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Saturday: Partly cloudy; high: 73; low: 50; high tide: 12:23 a.m.; low tide: 6:14 a.m.
Sunday: Clear; high: 73; low: 52; high tide: 1:22 a.m.; low tide: 7:15 a.m.
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City updates its animal ordinance

By Dawn Krebs
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PORT ST. LUCIE — At a January meeting, the Port St. Lucie City Council unanimously voted to update its animal control ordinance, which previously defined what constituted dangerous dogs.

Now, the ordinance has been rewritten to encompass all aggressive animals.

The change came about because animal control officers discovered an ordinance similar to the city's had been declared unconstitutional in a lawsuit.

"The ordinance was used successfully until

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Superintendent announces retirement

By Dawn Krebs
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — At a recent school board meeting, St. Lucie County School Superintendent Michael Lannon announced he would step down from his position in June.

He took a moment to reflect on his decade's time with the county.

"I first began with the district in June of 2003," he said. "While I was

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Now that's Italian

Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer
Jenny Cobo of Port St. Lucie, accordion player Peppino of West Palm Beach and Yessenia Navarrette of Port St Lucie sing together at the sixth annual Taste of Little Italy at Port St. Lucie's Tradition Square on Sunday, Jan. 27.

Three semi-finalists for district's Teacher of Year named

By Dawn Krebs
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PORT ST. LUCIE — With an entourage of school officials bearing balloons, hugs and congratulations, three teachers were surprised in their classrooms on Jan. 24 to find out they were named district semi-finalists for the title of St. Lucie County Teacher of the Year.

The semi-finalists are: Lt. Col. Joseph J. Cavallaro of Treasure Coast High School, Loryn Black of Fairlawn Elementary and Harry Williams of Fort Pierce Central High School.

In Port St. Lucie, the first to receive the news was Lt. Col. Cavallaro, who works with the school's JROTC. Coming in from outside drills, he and his class were surprised at the people waiting for them.

"I am almost speechless," he said. "I am so honored and so proud."

Lt. Col. Cavallaro has been teaching at Treasure Coast High School for four years. Including the ROTC program, he has worked with local organizations to have students participate in parades, field trips and other events.

He is also the lead coordinator for the student behavior rewards plan, co-chairs a student action group and began a "Random Act of Kindness" initiative at the high school, honoring students who exemplify school expectations.

"We are so fortunate to have Mr. Cavallaro working with our students," said Denise Rodriguez, Treasure Coast High School principal. "This is truly a facilitator of education."

In Fort Pierce, math instructor Harry Williams of Fort Pierce Central High School was teaching algebra when he was surprised with the nomination.

"I was always taught to give back to the community that served me," Mr. Williams said.

He has been teaching at the school

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Researchers restoring oyster reefs in lagoon, river

By Samantha Joseph
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TREASURE COAST — Discarded oyster shells from Tin Fish, Conchy Joe's and several other seafood restaurants around the Treasure Coast are making their way back to the water as part of a project to restore reefs in the Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie River estuaries.

Scientists at the Florida Oceanographic Society are quarantining the shells, so that staff and volunteers can deploy them as new reefs for oyster larvae.

They use the latest acoustic technology to monitor the process and help repopulate waters devastated by freshwater discharges into the estuary.

About 400 acres or 80 percent of the total oyster reefs in the St. Lucie River have been lost in the last 70 years, said Vincent Encomio, the research scientist who spearheads the project.

"It's not easy to track down oyster shells. The restaurants we've been working with have been cooperative and willing to be part of a restorative effort," Mr. Encomio said. "By talking to them, we've been able to take that first step. It's an ongoing process to help repopulate the river."

The reefs are important for the growth of oyster larvae, which attach to the shells and use them as a habitat.

Oysters, in turn, are critical to the river, as they clean the water and provide habitat and food for hundreds of estuarine species.

The project is a long-term one that will likely last decades, officials said.

In the meantime, the Florida Oceanographic Center is growing oyster larvae. When they mature, Mr. Encomio and others lead volunteers in

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Youth of Year named

Student will represent county in regional contest

By Dawn Krebs
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — Once a year, the Boys and Girls Club of St. Lucie County holds an annual competition looking for the "best of the best," a young person who, through attending a Boys and Girls Club, was better able to handle the difficult times in his or her life.

This year, a roomful of people heard speeches from not one, but three nominees vying for the title, all from different clubs in the county.

In the end, Saleshia Ellis, a 17-year-old at Fort Pierce Central High School from the Infinity Teen Center, was announced the recipient of this year's title.

"This is totally a blessing and an opportunity for me," she said, all smiles. "I'm thankful to my family, God and the Boys and Girls Club for supporting me."

Saleshia has been named class president for the past two years at her high school and is active academically in the criminal justice academy.

Currently holding a 4.0 grade point average, she has found the time this year to earn 110 volunteer hours helping with nursing homes, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and mentoring to younger club members.

During her speech, she spoke of dealing with the death of a loved one at a young age, and how the people at the Boys and Girls Club became her role models.

She will move on to a regional competition of clubs in this area of Florida. In addition, she was also awarded a two-year scholarship to Indian River State College.

The other two candidates were Isabella Atandi, a 15-year-old Fort Pierce Westwood High School student who represented the Ken Pruitt Unit of the Boys and Girls Club and Joseph Noble, an 18-year-old Fort Pierce Westwood

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Animal

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October 2011, at which time animal control attempted to declare an Akita that had attacked and severely injured a Jack Russell terrier as dangerous," said Todd Wallace and Bryan Lloyd, Port St. Lucie animal control supervisors. "We were informed by our legal council that an ordinance similar to ours was found to be unconstitutional."

The term "dangerous dog" conflicted with the state's dangerous dog statutes.

Looking closer, the city's ordinance did not provide for a proper appeal process for an animal that had not previously been declared dangerous, which could result in an animal being euthanized after only one incident.

Now the updated ordinance supplements the state ordinance by declar-

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Staff photo by Dawn Krebs

Saleshia Ellis, right, was named the 2013 Youth of the Year for the St. Lucie County Boys and Girls Club. She was presented her award by the 2012 Youth of the Year recipient Maya Brown.

Youth

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High School student who represented the Chuck Hill Unit.

All three students took part in an essay, had an interview with judges and delivered their speeches at a special reception on Jan. 23 at the Chuck Hill Unit in Port St. Lucie.

"Our committee did an outstanding job putting together these finalists," said Becky O'Brien, co-chairwoman of the event and a Boys and Girls Club board member. "In terms of leadership and community service, these students are truly the 'best of the best.'"

For more information on the Boys and Girls Club of St. Lucie County or to volunteer with the organization, call (772) 460-9918.

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Spay, neuter event taking place

The St. Lucie/Indian River County Chapter of the United Humanitarians will be sponsoring another two day spay/neuter event at Dr. Dan's Animal Clinic in Vero Beach on Feb. 5.

This event will be open to all in Indian River and St. Lucie counties.

The rates will be $40 for cats and $60 for dogs. Pets should be at least 4 months old.

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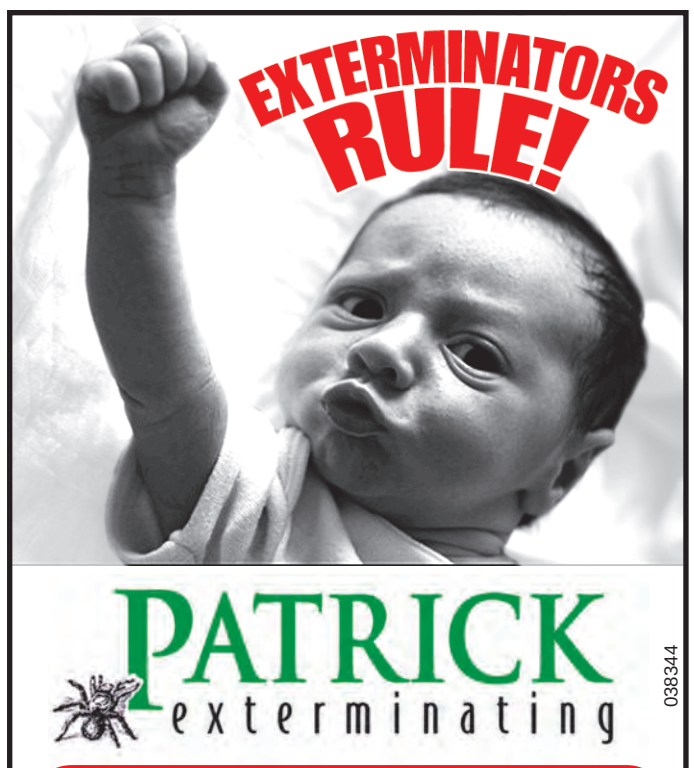

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Fun at sixth annual taste

Alexis MicMillan, 9, and Daniel Delisser, 6,of Port St.Lucie spin at the sixth annual Taste of Little Italy at Port St. Lucie's Tradition Square on Sunday, Jan. 27

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Emma Cimperman, 10, of Port St. Lucie, gets some good height with the bungey jump at the sixth annual Taste of Little Italy at Port St. Lucie's Tradition Square on Sunday, Jan. 27.

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Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer
Principal Denise Rodrigez, left, with Lt. Col. Joseph J. Cavallaro, Treasure Coast High School's JROTS senior instructor as he is informed of his selection as a finalist for the St. Lucie County School District's 2014 Teacher of the Year in Port St. Lucie on Thursday, Jan. 24.

Teacher

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for the past 31 years. The ninth-grade team leader and math department chairman, he has also served as the head coach in a variety of sports, including football, wrestling and track.

"He epitomizes Fort Pierce Central High School," said Todd Smith, principal. "He is a true representation of this school."

The final teacher selected was Ms. Black, who has been teaching for four years as a second-grade teacher at Fairlawn Elementary in Fort Pierce.

"I'm so happy," she said. "I went to Fairlawn Elementary as a child, and I love being here. I wouldn't want it any other way."

She wiped away tears and received many hugs from her students and fellow teachers.

Ms. Black developed a tracking system for teaching and grading the common core standards, which has been adapted for use by the school's teachers.

"She is a very special teacher," said Marcia Cully, Fairlawn Elementary principal. "We're so excited for her."

