life and bring so much happiness and joy. You see the good in others. They see it in you as well. This is the true meaning of life. Add to and savor it well.

Cancer-June 21-July 21
You can't change another person, but you can change yourself. Keep a lighter touch when faced with life's challenges. Keep centered and follow your great heart. Stay upbeat. Most of the things you fret about are unlikely to happen in the first place. Stay above the small stuff, take time to play and life will be good.

Leo-July 23-Aug. 22
You make such great, wise choices. You are the center of fire in the zodiac. It's your job to give all of the rest of

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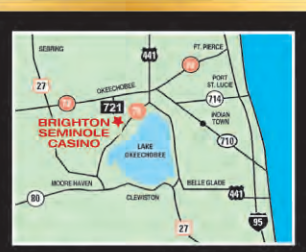

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Toys to be collected across Treasure Coast

For Hometown News
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TREASURE COAST — For the 10th year, 101.3, The Coast FM, is proud to help support the Children's Home Society holiday toy drive, sponsored this year by BJ's Wholesale Club.

The Children's Home Society supports, in some way, more than 9,000 foster children, spread over Martin, St Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties.

Now, through Dec 9, 101.3 The Coast, will be begin collecting toys from offices throughout the Treasure Coast.

Rather than putting out toy boxes at retail locations, 101.3 The Coast will go to local offices to collect toys. Plus, each person in the office will receive a free 60-day trial membership to BJ's Wholesale Club.

Businesses interested in having the Coast van come to their office to collect toys, can register at www.coast1013.com.

Scopes

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us inspiration. We need to hear from you, Leo. All your other brothers and sisters need your help and your light. We are all moving forward. Please give back and give us your wisdom. We need your help.

Virgo-Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Your mind is sharp. Use recent successes to springboard you to still higher victory. You think high thoughts. Your heart is open. Fear is not a word in your vocabulary. Finish what you start in life and you will win your share. Do it every day and you will continue to see victory and success coming to you, my winner.

Libra-Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Your spirit is stronger than ever. You have a great and open heart. Your life force is wonderful. Your desires for a greater and happier life prevail. Why? It's because of your wonderful spirit and trust in the universal power. If we could be more centered within ourselves life would be better for all of us. Thanks.

Scorpio-Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Be completely honest with yourself about what you want in life that makes you happy. Answer this question. Take action. Run the race, come around the bend and finish the race. You are a winner. Yeah! You finished the race. Put it in your heart, open it up and go for it. Your true destiny depends on it.

Sagittarius-Nov. 22-Dec. 21
All the recent changes are signs of bigger and better things to come. The universe is about to increase your responsibilities. Look for advancements in the workplace. The universe wants to bless you in the season to come. Prepare for greater blessings to come from family, friends and associates who honor you.

Capricorn-Dec. 22-Jan. 19
You have such a wonderful life force and energy. You have a free and open channel between your mind, heart and spirit. You have a guardian angel watching over you. When you have all these divine blessings working over you, you have the greatest blessings the universe has to offer. You are so deserving.

Aquarius-Jan. 20-Feb.18
Your wisdom and experience continues to move you toward your dreams and goals. You make decisions based on feeling and instincts. You tap into your higher power. This gives you an edge in making right decisions. Keep it up. You now have the winning edge in your favor. Your gut always knows the truth.

Pisces-Feb. 19-March 20
Being completely honest with yourself about the things that make you happy is the first step toward victory over life. Do things that you love first and then share them with your family, children and friends. Refuse to do things that don't want to do. Your heart is your greatest gift. Follow your heart. It speaks truth.

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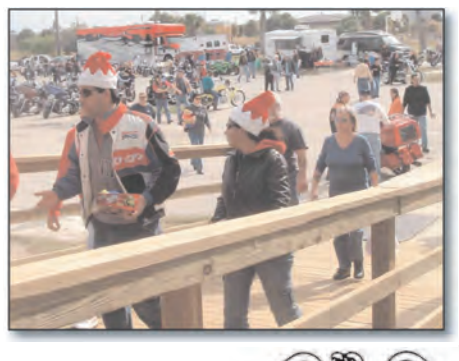

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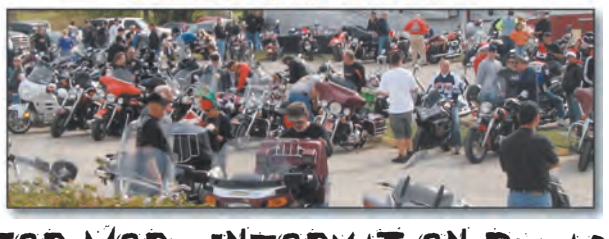

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Events

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coast National Bank and Waste Management, the activities will take place on Orange Avenue and Second Street in downtown Fort Pierce.

Activities will include entertainment by Mrs. P's Dance and Acrobatic Studio, Star City Dance and True Crew Dance Company.

There will also be children's crafts, games, bounce houses, a petting zoo, art and craft vendors, and visits from Santa Claus at 1:30 p.m. and Ronald McDonald at 3:30 p.m.

The Christmas parade begins at 4:30 p.m. at Tickle Tummy Hill, and then will travel south on Second Street to Orange Avenue, turn east to Indian River Drive, then finish at the River Walk Center.

The parade is sponsored by the Fort Pierce Sunrise Kiwanis, and this year's theme is "Down Home Country Christmas."

After the parade, there will be music by the Mt. Olive Inspirational Singers, followed by the lighting of the city of Fort Pierce's community Christmas tree, located at the roundabout.

The Holiday Light Spectacular, a light and sound show featuring more than 100,000 lights synchronized to holiday music, will begin at Marina Square following the tree-lighting ceremony and run every night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. through Jan. 1.

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land Blvd. in Port St. Lucie. *For more information, call (772) 337-1959.*

• **Hobe Sound Christmas parade** at 1 p.m. on southeast Bridge Road and southeast Dixie Highway. Organized by the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce.

• **Martin County Christmas boat parade** From 6-7:30pm. Sandsprit Park, 3343 S.E. St. Lucie Blvd. *For more information, call (772) 692-7599.*

• **Rock-a-thon**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lowe's, 3620 S.E. Federal Highway, Stuart. Teams and individuals are invited to rock in rocking chairs, relay-style, to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Martin County. Funds will be used to build homes for deserving families throughout Martin County. *To register or to learn about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, visit* www.HabitatMartin.org *or call (772) 223-9940.*

• **Snowflakes in Paradise gala:** 26th annual winter gala at the Stuart Yacht and Country Club. Cost is $250 per person. *Contact Lori Swift on (772) 334-9311, Ext. 404 or* lswift@hcc4kids.org.

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

• **Sights and sounds Christmas festival and parade**, 1-6 p.m., downtown Fort Pierce.

• **Braking the Cycle Century Ride** will begin at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center. Cost is $35 in advance anf $40 day of the ride. There will be 30, 60 and 100-mile rides available, with ride times starting at 8 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Harvest Food and Outreach Center. *For more information, call (772) 770-2665.*

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

• The **Stuart Friends of the Atlantic Classical Orchestra** are planning an afternoon of music with an English Tea menu at Willoughby Golf Club from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Guests will enjoy classical flute selections performed by Atlantic Classical Orchestra principal flautist Tina Burr and Jane Tankersley with piano accompaniment by Catherine Lan. *Tickets are $50 and may be purchased online at* www.acomusic.org *or by call (772) 460-0850.*

THURSDAY, DEC. 8

• The **Blues Alliance of the Treasure Coast** will be hosting its annual holiday party which will also be a fundraiser for the two bands that are going to the prestigious International Blues Challenge in Memphis. Please bring a covered dish. There is no cover charge, and the party is open to the public. There will be a cash bar. The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Am Vets Post 92, 2230 N.E. Dixie Highway, Jensen Beach. *For directions, call (772) 334-8407.*

FRIDAY, DEC. 9

• **Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast's holiday around the world**, 4-7 p.m. Members enter free of charge; seniors, adults, teens and children ages 3-12 pay $6; children 12 months to 2 years pay $3; and there's no charge for children younger than 1. At 1707 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. *For more information, please call (772) 225-7575.*

FRIDAY, DEC. 9- SUNDAY, DEC. 11

• **"Portraits of the Holidays"** at the Barn Theatre in Stuart. Visit *www.barn-theatre.com* or

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Pace

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The monies raised will be used to support the programs of PACE and the youth programs of the sorority, of which there are several.

"We are a community service organization serving the three-county area of Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin counties," Ms. Allen said.

The sorority has two girl's groups: the Delta GEMS, for high-school students and the Delta Academy, for young ladies in grades five through eight.

"We have the girls do a variety of community events, from volunteering at the annual Thanksgiving dinner to providing road clean up to reading to seniors at the Fort Pierce Health Care Center," she said.

For the PACE dinner, the entertainment will be a fashion show put on by girls in the PACE program. There will also be music, poetry and a silent auction.

Receiving a Pioneer of the Year award at the dinner will be the evening's honoree, St. Lucie County administrator. Faye Outlaw.

"We were looking for someone who has done quite a bit in the community, and she is a good role model for the girls," said. Ms. Allen. "We wanted to show them someone they can look up to and aspire to be, so they can say, 'Maybe one day, I can do this.'"

For more information about the Fort Pierce Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, call Ms. Allen at (772) 461-2569. Tickets for the dinner are $45, or a table of eight for $360. For more information on the dinner, call Evett Simmons at (772) 873-5904.

Bike ride to help fight hunger

By Samantha Joseph
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TREASURE COAST — A bicycle ride that will see participants travel up to 100 miles aims to bring attention to hunger on the Treasure Coast.

Harvest Food & Outreach Center and the Treasure Coast Cycling Association have teamed for the first of what is set to become an annual event with rides of 100, 60 and 30 miles.

Their "Braking the Cycle Century Ride, Riding to be a Hunger Solution" ride is scheduled for Dec. 4 and will take riders through Martin and St. Lucie counties.

