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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 will highlight cases that often leave observers shaking their heads.

Road rage

The apparent victim of a minor accident ended up going to jail after he admitted that he "over-reacted."

The other person involved in the accident may well think that "over-reacted" is a little mild.

Apparently, the driver of a vehicle in Fort Pierce hit a bicycle when exiting a shopping center.

The woman said the bicyclist got off his bicycle and started pounding on her car's hood and yelling at her.

Scared, the woman told police she started honking her horn, while not moving her vehicle.

Then the bicyclist started pounding on her car with a hammer.

The bicyclist said he over-reacted because the car was leaving and dragging his bicycle, but a witness confirmed the woman's account that when the bicyclist yelled at her, she did not move her vehicle.

More detailing than she wanted

A Port St. Lucie woman reported a man approached her and offered to detail her car.

She agreed to the offer

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Golf columnist James Stammer helps you get a grip on your game

WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday: Partly cloudy; high: 86; low: 63; high tide: 2:14 a.m.; low tide: 8:12 a.m.
Saturday: Partly cloudy; high: 81; low: 66; high tide: 3:13 a.m.; low tide: 9:16 a.m.
Sunday: Partly cloudy; high: 84; low: 63; high tide: 4:15 a.m.; low tide: 10:21 a.m.
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Council chooses new city manager

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PORT ST. LUCIE — At the Port St. Lucie City Council afternoon meeting on March 19, acting manager Gregory Oravec was unanimously voted to stay in the position of city manager, which he had been filling as interim since March 9.

That's when the council voted 4-1 in a special meeting to terminate the contract of then-city manager Jerry Bentrott, because of his handling of an incident involving a city employee.

Mayor JoAnn Faiella opened the discussion and Councilwoman Shannon Martin spoke up to make a motion for Mr. Oravec to

See **MANAGER, A11**

Local visionary dies

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Paul Joseph Hegener, whom everyone called "Pete," lost his battle with cancer on March 23. He was 71.

The former president of Core Communities, which saw the beginnings of Tradition and St. Lucie West, was not present at the recent ribbon cuttings of the Vac-

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Bus crash kills one, injures 15

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — A collision between a St. Lucie County school bus and a semitrailer carrying sod took place Monday afternoon at the corner of Okeechobee Road and Midway Road in western St. Lucie County.

One student on the bus was killed, and 14 other students were injured. The bus driver was also injured in the crash. The driver of the semi was not injured.

Officials said the bus, No. 2414, was transporting students from Francis K. Sweet Elementary School in Fort Pierce when it turned left from Okeechobee Road to go onto

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Doctor, wife arrested on drug charges

By Jay Meisel
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PORT ST. LUCIE — A Port St. Lucie doctor told authorities he wrote bogus prescriptions for his wife so she wouldn't go out on the street to get drugs, a warrant application said.

Gregory A. Hayes, the physician, told investigators that "there are no medical records for prescriptions he wrote for (his wife) Kristin (Kenyon) and that he wrote those prescriptions not for a legitimate medical reason, but 'so she would not turn to the streets,'" a warrant application said.

He also told authorities his wife begged for the prescriptions and he could not refuse her requests.

Dr. Hayes, 50, of 350 N.W. Biltmore, Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 22 and charged with nine counts of prescribing practitioner fraud and eight counts of

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Race-stopping attire

Northport K-8 School Principal Glenn Rustay finished the Torrey Pines Race for Research half marathon Saturday, March 24 in Tradition dressed in a tutu as a reward to his students for reading 7,000 books in a two month period. Nearly 900 participants ran in the 5K, half marathon or the wheelchair half marathon, but none as well dressed.

Mitch Kloorfain
chief photographer

Student is 'mayor for the day'

By Dawn Krebs
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FORT PIERCE — When Leo Hojnowski woke up the morning of March 16, he got dressed in his suit and red tie, combed his hair and went to the monthly Fort Pierce Coffee with the Mayor.

It was important he was there, because he was the "mayor."

His parents attended a fundraiser where one of the items for bid was a chance to be mayor of Fort Pierce for a day. They immediately bid on it and won, not for themselves, but for their son.

"He's always been extremely interested in politics," said his mother, Shannon Hojnowski. "So we surprised him with it when we won."

Leo, a fourth grader from St. Anastasia Catholic School, assisted Fort Pierce Mayor Bob Benton with his duties at the coffee. He stayed close by Mayor Benton's side, shaking hands and greeting guests.

It was a busy breakfast for March. In addition to announcing the recipients of the semi-annual Golden Hammer awards for commercial and residential property improvements, the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society hosted the event.

Leo said one of his favorite parts of the day was handing out the awards.

"I felt it was an honor to be up there with people who have improved their properties so much," Leo said. "I also thought the performance of the jazz society was very good."

But his mayoral duties haven't ended yet. Leo is also expected to help at a fundraising event where the city has a team, and later take a tour of city hall.

"Mayor Benton was very kind to invite him to the breakfast," Mrs. Hojnowski said. "We appreciate the opportunity from the mayor. He was just wonderful with Leo, and let Leo really be a part of the day."

Mitch Kloorfain/chief photographer
One of the perks of being the honorary mayor for a day in Fort Pierce for Leo Hojnowski was to participate in a grapefruit squeezing contest with Matt Margotta during the Sandy Shoes Festival Saturday, March 24.

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Visionary

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cine and Gene Therapy Institute or Tradition Hospital, but the speakers fondly remembered him and his continuous efforts to develop the Port St. Lucie area now known as Tradition.

"I worked for Pete for 10 years, and he was the best real estate developer I ever met," said Andrew Favata, vice president of Mann Research Center, one of the coming research companies in Tradition."Not only from business developments, but by having that vision that no one else could see. He could

Pete Hegener

motivate and encourage people to see that vision. He was driven to change St. Lucie County. He knew he could change the economy of this county, and make a community of jobs, employment and growth. He was the most honest, straight-forward, fun and friendly people I had the pleasure of knowing."

Mr. Hegener was described as a driving force, and one of the reasons the biotech industry not only took root in the county, but also thrived.

"I think Pete was a true visionary, and we own Tradition and St. Lucie West to his vision," said Port St. Lucie Vice Mayor Linda Bartz. "I think the community has lost a great person, and I thank the Hegener family for sharing him with Port St. Lucie."

Mark Robitaille, president and CEO of Martin Health System, called the growth in the Tradition area Mr. Hegener's legacy.

"Pete Hegener was a good friend and he will be missed tremendously," Mr. Robitaille said. "His vision of what this region could become was transformative, and will be Pete's lasting legacy. His role in bringing the life sciences here and expanding access to health care are a powerful testament to Pete's leadership and his commitment to this community."

But for a lot of people, he was more than a real estate professional, he was a friend.

"Paul J. 'Pete' Hegener's character was defined by his organizational skills," said Thomas Babcock, a managing partner for MPC Advisors in Vero Beach.

"He possessed an unexcelled ability to organize and bring together people with various backgrounds and disciplines, and instill in them the desire to work together towards a common goal. This ability extended outside the organizations he led to include local, state and federal bureaucracies, community leaders and politicians.

"His leadership resulted in successfully completing the St. Lucie West master planned community, the initiation of the Tradition master planned community and successfully creating the Tradition Center for Innovation life sciences center in Tradition that includes Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies, Mann Research, Martin Memorial Health System and the Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute.

"Having been associated with Pete for 25 years, and being a resident of St. Lucie County, I am proud to say and believe that St. Lucie County and Port St. Lucie are much improved places to live and work because of Pete. His leadership will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him or working with him."

The funeral for Mr. Hegener will be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Vero Beach.

Funeral arrangements are being conducted by Cox Gifford Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory in Vero Beach.

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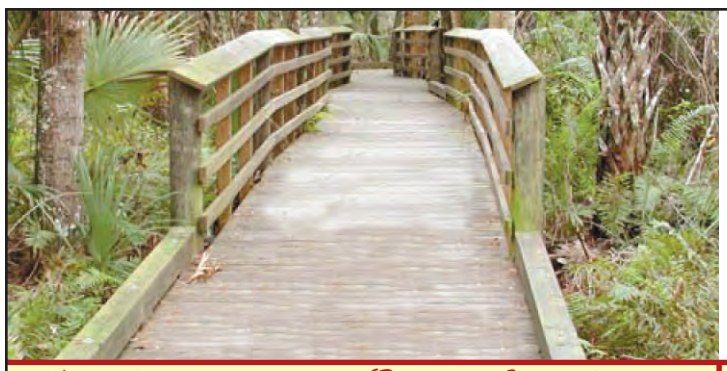
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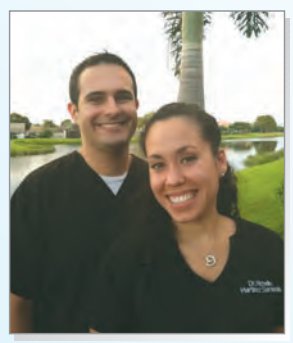
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Sheriff operates jail in efficient manner, report shows

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara expects he will continue operating the county's jail in the wake of a report saying management alternatives would not save the county money, he said last week.

Sheriff Mascara said he will make a final decision after dealing with a couple of related issues.

Last year, Sheriff Mascara gave notice that he was handing over administration of the jail to county administrators after St. Lucie officials discussed ways of saving money on the jail.