The Teacher of the Year program is sponsored by the St. Lucie County Education Foundation.

The 2014 Teacher of the Year, along with the 2013 School-Related Employee of the Year, Distinguished Minority Educator of the Year and Outstanding First-Year Teacher will be announced at the "Night of the Stars" event on Feb. 23 at Lincoln Park Academy in Fort Pierce.

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Police report

Editor's note: *This is a list of arrests, not convictions, and all arrestees are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Port St. Lucie Police Department

• Edwin Kelly, 18, of 2555 S.W. Gratto Circle in Port St. Lucie, was arrested on Jan. 16 and charged with burglary and loitering.

• Neil Robert Nichols, 34, of 326 Fernandina St., Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 16 and charged with two counts of aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer, fleeing and criminal mischief.

• Deon Terelle Thomas, 35, of 3980 S.W. Habilow St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested on Jan. 16 and charged with burglary.

• Michael Anthony McGillvery, 25, of 1209 Riverwind Circle, Vero Beach, was arrested on Jan. 16 and charged with felony driving under the influence, refusing to submit to a DUI test, knowingly driving while license suspended and resisting arrest without violence.

• Robert F. Piermatteo, 41, of 3638 S.W. Sunset Trace Circle, Palm City, was arrested on Jan. 20 and charged with driving under the influence, refusal to submit to a DUI test, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and leaving the scene of an accident.

• Tammy Sue Conde, 42, of 2092 S.E. Pakwood Circle, Port St. Lucie, was arrested on Jan. 20 and charged with aggravated battery.

• Vladimir Barrios, 38, of 389 S.W. Belmont Circle, Port St. Lucie, was arrested on Jan. 18 and charged with producing marijuana, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, distribution of marijuana, possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Jason J. Jaworowski, 31, of 2102 S.W. Chestnut Lane, Port St. Lucie, was arrested on Jan. 18 and charged with illegal dumping on a waterway.

• Michael Hill Bernard, 46, of 801 Magnolia St., Thomasville, Ga., was arrested on Jan. 18 and charged with retail theft, resisting a merchant and resisting arrest without violence.

• Linsey Leigh Grantham, 29, of 2102 S.W. Chestnut Lane, Port St. Lucie, was arrested on Jan. 18 and charged with illegal dumping on a waterway.

• Jack Anthony Est, 49, of 1067 S.E. Payne Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested on Jan. 19 and charged with vehicle theft and battery.

• Michael Thomas Hazy, 25, of 2001 S.W. Bellevue Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested on Jan. 20 and charged with battery, escape, property damage, resisting arrest and battery.

• Juan Ysidro Espinal, 44, of 1030 S.W. Coleman Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested on Jan. 22 and charged with battery.

• Sarah Maria Drummond, 20, of 6490 S. U.S. 1, No. 8, Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 22 and charged with dealing in stolen property and giving false information to a pawnbroker.

• Justin Cruz, 22, of 6490 S. U.S. 1, No. 8, was arrested on Jan. 22 and charged with dealing in stolen property.

• Donny Davis 36, of 309 Bethany Court, Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 22 and charged with possession and sale of cocaine.

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• Jeremy Jerokme Nixon, 48, of 801 S. 8th St., Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 17 and charged with three counts of resisting arrest with violence, three counts of battery on a law enforcement officer, fraud, felony driving while license suspended and license plate not assigned.

• Neil Robert Nichols, 34, of 326 Fernandina St., Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 16 and charged with property damage.

• Antonio Jermaine Mosley, 31, of 300 S. 22nd St., Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 16 and charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle.

• Joseph Pernell Griffin, 27, of 709 N. 9th St., Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 16 and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Antonio Jermaine Presley, 31, of 2805 Juanita Ave., Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 16 and charged with high-speed fleeing causing injury.

• Michelle Dane Lappie, 19, of 365 S.W. Whitemore Drive, Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 16 and charged with child abuse.

• Richard Gomes Jr., 31, of 198 N.W. Aileen Road, Port St. Lucie, was arrested on Jan. 16 and charged with felony criminal mischief.

• Yolanda Perry, 42, of 4601 S. U.S. 1, Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 17 and charged with child abuse.

• Michael Zisholtz, 32, of 5310 Suson Lane, Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 17 and charged with robbery, battery and vehicle theft.

• Anthony George Emerson, 49, of 2558 Cooper Lane, Port St. Lucie, was arrested on Jan. 20 and charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, driving under the influence, knowingly driving while license suspended, failure to register a motor vehicle and attached license plate not assigned.

• Bonnie Christina Smith, 34, of 1949 S.W. Glendale St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested on Jan. 20 and charged with attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud and criminal use of personal identification.

• Henry Lee Polk, 34, of 18211 S.W. 102 Ave., Miami, was arrested on Jan. 20 and charged with felony driving while license suspended.

• Raymond N. Sears, 22, of 3517 S. 7th St., Apt. B, was arrested on Jan. 20 and charged with sale of cocaine and possession of cocaine.

• Awni Assi, 49, of 366 East Midway Road, Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 18 and charged with attempted sexual battery.

• Cornelius Coldwell, 33, of 326 N. 14th St., Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 18 and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest without violence.

• Michael A. Bell, 24, of 326 N. 14th St., Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 18 and charged with possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Monica Melton Taylor, 34, of 6112 Yucca Drive, Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 19 and charged with burglary, robbery, larceny, petty theft and obstructing justice.

If you have information about a crime, call Treasure Coast Crimestoppers at (800) 273-TIPS.

• Johnathan Bryant, 23, of 4656 48th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested on Jan. 18 and charged with fleeing, driving while license suspended, hit and run, attempt to conspire, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon and resisting arrest.

• Jeremy Cobb, 21, of 4585 56th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested on Jan. 18 and charged with attempt to conspire, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon and resisting arrest.

• Nicholas Allen Cinningham, 27, of 5810 Spruce Drive, Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 19 and charged with burglary, aggravated assault and disorderly intoxication.

• Michael James Conley, 64, of 1990 Scarborough Road, Port St. Lucie, was arrested on Jan. 21 and charged with altering an electronic monitoring device and grand theft.

• Nevilus Demon Owens, 28, of 422 N. 18th St., Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 21 and charged with battery.

• Alexander David Lang, 40, of 109 N.W. Pleasant Grove Way, Port St. Lucie, was arrested on Jan. 21 and charged with child abuse.

• Michael Antonio Perez, 34, of 1817 Miami Court, Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 21 and charged with giving false information to a pawnbroker.

• Edward Franklin Hobgood, 34, of 303 Rosewood Drive. Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 21 and charged with selling a counterfeit controlled substance.

• Andrew Ralph Tortora, 39, of 801 Easy St., Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 21 and charged with grand theft.

• Asa Leonardo Hendrix, 27, of 2702 Dove St., Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 22 and charged with tampering with a witness.

• Erisct Jarrod Ricks, 23, of 514 S. 32nd St., Apt. B, Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 22 and charged with aggravated battery.

• Veronica Nicole Koors, 21, of 1921 U.S. 1, Fort Pierce, was arrested on Jan. 22 and charged with aggravated battery.

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• Schrell Denise Mincey, 41, of 7251 Point Lake Drive, No. 206, Charlotte, N.C., was arrested on Jan. 21 and charged with grand theft auto.

• Francisco Manuel Bonilla, 27, of 161 N.E. 174th St., North Miami, was arrested on Jan. 21 and charged with felony driving while license suspended.

VIEWPOINT

Nip problems in bud by joining computer club

COMPUTE THIS
SEAN MCCARTHY

This column ran back in June. I'm running it again this month because of the number of people who have asked me to run it again.

Computer repair is a tricky business. You never know what kind of problems you are going to be asked to solve and there is always the pressure to get it done quickly. Every call is a different challenge and most of the time it can take a half hour or more just looking around trying to get a handle on what's going on before the actual repairs even start.

Virus and malware cleanup calls usually always involve running one or more scans to "sweep" the computer for infected files and these scans can really run up the clock. There is nothing more frustrating than having to wait for a scan to complete and watching as the progress bar inches its way across the screen. The temptation to do other things while a scan is running is high, but doing other things while a scan is running on an already sick machine can just makes matters worse. It's best to tackle additional tasks after an infection is cleaned.

Let's face it, computer maintenance is expensive. At the typical hourly rate, one unexpected glitch such as a virus infection or registry problem can quickly add up to hundreds of dollars. And who's to say that next month it won't be something different?

And to add insult to injury, most of the issues that I regularly clean up wouldn't be an issue if people would just take the time to keep their machines properly maintained.

But what steps should people take? "Everyone" knows that they should have their system backed up and their antivirus up to date, but hardly anyone takes the time to learn how to do it properly let alone do it every month.

Most computer manufacturers assume everyone already knows what they need to do to keep their new machine maintained properly but that can be an unreasonable assumption to make, especially if the new computer owner has little or no experience.

And with computers as inexpensive as they are today more people who have never used one before are coming home with powerful systems that can confound even the most seasoned computer user.

Without proper maintenance it's only a matter of time before something goes wrong and the repair bill can approach the price of a new machine.

There's got to be a better way.

Wouldn't it be smarter to have an expert set up your machine and then maintain it every month and avoid costly repairs that could have been avoided with regular maintenance? Doesn't it make sense to have someone who knows what they're doing keep regular tabs on things and nip problems in the bud rather than letting them grow to the point where an expensive service call is inevitable?

Well, I think it is and I've spent some time putting together a program that does just that; gives regular computer users a way to keep their machines maintained on a regular basis at a cost that won't break the bank.

What I've put together here — a computer service club, if you will — is a way to offset the high cost of sudden repairs by performing regular monthly "check-ups" to make sure things are running smoothly. This way we can stop little issues before they become big ones.

We want to start out with a clean system, so when a person joins our club, we connect to their system and do a full tune up and get it running in tip-top shape. Even if it's infected with viruses or malware, we'll

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Artist at work

Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Allisa Provost, 12, of Jensen Beach, observes internationally recognized artist Katie Handerson of Port St. Lucie as she paints at the Visionary Art School booth at the sixth annual 'Give to Kids' benefit car and motorcycle show on Sunday, Jan. 20.

Rants & raves

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Enjoying the comments

After returning home from the holidays I picked up this issue of *Hometown News*.