"We're looking to bring awareness about hunger and the struggles that families in our area continue to go through due to the economic crisis," said Vickie Hoyos, executive director of Harvest Food & Outreach Center.

"This is a vibrant community that needs to have renewed hope, and our goal is to have the riders come out and spread that hope."

Cost of participation is $35, and all proceeds benefit Harvest Food & Outreach Center, which works to help low-income residents stave off hunger and break the cycle of poverty through services such as teaching budgeting skills, providing job training and giving parenting classes.

The rides will start and end at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, where organizers will provide participants with lunch.

Cyclists on the 30-mile route will travel to Sewall's Point, Ocean Breeze Park and cross the Jensen beach Causeway as part of their trip.

Those on the 60-mile ride will head to Jensen Beach, then Fort Pierce before returning.

The 100-mile trekkers will continue on past the 60-mile stop point, travelling to Tradition in Port St. Lucie, heading south into Martin County and then returning to the civic center.

"There is a ride to complement each rider's skill level as our riders raise funds to help the hungry," said John Goings, president of the Treasure Coast Cycling Association.

It's also an opportunity for businesses to help stave off hunger, a growing concern for many Treasure Coast families, according to information from area food pantries and nonprofits.

Sponsors, such as Hometown News, have joined the effort, as has Vital Chiropractic Wellness Center, which is supporting the 100-mile leg.

"Working with the Treasure Coast Cycling Association, we hope to help raise significant funds to help families and individuals who go hungry each and every day on the Treasure Coast," said Daniel Rukeyser, spokesman for the chiropractic center.

"I personally urge other businesses and individuals to get involved in the effort to break the poverty cycle on the Treasure Coast. Together, we can help feed the hungry and make a brighter future for those who are now struggling for a better future."

For more information, visit www.brakingthecycle100.org *or* www.harvestfoodoutreach.org.

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call the box office Mondays-Fridays noon to 4 p.m. on (772) 287-4884. Box office is also open one hour prior to the show.

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

• **Holiday Extravaganza:** The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast is bringing the holidays to its shelter animals. From 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the shelter's Towl Building, 4100 S.W. Leighton Farm Ave., in Palm City. You can get some of your shopping done by exploring tables of arts and crafts. There also will be delicious baked goods. Be sure to bring your pet for photos with Santa. The best present of all might be providing a home to one of the shelter animals up for adoption. *For more information, call (772) 600-3211 or visit* www.hstc1.org *for more information.*

• **Holiday nonprofit market**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Heathcote Botanical Gardens in Fort Pierce. Free admission for everyone. Shop for special gifts offered by Treasure Coast charities and nonprofit organizations. Season tickets, original art, fair-trade imports, memberships, unique, meaningful and handmade gifts along with ethnic foods and holiday treats. Revenue from the holiday gifts you select will benefit the charity you purchase from. Free visits with Santa and great photo opportunities.

• **Bowzer's Rock and Roll Christmas Show,** Sunrise Theatre, 8 p.m., Tickets cost $65, which includes meet and greet or $45 and $39, depending on seating. *For more information, call (772) 461-4775.*

• **St. Lucie County inaugural holiday golf tournament** will take place at the St. James Golf Club. Registration is at 7:30 a.m., followed by shotgun start at 9 a.m. $80 per player.

• **Treasure Coast Hospice holiday party** will take place at the Santa Lucia River Club, 3325 Ballantrae Blvd. in Port St. Lucie. *For more information, call (772) 462-6252.*

• **The Well Community Church** is hosting a Christmas Play called 'The Christmas Bee,' at 12:30 p.m. This is a family fun event. The first 50 kids present will get a free stocking stuffed with toys. We will also be giving out school supplies for the next semester for free. This event will be at The Refuge. It is located at the corner of Prima Vista and U.S. 1 in Kings Plaza, beside McDonalds. *Visit* www.TheWellPSL.com *for more information*.

SATURDAY, DEC. 10-SUNDAY, DEC. 11

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SUNDAY, DEC. 11

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Club celebrates its 17th year

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — The Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County held its annual meeting at its newest clubhouse, the Chuck Hill Unit, on Oct. 19 and celebrated the beginning of the club's 17th year.

Norm Penner, executive director and Nate Spera, president of the board, awarded the club's strategic partners, top sponsors and club supporters for their outstanding service.

More than 60 guests came out to celebrate.

The Chuck Hill Unit was unveiled during the event in honor of retired Principal Chuck Hill. The Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County began in 1994 when Mr. Hill and then Mayor Bob Minsky, got together to address a need for afterschool activities.

In 1994, Mr.Hill was principal of Port St. Lucie Elementary School. Three years ago, the school was torn down after sustaining hurricane damage.

Fortunately, for the Boys & Girls Club, the storms left the cafeteria/auditorium standing and thanks to a partnership with the school district, it has become a site for a fifth clubhouse.

Christine Epps received the Woman & Youth award at the event.

Ms. Epps was honored as a champion for children in St. Lucie County. She first came on the radar of the Boys & Girls Club in her role as director of a juvenile justice intervention program working out of the sheriff's office.

At the time, the community was working through the "Community That Cares" process that was the early form of the Executive Roundtable. Ms. Epps was the first and only executive director to lead the roundtable. In her role, the community has begun to tackle some of the most important and critical issues that the community faces, including gangs, truancy, substance abuse and health issues.

Charles Cuomo received the Man & Youth award. Mr. Cuomo is someone in the community who has worked hard to make sure the special needs of families and children are met.

Recently retired from the St. Lucie County School District, Mr. Cuomo has a stellar reputation as a great teacher, administrator, fundraiser and champion for children.

In his 40-plus teaching career, taking him from Westwood High School to Port St. Lucie High School to most recently, Forest Grove Middle School, his imprint can be seen vividly in the eyes and the heart of his students, in the enthusiasm and professionalism of his staff and in the Boys & Girls Club and his years as president of the board.

Among his many accomplishments are the successful opening of the new Port St. Lucie High School, giving that growing community its own high school and identity. In his role as fundraiser, he built the school's football stadium and paid it off in record time. As an administrator, he brought Forest Grove Middle School from a failing school to a "B" school.

The Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the youth of the community. By providing a safe place to learn and grow, as well as life-enhancing programs and character developing experiences, the club strives to inspire and enable all members, especially those who most in need, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

With 19 locations throughout the county, Boys & Girls Club programs serve a diverse group of kids, ages 5-18. The more than3,000 members come from a variety of backgrounds.

Reach the club by calling (772) 460-9918, visiting www.bgcofslc.org *or by becoming a fan at* www.facebook.com/bgcofslc.com.

Photo courtesy of the Boys and Girls Club
Charles Cuomo, 2011 Man and Youth Award winner, and Melanie Wiles, director of development.

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• The Martin County High School OPUS Boosters announce the **Annual OPUS and Concert Choir Holiday Concert**, under the direction of Ronald L. Corbin, at the Wanda H. Yarboro Performing Arts Center, at 3 p.m., doors open at 2:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost $10 per person. Complimentary refreshments. *For more information, call (772) 215-7346.*

• Fifth annual **St. Lucie County toy run** starts at Best Buy Victory, 3525 South U.S. 1, Fort Pierce at 8 a.m. Leaves at 11 a.m. *For more information, call (772) 468-6888.*

• **Cabaret Concert Series** held at the new Charles and Rae Kane Center, 900 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart, by the Council on Aging of Martin County. The monthly concert series will run from December 2011 through March 2012. Each performance will be held on a Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. December's concert will have the theme, 'Sounds of the Holidays.' Tickets cost $12 for members or $15 for non-members. *Call (772)223-7800 or visit* www.kanecenter.org.

MONDAY, DEC. 12

• The **Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens** membership holiday social will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd. *For more information, call (772) 337-1959.*

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

• **A Conversation With Robert Wagner** at the Lyric Theatre in downtown Stuart at 7 p.m. Event will benefit the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast. Mr. Wagner will host a meet-and-greet after the show, inviting ticket holders to the new Lyric Flagler Center. Mr. Wagner is one of the most popular and successful stars in the entertainment industry, boasting three hit series and an impressive list of both feature and television films. Tickets cost $100 and are available from the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast. It includes the meet-and-greet reception, beverages and hors d'oeuvres. *For more information, call Jackie Ranaldo on (772) 600-3211. Buy your show tickets from the Lyric Theatre box office or call (772) 286-7827 for additional details.*

• **Second Wednesday Artwalk**, 5-8 p.m., downtown Fort Pierce.

• **Art Mundo**, Art Wednesday, 5-8 p.m., open house with refreshments. *For more information, go to* www.artmundo.org.

• **Jazz Jams** will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 Westmoreland Blvd. in Port St. Lucie. *For more information, call (772) 460-5299.*

FRIDAY, DEC. 16

• **Port St. Lucie High School Band's winter concert** will be at 7 p.m. at Port St. Lucie High School, 1201 Jaguar Lane in Port St. Lucie. Tickets are $5. *For more information, call (772) 337-6770.*

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

• **Sinbad at the Sunrise Theatre**, 8 p.m. *For more information, call (772) 461-4775.*

• **Making ornaments art class** will be held for adults from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and for kids from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 St. James Blvd. in Port St. Lucie. Cost is $20 and includes all supplies. Reservations are required. *For more information, call (772) 785-5833.*

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

• **A Taste of Jensen**, from 5:30-8 p.m. Come experience all the varieties of food and beverage Jensen Beach has to offer as local restaurants offer specials and show off their best. *For more information, call (772) 334-3444.*

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

• The National Touring Production of **'A Christmas Carol,'** Sunrise Theatre, 7 p.m. Tickets cost $35 and $39 depending on seating and $15 for children 12 and under.