Although the notice was effective Jan. 1, the deadline was extended pending the completion of a study of jail management.

Last week, Herrera Correctional Management Systems, the firm hired to do the study, released the results.

The study concluded the county will not save money if the administration runs the jail or management is privatized.

Sheriff Mascara said his motivation for handing over the jail to the administration was to save taxpayer dollars.

"Whoever can save taxpayer dollars, I'm all for it," Sheriff Mascara said."

But the study shows the change would not accomplish that, he said.

It shows, "it is in the best interest of the taxpayer that I continue to operate the jail," he said.

Before he makes a final decision, he said, he'll discuss with staff and others a recommendation by Herrera that a "comprehensive multi-strategic and financial plan for the jail" be developed.

He also wants to resolve an issue with the county regarding management of the jail.

County officials contended the sheriff could not legally relinquish administration of the jail.

But Sheriff Mascara said the law should provide authority for him to do that, as well as for the county to take over administration of the jail.

Since the county funds the jail operations, it should be able to determine who or what entity manages it, he said.

On the other hand, Sheriff Mascara added, the sheriff should be able to relinquish management if the county cuts funding to the point where the sheriff believes safety is at risk.

Currently, the study said, "The St. Lucie jail is a well-run and well-maintained facility."

Employee salaries, including the average salary of $42,000 for a detention deputy, fall within "the normal range," the study said.

The study concludes the jail is run so efficiently that "minimal opportunity exists to glean additional efficiencies from the operation."

The study said while some savings might be possible through privatizing jail management, the county should wait until it becomes apparent whether state efforts to privatize prison management is successful.

Herrera also noted in the study that major private jail/prison management firms generally prefer larger jails than the one in St. Lucie County.

The study also concludes the county, "should not assume any additional cost savings," if the county administration, rather than the sheriff, runs the jail.

Sheriff Mascara said he was concerned initially that Herrera would not do a thorough study of the jail.

But after Herrera asked for box loads of information, it became apparent "right off the bat it was going to be a very thorough study," he said.

"I have to commend him. He did a very through job in his analysis of the jail operation," the sheriff said.

Arrested

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trafficking oxycodone and one count of trafficking hydrocodone.

Dr. Hayes is not associated with Physician's Immediate Care. His employment was terminated several months ago, said Sam Yates, spokesman for the practice.

"Physicians are, and in our opinion should, be held to much higher standards of ethics in our community based on the trust placed in them by our citizens. When those standards are violated, swift action must be taken to protect our community and its residents," Mr. Yates said.

While we cannot comment on conditions of Dr. Hayes' termination, we applaud the work of police and other investigative agencies in this case and have cooperated fully with investigators, he said.

Greg Hayes

Kristen Hayes

His wife, Ms. Kenyon, 27, was arrested March 22 and charged with nine counts of obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud, eight counts of trafficking oxycodone and one count of trafficking hydrocodone.

The warrant application said Dr. Hayes wrote prescriptions in the name of other family members and that his wife would pick the drugs up and either ingest or snort the drugs.

Authorities began investigating earlier this month after a sister of Ms. Kenyon reported Dr. Hayes asked her husband if he could write a subscription in her husband's name for Ms. Kenyon.

The husband refused, but investigators then discovered Dr. Hayes wrote two prescriptions in the name of his wife's sister, although she had never been his patient, the warrant application said.

Moreover, the investigation showed Ms. Kenyon picked up the prescriptions that were written in the name of her sister.

In one case, Ms. Kenyon left a $10 tip for the pharmacy employee, the application said.

A brother of Ms. Kenyon told authorities she asked him for birthdates of several family members because she was putting together a birthday list, the application said.

The investigation discovered prescriptions were written in the name of the brother, although he never received a prescription for the drugs, the application said.

Prescriptions were also written in the name of his wife, although she also never received a prescription from the doctor for the drugs, the application said.

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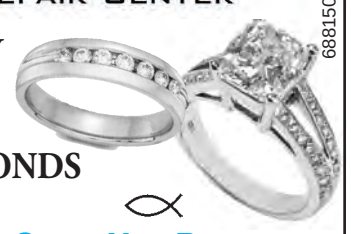
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Bus

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The Florida Highway Patrol will investigate the crash and release a crash report in approximately two weeks.

Model court program adopted in SLC

By Jay Meisel
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — Until recently, when families attended court for cases of abused, abandoned or neglected children, it was done in a traditional setting.

Circuit Judge Larry Schack, while wearing a traditional robe, would sit behind the bench and the parties would be relatively far removed in the seating area of the courtroom.

But now Judge Schack, often dressed in business attire, will sit at a table near the attorneys and parents.

And sometimes children will sit right next to him.

"We're here to work together to solve the problems," he said.

It's all part of an effort to develop model dependency court that best serves the well being of children and works, where possible, to reunite families, Judge Schack said last week.

He adopted the model when he handled dependency court in Okeechobee County and brought it month to St. Lucie County within the last month.

Having the best model for court is critical because the cases involve children who have had problems at home and the situation is heading toward the children being permanently removed from the family, he said.

When families arrive in dependency court "it is one of the last opportunities to work with these children and their families and get it right," Judge Schack said.

The model court was initiated by Charles T. Canady, chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court.

Chief Justice Canady wrote to circuit judges statewide that a federal audit found the need for improvement in Florida's child welfare system.

Unless improvements are made, he wrote, the state faces losing federal funds.

Judge Schack said he volunteered in response to be a model court administrative judge for the 19th Judicial Circuit, which includes Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River counties.

A core model court administrative group, including representatives from various nonprofit groups and government offices that deal with child welfare, have been adopting a set of guidelines or best practices for the model dependency court, he said.

The first step is that everyone involved is treated with dignity, Judge Schack said.

Oftentimes, people weren't referred to by name, he said, adding they would be called the mother, the father, etc.

A second step is an emphasis on the non-punitive nature of the court and that the "the primary goal, if possible, is to reunify families and keep them intact," Judge Schack said.

With that in mind, it's no longer acceptable for a party involved in the proceeding to say they're not ready to proceed today with reunification and that it

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Police report

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Port St. Lucie Police Department

•Joshua James Reed, 29, 3521 S.E. Dellamano St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 15 and charged with grand theft.

•Richard Robert Rivera, 30, 450 S.W. Talquin Lane, Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 15 and charged with burglary of a conveyance, third-degree grand theft, dealing in stolen property and five counts of giving false information to a pawnbroker.

•Brett Mitchell McCarty, 22, 2073 S.E. New York St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 15 and charged with grand theft, dealing in stolen property and giving false information to a pawnbroker.

•Vincent Mitchell Jr., 20, 2062 S.W. Greenan St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 15 and charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant woman.

•Nicole Marie Rosewarne, 22, 968 S.E. West Virginia Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 15 and charged with driving under the influence, introduction of contraband into a jail and possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana.

•Nathaniel Ian Wilson, 18, 871 S.W. Monica St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 18 and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Keith Mackin, 32, 3904 N.W. Cinnamon Circle, Jensen Beach, was arrested March 17 and charged with breach of peace and resisting an officer with violence.

•Pashales Evangelidis, 66, 1001 S.W. Sudder Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 16 and charged with aggravated assault.

•Michael Arthur Misleh, 50, 12495 Caron Drive, Jacksonville, was arrested March 19 and charged with being a habitual traffic offender and resisting an officer without violence.

•Joel David Martinez, aka Salgado, 29, 2245 Dixie Highway, Jensen Beach, was arrested March 19 and charged with grand theft, two counts of dealing in stolen property and two counts of giving false information to a pawnbroker.

•Kelly J. Youngblood, 22, 2374 S.E. Longhorn Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 19 and charged with burglary of a dwelling and third-degree grand theft.

•Eric Scott Boseman, 49, 2619 S.E. Bikas Lane, Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 19 and charged with aggravated battery.

•Michael John Leonard, 39, 11773 S.W. Mountain Ash Circle, Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 21 and charged with aggravated battery and resisting an officer with violence.

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•Timothy Lance Ehman, 35, 3671 S.W. San Benito St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 16 and charged with grand theft.

•Kyle Edward Bigelow, 19, 2249 S.E. Avalon Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 16 and charged with possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of marijuana with intent to sell or distribute.

•Aenulfo Ruiz, 26, 2617 South 26th St., Fort Pierce, was arrested March 15 and charged with tampering with evidence and possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana.

•Eric Lee Tiger, 43, 1800 Hazelwood drive, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 15 and charged with being a habitual traffic offender.

•Kimberly Elizabeth Lafeir, 40, 445 Sagina Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 15 and charged with third-degree grand theft.

•Kendrick Martell Murriel, 31, 1501 S.E. Outwood Court, Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 15 and charged with giving false information to a pawnbroker and dealing in stolen property.

•Rossie Janett Hills, 46, 1209 Avenue M, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 15 and charged with being a habitual traffic offender.

•Terry Christopher Zais, 42, no address given, was arrested March 15 and charged with dealing in stolen property.

•Terry Lamar McKeliver, 22, 2509 Avenue N, Apt. A, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 14 and charged with fleeing.

•Jean Yves Toussaint, 20, 515 South 15th St., Fort Pierce, was arrested March 14 and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana and possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver.

•Lee Edward Simpkins, 44, 4565 43rd Court, Vero Beach, was arrested March 18 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for third-degree grand theft and contracting without a license.