Reading these comments, I realize true Americans are going to fight this socialistic regime that infiltrates our government. I'm also hoping, you print it.

All very good comments on Jan. 18:

l. "Turn commercials down." How true! I think OWN channel is one of the worst. One evening from my back bedroom, I thought I heard two men talking in my living room. It was a loud ad which actually frightened me.

2. "In response to rant" Writer stated, "More than a little confusing, if you ask me, Hmmmm. Man, are you right on! Hurricane Sandy was just as devastating, if not more than Katrina, some say. More than confusing. Proud of you to care.

3. "Questioning flood insurance." Your statement, "You and I as a result, are the ones who are paying, paying and paying. Enough is enough."

You are right on, especially when it comes to feel-good politicians.

4. "Don't blame teachers." You are so right! It's true there are good, better and best in all professions, but I feel their credentials should be of a high degree. A big problem is, teachers cannot teach and be expected to discipline brats, too. There are too many kids of all ages whose parents are not around to do their jobs, don't know where their kids are, etc. One million kids did not graduate this past year.

5. "Clean up your act, Hollywood." Everything written here is true. Where are the feel-good politicians" here? Same people (like Obama, if it feels good, do it). Hypocrites who condemn smokers as sinners and second-class citizens, set the double standards, as an example. Television can be Satan himself to kids of all ages, and certain adults, as well. I believe your rant here is agreed to by the type of writers here.

6. "My fork made me fat." Too funny! Great analogy. Again, here comes the same do-gooders, trying to disarm Americans. That's how communism/ socialism, government takeovers start. Hitler burned the books, disarmed the people, etc. The people who put Obama in for a second time just don't get it. They will get it, and it won't take four years.

7. "Domestic violence is still problem." Of course, this is an absolute fact. Writer stated, "Please don't judge, please help instead." It's easy for some people to judge things like this when it doesn't happen in their family. It's true, some abused women feel they are to blame, or stay in the situation for one reason or another. It's also true, they hurt more than many can imagine in every way. Education and help for abused women and children (some men) are needed.

8. "Regarding gun control," your comment is right on and an important issue today. Sane people know that gangs and all the wrong people can, and will, always be able to get their hands on any gun, or type of weapon they want.

Obama has always wanted his gun control laws, to take away the right to bare (sp. bear) arms of American citizens. If Obama gets his way, along with many other rights he is working on, it will be part of his complete government control. What is happening to the government of the people, by the people and for the people?

9. "Reviewing driver licenses." I see your point on driver license renewals of the past. However, if you think about the reason(s) for new rules you won't be too upset. Times have changed drastically and new rules are made for all our good and protection. No one is trying to prevent you from driving. You say, going in person, waiting in line is very inconvenient. Why? Would it be OK with you if driver licenses were given by mail to just anyone?

Think about the criminals, or really bad drivers who should never have a license. A photo I.D is required, which is a good thing. Having a legitimate driver license in this country is an important card to carry wherever you go. Also, driving is a privilege, which some people abuse, some more than others. It's not too difficult to renew your license. You can even make an appointment at your convenience.

You say, "If you go in person, stand in line, then you are going to hang on to your birth certificate, because if you want to get a passport, you have to mail that." You also stated, it's going to make it very inconvenient for a lot of older people, and they should do something about it.

My dear friend, they are doing something about it. God bless, and good luck.

10. "Government managing our lives." The person who wrote this rant has said it all. Your strong belief that anyone who trusts our government to manage every aspect of our lives is delusional. Everything you mentioned is the logical truth.

I pray the speaker of the house, all Republicans, all real and true Americans, continue to fight hard and stick to their guns.

We're in for some tough times ahead, but God's people are can-do people. We will lose a few battles, but we will meet the enemy, and they will be ours.

A message from the superintendent

Working late at the office last week, my cell phone lit up with the familiar school district phone number. My son attends one of our public schools. I imagined I would be hearing another automated invitation to some school production.

But this time it was a recording from the superintendent himself, announcing a $17 million shortfall in next year's budget, and that he had prepared a $25 million menu of budget cutting options for the board. He talked about the state of Florida having something to do with this turn of events.

Mr. Negron? Mr. Lee? What's going on here? My business has been doing better every year since the crash, and I keep hearing unemployment in the state is slowly coming down. I would rather expect to hear the superintendent saying revenues were up and the surplus would be split between improving schools and reducing taxes.

A quick survey of the district website found that reserves from better times have been balancing the budget, but that those will be running out in the next school year and something needs to be done to stabilize the years ahead.

I propose that we citizens address half the shortfall with an increase in the millage rate, and leave the board and the superintendent to wrestle with the state and/or their budget for the other half.

We are talking about raising revenues from approximately $261 million to $270 million, which is a 3.26 percent increase in the school district portion of our property taxes. Surely we can do that.

I went to public schools and our community supported them well beyond what I now see. It's time to stop the curmudgeonly thinking and realize our nation will decline with our schools unless we maintain the vision and effort of our American predecessors!

What's going on in D.C.?

Why is there a housing boom in Washington, D.C. and not the rest of the country? How do people of modest means get elected to office in Washington and leave being multimillionaires?

President Kennedy took his wealth to Washington, others make it there. Why is the U.S home base for Lamborghini located in Washington, D.C. and why are Italian car owners unhappy because the cars are being paid for in cash and not financed? Why do several lawmakers, Harry Reid is one of the worst, have siblings that are lobbyist and use their relationships for profit at our expense?

Why do the restaurants around Washington serve only the finest food and expensive selections of wine? Why did most of the stimulus money stay in the Washington, D.C. area? Why is the pay rate higher in Washington, D.C. area than other parts of the country?

And lastly, exactly what product is produced in Washington that justifies the salaries and lifestyle? I think we all need to write our congressman, demand answers and drastic changes.

Editor's note: *We could find no evidence that Lamborghini is based in Washington, D.C. There are Lamborghini dealers in the Washington, D.C. area. The car manufacturer was acquired by Audi in 1998.*

Gun control

Stronger gun laws will take guns out of the hands of law-abiding citizens. More government controls will deter the type of people who might have stopped the murders at Sandy Hook. They will have no effect on taking away guns from the deranged.

President Obama's ideas restrict our freedoms but they are meaningless "feel- good" proposals designed for the effect. They solve nothing.

Business

Shop files for review to open in Port St. Lucie

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PORT ST. LUCIE — Nationally renowned retailer Bass Pro Shops is one step closer to opening a store in the city after a two-year effort to bring the popular outdoor store to the area.

Bass Pro Shops is a leading retailer of fishing, boating, camping and hunting equipment with 10 locations in Florida.

The location for the Port St. Lucie store will be at the southeast corner of I-95 and Gatlin Boulevard, where a new unoccupied structure was built recently by Kohl's department store. Kohl's never opened on the site, which also includes a Home Depot.

The company has begun the approval process to open in the former Kohl's building, filing with the city for review of zoning and other requirements.

Because the location already is a retail site, serious impediments to approval are not expected.

Mayor JoAnn M. Faiella began discussions with the company two years ago, informing them of the many assets in Port St. Lucie that would ensure a successful business venture in the city.

"I knew they were the right fit for us because we are such an outdoor-loving community with some of the best fishing anywhere," said Ms. Faiella. "We are all about boats, fishing, camping and nature activities and my task was simply to convince them of it. Once they came and saw for themselves, they knew they had a special place that has everything they could ask for and more."

Ms. Faiella took representatives of the company to various places in the city and showed them the former Digital Domain building, now called Tradition Studios. However, she knew the site they ultimately selected offered the most possibility.

"With a prominent location alongside I-95 in Florida's ninth largest city, within an hour's drive to more than 1 million people in one of the world's premiere boating and fishing locations, and with a brand-new, 100,000-square-foot store waiting empty for them outside a Home Depot, this is as promising an opportunity as there can be for an outdoor store like Bass Pro Shops," the mayor said.

She said recruiting the company to Port St. Lucie is a win-win situation not only for Bass Pro Shops, but for Kohl's, the city's tax base, citizens and outdoor enthusiasts, as well.

The first benefit is that an empty building at a main entrance to the city will not sit vacant anymore and will be retrofitted with Bass Pro Shops' attractive design.

Once the company's application for approval passes a site plan review committee and the planning and zoning board, the full city council will be presented with the final plan. A date for that hearing has not been set, but if no major obstacles are encountered

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College to host business summit for minorities, women

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TREASURE COAST — The Small Business Development Center at Indian River State College is hosting the 2013 Minorities and Women in Business Summit Feb. 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship just off 35th Street on the Indian River State College main campus located at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce.

The summit is a day-long conference for Treasure Coast minorities and women in the business community that will provide tools and motivation on subjects including diversity, success, empowerment and more.

The summit will provide informative sessions on topics related to doing business and becoming an entrepreneur. It will focus on empowering minorities and women for business growth.

Speakers at the summit will focus on organizational leadership, with a morning presentation "Responsible for Results" by Patrick Arcement. His presentation will be followed by a working luncheon keynote by award-winning author and host of the "Dr. Empowerment" radio show, Larthenia Howard, who will share her secrets for professional development designed to enrich personal and professional growth.

During the afternoon session, there will be a special IRSC minority affairs department diversity training session, "Ouch! Dealing with Stereotypes & Employee Differences in the Workplace" will be held.

Tickets are $59 per person. The price includes breakfast, a working luncheon and networking opportunities for local business women and minorities.

For a limited time, those who register can receive two admissions for the price of one.