SUNDAY, DEC. 27

• State Ballet Theater of Russia presents **"The Nutcracker,"** Sunrise Theatre, 7 p.m. Tickets cost $55 and $45 depending on seating. *For more information, call (772) 461-4775.*

BARS AND CLUBS

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

• **Cobb's Landing**, 200 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, Alex Kash, 6-10 p.m. (772) 460-9014.

• **Conchy Joe's Seafood**, 3945 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, Reggae by Rainfall, 8 p.m. to midnight. (772) 334-1130.

• **Crawdaddy's**, 1949 N.E. Jensen Beach Blvd., Jensen Beach, Call for performers. 8 p.m.-midnight. (772) 225-3444.

• **Finz Waterfront Grille**, 4290 S.E. Salerno Road, Port Salerno. (772) 283-1929.

• **Hutchinson Island Marriott Resort Tiki Bar**, 555 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Hutchinson Island, (772) 225-3700.

• **Manatee Island Bar & Grill**, 4817 S.E. Dixie Highway, Port Salerno. Robbie Bullard, 8 p.m. (772) 872-7288.

• **The Original Tiki Bar & Restaurant**, 2 Ave. A, Fort Pierce, Live music 5-9 p.m. (772) 461-0880.

• **Pirate's Loft**, 4307 S.E. Bayview St., Stuart. OPM, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. (772) 223-5048.

• **Rinelli's Yellow Tail**. Live music, 101 Second Street, Fort Pierce. (772) 466-5474

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SATURDAY, DEC. 3

• **Bogey's & Stogey's**, 1032 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Call for performers. (772) 337-7778.

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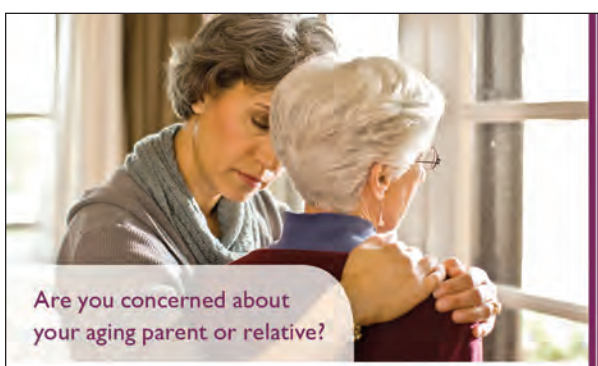

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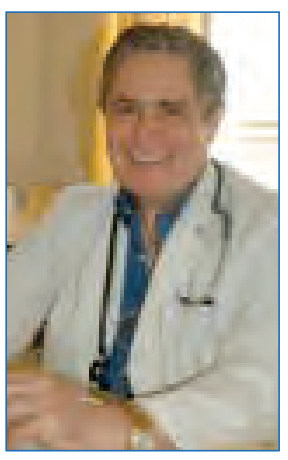

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JAMES STAMMER

The problem I have with being in Florida for the holidays is that it's simply too warm.

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Thankfully, there is a place in Orlando where one can feel the chill of 9° air while walking through tons of ice sculpted into a Shrek Christmas theme, play in snow and toss snowballs at targets, watch high-spirited performances of your favorite Christmas tunes along with some new ones, or just unwind and relax. If you prefer something warmer, you can even bring your clubs and thaw out on the links or soak up the sun at the pool.

That place is the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center. It is holding its new DreamWorks Experience through Jan. 2 and packages start at $149.

For years now, Gaylord Palms has held ICE!, an adventure in which you don parkas and spend about 30 minutes or so walking amid some of the most wonderful ice sculptures ever carved.

This year, the resort has teamed with DreamWorks to create a new theme where everyone becomes an honorary ogre, joining Shrek, Princess Fiona and their friends for a "Shrek the Halls" adventure.

Before experiencing ICE!, I recommend filling your belly. The Shrek feast in Villa de Flora is a character breakfast buffet fit for a king. Hungry ogres can feast on made-to-order omelets, waffles, fruits, meats, pastries and breads, eggs, cereals, grits, potatoes and much more. You must try the swamp juice.

Once your stomach is filled and you're ready to enjoy some real cold at ICE!, or as the people I bumped into from Michigan called it, "a mild fall afternoon," you'll need a parka (the resort provides these), your mittens, a scarf and your camera.

In this attraction, you will see all of your favorite characters from the Shrek series of movies and specials. You'll join Shrek, Fiona, Donkey, Gingy, Puss in Boots and the rest of the cast from Far Far Away, as they celebrate Christmas in their own special way.

There are even ice slides. It's amazing how fast a slide is when it's made of frozen water. My family had a couple of races to see who was the quickest. Between the laughing and cheating to get a head start, we never did determine an undisputed winner.

After the chilly temperatures in ICE!, head over to Kung Fu Panda Awesome SNOW, which feels like a day at the beach, but with snow. The room, kept at a comfortable 55°, is filled with 130 tons of fresh groomed snow. The Kung Fu theme has slides, forts and lots of targets to blast with snowballs. You can even make your own snowman or a snow angel.

The fun doesn't end there. You can test your gingerbread house decorating skills at Gingy's Gingerbread Decorating or enjoy "Puss in Boots," the newest DreamWorks 3D movie. You'll get your picture taken with the star of the show and delight in gourmet theater food and beverages.

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While the course features a great variety of holes, it's the closing ones that really stand out. You will play a short, nearly drivable par-4, a long daunting par-3, a par-4 that requires plenty of strategy and finish with the longest hole on the course. A match can quickly turn on any of these holes. Don't ask me how I know.

No matter what your holiday desires may be, between the Gaylord Palms with its DreamWorks Experience and Celebration Golf Club, you can cool off or heat up in a most delightful way.

For more information visit, www.ChristmasAtGaylordPalms.com www.CelebrationGolf.com

James Stammer has been an avid golfer and golf enthusiast for nearly 40 years. He hosts the Thursday Night Golf Show on WSTU 1450-AM. Contact him at stammergolf@yahoo.com.

Run for cystic fibrosis

Stephen Harris of Port St. Lucie makes his way up the first of two uphill legs of the Beach to Bar 5K from Stuart Beach to Carson's Tavern Saturday, Nov. 26. The event raised more than $8,000 for cystic fibrosis with more than 350 runners and walkers participating.

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Holiday cheer to be delivered to service members

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TREASURE COAST — For the fifth year, the American Red Cross Palm Beaches-Treasure Coast region, joins in kicking-off the "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program, a national Red Cross partnership with Pitney Bowes, dedicated to delivering holiday cheer to American service members this holiday season.

The program, launched this week and running until Dec. 9, provides the public with the opportunity to send a touch of home to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces, many of whom will be far away from home during the holidays, and the nation's veterans and their families.

Across the American Red Cross Palm Beaches-Treasure Coast region, local Red Cross offices will be hosting card signings, card- making events and asking for donations of new holiday cards, which will be delivered to military bases and hospitals, veteran's hospitals and other locations during the holidays.

The Red Cross and Pitney Bowes will screen cards for hazardous materials, sort and package the cards and deliver them across the world.

Pitney Bowes is donating all screening, packaging and shipping for the program.

The Red Cross will mobilize hundreds of volunteers to sort and box cards for delivery to service members, veterans and their families throughout November and December.

For more information about the Holiday Mail for Heroes program, visit www.redcross.org/holiday-mail.

Early signers

Photo courtesy of Indian River State College

Early signers from the Indian River State College baseball team, back row, from left: Eric Sams, K'Shawn Smith, Jordan Robinson, Mark Donato and Eros Modena. Softball early signers, front row from left: Sarah Read, Christen Moon and Melanie Oliver. Three IRSC swim team members committed to early signings, from right: Jared Pike, Sarah D'Antoni and Christoper Reall (not pictured). These student-athletes have all committed to early signings with top schools around the nation at the start of the NCAA early signing period.

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Matrix, 4-8 p.m. (772) 460-9014.

• **Conchy Joe's Seafood**, 3945 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. Reggae by Rainfall, 7-10 p.m. (772) 334-1130.

• **Finz Waterfront Grille**, 4290 S.E. Salerno Road, Port Salerno, (772) 283-1929.

• **Manatee Island Bar & Grill**, 4817 S.E. Dixie Highway, Port Salerno. Floridian Band at the Tiki Bar, 3 p.m. (772) 872-7288.

• **Pirate's Loft**, 4307 S.E. Bayview St., Stuart, Reggae with Frenz, 2-6 p.m. (772) 223-5048.

• **Wahoo's on the Waterfront**, 400 N.W. Alice Ave., Stuart, features various classic rock bands, 4:30-8:30 p.m. (772) 692-2333.

MONDAY, DEC. 5

• **O'Malley's**, 2721 Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Call for performers. (772) 337-3090.

• **Rinelli's Yellow Tail:** Trivia nights at 7 p.m. 101 Second St., Fort Pierce. (772) 466-5474.

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

• **Cowboys' BBQ & Steak Co**. 2902 S.E. Gran Parkway, Stuart, Capt. Ron from 8-11 p.m. (772) 287-8100.

• **Finz Waterfront Grille**, 4290 S.E. Salerno Road, Port Salerno. Every Tuesday, Ronnie, the One Man Band, 8:30-11:30 p.m. (772) 283-1929.

• **King's Head Pub,** 2838 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd. Hypnotist Rich Alexander, 8-9 p.m. Free admission. Call (772) 340-1223.

• **Original Coconut Bar**, open Mic with Rich from 9 p.m.-midnight. 4787 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart. (772) 219-1945.

• **The Original Tiki Bar & Restaurant**, 2 Ave. A, Fort Pierce, Dynamic Entertainment Trivia at 7 p.m. (772) 461-0880.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

• **Finz Waterfront Grille**, 4290 S.E. Salerno Road, Port Salerno. Every Wednesday, open mic night, 8:30-11:30 p.m. (772) 283-1929.

• **Hutchinson Island Marriott Resort Tiki Bar**, 555 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Hutchinson Island. Call (772) 225-3700.