•Mark Dale Hooper Jr., 25, 6807 Navin Ave., Tampa, was arrested March 18 and charge with grand theft of a motor vehicle.

•Roosevelt Jones, 57, 523 South K St., Apt. 4, Lake, Worth, was arrested March 18 and charged with felony petit theft.

•Elroyce Larusa Dixon, 39, 704 N. Lake Drive, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 17 and charged with aggravated battery.

•Chase Michael Chenault, 21, 629 S.W. Abode Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 17 and charged with felony battery.

•Charles Edward Smith, 31, 110 South 21st St., Fort Pierce, was arrested March 17 and charged with two counts of battery on a law enforcement officer and two counts of resisting an officer without violence.

•Ezekiel Montel White, 22, 205 S.W. Allapattah Road, Lot 18, Indiantown, was arrested March 17 and charged with fleeing, possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Randy Devon Burney, aka Barnyard P. Rebel, 50, 1307 S. Parrott Ave., Lot 24, Okeechobee, was arrested March 16 and charged with disorderly intoxication, battery on a law enforcement officer and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Charles Anthony McNeil, 47, 901 North 39th St., Fort Pierce, was arrested March 13 and charged with three counts of unlawfully signing the credit of another, credit card fraud, organized fraud and third-degree grand theft.

•Tracie Vaughn Thompkins, 39, 102 16th St., Apt. A, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 16 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for two counts of third-degree grand theft.

•Tevin C. Watkins, 19, 1205 North 13th St., Fort Pierce, was arrested March 16 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for robbery.

•Michael Anthony George, 22, 3052 S.E. Wake Road, Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 16 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for giving false information to a pawnbroker.

•Iyad M. Shreiteh, 33, 153 Dorchester St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 16 and charged with two counts of food stamp fraud.

•Alaa Mohammad Shreiteh, 24, 1703 North 17th St., Fort Pierce, was arrested March 16 and charged with two counts of food stamp fraud.

•Charles George Schulte, 49, 1339 S.E. Ninth Ave., Hialeah, was arrested March 14 and charged with battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting an officer without violence.

•Jessie Mae Dorsey, 46, 910 North 16th St., Fort Pierce was arrested March 16 and charged with aggravated battery.

•Willie Jerome Murphy, 31, 774 S.W. Claudia Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 18 and charged with third-degree grand theft.

•Danny Lashawn Bouie, 37, 2004 North 51st Court, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 18 and charged with fleeing.

•Heather Sharnell Thomas, 24, 1161 Northwest 65th St., Miami, was arrested March 20 and charged with failure to appear in court on charges of possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Lorenzo D. Sturry, 39, 2814 Essex Drive, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 20 and charged with possession of cocaine, tampering with evidence, resisting an officer with violence, introduction of contraband into a jail and felony petit theft.

•Robert Ervin Pierson, 24, 7430 Ashley Shores Circle, Lake Worth, was arrested March 20 and charged with failure to appear in court on a charge of third-degree grand theft.

•Joseph Warren Hill, 54, 237 Euclid Ave., Fort Pierce, was arrested March 19 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

•William Lewis Harris, 32, 4606 49th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested March 19 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for sexual activity with a minor.

•Joyce Chavis, 54, 2510 South 10th St., Fort Pierce, was arrested March 19 and charged with felony petit theft.

•Kimberly Diane Wise, 31, 510 S.E. Cliff Road, Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 19 and charged with failure to appear in court on charges of third-degree grand theft and being a habitual traffic offender.

•Ryan Lee David Geleynse, 29, 9561 S. Trace Road, Milton, was arrested March 9 and charged with failure to appear in court on a charge of failure to return leased property.

•Deatrick Wilburn, 38, 3101 Avenue G, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 9 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for making a deposit with intent to defraud, uttering a forged instrument and third-degree grand theft.

•Terrell Wilson, 18, 7903 Wintergarden Parkway, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 19 and charged with two counts of aggravated assault.

•Torrey Demetrius White, 22, 112 Rockland Court, Apt. 112, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 19 and charged with sale/delivery of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school and possession of cocaine.

•Samuel Jacob Long, 24, 1525 S.E. Pitcher Road, Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 19 and charged with two counts of uttering a forged instrument and third-degree grand theft.

•Lisa Marie Lamarre, 37, 5669 Spanish River Road, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 20 and charged with felony battery.

•Torrey Franklyn Storr, 25, 950 Spring Circle, Unit 208, Deerfield Beach, was arrested March 20 and charged with fleeing and possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana.

•Matthew Mark McNamee, 27, 2541 S.W. Grotto Circle, Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 20 and charged with possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

•Khristina M. Hood, 26, 2091 S.E. Tiffany Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 20 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for battery on an elderly person.

•Ullessia Nicole Bryant, 29, 6106 Lasalle St., Apt. B, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 20 and charged with being a habitual traffic offender and failure to register a vehicle.

•Joseph Keith Cruse, 51, 5516 57th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested March 20 and charged with grand theft of a vehicle.

•Rebecca Ruth Cruse, 48, 5516 57th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested March 20 and charged with grand theft of a vehicle.

•Jonathan Scott Plotnick, 45, 713 S.E. Chaloupe Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 20 and charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle.

•Blake Allen Snyder, 19, 253 N.W. Floresta, Port St. Lucie,

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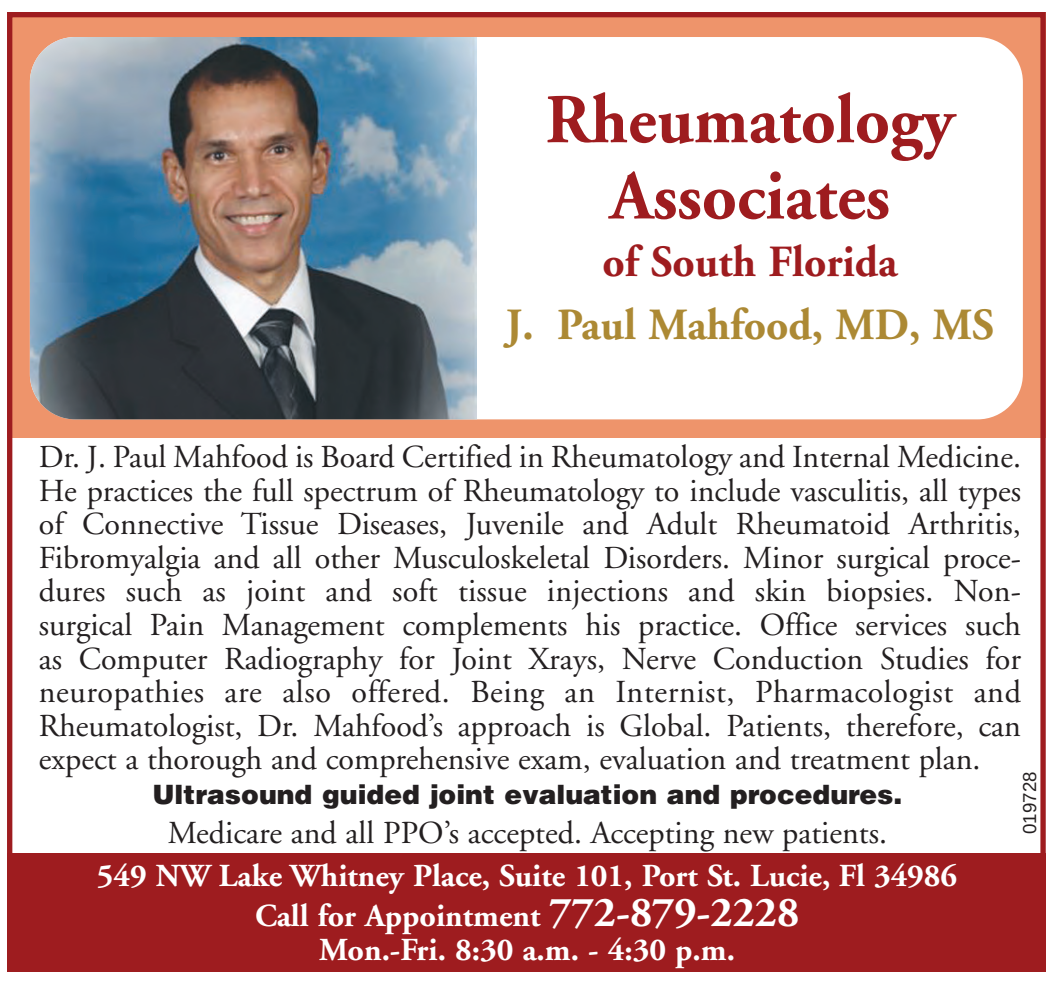

VIEWPOINT

Site can answer all your movie questions

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Have you ever watched a movie and wondered where you saw a particular actor before or wanted to know who is in a new movie?

Before the Internet, you really didn't have many options to satisfy your curiosity except either the library or a trip to the video store. Now with high-speed Internet connections, it's easy to satisfy your cinematic curiosities.

Fire up your web browser and enter *www.imdb.com* into the address bar. IMDB (Internet Movie Database) has it all, including information, photos and plot synopses for movies and TV shows.

Started in 1990 by Col Needham as a text-base database on the Usenet newsgroup *rec.arts.movies* (an early message board), IMDB has been collecting movie data with the mission to "provide useful and up to date movie information freely available online across as many platforms as possible."