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Reefs

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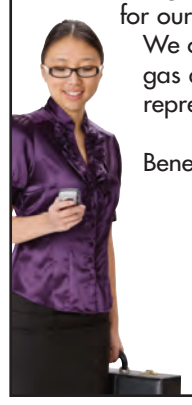
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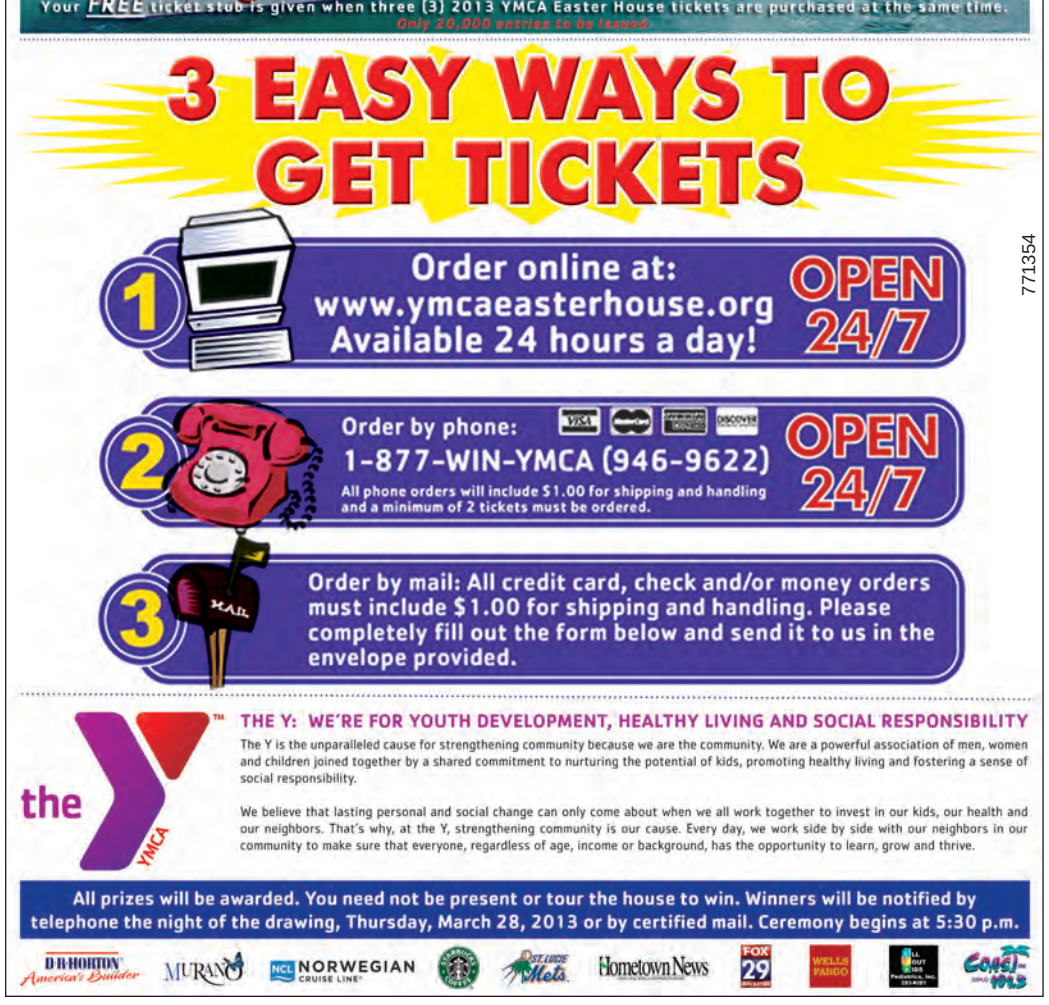

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Shop

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the new store is projected to open late this year.

Bass Pro Shops' outdoor stores combine retail with entertainment, conservation and outdoor education. The new store also will offer equipment and clothing for hiking, backpacking, wildlife viewing, camping, outdoor cooking and a gift and nature center will feature a variety of outdoor-related furniture.

Up

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Tickets are $59 per person. The price includes breakfast, a working luncheon and networking opportunities for local business women and minorities.

Indian River State College main campus is located at 3209 Virginia Ave., in Fort Pierce.

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College president receives leadership award

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — The Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County selected Edwin R. Massey, president of Indian River State College as the first recipient of the Peter Hegener Leadership Award, named in honor of the late Paul J. "Pete" Hegener, former president of Core Communities and the visionary behind the development of Tradition, the 8,000 acre master-planned community south of St. Lucie West.

"Pete was well known throughout Florida and in St. Lucie County, in particular, for his leadership and vision for business development," said Richard A. Houghten, chairman and CEO/president of Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies.

"In selecting the first-ever recipient for the Pete Hegener Leadership Award, Dr. Massey shares the same vision and philosophies that exemplify true leadership."

The award is presented to an individual who possesses all of the traits of superior leadership and has a demonstrated record of accomplishments that promote and enhance community and economic development.

The selected individual must exhibit commitment to a vision and must also possess an extraordinary ability to recognize and work with the talents of other individuals, being able to put their interests ahead of his or her personal goals.

Dr. Massey was appointed Indian River State College's third president in 1988. He came to the college in 1973 as a biology professor and held several administrative positions prior to becoming President.

He earned his doctorate in zoology, with an emphasis in marine biochemistry, from the University of Southern Mississippi and completed post-graduate studies in evolutionary biochemistry at Duke University.

Dr. Massey serves on various local, state and national boards including as chairman of the Florida Articulation Coordinating Council and Florida task force on the study of biotech competitiveness.

The award was presented during the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County's inaugural leadership dinner held Jan. 10 at the PGA Village Island Club.

The Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County is a nonprofit membership organization whose mission is to encourage a competitive environment that nurtures clusters of industries employing state-of-the-art technologies, a skilled workforce and that stimulates economic growth through the expansion of the private sector in St. Lucie County and on Florida's Research Coast.

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Animal

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ing an animal "aggressive" instead of "dangerous."

This will still offer residents protection from potentially aggressive animals and also includes an appeals process.

The new ordinance also provides for enhanced accountability of the animal's owners, which can include a fine of up to $500.

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Carole Salisbury, right, helps Bryan Fields, 9, paint the bird house he built at Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens on Saturday, Jan. 26. The pair are both from Port St. Lucie.

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Above: Lucas Powers, 2, of Port St. Lucie paints his bird house at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens on Saturday, Jan. 26.

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Birdhouse construction rebounds

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Maliyah, 7, with sister Mikayla Holloway, 7, both of Port St. Lucie, paint the bird houses they built at Port St. Lucie's Botanical Gardens on Saturday, Jan. 26.

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Stopping spread of flu

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TREASURE COAST — As the number of flu cases continues to rise, the Florida Department of Health is urging residents and visitors to get vaccinated against the flu and use preventative measures.

Residents can contact their private provider or visit one of the many community agencies offering the vaccine.

Symptoms of the flu include fever, severe cough, sore throat, runny nose and body aches. Contact your primary care physician if you suspect that you have the flu. Antiviral medication may shorten both the duration and severity of illness.

Practice prevention:

- Get vaccinated against the flu. It's recommended that everyone older than of 6 months get vaccinated.

Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Cover your cough and sneeze. Cough and sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue. Throw the tissue into the trash after you use it.
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Retirement

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M. Lannon

already employed as a superintendent in Monroe County, I was told there was an opening in St. Lucie County, and they were looking for someone with experience."

After some research on St. Lucie County, Mr. Lannon knew this was a place where he could make a difference.

"I saw the opportunity to teach the community that it could be so much more than what it was," he said. "It looked like a place that really wanted to make improvements."

But he didn't start his career as a superintendent. Mr. Lannon started as a teacher in the 1970s, teaching in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles.

"Part of looking at the daily poverty there committed me to bring about change," he said. "Great teaching is really, really hard work and it's underappreciated."

After he became superintendent, he set about making changes to how things were done.

"Everything is different now," he said. "The processes, the schools and the training have all changed over 10 years."

Some of his proudest accomplishments include a partnership with the parent academy, the district's emphasis on increased learning in science and technology and the recent five-year agreement between the district and the publishing company Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, that has helped to enhance early learning education and expanded access to information technology for all students.

"It doesn't matter what St. Lucie is now, it's what St. Lucie will be," Mr. Lannon said. "And it's been my responsibility to spur it along. We're all here for everyone to be better."

He pointed out that other school districts are now traveling to St. Lucie County to learn about the district's infrastructure.

"We've been getting better this whole time," he said. "We now have the highest graduation rates we've ever had, we have our own virtual school and our grades have increased. We were able to build the capacity to do better."

Now, he is stepping down to spend more time with family and do a little traveling. But he is still looking forward.

"Now is the time to invest in the children," he said. "Invest your time, invest your money. Create students who are 'at hope' instead of 'at risk.'

"I believe in successful planning and I believe we have to be positive about where we live," Mr. Lannon said. "I'm going to continue to live in St. Lucie County, and this is going to be an exciting place for students. It's such a marvelous challenge. But it will always be 'every child, every day.'"

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TREASURE COAST — Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone who joins the foundation in February will receive 10 free Eastern redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warmer.

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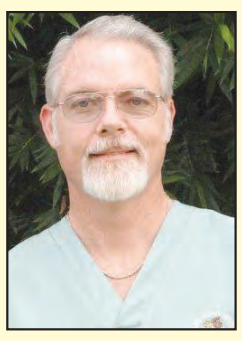

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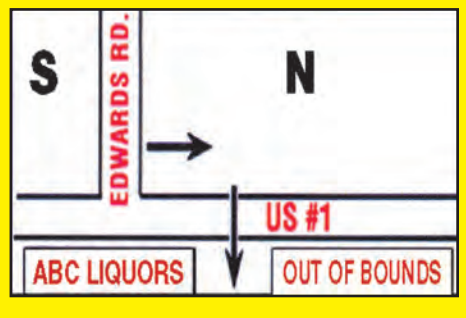

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Admiring artwork

Lisa Patrick, left, of Port St. Lucie, stops to admire the works of Joan H. Riley during the Sebastian River Art Club show and sale at Riverview Park in Sebastian Saturday.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Out & about

SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

• **"Rock and Roll is Here to Stay,"** featuring Ron Dante, Joey D & the Starliters, The Mystics and the Ripcords, will be performed at 8 p.m. at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. 2nd St. in Fort Pierce. Tickets start at $39. *For more information, call (772) 461-4775.*

• **Friday Fest** will be from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in downtown Fort Pierce. Ossie Wright and the Groove Division Band will perform. *For more information, call (772) 466-3880.*

FRIDAY, FEB. 1-SATURDAY, FEB. 2

• **Space songs**, singing along with planetarium director Jon Bell and IRSC Performing and Visual Art students, will be held at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Feb. 1 and at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Feb. 2 at Hallstrom Planetarium, 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. Cost is $3. *For more information, call (772) 462-4750.*

FRIDAY, FEB. 1-SUNDAY, FEB. 3

• **"Sister's Strikes Again! Late Night Catechism II"** will be at 8 p.m. Feb. 1, at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Feb. 2, and at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Feb. 3 in the Black Box Theatre at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. 2nd St. in Fort Pierce. Tickets start at $35. *For more information, call (772) 461-4775.*

FRIDAY, FEB. 1-SUNDAY, FEB. 10

• **"Legally Blond"** will be performed by Port St. Lucie High School at 7:30 p.m on Thursdays, Friday and Saturdays and 2 p.m. shows on Saturdays and Sundays in the auditorium, 1201 S.E. Lennard Road in Port St. Lucie. Tickets are $15. *For more information, call (772) 337-6768.*

THROUGH SUNDAY, FEB. 10

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Take step back in time with concert series

By Dawn Krebs
dkrebs@hometownnewsol.com

ST. LUCIE COUNTY — Want to travel back in time to the days of doo-wop and golden oldies? The Voices of Legends concert series, appearing monthly at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center in Port St. Lucie, is bringing the singers here for everyone to enjoy on Sunday, Feb. 24.