• **Mickey Finn's Comedy Night**, 269 Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie. 8 p.m., no cover. (772) 873-5522 for reservations.

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• **Sonny's Real Pit Barbeque**, 10180 South U.S. 1, Port St. Lucie. 5-9 p.m. Child eats free with adult entree. Bingo, prizes, games trivia, face painting and music with AJ the DJ.

• **Thirsty Turtle**, 2825 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, Davee Bryan, 7:45-11 p.m. (772) 344-7774.

• **Wahoo's on the Waterfront**, 400 N.W. Alice Ave., Stuart, various solo artists, 6-9:30 p.m. (772) 692-2333.

THURSDAY, DEC. 8

• **Archie's Seabreeze**, 401 S. Ocean Drive, Fort Pierce, jazz and steak night every Thursday, 7-10 p.m. (772) 460-3888.

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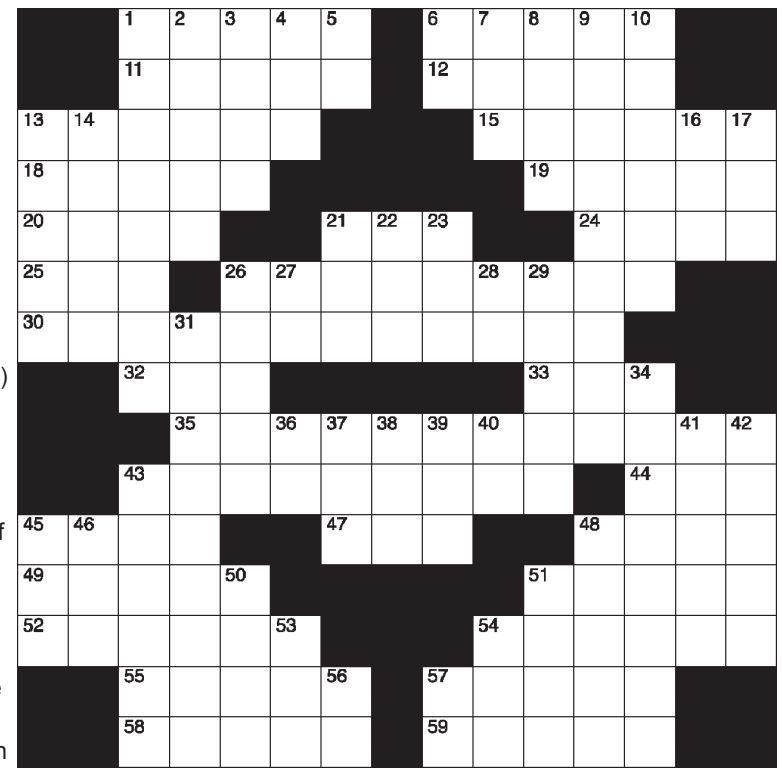

CLUES ACROSS
1. Abu __, U.A.E. capital
6. Herring-like fishes
11. 55120 MN
12. Indigo bush
13. Pollyanna-ish
15. Pleasing to the ear
18. Parcels of land
19. Microns (alt. sp.)
20. Cooking containers
21. Express pleasure
24. Meat from a calf (alt.)
25. 7th Greek letter
26. Operated the sales register
30. Blueprint for the day
32. Congressperson (abbr.)
33. Angle (abbr.)
35. Fragrant health promotion
43. Trespasses
44. ___ Lanka
45. Wife of Hercules
47. A large body of water
48. Chicken house
49. Sicilian volcano
51. Coarse edible red seaweed
52. __ May, actress
54. Opposites of credits
55. Unable to move
57. Someone who is highly skilled
58. 100 = 1 kwacha
59. "Rocky" star Talia

Answers located in Classified Section

CLUES DOWN
1. Having a sophisticated charm
2. Minute amounts (Scot.)
3. Turkish leader's title
4. Used for hitting the ball in various games
5. Not out
6. South Dakota
7. Possessed
8. Grad
9. UPS driver
10. Fired
13. In a way, augmented
14. River in SE S. Am.
16. Division of geological time
17. Follows sigma
21. Sign language
22. Expression of surprise
23. Hull Identification Number
26. Salmwood
27. Associated Press
28. Half of an em
29. Networks in Spanish
31. Dough fermenting agent
34. Auto fuel
36. An alternative
37. Manuscripts (abbr.)
38. Digested
39. Darjeeling or green
40. Horsepower
41. 1985 Formula 1 champion
42. Expression of alarm
43. Gain possession
45. Own (Scottish)
46. Snake-like fish
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54. Code for dash
56. Atomic #52
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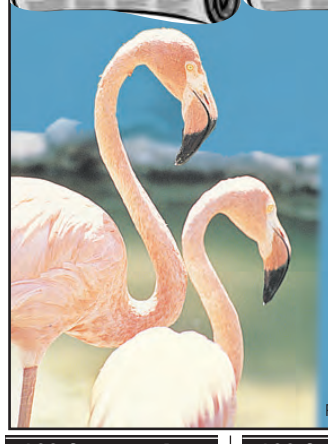

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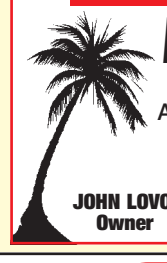
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5020 Notice to Creditors

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 562011CP001170-FM
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FRANK V. RIZZO
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Frank V. Rizzo, deceased, whose date of death was September 15th, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 700 Fort Pierce, FL 34954. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with the Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with the Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is December 2, 2011.

Personal Representative:
Jerome A. Rizzo
6812 Thoreau Terrace, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Gregory G. Fasula, PA Florida Bar No. 0776970 2400 SE Veterans Memorial Parkway, Suite 205, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 562011CP001162FM
IN RE: ESTATE OF ARNOLD L. GORDON,
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Arnold L. Gordon, deceased, whose date of death was August 31, 2011 and whose Social Security number is xxx-xx-5992, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 700, Ft. Pierce, Florida 34954. The names and addresses of the Personal representative and the Personal Representative's Attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is November 25, 2011.

Personal Representative:
Leigh Ann Jaffe 6605 NW 75 Place Parkland, FL 33067
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Michael J. Moskowitz Florida Bar No.: 239313 3831 Ottawa Lane Cooper City, FL 33026 954-661-5260 Pubs: Nov. 25, & Dec. 2, 2011

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5020 Notice to Creditors

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 562011CP001106-FM
IN RE: ESTATE OF LAURA BARCOSKI,
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Laura Barcoski, deceased, whose date of death was August 19, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 South Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34950. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Personal Representative:
Anthony Autorino
1563 S.W. Harbour Isle Circle, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986
Attorney for Personal Representative:
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Florida Bar No. 669946 The Karp Law Firm, P.A. 2875 PGA Boulevard, Suite 100, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.
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5020 Notice to Creditors

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 562011CP001219(FM)
IN RE: ESTATE OF VIOLET I. REEVES,
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Violet I. Reeves, deceased, whose date of death was August 29, 2011, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-9635, file number 562011CP001219(FM), is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 South Indian River Drive, Ft. Pierce, Florida 34950. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorneys are set forth below.

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PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 562011CP001215FM
IN RE: ESTATE OF DANIEL J. KOCIK
Deceased. File No.: 562011CP001215FM
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF HILDAGARDE C. WALPORT, Deceased.
Case No.: 562011CP001220(S2)
NOTICE OF CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an order of Summary Administration has been entered in the Estate of Hildagarde C. Walport, deceased, File Number: 562011CP001220(S2), is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 700, Fort Pierce, Florida 34954; that the total cash value of the Estate is $26,000.00, and that the names and addresses to those to whom it has been assigned by such Order is: Patricia Flynn, P.O. Box 37, 24 Howell Place, Speaonk, NY 11972 - Gemma Murphy, 113 Isabelle Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840 - Stuart Stravitsch, 98 Town Farm Road, New Milford, CT 06776 - Patrick Fitzgerald, 248 South Alder Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 - Maureen Kunzler, 39 Sandhill Road, Jamesburg, NJ 08831 - Margaret Cheng, 139 Pitney Street, Sayre, PA 18840 - John Fitzgerald, Arts Condominium, Apt 932, 1324 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

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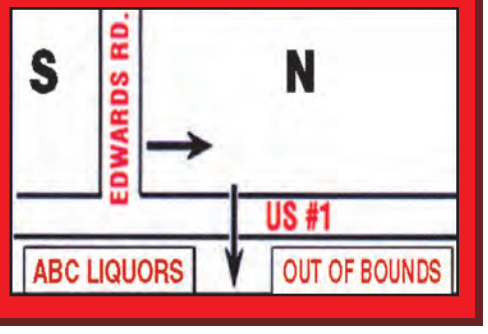

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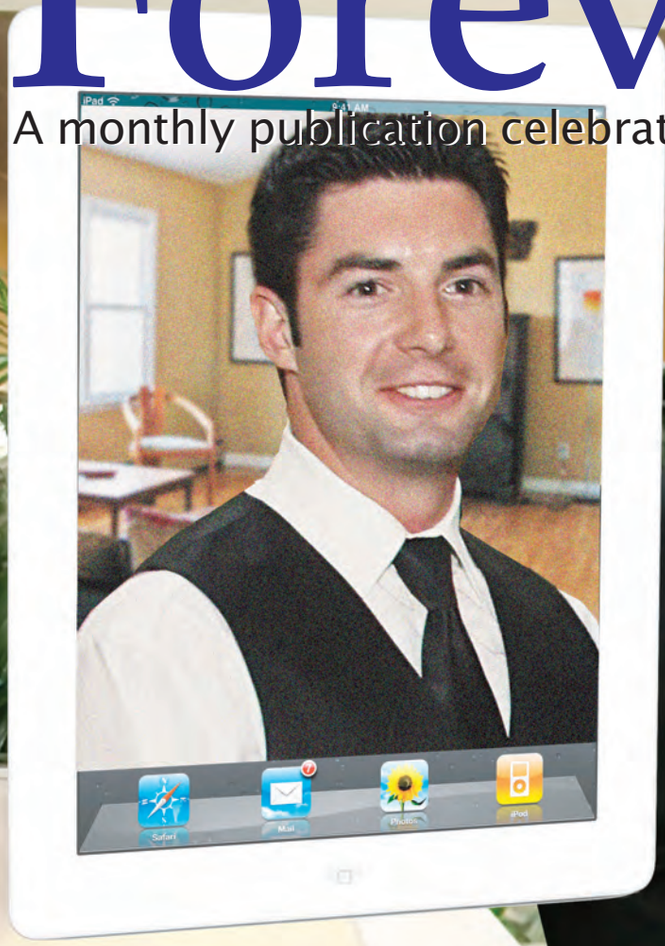

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A special time of year arrives

By Shelley Koppel
Associate news editor

Sleighbells ringing and White Christmases are the stuff of memories, but not of life in Florida. Still, while it's fun to recall holidays past, it's also fun to make new traditions with our "Florida families," as one expert described it.