In 1994, they transitioned the database into the website *IMDB.com*, and in 1998, they were bought by Jeff Bezos of *Amazon.com*.

Often mergers can be harmful to a project such as this, but that was not to be the case with the Amazon purchase. Jeff Bezos told the people behind IMDB to keep doing what they were doing, only now they had the financial backing to keep up with the steady growth. The merger helps Amazon sell DVDs and merchandise with banner ads and links to Amazon, but the core mission of the website remains true.

Recent innovations include mobile apps and links to Amazon's movie streaming service. You can download the free IMDB app to your iPhone (or Droid, etc.) and have the database at your fingertips. If you see something you like, it's not hard to click over to Amazon and watch clips and movies on your device.

With a database of more than 1,600,000 titles and more than 3,500,000 names, IMDB has grown into the largest repository of movie information in the world.

Let me give an example of how this website is changing the way we watch movies. The other night, my family and I were watching the Disney movie "The Sorcerer's Apprentice." A short way into the movie, a discussion began brewing about one of the actors: "Boy, that guy looks like Cuba Gooding Jr." The guy did look like the actor but a little young, and I didn't think it was him.

Rather than let this debate grow into an argument, I opened up my laptop, went to *imdb.com* and entered the title into the search bar. Within seconds, I was looking at the cast list, and it didn't take long to find the actor in question. It turned out that the actor wasn't Cuba Gooding Jr. but Omar Benson Miller, which settled the debate.

If you love movies and haven't discovered IMDB yet, take a look. You'll be glad you did.

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Swinging at The Taste

Jessica Barnett and Philip Worley, both of St. Lucie County, put on a show of swing dance during the annual Taste of St. Lucie in downtown Fort Pierce Wednesday, March 21.

Mitch Kloorfain
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Summertime blues

Now that the weather has warmed up a bit, it's time for all us loony-left liberals and aging hippies to dust off our tents and sleeping-bags, grab our protest signs, crawl out of our parent's basements (or wherever else we've been freeloading for the past six months) and get back to work. It's time to Occupy Wall Street again.

Naturally, we'll want to bring along some contraceptives this time; for those "special" moments in between trashing public property and defecating on police cars. You can never be too careful.

And for all you college students who think you just can't afford protection. It's all covered under Obamacare, along with condoms, Viagra and all the abortion pills you can swallow. Just ask Sandra Fluke. I'm sure you can find her at your local DNC headquarters, Gloria Allred's Manhattan law office or perhaps under the nearest lamp post.

Hey, we all gotta make a living somehow, even if we have no idea of what we really want or what we're talking about.

But seriously, folks, we are the 99 percent! Even though the top 1 percent pay more in federal income taxes than the bottom 95 percent, while the rest pay nothing at all; and that's not even including illegal im… I mean undocumented workers.

Yeah, that's right, baby, the 99 percent are back! And this time we mean business. You might also want to bring along your rules for radicals and some medical marijuana, just in case. And don't forget the Obama/Biden 2012 bumper stickers; you know, for all those GM Volts that haven't exploded yet.

I know, I know, we're supposed to be equal opportunity trouble-makers and non-partisan but hey, this is an election year. We may be socialists, but we're not stupid. It's gonna be a long hot summer

Muffle the noise

You can't drive a car without a muffler. So how do some motorcycles get away with it? I hear those bikes coming a half mile away and a mile after they pass.

Transportation is a joke

Transportation for seniors or anyone in this town is a joke. If you really want a ride around here, first you have to be at a Publix store, park, behind certain stores and first and foremost in front of the Winn-Dixie Liquor store. He is there almost every day. Why? Who regulates these buses and schedules?

Once, at a county park, a bus driver was there, door open, eating lunch with his girlfriend at a picnic table.

We asked him why the bus was running. He said to keep the bus cold for his next call. Who is running the store?

A big thank you

A big thank you to the maintenance worker who picked up my wallet outside of the Sebastian Community Center! I didn't realize that it had fallen out of the vehicle that I was driving. He took it straight to the Sebastian Police Department. They called me and we picked the wallet up, all intact. I appreciate the honest people of Sebastian.

The road's not all yours

If you check the law within city limits where streets and roads have turns to the left off a road, there is no such thing as a passing lane unless it is an expressway, thruway, interstate, where the left turn does not force a stop.

This is why you see signs on 95 that say passing lane only. Within city limits I do not need to move out of the left lane just so you can break the law by speeding past me. If everyone would move with the flow you would have no problem.

I do agree about the space between cars at a light. By the time you get to the light it changes already, as many of the lights are controlled by pressure pads. Rule of thumb: you should pull up so you can see below their bumper over the hood of your vehicle.

Another factor that irks me is the turn on red. People will not stop at all, just go as if it is green. And on the other side of the issue, you get the person blowing his horn because you stopped for the red light. Turning right on red is optional, it is not mandatory. If you are behind a tractor trailer, school bus or other large commercial vehicle, be prepared to wait, because good drivers usually will not attempt a turn with such a slow and long moving vehicle.

And last but not least, how about those drivers who turn right and immediately go to the left lane and even those turning left going to the right lane on a divided highway?

If you are in the left lane, you should go to the left lane after the turn and the same for the right turn as you should never change lanes within turn. Make the turn and then use your signals (another issue all its own) to change lanes.

Get a grasp on history

Professional educators claim that teaching our youngsters is top priority.

They do not tell you that public education is in free fall. Just 13 percent of high- school seniors who took the National Assessment of Educational Progress, called the Nation's Report Card, had a grasp of American history.

If a nation does not learn from its past, warts and all, it is destined to repeat its mistakes.

Editor's note: *We couldn't find this specific data on NAEP's website. However, to view the results of the 2010 history exam, go to:* http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pubs/main2010/2011468.asp

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George and Judy Cruz with Olivia Watkins and Joe Wallace at the annual Taste of St. Lucie in downtown Fort Pierce Wednesday, March 21. The annual event benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County.

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James Dozier and Veronica Tempone at the annual Taste of St. Lucie in downtown Fort Pierce Wednesday, March 21.

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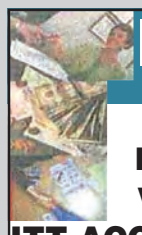
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SKIN ALLERGIES

by Patrick Kelly, DVM

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One of the most common presenting complaints I see at my veterinary practice is scratching and itchy dogs. There are many causes (etiologies) that cause itchiness in a dog and we address all of them on a daily basis with our clients.

When a pet is exposed to an allergen (irritant) the immune system produces antibodies against the allergen because it recognizes it as foreign. Those antibodies release histamine, which in turn causes itchiness (pruritus). There are many causes of skin allergies and each tends to cause distinctive clinical signs. We veterinarians use these signs to help us determine what the offending cause is and what treatment plan best suited for the patient.

•Inhalent allergies or atopy are the most common type of skin allegies. We are just coming out of the worst time of year for atopic dermatitis. The ubiquitous yellow pine pollen can be seen on the hoods of our cars, our driveways and in our pools. February and March are the pine pollen months and it is by far the worst time of year for my allergic patients. Dogs that have inhalant allergies tend to be very itchy all over, they chew at their feet and oftentimes have concurrent ear infections. The incessant scratching abrades the skin and secondary staph infections develop, which causes the dog to scratch even more.

•Food allergies are generally more commonly seen in young dogs, but can be a factor in dogs of all ages. The dog will often have hair loss (alopecia) around the perineal area around the rectum and on the backs of the legs.

•Flea bite allergies. I am starting to see more cases of flea bite allergies. The poor economy is forcing people to cut corners and flea control is one of them. The classic skin pattern for flea bite dermatitis is hair loss, and scabs around the tail base area.

•Contact allergies. Dogs that chew at their feet and are relatively normal everywhere else, are most likely allergic to grass. This can also be caused by contact to throw rugs, pillows etc, that may have been washed in a detergent the pet might be allergic to.

A good physical exam and a thorough history will help ensure that a correct diagnosis is made and a proper therapeutic plan is instituted. Diagnostic tools we use are skin scrapings, fungal cultures, allergy testing, food elimination trials, and response or lack of to empirical treatment.

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Business

Making vacations a vocation

By Jessica Tuggle
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Steve Gelfuso

TREASURE COAST — For many people, the phrase, "cruise liner," evokes images of an enormous ship surrounded by blue ocean, the smell of saltwater and sunscreen and lazy days eating oodles of food. But for some, cruises mean bringing home the bacon.

Steve Gelfuso is president of Cruise Brothers, one of the largest family owned cruise agencies in the country. With more than 35 years of experience as a cruise broker, Mr. Gelfuso is a firm believer in people taking their passion for travel and turning it into a career opportunity.

He is currently looking for entrepreneurial-minded people to become Crusing Free! associate agents or home-based travel agents with his company.

Agents can sell cruises and land travel vacations from home on a full- or part-time basis and can themselves travel for free or at discounted rates, Mr. Gelfuso said.

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Selling vacation travel includes having to market and advertise the business and available travel options, using industry tools to find the right vacation for each client, booking the vacation and monitoring it for any issues.

Job training, both online and in person, are offered for those coming onboard the business and for those who wish to improve on their skills, Mr. Gelfuso said.

A fully-equipped website is also given to agents to maintain their business.