The concert series is headlined by Johnny Tarangelo, known as "Johnny T.," who was named by "Billboard" magazine as one of the top 10 tribute artists, and was formerly with the group the Mystics.

"His show of impersonating all of the great singers is really wonderful," said Laura O'Brien, hospitality manager of the Port St. Lucie Civic Center. "His voice is amazing."

Johnny Tarangelo

Mr. Tarangelo performs his concert series at venues all over the country. In 1980, he joined the Mystics and toured with them until 1992. While pursuing a solo career, he started singing impersonations of the famous crooners of the 50s and 60s.

Video footage of the original crooners runs at the same time as his vocal performance, making the show truly entertaining.

There are two 90-minute performances a month, held on the same day. A dinner buffet is available with the earlier performance, catered by Domenick's Restaurant.

"They have been performing here since December and everyone loves it," Ms. O'Brien said.

The Port St. Lucie Civic Center is located at 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place in Port St. Lucie. The next performances will be held on Feb. 24 at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25 per person. A buffet will be available at 4:30 p.m. for those attending the earlier performance. With the buffet, the tickets are $50 per person. Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 20.

For more information, call (772) 807-4488.

Week of 2-1-2013

ARIES - March 21-April 20

Aries, planning is going well and you have been following through with your responsibilities. Expect to tweak a few things soon.

TAURUS - April 21-May 21

Taurus, open up to a trusted friend regarding a significant decision you have to make this week. This friend can provide perspective.

GEMINI - May 22-June 21

A barrage of new ideas makes you a hot item this week, Gemini. Your brain is working overtime and you may be shocked at what you come up with.

CANCER - June 22-July 22

Cancer, expect to see eye-to-eye with your significant other this week. You will be on the same page and this will strengthen things.

LEO - July 23-Aug. 23

Leo, embrace the opinions of those closest to you. Those opinions might differ from your own, but they may also provide you with some important perspective.

VIRGO – Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Try something different this week, Virgo. It may mean taking a new route to work or trying a new food. Try something that is out of your element.

LIBRA – Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You will be full of energy this week and ready to handle anything that comes your way, Libra. When you get on a roll, you'll have admirers.

SCORPIO – Oct. 24-Nov. 22

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• **"Three Murders and It's Only Monday,"** at the Barn Theatre, 2400 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. Private eye Harry investigates three murders at the Peaceful Pines Sanitarium. He finds it difficult, though, to determine who killed an old sea captain, a ventriloquist and a tramp in this lightning-paced comedy/mystery that's complete with a storm that blows out all the fuses. *For more information, call (772) 287-4484.*

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

• **Port St. Lucie community green market** will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place in Port St. Lucie. *For more*

See **OUT, B3**

Sounds of downtown

Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Diane Cumberland of Port St. Lucie performs at Treasures In Town Arts and Antique Fest at Avenue A in downtown Fort Pierce on Saturday, Jan. 26. The fest will be held every fourth Saturday of the month.

Cancer screenings to be held at baseball stadium

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

PORT ST. LUCIE — On March 23, the Tampa Bay Rays and Moffitt Cancer Center are coming to Port St. Lucie Mets Stadium for the sixth-annual spring swing Moffitt's sun safety tour.

The tour offers free skin-cancer screenings at specified baseball spring training venues throughout February and March. Port St. Lucie screenings will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Screeners will look for early signs of skin cancer, while promoting sun safety, skin cancer awareness and education.

During the previous five spring-training seasons, spring swing has screened more than 2,700 people and identified 534 suspected cancerous lesions, including 21 suspected melanomas.

Each screening stop will include free spring swing T-shirts, Blue Lizard Australian sunscreen, and sun safety educational materials and promotional items.

For more information, visit www.moffitt.org/springswing.

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information, call (772) 345-3797.

• **The O'Jays will perform** at 8 p.m. at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. 2nd St. in Fort Pierce. Tickets start at $55. *For more information, call (772) 461-4775.*

• The **jazz market** takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. downtown by the Fort Pierce Library. *For more information, call (772) 460-5299 or go online to* www.jazzsociety.org.

• **Port St. Lucie bonfire and hayride** will take place from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Digital Domain Park in Port St. Lucie. *For more information, call (772) 878-2277.*

SUNDAY, FEB. 3

• **Ballroom dancing Sundays** for everyone that loves to dance at Days Inn

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Scopes

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Scorpio, the coming week may try your patience. Relax when the week starts to prove too stressful, and you will make it through the week.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Keep listening when others around you are talking, Sagittarius. You can learn valuable lessons just by keeping a trained ear on the conversation.

CAPRICORN – Dec. 22-Jan. 20

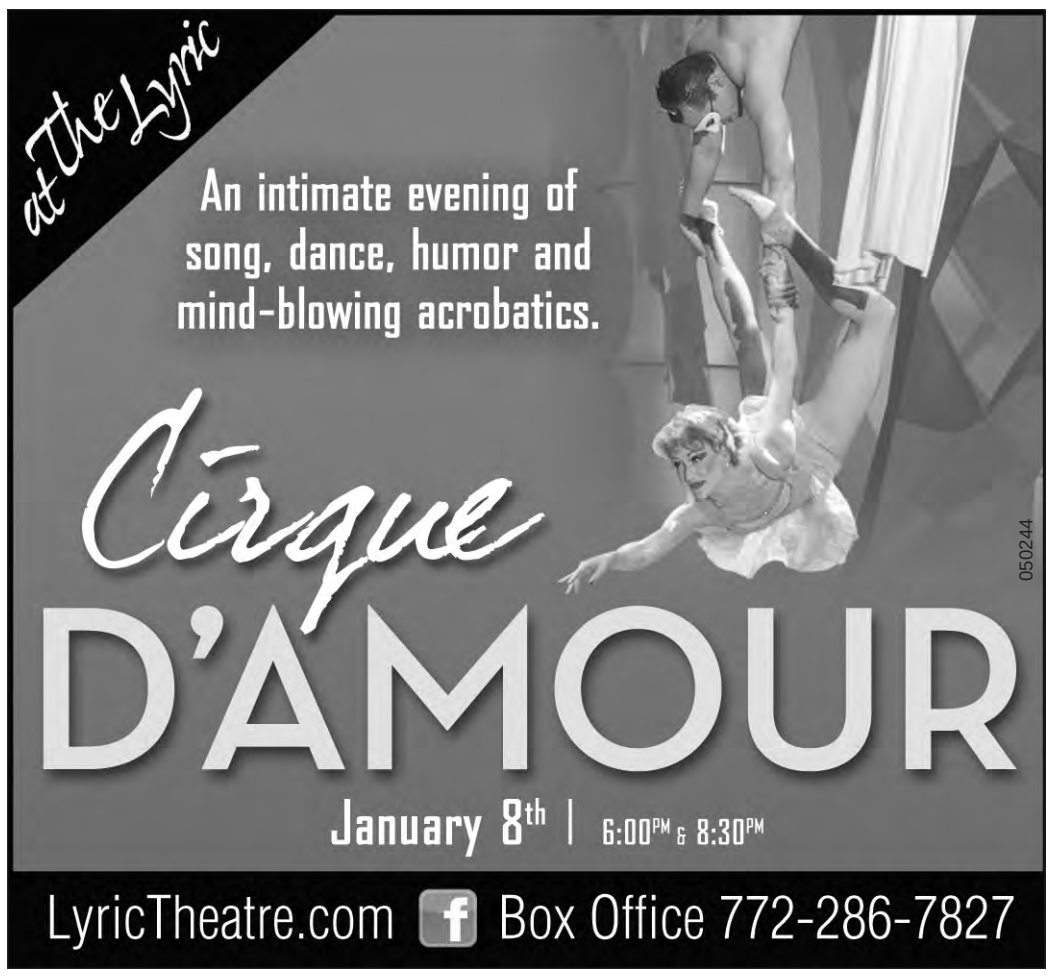
Capricorn, you may have big plans this week but that doesn't mean you can leave all other responsibilities by the wayside. If you can't get to things yourself.