In this issue, there is a serious story about coping with the holidays. For many, far from families, perhaps financially challenged, the holidays are not what they once were. If there has been a loss, this time of year can be very difficult. Experts from area hospitals and counseling centers have suggestions for making the holiday season a peaceful time and a time of hope.

"The Nutcracker Ballet" is a tradition at this time of year and several of the editions of "Forever Young" feature stories about area productions. At the Riverside Theatre, there is a 'Nutcracker' featuring the music of Billy Strayhorn

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Adam Stubley of Orlando and his father Charlie and brother Nate Stubley of St. Lucie County, like many families, don't let distance keep them from losing touch by using current technologies as Facetime and Skype to see your distance relatives instead of a conventional voice phone call.

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CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 2

Senior Holiday Luncheon

A senior holiday luncheon will be held at the Civic Center, 9221 SE Civic Center Place, Port St. Lucie, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The afternoon will be filled with card games, crafts, music, dancing and lunch provided by Domenick's Catering.

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Saturday, Dec. 3

Steve Solomon Play at Sunrise Theater

Steve Solomon's "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm Home for the Holiday's" play will be at 8 p.m. at the Sunrise Theater, 117 South Second Street, Ft. Pierce.

Growing up in a multiethnic

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Special

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and Duke Ellington, for a "Swingtime Nutcracker."

In Martin County, seniors who attend the Council on Aging's day center will narrate the story and students from Florida Arts and Dance will dance excerpts from the ballet in an inter-generational celebration.

This time of year is also the celebration of the Jewish festival of Chanukah, and some of the area rabbis have discussed what the holiday means.

Then there are the fun stories, the heart-warming stories, the stories that make us feel good.

Again, while you receive one edition of "Forever Young" in your county, all of the editions are available online at our website www.hometownnewsol.com. I invite you, as always, to see what is going on with your neighbors. There are different stories in each edition and you might enjoy reading them all.

We love to hear from our readers and hope that you are enjoying "Forever Young" as much as we are enjoying putting it together for you.

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Coping with holidays takes planning

By Shelley Koppel
Associate news editor

PORT ST. LUCIE — For many people, the holiday season brings to mind family and friends, the aroma of baking and the fun of buying and wrapping presents for the kids. For many in Florida, families are far away, money may be tighter and it sometimes just doesn't seem worth it to prepare when it's just for one or two.

Dr. Marie-Addly Cambronne is a psychiatrist specializing in geriatrics. She sees many patients when the holidays come around.

"Elderly people may have lost a spouse or a (child), had a divorce or even moved away. That can also be a loss. Some people had to work later and some got fired. If they've never lost a job before, that can be extremely emotional and cause depression. Younger people can experience it, too."

If you know that the holidays may be difficult this year, it's important to have a plan.

"Everything comes at once," Dr. Cambronne said. "From Halloween to Thanksgiving to Christmas to New Year's, it's one thing after another. You feel the pressure, even in the stores."

Dr. Cambronne said it's important to plan ahead.

"Be realistic," she said. "Know that it can be difficult. Start planning by talking to friends, family, somebody you feel comfortable with. Don't be alone. Find out what's going on at church, the clubhouse, hotels. Find someone and keep yourself busy."

Dr. Cambronne said that the holidays are a good time to be nice to yourself.

"Join a health spa," she said. "Get a massage or something you want to do. Consider it a gift to yourself. Take short trip if you can afford it."

Those who have suffered a loss often feel uncomfortable about celebrating.

"They feel they are betraying the departed," Dr. Cambronne said. "They say, 'I just had a death and I'm smiling.' We are human beings with no control over life and death. It's painful, but most find a way to cope."

What's important is to find traditions and customs that work for you.

Dr. Marie -Addley Cabronne

"A woman whose husband loved Thanksgiving set a place for him every year for three years," Dr. Cambronne said. "It gave her joy because she felt his presence. It made her feel good. You cannot please everyone and you have to cope with your own situation. If hanging a stocking for the person makes you feel better, it's OK."

Dr. Cambronne said that volunteering is a great way to feel better. Helping others helps us help ourselves.

"Go to a nursing home and read," she said. "It brings joy. Allow them to tell you their life's story. What did they do as children? How did they celebrate the holidays when they were young?"

Dr. Cambronne stressed the importance of asking for help when necessary.

"A lot of people in their 80's are from a generation that toughed it out," she said. "If the family is not here, they don't want to be a burden. Parents may make it sound like it's going well but it's not true. If you don't tell them, they won't know. You don't have to put a good face on it."

The most important thing is to be prepared.

"The holidays will come," Dr. Cambronne said. "Don't feel guilty if you feel happy. You can feel happy and sad at the same time. It doesn't take away from your love. Nothing will take the memory away.

"If you feel you're not in the mood, that's OK, too. Once it affects you physically and you have bad thoughts, there are grief support groups that are helpful. They help you make friends and they listen, because they want you to listen to them."

If you wish to speak to someone about feelings of sadness or depression, call Treasure Coast Behavioral Health at (772) 466-1500 or 1-(800) 433-COPE (2673.)

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Times change, dress changes,
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I know some of us (usually the men-folk) yearn for the 'Old Days' when things were simpler (For them!) but I don't think I would have fared very well at all. I cannot picture myself in a woolen bathing suit rushing home from taking the kids to the beach so I can have a home-cooked lunch waiting for my husband when he gets home from the polls… while fighting hot flashes … During prohibition….

Families have certainly changed; when I go to my grandson's high school football games I find myself surrounded by my son, his younger children, his beautiful new wife, her children, my ex-daughter-in-law, her new husband, their new daughter and my son's ex-mother-in-law. Each and every one of us is standing, yelling and slapping each other on the back when our team scores.

Most symptoms of 'THE CHANGE' are now treatable to a certain extent, shortening the late night hours spent fanning ourselves with the freezer door considerably.

Holidays may be one constant in our lives, but the way we celebrate has certainly come a long way.

When my children were young we usually had the big family day at our house. Due in large part to the fact that I was usually absent from the family meetings where location was decided, my husband's family would converge in the morning, cousins usually began running and screaming in all directions just about the time Macy's parade began, we would be finishing the last piece of pie (for the moment) just as the game came on, then coffee and more pie during half time.

As my family aged and grew with the addition of "significant others", the arrival of my grandchildren and new sets of in-laws, we re-invented our celebrations as necessary.

I began serving a brunch on the holidays. We all brought something for brunch and my children could spend half the day with us then be free to enjoy turkey and trimmings with the other side of their families. Contrary to popular opinion, (usually from the other side of the families) I did not arrange things this way to have the pleasure of my grandchildren's company when they were awake and bright in the morning, not tired and cranky later in the afternoon. Nor was it my intention to be the Grammy who loves them the most by filling them with hand/turkey cookies or gingerbread men just to send them to their other grandparents. (But I have to admit

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Santa's Workshop

Santa's workshop will be held at the Civic Center, 9221 SE Civic Center Place, Port St. Lucie, from 10 a.m. – noon.

Let your children make their own fun gifts to give for the holidays at Santa's workshop.

Cookies and drinks for the little elves will be available.

Cost is $7 per child until Dec. 2; $9 thereafter. Pre-registration is required.

For more information, call (772) 807-4499.

Festival of Lights, Parade and Tree Lighting

Port St. Lucie's annual festival of lights and tree lighting ceremony will again combine this year at the Civic Center, 9221 SE Civic Center Place, Port St. Lucie, for a glorious, sparkling start to the holiday season.

This one of a kind event is to help celebrate the holiday season. There will be live music provided by Solid Gold, great food, carnival for the kids, arts and crafts, car show hosted by the Stuart Corvette Club and much more at the Civic Center.

At 6 p.m. the annual Port St. Lucie Parade of Lights will begin and proceed through the Civic Center Streets.

This year, The Civic Center is asking everyone who participates in the parade to bring an unwrapped toy for their charity toy drive.

For more information, call (772) 878-2277.

Monday, Dec. 5

Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful Committee

The Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful Committee will be meeting at 3:15 p.m. at City Hall, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, at 3:15 p.m. in room 366.

For more information, contact Carol at (772) 871-7325.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

Tai Chi and Chi Gung

Join instructor Charlie Ottesen on 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. in the Gardens for Yang style Tai Chi at the Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce.

Come and have fun while you get stronger, develop better balance, release stress, decrease blood pressure and gain a calmer mind.

Students will warm up with Chen style movements, learn the first section of the Yang form, learn the Tai Chi walk and the advanced techniques of Wave Hands at Clouds, Brush Knee and a Standing Still meditation.

The fee for one month of Tai Chi is $40 for Heathcote members, $45 for non-members.

For more information, visit www.heathcotebotanicalgardens.org/events1.