Agents earn commission on vacation products sold and often have the opportunity to experience the product for themselves. The agents are treated as independent contractors and are issued 1099s at the close of the year for tax purposes.

Some people have worked hard at careers during their most productive years and are looking for a change when they get older, but they don't want to sit around doing nothing, Mr. Gelfuso said.

"This is a job that has fun perks and people love it," he said.

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Blotter

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and was given a business card with the name "Clean and Green Auto Detailing."

The woman allowed the man to take the car to detail it while she worked.

When later that day the car had not been returned, the woman called the detailer several times. He kept promising to return it.

Eventually, she couldn't' reach him at all.

The Jan. 27 report requested a warrant be issued for the detailer. He was arrested last week.

However, it did not say whether the woman got her car returned.

Perhaps, the name of the business should have been "Clean and Green Auto Theft."

Police

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was arrested March 20 and charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and credit card fraud.

•James Paul Ashbrook, 36, 3109 Sunrise Blvd., Fort Pierce, was arrested March 20 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for burglary of a conveyance and third-degree grand theft.

•Darrell E. Parker, 53, 220 North U.S. 1, Unit 3, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 20 and charged with possession of a cocaine, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Derrick Maurice Davis, 31, 8010 N. Knob Hill Road, Fort Lauderdale, was arrested March 20 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for manslaughter.

•Dontavious Demetrius Taylor, 22, 2700 Wild Wood Lane, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 20 and charged with shooting or throwing a deadly missile at or within a vehicle.

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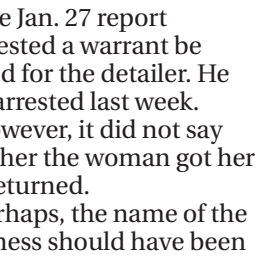
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Police

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•Brian Gordon, 33, 3202 Louisiana Ave., Unit B, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 20 and charged with possession of cocaine.

•George Nascimento Magalhaes, aka Brazil, 39, 3265 South U.S. 1, Lot 28, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 20 and charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and third-degree grand theft.

•Larry Scott Estes, 25, 8402 Fort Walton Ave., Fort Pierce, was arrested March 20 and charged with child abuse.

•Dominico John Martorana, 35, 1301 S.E. Sandia Drive, Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 20 and charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

•Stevhen Devon Johnson, 35, 805 24th Place Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested March 21 and charged with fleeing, trafficking cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•John Skip Vasconcellos, 41, 818 S. Main, Independence, Mo., was arrested March 21 and charged with resisting an officer with violence.

•Lonniell Tavoris Jennings, 31, 805 24th Place S.W. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested March 21 and charged with trafficking cocaine and tampering with evidence.

•Matthew Benjamin Fox, 30, 7777 Pine Lakes Blvd., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 21 and charged with third-degree grand theft.

•Laureth May, 29, 228 Plum St., Aurora, Ill., was arrested March 21 and charged with being a fugitive from Illinois on a charge of criminal sexual assault.

•Kenneth Scott Ayre, 48, 1124 Hernando St., Apt. A, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 21 and charged with two counts of obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.

•Lamarcus Bernard Robinson, 38, 20003 Hugo Road, Fort Pierce, was arrested March 21 and charged with three counts of sale/delivery of oxycodone and three counts of unlawfully filling a prescription.

•Ralph McPhee, 29, 210 North 22nd St., Fort Pierce, was arrested March 21 and charged with burglary of a structure, third-degree grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

•Alexander Jamal Hawkins, 24, 314 Husted St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested March 21 and charged with battery on a law enforcement officer.

Florida Highway Patrol

•Francisco Arturo De Quesada, 25, 20620 Gulfstream Road, Miami, was arrested March 21 and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver and possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana.

•Sean Christopher Borden, 29, 47 Lake Drive, Debary, was arrested March 21 and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver and possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana.

Court

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must be delayed to the next court hearing, he said.

Everyone is expected to be prepared should reunification be appropriate the day of that court hearing, Judge Schack said.

Another expectation is that children have a right to attend the hearing, Judge Schack said.

The expectation is that arrangements will be made so children attend, he added.

Older children can participate, he said.

Judge Schack said younger children will sometimes draw while court is in session.

Judge Schack said it is helpful to him to see the condition of the child.

In cases where the parents are in jail, if possible, they will be able to sit with the child during the court hearing, he said.

Judge Schack said the completion of the repairs and remodeling to the former clerk of courts building allowed him to bring the model court to St. Lucie County.

The Seventh Street facility, where dependency court was held previously wasn't suitable because of space and configuration, he said.

The movement to develop the model court has been ongoing since the middle of 2010 and has included a statewide dependency court summit state that year.

Judge Schack said he began the model court in Okeechobee County in October 2010.

To educate people involved in the 19th Judicial District, two seminars have been held since then, he said.

They have involved former foster children who talked about their experiences and various experts in the field, Judge Schack said.

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Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 5th
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Friday, April 6th
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10:00AM Holy Eucharist
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Maundy Thursday, April 5th
7:00PM Holy Eucharist: Rite II & Foot Washing
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Obituaries

Percival English

Percival English, 80, of Port St. Lucie, died March 11, 2012.

He was born in Jamaica and lived in Port St. Lucie since 1984.

He was a member of Mustard Seed Ministries and was one of the founders of the Caribbean, American Cultural Group.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marjorie; two daughters, Patrice and Karron; a son, Paul; a sister, Cynthia; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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

Sandra R. Foltz

Sandra R. Foltz, 74, of Port St. Lucie, died March 18, 2012.

She was born in Clarksburg, W.Va., and moved to Port St. Lucie in 1987.

She was a member of Christ Family International Church.

She served in the U.S. Navy.

She is survived by two sons, Christopher and Adrian; a daughter, Shannon; two brothers Melvin and Harry; three sisters, Dorothy, Terry and Luanne and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years Ronald; a son, Ronald; two brothers, Thomas and Laverne and two sisters, Darlene and Ella Jean.

Arrangements by Yates funeral Home.

Angeline Yesensky

Angeline Yesensky, 101, died March 18, 2012.

She was born in Elrama, Pa., and moved to Port St. Lucie in 2010.

She was a nurse 25.

She was of the Catholic faith.

She is survived by two sons, William and James; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Haisley Funeral Home.

Robert Paul Ledbetter Jr.

Robert Paul Ledbetter Jr., 67, of Port St. Lucie, died March 18, 2012.

He was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., and moved to Port St. Lucie in 1987.

He was a deputy for the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam war.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sharon; a daughter, Michelle; two sons, David and Robert; a daughter-in-law, Elizabeth; three brothers, Bill, Ted and Les; a sister, Ruby; four granddaughters, Lauren, Amanda, Meghan and Autum and a grandson, Raymond.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Barbara.

Arrangements by Haisley Funeral & Cremation Service.

Joan Carol Barton

Joan Carol Barton, 79, of Port St. Lucie, died March 2, 2012.

She was born in Neptune, N.J., and lived in Port St. Lucie for 26 years.

She is survived by a son, Richard; a sister, Phyllis and two grandchildren.

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SPIRIT GUIDE
JAMES TUCKER

Lately, there has been a lot of conversation about "positive thinking." There is a great book by Bob Frissell, "You are a Spiritual Being Having A Human Experience."

The theme of the book is similar to "The Spirit Guide philosophy" and the popular book and movie, "The Secret."

If there is a common thread that ties positive universal thinking together it has to be "faith."

Lack of faith creates fear, doubt and indecision.

When we learn to live and stay in faith, the universe will bring the right people into our lives. Our luck increases and we attract the right work, companions and experiences.

The soul of every human is like a magnet. The supreme law of the universe is "like attracts like."

What goes around comes back around multiplied. It's all about energy and the way we use it. Energy moves in waves. We see that in the waves and ripples in the ocean.

In the electric universe, there are radio waves, television, ultra violet, infrared, microwaves and many other kinds that transmit energy.

Humans have the capability of using thought waves, along with waves of desire and passion to attract the physical manifestation of the thing desired.

We can't ride two horses at the same time.

The same thing is true about something we want. If we let fear or doubt take over our faith, then fear wins and positive desire is choked out.

Faith is the end result of three other divine principles when we allow them to work for and through us.

Surrender to a higher power: The first is to surrender to our higher power. When we let compulsive behavior, addictions or negative people take control of our lives we become powerless over the negativity.

Restore your faith in the possibility of a better life and the universe will begin to create divine connections.

Surrender creates patience: Do you have patience? When you plant a seed in the garden, you water it, cover it up, surrender it to the energy and soil and wait. You don't go out every day and dig it up to see if it's growing. This impatience would kill it.

Surrender and patience creates trust: We are supposed to be children of the universe.

When we do our work, the universe will do its work. The issue of lack of trust with others starts because we lack trust in the higher power. We think we have to will everything into being.

We don't.

When we trust the universe first, our trust issues with others begin to improve. Like attracts like.

Trust in the power of creation creates faith: Stay in faith and the right doors will begin to open. And when one doesn't open, it means the spirit world has a better one waiting for you. This is where surrender, patience and trust enter in, and faith takes over and brings a higher blessing.

It also keeps us from being involved with negative or controlling people. The universe is smarter than we are.

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Registered nurse Alison Galloway, Beth McNees, director of nursing and Kathy Morris, clinical manager, stand in front of the nurses station at the new pediatric intensive care unit at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute.