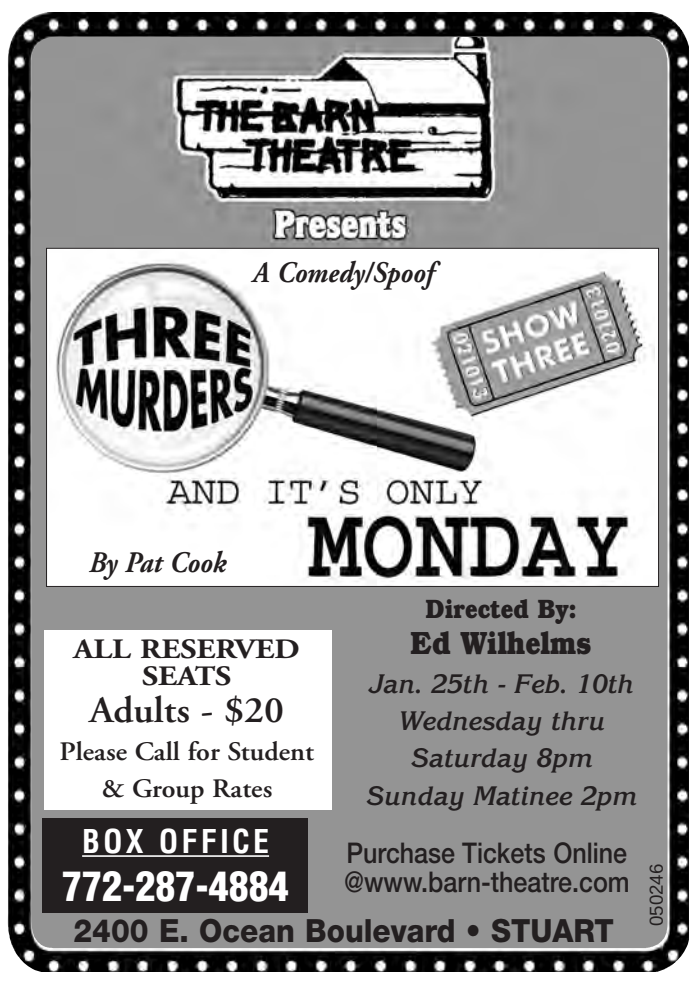
AQUARIUS – Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Aquarius, you crave change this week, even if it is something small and mundane. Figure out something you can do on a small level.

PISCES – Feb. 19-March 20

You may be inclined to help your community this week, Pisces. There are bound to be plenty of places to share your time.





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Obituaries

Gloria M. Tiedemann

Gloria M. Tiedemann, 88, of Port St. Lucie, died Jan. 17, 2013.

She was born in Rockaway, N.Y., and lived in Port St. Lucie for three years.

She is survived by two sons, Lewis and Charles; two daughters, Karol and Gloria; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Yates Funeral Home and Crematory.

Mary Diane Carey

Mary Diane Carey, 74, of Port St. Lucie, died Jan. 14, 2013.

She was born in New York and lived in Port St. Lucie for 20 years.

She is survived by a brother, William.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.

Lucy Jo Rhodes

Lucy Jo Rhodes, 90, of Port St. Lucie, died Jan. 16, 2013.

She was born in Anniston, Ala., and lived in Port St. Lucie for several years.

She is survived by a son, Ralph; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Haisley Funeral & Cremation Service.

Frederick J. Maguire

Frederick J. Maguire, 83, of Port St. Lucie, died Jan. 18, 2013.

He was born in Lowell, Mass., and lived in Port St. Lucie since 2003.

He served in the U.S. Air Force.

He is survived by five daughters, Jacqueline, Karen, Patricia, Susan and Deborah; a son, Thomas; a sister, Frances; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; a niece and a nephew.

Arrangements by Yates Funeral Home and Crematory.

Lorraine Wray

Lorraine Wray, 70, of Port St. Lucie, died Jan. 21, 2013.

She was born in Central Islip, N.Y., and lived in Port St. Lucie since 2004.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Robert; a daughter, Marilyn and three grandchildren.

Arrangementsby All County Funeral Home & Crematory, Treasure Coast Chapel.

Out

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Banquet Hall, 3224 S U.S. 1, Fort Pierce. Live music from the 40s to 70s from 6:30-10 p.m. No jeans, shorts, sneakers. Men, please wear collared shirts. No dance on Feb. 10. *For more information, call (772) 785-9034.*

MONDAY, FEB. 4

• Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Council 7514 will host **Valentine's bingo luncheon**. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; lunch at noon. Donation $7 per person. There will be raffles. Knights of Columbus Council 7514 is located at Council Hall, 451 S.W. Ravenswood Lane, Port St Lucie. *For tickets and information, call (772) 879-4169.*

• The **14th annual Hearts for Hope luncheon** to benefit House of Hope will be held Monday, Feb. 4. It returns for the second year to the Sailfish Point Country Club. This year's event will feature an inspiring guest speaker connected to the mission of House of Hope, empowering people to overcome hunger and poverty. It will also feature prize-winning cupcakes from culinary students at The Pine School, distinctive vendors with unique gifts and pampering packages plus an extraordinary collection of accessories and decorative items from House of Hope. A special drawing will offer a one-of-a-kind piece of jewelry donated and designed by Terry Rieger of Diamonds by Terry. *For information, go to* www.hohmartin.org *or call (772) 286-4673.*

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

• **First Thursday gallery nights**, 5-8 p.m. at Martin County galleries. *For a list of participating galleries, visit* www.MartinArts.org.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

• **Opening reception** by the Arts Council of Martin County, featuring artists Aida Fry, Chris Kling, Kim Rody, Marcella Zanetti, Sheila Geoffrion and Rene Guerin, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Court House Cultural Center, 80 E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. *For more information, contact (772) 287-6676 or email* info@martinarts.org.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8-SUNDAY, FEB. 16

• **Martin County Fair**, featuring agriculture education, pageant, barbeque festival, games, contest, music, live entertainment, favorite foods and lots more for the entire family. At the Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart. *For more information, call (772) 220-3247.*

SATURDAY, FEB. 9

• **Fourth annual HeARTs for Hospice** to benefit Treasure Coast Hospice, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Rare Earth Gallery, 41 S.W. Flagler, Stuart. *For more information, call (772) 403-4594, email* JFerrari@TCHospice.org *or visit* www.TreasureCoastHospice.org.

SUNDAY, FEB. 10

• **Sunday brunch and concert** will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road in Fort Pierce. *For more information, call (772) 464-4672.*

• **Garden lecture** will take place at 1 p.m. at Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road in Fort Pierce. Cost is $20 for members, $25 for non-members. *For more information, call (772) 464-4672.*

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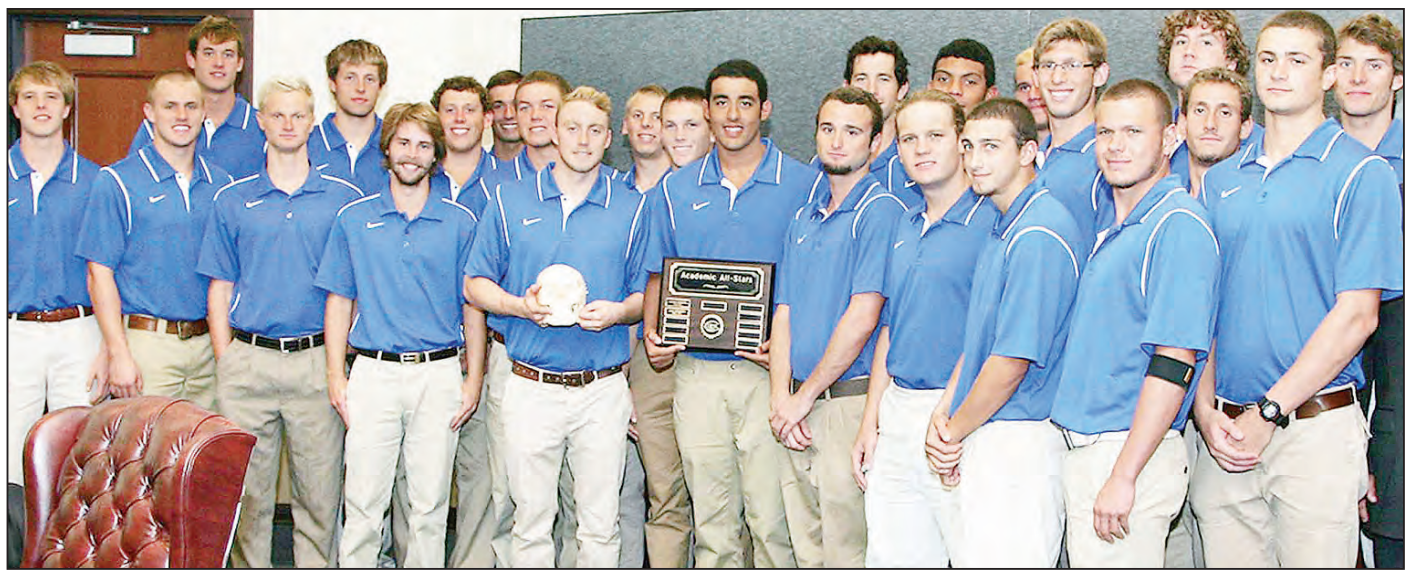

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Indian River State College men's swimming and diving team recently received the a"Academic all-stars 'Skull' award for achieving the highest grade-point average for any athletic team at the college during the fall, 2012 semester.

Swimming, diving team receives award

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TREASURE COAST — Members of the Indian River State College men's swimming and diving team were named academic all-stars for achieving the highest grade-point average for any athletic team at the college during the fall 2012 semester with an average 3.05 GPA.

"The 'academic all-stars' designation recognizes the importance of academic achievement for athletes, and I'm proud to see our men's swimming and diving team receive this academic honor," said Scott Kimmelman, IRSC athletic director.

Team members received certificates of achievement and the IRSC "Skull" award, which is presented each year to the academic all-star team at the January board of trustees meeting. The team is coached by Ryan Mallam, head coach swimming and diving; David Suba, head diving coach and Adam Epstein, assistant coach swimming and diving.

The names and hometowns of the IRSC men's swimming and diving team members are: Heinrich Alberts, Pietersburg, South Africa; Richard Andrews, West Palm Beach; Edwin Angjeli, South Boston, Mass.; Caio Azevedo, Somerville, Mass.; Bryan Clarke, Indialantic; Erie Craven, Winston-Salem, N.C.; David Dawson, Neptune Beach; Zach Duval, Navarre; Luis Flores, Gurabo, Puerto Rico; Chad Harrington, Boca Raton; Frank Horpel, Castro Valley, Calif.; Evan Jacob, Jacksonville; Samuel Mitchum, Ocala; Josh Oathout, Altamonte Springs; Justin Ortiz, Jupiter; Terry Peoples, Elkhart, Ind.; Nicholas Piumelli, Winter Park; Marc Rojas, Miramar; Alec Scott, Aurora, Colo.; Kameron Sipowski, Jupiter; Bradley Tandy, Ladysmith, South Africa; Spencer Williams, St. Petersburg; Byron Wolkers, Pakuranga, New Zealand; David Zarb, Athens, Ga. and Timothy Zoltowski, Rio Rancho, N.M.