Friday, Dec. 9

City Fest

Come out the Village Square at the Civic Center, 9221 SE Civic Place, Port St. Lucie, from 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. to enjoy the free monthly concert series with live music, classic car and bike show, arts and crafts, and much more.

Bring the whole family out for an enjoyable evening that will leave you feeling refreshed and rejuvenated, just in time to start the weekend.

For more information, contact Kelly Tiger at (772) 807-4467.

Photo courtesy of Lee Bonhamer

Golden Ponds will be holding its evening drive-through visit on Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. Residents often hand out candy canes to those driving through their community or sit outside and wave.

Community shares Christmas

By Shelley Koppel
Associate news editor

Editor's note: Shelley Koppel is a resident of Golden Ponds

FORT PIERCE — For nearly a quarter of a century, residents of Golden Ponds, a manufactured home community for those 55 and older, have been decorating for Christmas and inviting the public in to see the results. The evening drive-through visit, scheduled this year for Dec. 17, lasts only a few hours, but the planning has already begun and the work begins right after Thanksgiving.

Ken Napier has chaired the event for the past seven years. This year, he will be sharing the responsibilities with Bob Faubert, but he spoke from his home in Canada about a tradition that means as much to the residents as it does to the hundreds of visitors who drive through the park each year.

"We're planning right now," Mr. Napier said. "We have different committees to decorate different parts of the park, starting at the front gate.

Such a large-scale project involves many volunteers.

"I would say we have over 100," Mr. Napier said. "It's surprising the number that come out, but we always need to have a few more. The Homeowner's Association built a shed for storage and it's about one-half full with lights."

There are obvious jobs to be done, like hanging lights and wreaths on lampposts and decorating the clubhouse. Lights are hung around the soffits and pillars at the clubhouse and around the flagpole to make a Christmas tree.

There are also less obvious jobs. Many of the residents decorate their own homes, but for those who cannot, the Golden Ponds softball team is available to help. If the resident has the lights, the team will put them up.

Another important job is bulb-checking. After the lights are up, committee members go out at night to check all the bulbs and replace missing ones.

One of the highlights of the drive through is watching the candle-lit luminaries. On the morning of the event, volunteers meet at the softball park and pick up deli take-out containers filled with sand at the bottom, a candle, and a hole in the lid.

Each resident receives eight of them to line the driveway, four on each side. Some are also put on common areas and they are lit before the visitors arrive. Amazingly, there are some 4500 luminaries lit each year.

The next morning, they are retrieved and most are re-used the next year.

While the volunteer traffic directors send people through the route, residents often hand out candy canes and wave. There is a live Nativity at the clubhouse and Mr. and Mr. Claus are there to welcome guests.

Liz Whitney, Mrs. Claus for many years, retired this year, having outlasted several Santas. Sam Legree, a long-time resident, recalled a year when volunteers dressed as elves, complete with tunics, tight and boots.

As the cars come through each year, people call out their thanks. There are comments on how beautiful the community is and how much they appreciate the effort. For the residents of Golden Ponds, it is a labor of love.

"People just like doing it," Ken Napier said. "I volunteer because I'm proud of where I live and I'm proud to show it off. Everybody does a great job."

The Golden Ponds Christmas drive-through will take place on Dec. 17. The gates open at 6 p.m. Golden Ponds is located at 1800 Golden Ponds Dr., Fort Pierce. The event is free. For more information, call (772) 465-8005.

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Christmas pig roast about family as much as food

LAND LINES

DAN SMITH

For me Christmas has always been a time to enjoy family and lots of good food. As I look back over the years I must say I have fond memories of each and every one.

But a few standout.

One that I treasure happened in the middle 1980's when my younger sister Linda, her husband and two sons moved west of DeLand to a little spot called Paisley. If you are not familiar, it is a very small rural outpost about five miles west of the St. Johns River that is completely surrounded by the huge Ocala National Forest. Their new home was situated on a very large and hilly lot.

At that time, Linda and I had lots of extended family living around Central Florida and we decided to try and get them all together for a holiday pig roast. As roast master it was my job to go up to Pierson to buy a fully dressed hog of nearly 100 pounds. It was fun going to the country slaughterhouse to pick out our pig and spend a few moments with the man who had raised it.

At my insistence it was to be the men who would do the cooking. First, I dug a long shallow pit and covered it with steel bars. Some of the others went into the forest and brought back truck after truck of hard wood. The night before Christmas Eve, we began by building a giant bonfire. As the wood burned down we shoveled the hot coals under the pig and readied ourselves for a long night. To do this job properly the hog must be slow cooked with lots of love and attention.

The key to the whole thing would be my secret recipe barbeque sauce of which I concocted about four gallons (you can never have too much sauce).

As the night began, my helpers numbered about 10 but as Linda's well-fortified homemade eggnog started to take effect, the men began to look for a spot to curl up and nap. Around midnight the cracklins (pig skin, for you city folk) reached crispy perfection and we all eagerly dipped them in my delicious sauce and ate our fill. Having regained our senses somewhat, a TV-VCR set up was brought out and we all watched one of the earliest versions of "A Christmas Carol." As we hissed and booed Scrooge and cheered for Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim we poured whiskey all around, foregoing the eggnog this round.

Now, for a big time pig roast like this to be successful the animal must be turned regularly. That task required four men to each grab a leg and make the flip. Unfortunately, by 2 a.m. there was only a quarter of that number awake — me — and I was becoming undependable.

A couple hours later, my first cousin Randy woke up long enough to stagger over and fall onto the picnic table, dumping out the entire four gallons of prize-winning barbecue sauce. As the sun came up, we were all asleep and the pig was getting cold. Along about 10 a.m. of Christmas Eve we were able to give the pig a couple hours of concentrated attention and the part that wasn't burned seemed to be cooked pretty well.

That afternoon all of the womenfolk began to show up with their delicious side dishes and desserts. That evening we all ate outdoors

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'Nutcracker' a treat for all ages

By Shelley Koppel
Associate news editor

FORT PIERCE — For many, the holiday season was not complete without a performance of "The Nutcracker" ballet. The Christmas story of Clara, the Cavalier, the Sugar Plum Fairy and the army of fighting mice has enchanted audiences for generations.

St. Lucie Ballet will present a full-length production of the Tchaikovsky ballet on Dec. 9 at the Sunrise Theatre. The 2 p.m. performance will be a Senior Matinee, with special pricing.

Director Lydia Oquendo spoke about this very special production.

"When we started doing 'The Nutcracker' a few years ago, nobody local was doing it," she said. We started with "The Nutcracker Suite," with portions of it. It's costly to put together, but every year, we've added more scenes and dances. In 2009, we had a full-length production, but every year we've added more beautiful costumes and scenes."

The production stars Alexis Rago as Clara and Ms. Oquendo's husband, Rogelio Corrales, as the Cavalier. Guest artists include Jean Hugues Feray, former principal dancer of Ballet Florida, as Uncle Drosselmeyer; Idael Herman, from the National Ballet School of Havana, as Arabian; Joseph Bucheck, former character dancer of Ballet Florida, as Mother Ginger; Natalie Alvarez, of the Cuban Clas-

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Photo courtesy of Lydia Oquendo

Alexis Rago of Port St. Lucie, playing Clara. The St. Lucie Ballet will perform the full-length production of the Tchaikovsky "The Nutcracker" ballet on Dec. 9 at the Sunrise Theatre

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Strike Out Stroke Support Group

Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute will be having their Strike Out Stroke Support Group at the Ft. Pierce Yacht Club, 1120 Seaway Drive, Ft. Pierce.

Lawnwood has partnered with other community resources including the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) to provide both inpatient and outpatient support groups.

These support groups are designed to educate regarding the signs and symptoms of stroke/TIA, and the important of activating he EMS system.

In addition, they empower survivors and caregivers with knowledge of community resources and coping mechanism to deal with continued disability to obtain an optimum state of health.

To register, call (800) 382-3522, space is very limited and reservations are required. This is free to the public.

Saturday, Dec. 10

Bowzer's Rock and Roll Christmas Show

The Sunrise theatre will feature the Bowzer's Rock and Roll Christmas Show at 8 p.m. at 117 South Second Street, Ft. Pierce.

The Bowzers Rock and Roll Christmas Show, featuring Peggy March and the Mystics, incorporates music and comedy into a highly entertaining show for the whole family.

VIP tickets are $65 and include a meet and greet. General tickets are $45/39. For more information, visit www.sunrisetheatre.com

Wednesday, Dec. 14

PSL Botanical Gardens Jazz and Blues Night

The Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society will be performing from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 SE Westmoreland Boulevard, Port St. Lucie.

Admission for the event is $3 per person.

The event will be outdoors in the beautiful gardens. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy a cool evening with cool music. If the weather isn't perfect, the performances will still go on, inside the Nature Center at the gardens.

The gardens are open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon – 4 p.m. General admission is $5 (children 12 and under are admitted for free).

Friday, Dec. 16

Christmas Bazaar/Island Celebration

Every 3rd Friday in Downtown Fort Pierce at Marina Square, Melody Lane and Avenue A, Fort Pierce from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., is a free music festival.

Come see the talented Robert Navarro and Friends on stage – classic carols, salsa, jazz and more.

There will be games, giveaways, vendors and lots of activities for the kids.

Food vendors will be serving an assortment of greek, Caribbean, barbeque ribs and chicken on a stick, seasfood, Americana and various snack items.

For more information, call (772) 465-4654 or visit www.gosunsetmagic.com.

ONGOING EVENTS

Fort Pierce Downtown Farmers Market

The Fort Pierce downtown farmers market is from 8 a.m to 12 p.m. at Melody Lane on the Indian River between the library and marina in historic downtown fort pierce.

The event occurs year round rain or shine.

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You can send your thoughts and story ideas to *foreveryoungslc@hometownnewsol.com.* The deadline is Dec. 15.