New space for youngest patients

By Dawn Krebs
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — Surrounded with gentle colors and soft sounds, the children residing as patients at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute are enjoying the latest remodeling the hospital has done for its youngest patients.

The hospital recently added a pediatric intensive care unit to the hospital, enabling it to provide critical care to patients 18 and younger.

"We have been working in this direction for a long time," said Beth McNees, director of nursing for medical and surgical services.

The new space took about six months to complete, and the 5,000-square-foot unit now features six beds, with an additional 16-bed pediatric unit.

"This enables the child as they get better, to move into a more child-friendly environment," she said.

Each room of the intensive care unit contains slightly smaller beds, made to make a child feel more comfortable. The rooms also contain a large couch that folds out for a relative to be able to stay, and medical equipment that is concealed behind cabinet doors so not to scare the child.

"There are approximately 12 registered nurses, all with pediatric intensive care experience that work, in addition to eight pediatric physicians," Ms. McNees said.

The hospital even has a pediatric-friendly emergency room to help make children feel more at ease.

One of the big advantages of having the new intensive care unit is that local families do not have to drive long distances for care.

"Children with chronic illness used to have to travel out of town," she said. "It means a lot to the families to be able to stay in the area."

Also, the hospital can now take pediatric intensive care patients from other counties, such as Indian River and Okeechobee.

The floor also offers extra security, with its own security staff, along with other personal safeguards for the children.

"We're very careful about how we protect the children," she said.

The next step for the children's part of the hospital is a remodel of the nursery area, expected to start soon.

Spirit

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divine connections, we see things on the surface. The universe sees in our hearts. We become like those we associate with.

A healthy mind is patient. A healthy heart knows trust. A healthy soul has faith.

Surrender creates the desired results.

Keeping the faith

Faith will put you in the right place at the right time and connect you with the right people.

Are you doing what you truly love in life?

Whenever we feel struggle, pain, hardship or our heart isn't in our work, this is the universe telling us to stop. We aren't supposed to struggle. There is a better way.

A seed of greatness lives in your heart right now yearning to be set free.

The most important thing you will ever do in this life is to go inside, find your true purpose and destiny, bring it out and set it free.

No one can enslave you unless you let fear rob you of your happiness.

The end result of living in faith is the unconditional love that begins to fill your heart.

You stop the war between the head and heart, and peace comes over you. Stress begins to be replaced with balance. Your finances increase. Fear has now been replaced with faith.

You have now found respect, love, honor, dignity, nobility and true and lasting happiness.

— James Tucker

Manager

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officially take over running the city.

"We have a lot of things coming up, and it's important for the fluidity of our organization to make sure we have a city manager in place," Councilwoman Martin said. "Mr. Oravec has displayed great leadership ability and has a passion and a vision for the city."

Councilman Jack Kelly seconded the motion, adding that he has worked with Mr. Oravec for the last 10 years.

"He's impressed me," Councilman Kelly said. "He gets better and better every year."

Mayor Faiella liked that Mr. Oravec "isn't a 'yes' man."

"You may not like what he has to say, be he's going to tell you what has to be done, and that impresses me," she said.

Oravec

The vote was unanimous, and Mr. Oravec assured them negotiating a contract would be a quick thing.

"I'm honored and excited," he said.

He stated he didn't want the raise the job title would have given him.

"I don't want any compensation until we've gone through these tough times and I can recommend a raise for all of our hard- working men and women."

He also requested his performance be evaluated every six months.

"I want to always stay attuned to the council's perception of my performance," he said. "It's very important to me."

As he verbally accepted the position, he said, "I promise you that no one will work harder than me, no one will care more and no on will be more accountable."

The first task the council then charged him with was to hire an assistant city manager.

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THROUGH SATURDAY, MARCH 31

• **Martin County High School Fine Arts students are presenting 'The Phantom of the Opera:'** Due to a recent fire, the performance will be held at Jensen Beach High School Performing Arts Center, 2375 N.W. Goldenrod Road, Jensen Beach. Performance dates will be March 23, 24, 30 & 31 at 7 p.m. and March 25 and 31 at 2 p.m. Tickets cost $15 for adults and $10 for students and senior citizens. *For ticket reservations call (772) 219-1800, Ext. 282 or email* eckhark@martin.k12.fl.us.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

• **African safari necklace workshop:** Beads and Baubles is hosting special guest teacher, Wendy Ellsworth, who will present an African safari necklace workshop. The internationally known bead artist is supporting Kenyan missions with her beadwork. The event runs from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The shop is located at 203 N. Second St., Fort Pierce. *For more information, call (772) 468-0207.*

• The **Council on Aging of Martin County will host an entertaining evening of "who done it" fun** when Keys Productions presents "A Jazz Speakeasy Musical Murder Mystery" at the Charles and Rae Kane Center at 900 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with show time at 7 p.m. Cost is $25 for Kane members, $30 for non-members. A cash bar will be available. *Reserve a space online at* www.kanecenter.org, *or by calling (772) 223-7800.*

• **"Ask the Doctor,"** from noon-1:30 p.m. at Rosalind's Uptown Fitness Studio in Harbour Bay Plaza, Sewall's Point. Melissa Spina of Ocean Chiropractic and Health of Stuart will present a free monthly program, lunch and learn. Admission is free but reservations are requested. A light lunch and beverages will be served. Chef Apinya of 7

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The committee for the Fort Pierce Oyster Festival invites everyone to come down to Riverwalk in downtown Fort Pierce to enjoy oysters, listen to music and enjoy the educational exhibits and marine items. The shells collected that day from the festival will go toward the oyster reef restoration project.

Photo courtesy of April Price

Oysterfest to feature food, fun, education

By Dawn Krebs
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — A local nonprofit is organizing an event to show area residents that oysters grown in the Indian River are not only great to eat, but great for the environment, too.

The Fort Pierce Oyster Festival will take place on April 7 in downtown Fort Pierce along the River Walk.

"The idea originally came from Dean Kubitschek, the Fort Pierce city marina manager, Renee Page, the director of marketing at the Sunrise Theatre, Lisa Mowers, the director of marketing for Riteway Hospitality Linen Services and myself," said April Price, coordinator of the event, and executive director for the Sea-Life Habitat Improvement Project.

"We were looking to create a hometown festival that celebrates our waterfront and marine environment, and is a true representation of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County."

The festival will feature lots of oysters, music and family fun. But just as important, it will also highlight the oyster reef restoration project that is currently underway in the county.

The project first began in 2005 as an offshoot of the St. Lucie County artificial reef program, which consists of building oyster reefs using oysters shells originally collected from the Indian River.

"Our oyster restoration projects in St. Lucie County have been very successful and the majority of the shells are being collected from area restaurants," said Mr. Kubitschek. "The shells from the oysters eaten at the festival will be collected to be used for both the project and the new islands being constructed for the marina. Patrons get to eat the oysters and the lagoon gets the shells."

So far, the shells have been used to build an oyster reef near the Black Pearl boat ramp in June 2011, and another by Riverside Marina in February. This month, a reef is being built near Citrus Avenue.

The all-day festival will include boat tours into the Indian River Lagoon to show residents the scope of the project.

There will also be a nautical flea market held by the Treasure Coast Sailing Foundation and an arts and crafts area.

For children, the Manatee Center is having an oyster egg hunt at 11 a.m. Coloring books will also be available.

Also at the center, the second annual great coconut float will take place at 1:30 p.m. This popular activity has residents purchasing coconuts, which then "race" down a track to the finish line.

Stations will be set up to educate residents on boating safety, marine ecology, and there will be sailing and nautical knot-tying demonstrations.

Sunrise Theatre is sponsoring a pearl scavenger hunt, where residents will be given a list of vendors to visit to collect stamps. Completed cards will be turned in for chances to win theater tickets for upcoming shows.

Live music will take place throughout the day

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Annual volleyball tournament to raise money for charity

For Hometown News
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PORT ST. LUCIE — The St. Lucie Draft House will host its fifth annual charity volleyball tournament to benefit juvenile diabetes on April 1 at Sandhill Crane Park in Port St. Lucie.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the tournament begins at 10 a.m.

There is a $30 donation per person to play and it's $20 per person to watch.

There will be a party at the park immediately following the event that will include food, beverages and a 50/50 raffle.

For more information, call (772) 460-2338.

STAR SCOPES

James Tucker
Week of 3-30-2012

Aries-March 21-April 19
You are well known for daring to dream big dreams and then being bold enough to act on and create them. Why? Not only is it your time of the year, but you climb up the higher slopes of life because of your lofty thinking, strength and courage. You are able to survey all things around you and then pick and choose the ones you love the best. This is one of the main reasons why you are such a great leader.

Taurus-April 20-May 20
Your motivation is fueled by the desires living in your heart for a better life. No one is more hard working and determined than Taurus. When you set your plans into motion you are capable of performing miracles. Why? Because you never quit or give up until you victory is assured. You are an inspiration to others even if they don't always tell you.

Gemini-May 21-June 21
Working the divine plan living in your soul continues to bring you mastery over life. You know how to communicate and manifest in that order. The funny thing is that physical rewards don't bring you as much satisfaction nowadays as much as the spiritual. These are respect, love, honor and human dignity. Living a quality life is more important to you now than quantity. You are creating an awesome life.