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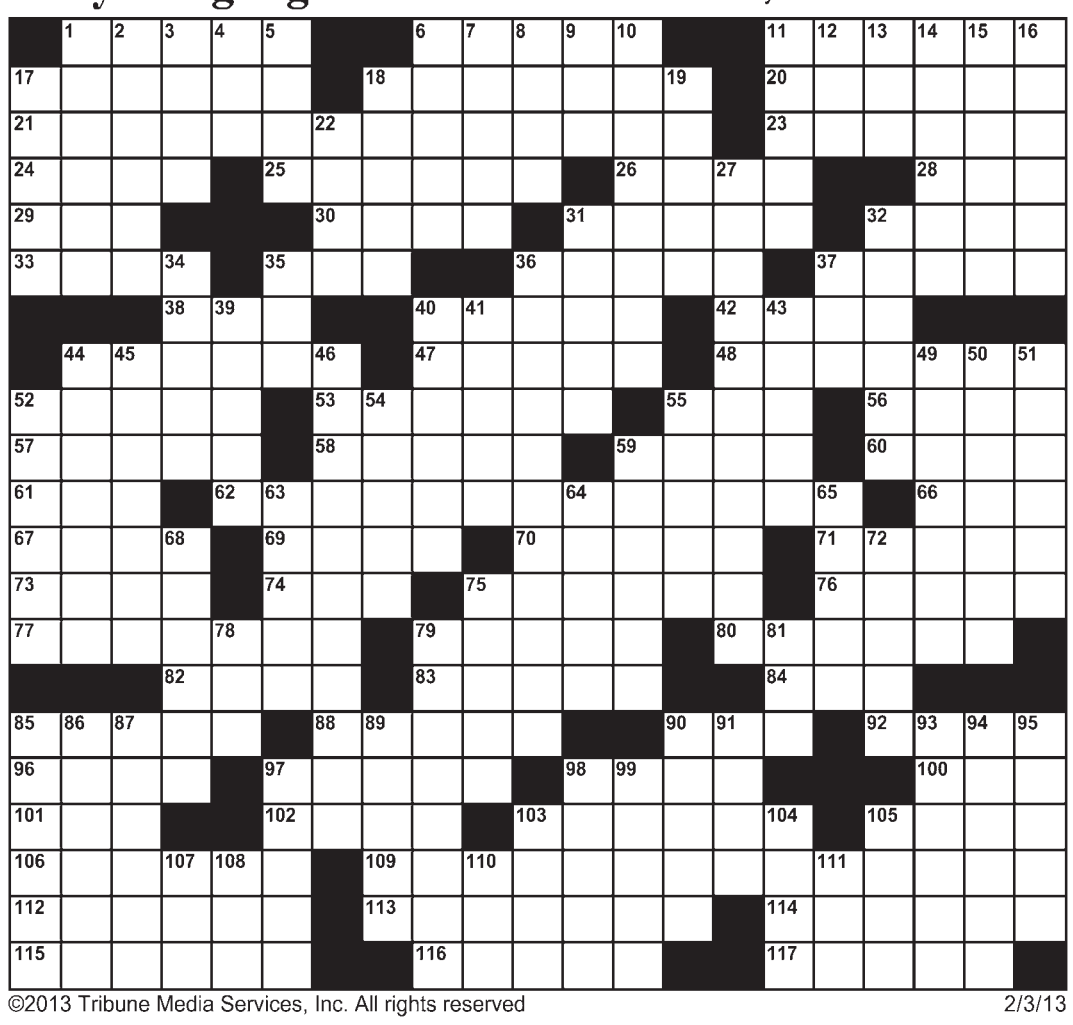

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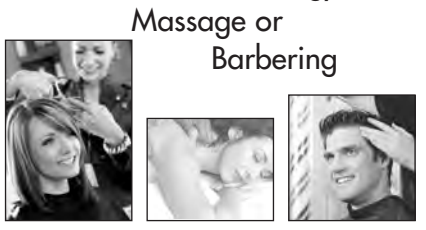

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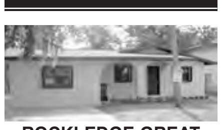

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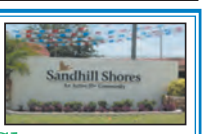

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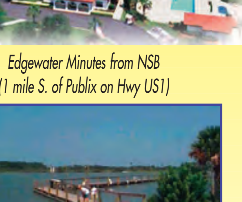

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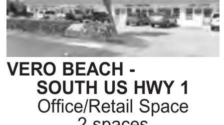

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FILE NO.: 562012CP001272 AXXXHC
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of EDWIN EMERSON USSERY, deceased, date of death was July 29, 2012; File Number 562012CP001272AXXXHC, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, 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 attorney are set forth below.
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Personal Representative: Norman Ussery, 5890 Norman Drive, Rural Hall, NC 27045 Attorney for Personal Representative: Michelangelo Mortellaro FBN: 0036283, 8401 J.R. Manor Drive, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33634 Telephone: 813-367-1500 Pubs: Feb. 1, & Feb, 8, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY STATE OF FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
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Personal Representative: Edeltraud Del Greco, 343 SW Egret Landing, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953 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: Feb. 1, & Feb, 8, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF GINA MARIE ALBANESE, Deceased.
CASE NO.: 562012CP001446-FM
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
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Personal Representative: Francine Thomas, 1250 S.W. Babcock Avenue, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953 Attorney for Personal Representative: Thomas R. Garland, P.A. Thomas R. Garland, Esq. Florida Bar No. 849502, 1914 S.E. Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952 (772) 337-1122
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All you need is love

WRITER/PRODUCTION COORDINATOR

BRITTANY LLORENTE

One of my favorite quotes since I was young has been the classic, "All you need is love" as sung by Beatle the late John Lennon.

In some shape or form, I think everyone should be loved. It is a defining force in nature. It can be as essential as air, food or water.

There is no real definition of love. It is different for everyone.

When I was younger, my definition of love was a knight in shining armor coming to save me and take me away, like all the Disney movies show.

As I grew older, I looked at my parents who have been married for 30 years.

There have been ups and downs in those years, sure, but I have watched each time they patched up holes to keep the love intact.

There are also friends who stayed by me and watched me stumble over heartbreak and gave me their love to help me back up.

Love is different for everyone and we experience it in different ways.

This month, we celebrate love in all its different forms.

For those who are married or in relationships, we hope you enjoy the ideas and planning we've put into this issue to help you with gifts and where to go on Valentine's Day with your special someone.

We've highlighted some of the best local shops to pick up gifts or flowers and locally owned restaurants to share dinner .

If you're single, we've created a Valentine's Day tips sheet for you and ideas on how to spend the day, including going out with some friends for dinner or a enjoying a fancy day of pampering.

One of my favorite Valentine's Days was spent with my mom.

My father, an airline pilot, was gone for the day and instead of us sitting at home, we booked a reservation for two at a hibachi-style grill and had an amazing night.

We were able to have fun, even with the couples who surrounded us, and those who had the same idea as we did.

The interactive setting of the hibachi made it easy for us to all feel like we were sharing the Valentine's Day experience together.

Celebrate the month, and use it as an excuse to shower a little love on yourself and others.

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LOVE STORIES

Crafting a love story

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Chris and Patti Craft in downtown Fort Pierce. The couple have been married for 16 years.

You really can't do this kind of thing (campaign) without a good family behind you... Without an understanding wife, when you're calling and canceling date night, it wouldn't work."

-Chris Craft

By Brittany Llorente
Writer/production coordinator

It started at Fort Pierce Bowl.

When Chris Craft attended the Monday night mixer bowling league and met Patti Craft he knocked down pins and swept her off her feet.

After 16 years of marriage and a daughter, Sydni, 14, they're still knocking down obstacles and staying strong through life and campaigns.

Mr. Craft was elected the tax collector for Fort Pierce in November. Prior to that, he was a county commissioner.

"You really can't do this type of thing without a good family behind you," Mr. Craft said. "You can be pulled in so many directions and get calls at 6 p.m. saying that you have to be somewhere. Without an understanding wife, when you're calling and canceling date night, it wouldn't work."

For Mrs. Craft, the limelight of the campaigns isn't her favorite and she would rather play a behind-the-scenes role.

"We will watch Michelle Obama give a speech and Patti will look at me and say, 'Honey, don't expect me to do that,'" Mr. Craft said. "And that's OK. I knew this going in and we still work."

Despite having different personalities and likes, the couple uses the differences to enrich their lives.

"We have a great amount of things in common," he said. "We play off those commonalities. We teach each other and open our eyes to different things that we may not have tried before."

Apart from the campaigning and the publicity, the couple says they're down to earth and a normal family.

"Having the family aspect is very important," Mrs. Craft said. "Sometimes we get away from it for awhile and then we come back and sit at the dinner table instead of having it around the TV. Once the campaign is over, you're back to normal. Your life is more hectic but the days go on. We did a lot of running around."

The Craft's enjoy watching NASCAR, Miami Marlins and Miami Dolphins games together as a family.

They are planning a trip to Washington, D.C., as a family to visit the monuments and sightsee.

Apart from vacations, Mrs. Craft said that among everyday life, it's important to take a timeout and have date night and spend time together.

"You really need to have fun," Mrs. Craft said. "Having fun is so important."

GIFTS

Shop local for annual 'day of love'

By Brittany Llorente
Writer/production coordinator

The perfect Valentine's Day gift can be elusive, especially for last- minute shoppers. What to get?

For women the usual gifts are flowers, chocolate or jewelry. For men, it can be a little more difficult, but it usually has to do with hardware and golf.

Flowers are for every occasion, and Valentine's Day is no exception.

At Chaney's House of Flowers in Fort Pierce, it is one of the busiest times of the year. Owner Jill Powers said flowers are a visual message.

"Flowers let loved ones know how they feel about each other," Ms. Powers said. "Red roses are the most popular flower to send because they represent ultimate beauty, love, admiration and perfection."

For those who have just started dating or want to show their admiration on Valentine's Day, Ms. Powers suggest a mixed bouquet or the recipient's favorite flower or flowers. For longtime couples, she suggests roses and for a special touch, the flowers used in their wedding.

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SINGLES GUIDE

Cures for Valentine's Day blues

By Brittany Llorente
Writer/production coordinator

Valentine's Day is usually associated with the colors pink and red, but rarely blue.