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Waterside Chats

Live on WIRA 1400 AM, every Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., share your ideas and thoughts about your community of Fort Pierce and Surrounding community at the Fort Pierce Welcome center, 2821 Peters Road, Fort Pierce.

Strike Out Stroke Support Group

The Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute has an inpatient support group held every Tuesday at 11 a.m. on the stroke unit.

The outpatient Stroke Support Group meets monthly on the second Friday of each month from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. at the Pelican Yacht Club.

To register, call (800) 382-3522, space is very limited and reservations are required.

For further information regarding The Stroke Center at Lawnwood, please call Margo Baptiste or Kathleen Thomas at (772) 467-8195.

Buddy Run

Every Tuesday at 6 p.m., the Civic Center, 9221 SE Civic Center Place, Port St. Lucie, has a Buddy Run.

No need to join anything, just show up.

Runners and walkers have the option of doing a 1.25 or 2.5 miles. This is not a competition, but rather a fun way to exercise and make new friends.

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Jered Sundin of Titusville does a nifty rail trick at the Paradise Skatepark and Funplex in Merritt Island. The attraction also has an 18-hole putt-putt golf course and three paintball fields.

Andy Stefanek
staff photographer

Merritt Island an outdoorsman's paradise

Parks, recreational facilities abound

By Jennifer Nessmith
For Forever Young

If you're in search of the "great outdoors" for your next staycation, look no further than Merritt Island.

Situated in central Brevard County, Merritt Island is home to more than 20 county-operated parks, the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and several venues that cater to extreme sports.

The Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1963 as an overlay of NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center, consists of 140,000 acres of a wide variety of habitats for more than 1,500 plants and animals. Those habitats include coastal dunes, saltwater estuaries and marshes, freshwater impoundments, scrub, pine flatwoods and hardwood hammocks.

Sandee Larsen, office manager for the Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge Association, a "friends" group for the refuge with more than 1,000 members, said the main points of interest for the refuge are the Visitor's Center, the Black Point Wildlife Drive and the Haulover Canal Manatee Observation Deck.

"Black Point is a 7-mile, self-guided auto tour with 12 stops," Ms. Larsen said. "Basically, you'll see water and wading birds, alligators, otters, turtles and birds of prey. It's the one stop you're sure to see some wildlife."

There are also opportunities for fishing, hunting, boating and paddling.

The Visitor's Center is located 3-1/2 miles east of State Road 402. For more information, call (321) 861-0668 or visit *http://www.fws.gov/merrittisland/Index.html.*

Most county parks are situated along bodies of water, including the Indian River, Banana River and Sykes Creek. Activities cater to nearly every type of sport imaginable; from surf fishing and swimming to canoeing and kayaking to volleyball and horseshoe, the opportunities for physical activity are nearly endless.

Kelly Park East, located at 2550 N. Banana River Drive, is a 15-acre park internationally recognized for its windsurfing area along the Banana River. The park features a natural catamaran/sailboard launch area with a sandy beach, shower, boat ramps, dock, pavilion, grills, restrooms and drinking fountains.

Kiwanis Island Park, situated in a wildlife sanctuary, caters to active and passive recreational pursuits, including boating, rowing and paddling in Sykes Creek, the Barge Canal and the Banana River, as well as fishing, basketball, softball, tennis, racquetball and wildlife viewing.

The park contains two lighted adult softball fields, a community center, full indoor and outdoor basketball courts, a boat launch and two-lane boat ramp, picnic

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The Visitor's Center is located 3-1/2 miles east of State Road 402. For more information, call (321) 861-0668 or visit *http://www.fws.gov/merrittisland/Index.html.*

Paradise

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areas and playgrounds.

Kiwanis Island Park is at 951 Kiwanis Island Park Road. Call (321) 455-1380.

Ulumay Wildlife Sanctuary, located at 805 Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island, is a 436-acre bird reservation and sanctuary that offers a "wilderness escape in an urban environment." The park is known to bird-watchers worldwide as a natural lagoon and bird rookery, linked with canals created for mosquito control and surrounded by a man-made dike. A trail on the dike provides access to waterways for fisherman, bird-watchers and paddlers. Be on the lookout for dolphin and birds such as the wood stork, belted kingfisher and white or brown pelican.

For the extreme sports enthusiasts, Merritt Island's Paradise Skatepark & Funplex offers one of the largest indoor and outdoor parks on the coast, with a 18,000-square-foot outdoor park and a 10,000-square-foot indoor park featuring state-of-the-art ramps.

The Funplex also has a BMX course and an 18-hole miniature golf course.

Paradise Funplex is at 555 Fortenberry Road, Merritt Island. For more information, call (321) 454-7777 or visit www.paradisefunplex.com.

Carl Hanson of Merritt Island prepares to skate the half-pipe at Paradise Skatepark and Funplex in Merritt Island. The Skatepark has both indoor and outdoor skating areas for skateboarders and bikes as well as three paintball fields and a putt-putt course.

Andy Stefanek
staff photographer

Nutcracker

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sical Ballet of Miami, as Dew Drop; and Maribel Modrono, former principal dancer of the Miami City Ballet, as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Ms. Oquendo is directing the ensemble of 55, but she will dance a small part in the "Waltz of the Flowers." She and her husband have also done the choreography in the style of the original done by Marius Petip a .

Ms. Oquendo and her husband opened St. Lucie Ballet in 2004. Before that, both had been working at the Minnesota Ballet in Duluth. It was quite a change for the Florida-born Ms. Oquendo and the Cuban Mr. Corrales.

"We met in Miami, but both of us got work in the same company," she said. "That's rare for a couple and even though it was far away, it was a chance to stay together.

The moved to Duluth with their year-old son and stayed for seven years.

"We got tired of the 20-below-zero weather. It was time to come back to Florida," she said. "We were looking up and down the south Florida coast. Miami was full of ballet studios and our peers owned them. We were looking for a place that needed a ballet school. Lots of people were moving here then."

The dream then, as now, was to have a full-production of the ballet.

"I really want this town to have their own 'Nutcracker,'" Ms. Oquendo said. "They don't have to go to West Palm or Miami with the professionals that really make this show special. They can go to the Sunrise, which is a gorgeous theater. It's a special evening to dress up with the family."

St. Lucie Ballet presents "The Nutcracker" at the Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second St., Fort Pierce on Dec. 9. Performances are at 2 and 7:30 p.m. The 2 p.m. performance is a Senior Matinee. Tickets are $25 or $20 for groups of 10 or more. Tickets for the evening performance are $35 for adults and $25 for children 12 and younger.

Call the box office at (772) 461-4775 or order online www.sunrisetheatre.com.

Landlines

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and most agreed that the hog had turned out OK, considering the cooks' lapse in sobriety and hence, attention. No one but me seemed to mind that there was no sauce.

Right at the top of the hill on Linda's property grew a Florida cedar tree over 30 feet tall. Each family had brought a strand of colored lights from their own tree and we strung them on the big cedar. When it was completely dark we plugged it in amid "oohs" and "aahs." Later we were told it could be seen for miles.

Of course, the women began to sing Christmas songs and the hungover men tried to join in as well as they could. It was certainly a Christmas to remember.

Sadly, my sister Linda, who was a true baby boomer (born in 1947), passed away in 2003. But memories like these of that crazy pig roast keep her in our hearts — especially during the holidays.

These days family is still so important this time of year. My wife Lana and I center our holidays around our daughter Shayla's beautiful 8-year-old, our granddaughter Delayna.

We would like to wish a merry Christmas to you all. Please enjoy each other while you can.

Photo courtesy of Rose Padrick

The Padrick clan at this year's 'Thanksmas" celebration. Rose Padrick, author of Rose's Room, is pictured in the center in pink.

Rose's

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the words "favoritist Grammy in the world!" did spread a special kind of warmth throughout my sleep-deprived soul, as did the nap that I was now able to grab later in the afternoon).

But still we grew. None of us have homes large enough to accommodate 45 plus people and still have room for all the cousins (second and third generation now) to run and scream, so we once again became harbingers of change.

Our latest change-vention is a huge gathering in a nearby park. We are blessed to live in a place that lives up to the title "The Sunshine State," so renting a pavilion at any of the beautiful parks in Brevard works out wonderfully.

Our favorite place so far is Kars Park. The pavilions are near the

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As global economic woes continue, holiday spending remains difficult to predict. In 2010, holiday spending rose more than five percent from the year before, according to MasterCard AdvisorsTM SpendingPulseTM. That increase surprised forecasters, many of whom predicted holiday spending would decline for the fifth straight year.

With the holiday season on the horizon once again, no one truly knows what consumer response will be. But many consumers figure to exercise some restraint this holiday season, sticking to a budget when buying gifts for family and friends. While budgets are good ways to limit spending, a holiday spending budget doesn't mean shoppers can't still put a smile on their loved ones' faces. In fact, with a few tips, holiday shoppers can stick to their budgets and still enjoy a happy holiday season.

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playgrounds, which is excellent for all the little ones and one Grammy who has to stop playing every once in a while and be a grown-up, but sneaks back the first chance she gets.

Since gathering my large brood into one place at one time has become akin to herding cats, especially during the holidays, we now celebrate THANKSMAS.

Plastic Thanksgiving and Christmas tablecloths surround the hand-embroidered linen masterpiece left to me by my mother. My brother's old fashioned biscuit warmer holds store-bought dinner rolls; shorts and tennis shoes are better suited to flag football games than white shirts and ties.

The annual Padrick "Oldsters vs. Youngsters" volleyball game (the youngsters won this year! That'll teach my kids not to let me play on their team!) has replaced sitting on the couch, yelling at football players on the small screen.

There are special challenges to having the traditional dinner outside, away from stoves and microwaves, but it's always a learning experience. You can't blow out Sterno (my eyebrows should grow back in a month or so). If you bring canned cranberries, you really should bring can openers. If a mom doesn't actually see a Grammy pass the third piece of chocolate pie to the child sitting behind a bush, it didn't really happen.