Cancer-June 22-July 22
Don't fret over life's recent struggles. This is just life's ebb and flow. The secret to balance is to work harder when things are flowing and increasing. Then hold back when they are ebbing. Being in the flow of monthly cycles of energy is just as important as finding daily balance. Follow your heart, trust your instincts and use the natural

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as residents enjoy a variety of entertainment.

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The Fort Pierce Oyster Festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. along the River Walk in downtown Fort Pierce. Admission is free. Parking will be at Fisherman's Wharf Marine. For more information, call (772) 285-1646 or go to www.ftpierceoysterfestival.com.

Tickets available for dance to benefit veterans

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PORT ST. LUCIE — Tickets are available for the mayor's veterans dance on April 20 that will benefit a group of Port St. Lucie World War II veterans who will be flown to a special ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Mayor JoAnn Faiella organized the event with the United Veterans Honor Flights organization as part of an ongoing effort to raise funds to fly the veterans and their escorts to see the World War II Memorial in the nation's capital.

The Solid Gold Dance Band will perform at the fundraiser, which will be held at the Community Center on Airoso Boulevard, across from city hall. A buffet spaghetti dinner from Bravo Supermarkets and Catering will be served, and a cash bar will open at 7 p.m. Business attire is suggested.

Several items will be raffled at the event, including electronics, gas and Publix gift cards and dinner for two at Club Med. Raffle tickets cost $5. Tickets to the event are $30 per person.

"All the fundraising efforts associated with the Honor Flights program are intended to let local veterans know how much Port St. Lucie residents appreciate their sacrifice," said Mayor Faiella.

"We want to make sure they know we care."

Tickets can be purchased at the community center or in the city council office. They cannot be refunded after purchase.

Other fundraising events include a boot drive by St. Lucie County firefighters, a meet and greet with the New York Mets and a dedicated booth at a Mets game.

A golf outing at Club Med is set for this Saturday and a special poker run is set for the civic center on Sunday.

For more information about the dance or any of the events or to buy tickets, call (772) 871-5159.

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Scopes

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rhythms of life to enhance and bring you your well-earned and deserved good.

Leo-July 23-Aug. 22
Measure the quality of your life by the joy you feel in your heart. You were born to rule by being of service to others. You are at your best when you are able to help someone else find the answer to their life challenge. Everyone gains strength from your light and presence. It keeps your family bonds strong. It gives you much personal power in the workplace. You are a well- loved and trusted friend. The universe wants to highly reward you for all this goodness.

Virgo-Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Keep your heart open and listen to your inner guidance. The wisdom that comes up is the greatest truth you can have on earth. Have faith in it, learn to trust it, surrender and wait. Before long, the right ideas begin to pop into the mind from this deep well within. When you act on these divine impulses before the head gets in the way, you will see great, unexpected gain materializing right in front of your eyes.

Libra-Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Find joy and good cheer in the little things. Laugh a lot. Hang around with positive-minded people who let you be yourself. Tell someone a joke and make her laugh. Poke a little good-natured fun at yourself. Others love to laugh at our foibles. It's a good part of being healthy and human. It keeps our self-righteousness and ego in check when we poke a little fun at ourselves. Make someone else laugh and it cheers you up. True happiness in life is just that simple.

Scorpio-Oct. 23-Nov. 21
When you arise each day, take stock of your many blessings and express gratitude. Then know that more positive good is on the way to add to this. This attitude of positive expectancy then rubs off on others and causes them to want to help you get what you want. Then be generous and share your new blessings. This is a wonderful way to live and keeps you on the cutting edge of many new and adventures.

Sagittarius-Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You function best when you feel inspired. Here is one to affirm every day. "The universe is my source of life. Each day begins anew. My job is to share and honor it to many or to few. I ask for wisdom, love and courage with each new passing day. Let me help someone with a greater burden somewhere along the way. In the giving I receive back multiplied. With this possibility my life is justified. Mine is a great life and I am thankful."

Capricorn-Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Ask the universe for new direction and be open to new ideas when they come. Feel yourself in perfect health, surrounded by happy people, with all your needs being met right now. Allow yourself to receive back for all the good you have given to others. The safety, peace and joy of this, fills you with a youthful inner glow and gives a sense that all is well. This plan raises your spirits and keeps you going no matter what else is happening in the world.

Aquarius-Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Your sense of justice is legion. No matter what is going on around you, you always know how to do the right thing. Continue to expect the unexpected. Create new causes. Push forward. It's springtime. Plant new seeds and expect positive results. Your dynamic leadership continually goes out to others like a light, and gives hope to those in need.

Pisces-Feb. 19-March 20
Mighty forces are at work right now. Now is the time to rejuvenate yourself. New energy, enthusiasm and hope are abundant. Regroup often and stay focused on the edge of your own possibilities and passions. A psyched up and happy Pisces is a mighty force to be reckoned with in this old world.

Have a starry week, everyone.

— James Tucker

Ocean day to be held at museum

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — Everyone is invited to join the global celebration of World Ocean Day with the Smithsonian Marine Ecosystems Exhibit on June 9 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The event will include learning stations, crafts, face painting, seining demonstrations in the Indian River Lagoon and other activities all centered around the earth's marine resources.

The first 100 children 12 and under will receive a free gift bag filled with educational materials.

Seining demonstrations will be offered every hour on the hour from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The demonstrations will give families the opportunity to get their feet wet in the Indian River Lagoon by collecting animals, including crabs, pipefish, sea slugs and more, in the same manner as Smithsonian researchers and aquarists.

Participants wishing to enter the water must wear protective footwear, such as water shoes or old sneakers, to participate in seining demonstrations and children under 16 must

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Orchids Restaurant in Stuart will provide healthy snacks. Rosalind's Uptown Fitness Studio is at 3718 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Sewalls Point. *RSVP at* www.letslunchandlearn.com, *call (772) 219-0222 or email* rosalindsfitnessstudios@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30-SUNDAY, APRIL 1

• **Second annual Marine and Environmental juried art show**, organized by Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center. Artists focus on marine or environmental art of any medium. Pre-show on Friday, March 30 for Florida Oceanographic members and guests. Show open to public on March 31 and April 1. *For more information, call (772) 225-0505, Ext. 104.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

• **Annual St. Luke's fashion show luncheon and raffle:** Fashions for all ages and includes music, lunch, dessert table, coffee and tea and a full cash bar. Appetizers will be available while attendees mingle and look at the gift baskets that will be available for raffle, silent auction items and door prizes. Proceeds will be donated to local community outreach projects and individual scholarships awarded to youths seeking higher education assistance. The event will take place from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost is $35 and will take place at Miles Grant County Club House, 5101 S.E. Miles Grant Road, (east end of Cove Road), in Stuart. *For advance tickets, call (772) 219-7350.*

• **Second annual Bonsai Ball at Heathcoate Botanical Gardens:** Food by The Mellon Patch, music by Yausko Richards and members of the Jazz Society, the Fushu Daiko Taiko Drummers, a performance by the Vero Beach Karate Association, and live and silent auctions, including donations such as a Jade bonsai tree by James J. Smith, a seven-night Caribbean cruise on the Celebrity Eclipse, the celebrity dessert of the month by

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Kenny Ball of Port St. Lucie makes quick work of a plate of wings during the wing-eating contest at WingFest at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center Saturday, March 24. 'I won because I am fat and I like to eat' said Mr. Ball.

Mitch Kloorfain
Chief photographer

Out

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Sydney Liebman, and many other special items. Be sure to visit the Asian village auction and select a mystery box for purchase. The Bonsai Ball dragon will make an appearance during cocktail hour. Tickets are $100 per person or $750 for a table of eight. *For more information contact Heathcote Botanical Gardens at (772) 464-4672.*

• **"Center Stage: A Night of Entertainment."** This inaugural event, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., will be held at the Flagler Center in downtown Stuart and benefit Whole Child Connection. The event will include cocktails, a silent auction and music, dance,

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Program inspires children to read

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — "Slide into Reading," a program that is the product of a partnership between the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County and the St. Lucie Mets Minor League baseball team is helping children love reading.

"Slide into Reading" helps foster a child's love of reading by tracking the number of books they have read with a special bookmark.

Once the students, ages kindergarten to eighth grade, have completed the "bases" on their bookmarks, they can earn two free tickets to any St. Lucie Mets home game.

When the "Slide into Reading" program began in 2009, 500 local students participated. Just two years later in 2011 the program had more than 22,000 participants, proving just how worthwhile these partnerships can be for the community and children.