For single people, Feb. 14 can seem like a day set up as a reminder to tell them they are single.

This one day of the year does not need to be sad for anyone, as it should be treated as a day of love for everyone.

Want to do something on Valentine's Day? Here is a list of places around town to go to and make it a day of self -loving and loving others.

Make it a girl's day or a guy's day

Ladies, gather up your gal pals and head out to a coffee or tea shop and catch up, talk about everything under the sun and later, get a pedicure.

Uncle Carlo's Gelato, 141 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce, is a small shop off the water in downtown Fort Pierce. The shop offers delicious gelato and lunch fare, as well as other tasty treats.

Men, go for a round of golf followed by a relaxing time in a cigar shop or a enjoy a beer at Vine and Barley, 1680 SW St. Lucie West Blvd. No. 101 in Port St. Lucie.

Finish off the day and start off the night with dinner at The Original Tiki Bar, 2 Ave. A, Fort Pierce or a enjoy a quiet evening at Capone's Hideaway, 1102 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce.

Visit the family

Call parents and children and set up an at-home meal for the family with everyone invited, couples or not. Don't have the time or space? Tin Fish, 10511 SW Village Center Drive in Port St. Lucie, features great seafood and the family style restaurant will delight everyone.

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DINING

Capone's offers variety of entree specials

By Dawn Krebs
For Forever Young

FORT PIERCE — The name of the restaurant may have the word "hideaway," in it, but it is well worth finding.

Tucked in the back of Colonnades Shopping Center in South Beach in Fort Pierce, Capone's Hideaway has been owned by Sal and Beth Capone for five years, and Mr. Capone said business continues to grow.

"Business has grown greatly over the last few years," he said.

My dining companion and I visited on a Sunday evening, as the restaurant is now open seven days a week.

As soon as I walked in, the relaxing sounds of Frank Sinatra and other crooners greeted me. We eased into one of the many comfortable booths, even though there were also tables that could be pushed together for larger parties. The overall setting, complete with cloth tablecloths and napkins, was an atmosphere you could relax in to enjoy your dinner.

The staff adds to the atmosphere by dressing in a theme of 1940s gangsters, complete with pinstripe suits and hats. Mr. Capone said this makes the restaurant stand out.

"We're not a chain," he said. "We're an old-fashioned restaurant."

The restaurant also offers different dinner specials almost every night.

Mondays feature $5 hearty appetizers and $3 glasses of wine, enabling diners to try as many as they like.

On Tuesday and Thursday, diners can get two entrees and a bottle of wine for $39. Wednesday, there are two filet mignon dinners for $30 and Friday and Saturday, two Maine lobster dinners are offered for $39. Sunday features a $14.95 New York Strip night.

The menu offers a large variety of entrees, from seafood, such as coconut-crusted snapper (which Mr. Capone says is his best-selling item right now) to pastas, chicken and veal.

Staff photo by Dawn Krebs

Elatia Conley, one of the servers at Capone's Hideaway in Fort Pierce, shows off one of the restaurant's popular desserts, the almond basket.

"I grew up in New York, and my parents were right off the boat from Sicily. A lot of the food here has touches of that," he said.

But recently, he has also incorporated a lot of the islands into his food, as well.

We started our meal with appetizers of escargot and shrimp with mango salsa.

When the appetizers arrived, I tried both and could not pick my favorite.

The escargot was well-seasoned and very tender and served in a garlic-butter sauce that provided the perfect backdrop.

The shrimp came nestled in a Gorgonzola cream sauce with a touch of Cajun spices, bordered by sweet peppers. In the center sat the mango salsa tossed in a fruit rum sauce. Rich and creamy, the sauce complimented the sweet of the fruit and peppers.

For dinner, I ordered the blackened Mahi with salsa, and my companion ordered the lamb shank, both house specials. We also split the coconut-crusted snapper.

The blackened Mahi was a generous portion of fish topped with mango salsa. While there was a nice buildup of heat in the spices on the fish, it was cut nicely by the sweetness in the salsa. It sat upon a bed of sweet potatoes with grilled zucchini on the side.

My snapper was gorgeous, crusted with coconut. The flavor of the coconut was very mild, and the crunch held up well under the moist and delicious snapper. The large piece of fish was light and tender. The light cream sauce that arrived with this fish, however, was amazing, and whatever was in it was the perfect

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ROSE'S ROOM

Valentine's Day reminiscing

ROSE'S ROOM

ROSE PADRICK

Flowers, candy, jewelry. One wonders what old St. Valentine would think of his day in these times. While I certainly have no objection to receiving shiny baubles, (tennis bracelet from Zales Jewelers). I think over the years, the best gifts have been free (or very cheap).

Years ago, I was feeling less than romantic on Valentine's Day since I was eight months pregnant with my fourth child. Backaches, exhaustion and swollen everything was exacerbated by three young children and a husband who worked two jobs.

Money was tight and hours spent helping little people pick just the perfect card for each friend and helping little fingers sign each card did little to help put me in a Hallmark mood.

The holiday fell on a school day. As I raced to get everyone dressed and fed with visions of someday when the children are grown romantic dinners intermingled with is Kim wearing matching shoes? Did Darlene finish her homework? I hope Cindy's teacher likes the card we spent so much time on.

Finding a beautiful card and small box of candy from my best beau carefully placed in the morning cereal box brightened my day considerably, but the handmade coupon for one day of total child care gave me the vapors.

I immediately began making plans for a long leisurely afternoon at the beach alone with a good book and that box of candy.

The big day arrived along with itchy spots and a fever on the 3-year-old. By the following Sunday all three children were scratching and whining. The third Sunday found my husband with a fever. The one after that I was in labor. I think you get the drift; the coupon became the impossible dream.

I still have that unused coupon, but no need for child care. I wonder if it could be traded in on something more useful (tennis bracelet from Zales Jewelers).

That day on the beach with a book is still a great idea, especially if the beach is on Bahia Honda Key in the Florida Keys. The early bird/senior special dinner can be romantic depending on the company.

I may even be coerced into sharing a box of candy with my best beau.

Gifts

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My grandchildren think I'm as old as dirt. They ask me about what I did and had at their age. How did I listen to music in a car? A radio, is that all? Where were the tapes, CDs, IPods? How did we record?

I've been doing a lot of genealogy lately and started applying their thinking to my experiences and knowledge.

Technology has come a long way since I started this quest in the early 1970s. I was lucky I lived in Orlando, which had a large public library and wonderful genealogy department. I had microfilm and a hand-cranked reader. Microfilm readers were in short supply, so I would get my children off to school, and be there when the library opened at 9 a.m. in order to get one. If I left it unattended I would lose my turn, so I sat there all day, turning that crank, page by page, until it was time to retrieve the children from school.

I traced my family through census records, state by state, county to county, page by page, with no indexes.

In chasing lost relatives the last couple of weeks, I am appreciating that old school of research most of you don't seem to understand. Your people are there, you just don't know how, or want to go to the time and trouble of finding them. Forget those fancy computer-generated indexes, when you are in a tough spot. They are wonderful and a great help, but are often wrong! Sometimes you just have to get down and dirty and actually do the work for yourself.

Do not take those indexes at face value. Just because your family is not listed, doesn't mean they aren't there, you have to go look for them. What looks like the exact person you are looking for on the index, probably isn't. Go to the actual page and look at each person in the household. Find this person on the census before and after, and every census they are on for their entire life. Document the entire family, age, birth place, etc., year by year.

This is "doing your census work" and should be done for every family in your database. Time consuming? You bet it is! But your work will be documented (remember to add your sources as you go) and much more accurate, and maybe completely different, than all those you are so inclined to just copy from someone else's research.

When you start finding these families yourself, and actually looking them up and checking the facts on your own, you will be amazed at how wrong all your Internet copying has been. I've found my relatives listed in families of complete strangers, by someone who

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complement to the coconut crust on the fish. I could not stop eating it.

The lamb shank, however, is a meat and potatoes diner's dream come true. The lamb was literally falling off the bone. No knife was needed, and the thick, hearty gravy that covered the meat also deliciously soaked into the homemade mashed potatoes that the lamb sat upon.

Capone's offers homemade desserts, as well. If you want a dessert for two, they offer an almond basket: an edible basket filled with raspberry sorbet and fresh berries.

Introduced to the menu a year ago and homemade by Mrs. Capone, the basket melts in your mouth and the nutty flavor is the perfect foil to the creamy sorbet. It was a sweet ending to an amazing meal. It is made fresh, so Mr. Capone recommends calling ahead and reserving the dessert to make sure it is available.

The restaurant is open for dinner seven days a week and also caters special events. The daily early bird special is from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. every night. For the holidays, gift certificates are available.

The restaurant is also hosting a special Valentine's Day special including two entrees and a bottle of wine for $49 with a choice of a shared appetizer or shared dessert.

If you haven't yet tried Capone's Hideaway, go out of your way and do so. But with so many delicious items on the menu, the best thing I can recommend for you is to make reservations.

Capone's also offers catering options for parties.

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Genealogy

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had just stuck them where it looked like maybe they should go.

The fact is, one person does poor research, or just gets a few names or facts wrong, and that throws the whole family genealogy into turmoil. Then they throw the whole thing onto the Internet. The next person comes along and finds their ancestor listed with the whole genealogy already done. Wow! It's so easy to just copy it and add it to your own database. Dozens of people do this, and so when you type in "Daniel J. Monahan, b. 1849," 50 family trees show up, all with the exact information. It must be true if so many people have it, correct? These are great clues, but just use them as that.

Have you ever considered that the whole family tree you just found online could be the figment of someone's imagination and just put on as a prank? I could do this myself very easily, and it would be copied by everyone who found it and be taken as fact. Scary, isn't it? All that "stuff" you have copied may be wrong.

This is why professional genealogist preach; "document, document, document and "always site your sources." If you will notice, most Internet family trees have no sources, many have no person to contact and if they do, the contact person has no useful information. They will tell you they just copied it from someone else.

In genealogical research, the rule of thumb is that you need three sources who agree before the fact is proven. That is often tough to do, and at times impossible, but it will stand the test of time when accomplished.

The sayings go, "garbage in, garbage out," and "if you want something done right, do it yourself." These are especially true in genealogy.

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