Actually there are some things that never change in this life, and I wish them on each and every person reading this. The warm, sweet smell of a tired little child who has laughed and played so long that he falls into an exhausted slumber in your lap; the feel of cool grass between your toes when you shed your shoes to cool off after running a full 10 feet before someone steals the ball away from you, the lovely peacefulness that permeates your whole body when you look around and realize there is no place in the whole world you would rather be.

Happy Holidays to all, wherever and however you celebrate them!!!!!!!!!

Rose Padrick is a Brevard County resident who grew up in Merritt Island. She's written numerous columns and short stories published in various area newspapers and magazines and is currently awaiting publication of her children's book, "Sparky's Adventures."

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Awareness is key to protecting your identity during this holiday season

Proactive protection can help you stay safe

By Hermes Alvarez
For Hometown News

Imagine getting a phone call informing you that someone has used your name and Social Security number to apply for a credit card, or receiving a collection notice in the mail for a delinquent account that isn't yours – but is attributed to your name and home address. Every day, consumers find out someone is illegally using their personal information to make purchases and open new financial accounts, like credit cards and loans.

Undetected, identity fraud can lead to difficulties in applying for a mortgage, loan, new credit card or bank accounts – even if you've had great credit for years. The road to recovery may be a long, aggravating journey, especially when you don't catch fraud immediately.

Last year, 8.1 million adults were the victims of identity fraud, according to a recent Javelin Strategy & Research Identity Fraud Survey.

Here are some tips to help protect yourself from an identity nightmare:

Online:

When creating passwords, don't use information that easily could be linked to you – like your birth date, Social Security number, phone number, or the names of family and pets. Using a mix of numbers, letters, and characters to create your password makes it harder for others to guess.

Change your passwords every 30 days, and use unique passwords on each site you access.

Whether you're providing financial information for a loan or placing an order online, be sure the site you're using is secure. Look for a URL that begins with "https://" and has a "closed padlock" symbol in the lower right-hand corner of your browser.

Using and regularly updating anti-virus and anti-spyware software on your computer can also help to safeguard your information from identity theft.

Never email personal information, such as account numbers or your social security number, to anyone, not even to yourself.

Offline:

It's a smart practice to review credit card and bank statements as soon as they arrive to ensure that all activity on your accounts is accurate.

U.S. consumers are entitled to one free credit report a year from the three main credit bureaus. Regularly reviewing your credit report lets you see if there are any interactions with companies

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Gifts from bad to worst

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Great gifts are great for a multitude of reasons, but bad gifts tend to have a lot in common. The worst gifts are not only a poor fit with the recipient's personality, lifestyle or interests, but also send a negative or critical message. Just plain bad gifts tend to fall into three categories: The useless, the thoughtless and the tasteless. And while the lists of awful items for men and women may be different, they nevertheless fall into one of these diagnostic categories.

If you're considering purchasing gifts in any of the following four categories for the man or men in your life, think again.

Clothing: While this sounds innocent enough, when the clothes don't match a man's style, it can be construed as a suggestion that you don't like what he wears or want him to up his fashion game. If you don't have a clue about what the men in your life actually like and will wear, make another choice.

Household bric-a-brac or decorative elements: Items in this category include everything from a new dish rack to artsy decor items. Such items might send a negative message simi-

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you haven't contacted or accounts you didn't open.

If a bill or statement you regularly receive doesn't arrive as scheduled, follow up with the sender to find out why.

Use a paper shredder to shred any documents with account numbers, your social security number – even your address. It will help deter "dumpster diver" identity thieves from obtaining your personal information.

Never carry your Social Security card or number in your wallet or purse.

When writing checks, avoid listing your Social Security number, telephone or driver's license number, if possible.

Another way to help safeguard yourself is to subscribe to a program, such as TD Insurance's ITAC Sentinel® Plus, that offers to help protect you from identity theft by monitoring your accounts and personal information for you and sending you an alert if there is certain activity that could indicate identity theft.

One last tip:

If you or anyone you know may have fallen victim to identity theft, contact the three major credit bureaus right away — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. Doing so will let them place a fraud alert on your credit reports and help to ensure that no more fraudulent activities take place.

Then, close the accounts that you think have been jeopardized. File a police report and contact the Federal Trade Commission immediately to file a complaint, so they can record the fraudulent activity and work with other agencies to track down thieves.

Following these tips may help prevent a dreaded call or piece of mail that tells you your information is being used by someone without your permission.

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* Get creative. Holiday gifts don't have to be bought at the local mall or from an online retailer. Gift-givers with unique talents can create their own gifts and save some money along the way. For example, shoppers skilled at woodworking can create a personalized wood carving for a friend or family member. Good at knitting? Knit a scarf, mittens or even a blanket for a loved one who lives in a cold weather region. Such personalized gifts are often especially meaningful to their recipients, who appreciate the time and effort such keepsakes take to create.

* Be patient. Nowadays, many families are so spread out geographically that they don't always get together on Christmas Day. If that's the case and you won't be seeing your family until a few days after Christmas, take advantage of the special sales offered in the days after the actual holiday. Items are often heavily discounted, and if you can stay patient, your patience might just pay off with substantial savings.

* Establish spending rules with family members before the shopping season begins. In an effort to reduce some of the financial burden of the holiday season, many families have begun to place spending limits on holiday shopping. This saves everyone money and ensures no one finds themselves with substantial debt come the new year.

* Do a gift exchange with family and friends. Many larger families have also begun to do a gift exchange rather than asking members of the family to buy gifts for each and every member of the family. In a gift exchange, each member of the family draws a name out of a hat and then only buys a gift for that specific person. This even has the added benefit

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As you work your way through each census, you will find differences in the spellings of names, family members will come and go, and the family will move around the country. Each census taker had his own style. Some used only initials, some used only a first name regardless of which name is preferred.

Aftering collecting as much information as possible on your ancestors by interviewing relatives, finding pictures, documents, tombstones, etc., it is time to get down to some serious genealogy research. One of the first resources that is the most important and easiest to find, is the federal census.

The U.S. government has conducted a household census in every state, every 10 years since 1790.

The census records from 1790-1930 can be searched by the public except for 1890, which was destroyed by fire. They are arranged by states and then by counties, and then in, many cases by towns or districts. Some states also took their own census in odd years..

The 1850-1880 census records include a separate mortality census listing everyone who had died in the previous year. There are also slave census records for 1850 and 1860.

Many researchers ignore these records completely, or only look at one or two records for their family, assuming they have learned all the facts they need. Each family should be followed all the way back through the census every 10 years, picking up children, parents, brothers and sisters, in-laws and any other relatives that show up in the household or neighborhood.

From 1790-1840, the census only named the head of the household, and gave the number of people living in the house. From 1850 forward, each member of the household was named, with their sex, age, and place of birth. Each census became more complex, asking more questions, adding relationships, occupations, parents' places of birth, number of years married, number of children given birth to, and other pertinent clues.

Starting with the 1930 census, and working backward, you should look at your family, taking down all the information given and looking at the neighboring families.

Often, other family members are living nearby, and these need to be noted, also. If there are other families with the same surname, they are possibly parents, brothers, uncles and cousins. John's father may be living next door to him, and in his household is grandma or grandpa. Viola!! You have three generations laid out on one or two pages.

As you work your way through each census, you will find differences in the spellings of names, family members will come and go, and the family will move around the country. Each census taker had his own style. Some used only initials, some used only a first name regardless of which name is preferred. Sometimes the correct name is used, the next time it will be a nickname. Ages also will change from census to census. Use this information as a guide and not as absolute fact.

The first order of business is census work.
Information gathered here will make the rest of your research much easier.

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Bad gifts

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lar to new clothes, and many men are territorial about their homes and resist outside (i.e., female) advice on decorating. So unless you know exactly what he wants or needs, go back to the drawing board.

Sentimental items: What a woman might call "sweet," a man might want to store in the trash can. If you're tempted to get your husband or boyfriend that cute teddy bear that reminds you of him, or flannel pajamas printed with those same teddy bears, forget it. And forget the book of syrupy love poetry, romantic movies or T-shirts with sappy sayings. He'll be glad you did.

Psychology or self-help materials in any form or format: This is perhaps the biggest no-no of them all and sends the biggest "You're not okay" message. So if you're tempted to buy your guy a book about improving communication skills, finding a better job or making better use of time, don't. Enough said.

When gifting women, me should also avoid certain gifts.

Appliances: For most women, household appliances fall under the heading of "need" rather than "want," unless it is a specialty item that you're certain she has been yearning for.

Lingerie: The principle here is similar to why clothes are a bad idea for guys, but can lead to far more disastrous outcomes. Many men don't realize that a gift of lingerie is often accompanied by an unintended message. If it's too small, she needs to lose weight. If it's too big, you think she's fat. If it's too racy, you don't think she's sexy. And if it's too plain, you don't think she's sexy.

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A bathroom scale is the all-time worst gift to give a woman. If you have to ask why, you're already in trouble.

Simply stated, unless you know the exact size and type of lingerie she favors or want to ruin any chances of peace on earth during your holiday season, move on.

Jewelry: Here again, unless you know exactly what the woman in your life wants, skip it. Not only is jewelry something that women prefer to choose for themselves, it can send a message (i.e., overly romantic or not romantic enough) that men don't realize they're sending.

Gym membership/fitness equipment: The big no-no. Under no circumstances is it wise to present the woman in your life with a gift whose underlying message is "Lose weight" or "Shape up." The all-time worst gift for women? A bathroom scale.

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of allowing shoppers to buy something a little more expensive for a family member since they aren't obligated to buy gifts for anyone else.

* Start early. The earlier you begin your holiday shopping, the more you can spread out your spending. This reduces the financial stress of the season while still allowing shoppers to get something special for everyone on their shopping list.

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