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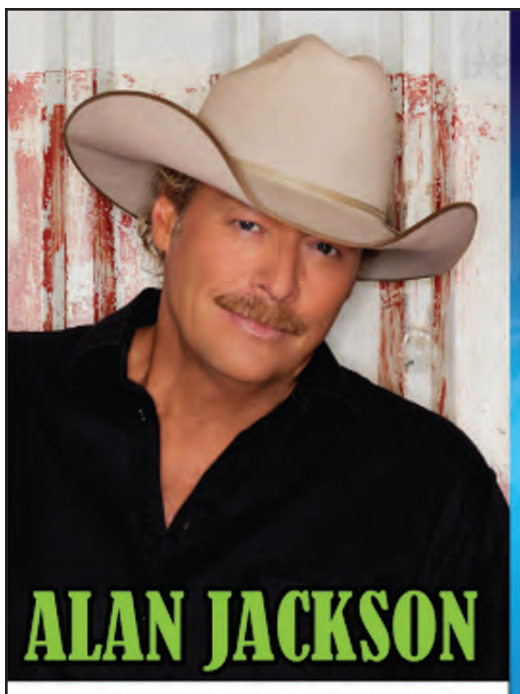
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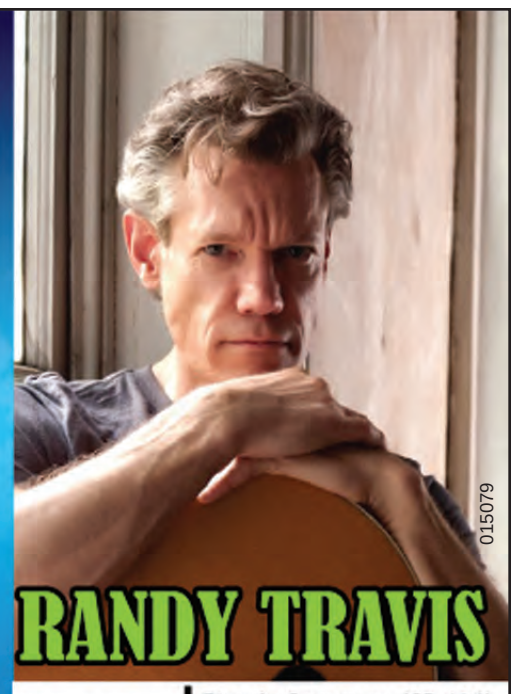
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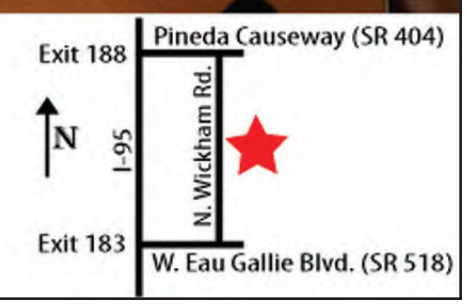

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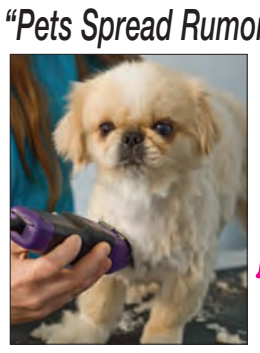
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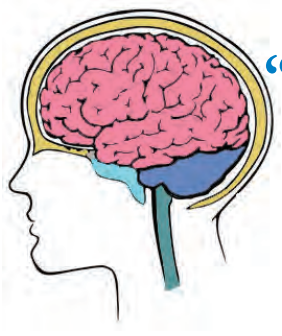
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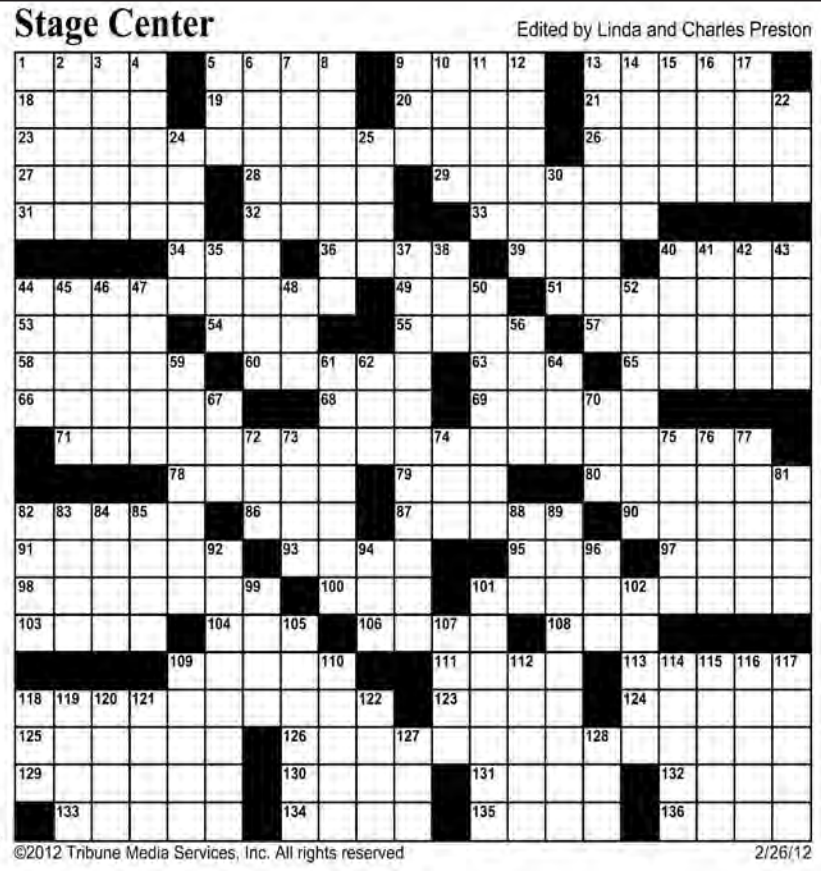

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Better grips mean better game

GOLF
JAMES STAMMER

In golf, proper grips are a necessity. We depend on grips to control the club and transmit to the ball where to go. We also depend on grips to tell us how well we struck the ball.

Today's grip market is huge. When I was a kid, grips were either black or "victory" green. Grips now come in many colors, weights, sizes and compounds.

The proper grip size will allow your hands to work better with your club. Something too large will prevent you from releasing the club properly, robbing you of power and distance. A grip that's too small may speed up your hands, causing you to hook the ball dramatically.

Golf Pride (*www.golfpride.com*) is still the mainstay among professionals and amateurs alike. The New Decade and Tour Velvet lines are quite popular. They feature versions with chord in them for extra grip when things get wet, a few different colors to fit your personality and even different firmnesses to match the "feel" you prefer.

With all of the interchangeable clubs on the market, you have to be careful not to use a "ribbed" grip. Otherwise, when you move that shaft to a different setting, your grip is lined up incorrectly. The Tour Velvet line is designed with that in mind.

Lamkin (*www.lamkingrips.com*) has been around since 1925. This company has seen its share of technological breakthroughs. The new 3GEN technology features dampening that is more than seven times that of rubber. It also doesn't absorb moisture and stays soft and tacky.

The result is a grip that protects golfers' arms and hands from the jarring shockwaves created at impact. 3GEN also is a form of synthetic rubber that has much lower torque than the polyurethane grips, meaning golfers don't feel the grip twisting or sliding around the shaft during the swing.

The new R.E.L. 3GEN line comes in 11 different colors and several sizes.

NO1-Grip (*www.no1grip.com*) is one of the most popular grips from the Asian market. Engineers have designed a high performance grip thinking along the same lines as those building a racecar. To go fast, a racecar must have perfect grip with the track. To hit the golf ball well, the golfer must have a perfect grip with the club.

IOMIC (*www.iomicusa.com*) is another company on the cutting edge of technology. The company's new grip material is called "IOMAX," and it gives golfers great feel and control.

IOMAX is a combination of five elastomers that give just the right amount of adhesiveness, water resistance, friction resistance, soft feel and protection against UV rays.

Because IOMAX is naturally white, the company can make grips in any color. They are also manufactured using high-temperature injection molding, which produces a finished product with minimal weight variation.

One grip that I'm looking forward to trying is from Etile Grips (*www.etilegrips.com*). I've seen these dunked in a bucket of water and handed to me feeling nice and tacky and ready to go. This is a grip perfect for Florida summers.

Etile Grips are made from an elastomer resin containing silica material for increased grip and water resistance. The WCS line features a weight control system that allows golfers the ability to back-weight and perfect the balance of their clubs and putter.

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.

Chamber to host golf tourney

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It is a scramble with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start.

The tournament, presented by Sam's Club, will be a day of golf and business connections followed by an awards dinner. A portion of the proceeds from this tournament will once again benefit the St. Lucie County Chamber

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TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: You are hereby notified than an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of John Skorupsky, deceased, by the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 S. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, Florida 34950; that the decedent's date of death was November 10, 2011; that the total value of the estate is $37,000.00 and that the name and address of the person to whom it has been assigned by such order is: Perry Skorupsky, P.O. Box 9427, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34985-9427. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.
ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is March, 23, 2012.
Person Giving Notice: Perry Skorupsky P.O. Box 92427 Port St. Lucie, Florida 34985-9427
Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
Patricia A. Baldwin, E-Mail Address: pabaldwin@att.net
Florida Bar No. 0072494
Patricia A. Baldwin, P.A.
8000 S. Federal Highway Suite 300, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952 Telephone: (772) 336-1661 Pubs: Mar. 23, & Mar. 30, 2012

5020 Notice to Creditors

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY STATE OF FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 562012CP000121FM
IN RE: ESTATE OF THERESA B. OLLIVER, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of THERESA B. OLLIVER, deceased, whose date of death was October 11, 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, Florida 34954. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorneys 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 required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
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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 March 30, 2012.
Personal Representative: Roger N. Messer, Esq. 1555 St. Lucie West Blvd., NW Suite 202, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986
Attorney for Personal Representative: Roger N. Messer, Esq. Messer and Messer 1555 St. Lucie West Blvd. NW Suite 202, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986 Telephone: 772-879-3000 Florida Bar No: 0230571 Pubs: Mar. 30, & Apr. 6, 2012

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