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Rock on!



Lead Singer of the Relapse Band, John Cerveny, energizes the crowd at the Second Annual Docs Rock, held at the Sunrise Theater on Saturday April 7. More than \$50,000 was raised to benefit the HANDS Clinic, a Volunteers In Medicine affiliate that provides access to free primary health-care to qualified, uninsured, adult residents of St. Lucie County. To learn more about the clinic, call (772) 462-5646.

Photo courtesy of MaryAnn Ketcham

People with disabilities get help finding jobs

By Gaylon Parker
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TREASURE COAST – One local organization is going all-out for people with disabilities. EmployU, a nonprofit organization working throughout Florida, helps people with disabilities find gainful employment in whatever capacities they can excel in and attain good jobs that highlight their skills.

EmployU staff members help clients with resumes, job applications and meet with businesses to find jobs suited to their strengths.

Many businesses, such as Publix employ people with disabilities, but are not in the position to hire more profoundly disabled people. They typically offer bagger positions to the disabled, in many cases, although those are much-appreciated by EmployU staff.

But Employment Specialist Susan Marino said there are many businesses in the community that have made a difference by taking a chance and investing in other clients. Many of these are privately owned businesses and not necessarily big corporations, she said.

"I felt that if we give some positive attention to these businesses, then other local businesses might also be encouraged and motivated to give people with disabilities a chance," Ms. Marino said. "I personally work within four counties on the Treasure Coast – Indian River, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Martin counties – and have helped hundreds of folks find meaningful employment. I feel passionate about helping people find purpose through employment."

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City Electric to build new facility in Tradition

Officials laud company's expansion and latest addition to Port St. Lucie jobs corridor

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

PORT ST. LUCIE -- Business and governmental officials officially unveiled City Electric Supply's plans March 26 to construct a \$38 million facility on a 30-acre site in the Tradition Commerce Center that will add 50 new employees to the com-

pany's existing St. Lucie West Tamlite operation.

The City Council voted unanimously that day to approve the final site plan for the two-story, 400,000-square-foot manufacturing and warehouse facility that will eventually grow the Dallas-based company's local work force to 272 employees. The firm currently employs 222 workers at its Peacock Boulevard manufacturing plant operating under the TAMCO division.

Bridget Keen, a senior planner with the city's Planning & Zoning Department, told the Council she and her staff had been holding biweekly meetings with a project team to expedite the city's

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Community calendar

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

• **Technology workshop — Picture Slides:** 2 p.m., Morningside Branch Library's Creation Station, 2410 Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Learn how to create slideshow movies for your website using Adobe Premiere and Mixcraft. These workshops are designed to help adults hone their advanced computer skills. The Creation Station provides all the software and computer equipment participants need. Guests are encouraged to bring a USB drive, if they want digital copies of their work. *Space is limited for these free classes, so make reservations by calling (772) 337-5634 or email wilsonj@stlucieco.org.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

• **Relay for Life of St. Lucie County:** Begins at 6 p.m. in First Data Field at Mets Stadium, 525 N.W. Peacock Blvd., Port St. Lucie, and runs through 6 a.m. Relay For Life is an overnight community fundraising walk for the American Cancer Society. To participate in this year's Relay for Life and help finish the fight against cancer, join a team or start a team by visiting www.relayforlife.org. To learn more, contact Karen Aiello at (772) 562-2272, or Karen.Aiello@cancer.org

• **Photographing Nature Hike:** 9:30-11 a.m., Steven J. Fousek Preserve (Paleo & Teague Hammocks), 8551 Carlton Road, Port St. Lucie. Explore the trails in search of flowers, butterflies, wildlife and more. This peaceful preserve features hammock and wet prairie. Bring your camera or smartphone. Free, public is welcome;

however, reservations are required as space is limited. *For more information or to register, call (772) 462-2526, email slchikes@stlucieco.org or visit www.slchikes.org.*

• **Community Gardens Series:** Fertilizing and controlling pests in your garden, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Registration required. *For more information, call (772) 337-1959.*

• **Tours of the Oxbow:** 11 a.m., every Saturday through April 14, Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Thirty minute tours are meant for people of all ages and abilities, and include a brief history of the 225-acre property, an introduction to the exhibit hall, a walk through the gardens and a short stroll through the beautiful preserve. Free. Drop-ins are encouraged; no reservations required. *For more information, call (772) 785-5833 or visit www.oxboweco.com.*

• **Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous community information session:** 1-2:30 p.m., High Point of Fort Pierce, 3266 US Hwy 1, Fort Pierce. Do you have food or weight problems? There is a solution. Come hear how the FA program works and ask questions. Everyone is welcome. FA is a free, nonprofit, 12 step program based on the principles of AA. *For more info and weekly meeting times and locations, call (772) 342-0578 or visit www.foodaddicts.org*

• **An Evening on Edge of the Riverbank Hike:** 6:30-8:30 p.m., Oxbow Eco-Center Preserve, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Learn why this site on the North Fork of the St. Lucie River Greenway plays an important role as an ecological corridor. See **CALENDAR**, page 3

Community notes

Department of Health encourages prevention, syphilis testing during STD Awareness Month

The Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie joins the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in recognizing April as STD Awareness Month. Throughout the month, DOH-St. Lucie will be hosting and participating in screening and educational events to raise STD awareness.

This year's efforts focus on the relationship between healthcare providers and patients with the theme "Treat Me Right" to protect patients' sexual health as a provider and stand up for your own sexual health as a patient.

"To prevent the spread of STDs or STIs, it is important to remember the 3T's (Talk, Test and Treat). Talk to your partner and healthcare provider about risk factors and methods to reduce your chances of getting an STD, get tested, and get treated if you're infected, to avoid additional health problems or further the spread," said Clint Sperber, Health Officer for the Department of Health in St. Lucie County.

Syphilis infection rates have spiked in all regions of the country and across almost every ethnicity and age group. Some populations, such as gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men, and women are seeing higher increases than other groups. Cases of congenital syphilis (babies born with syphilis) are also increasing at an alarming rate. Having syphilis also makes it easier to get HIV and Hepatitis C.

To prevent the spread of all STDs, including syphilis, DOH-St. Lucie provides screening, counseling, treatment and partner notification services to persons infected with or suspected of being infected with STDs.

The only way to avoid syphilis and other STDs is to not have sex. However, if you are sexually active, you can do the following things to lower your chances of infection:

- Be in a long-term, monogamous relationship with a partner who has tested negative for syphilis and other STDs;
- Use condoms the right way every time you have sex;
- Talk to your health care provider about getting testing for syphilis and other STDs or locate a clinic near you for free, fast and confidential testing;
- If you test positive for syphilis or other STDs, get treated right away and be sure your sexual partner is treated as well to reduce the risk of re-infection.

DOH-St. Lucie will partner and host several outreach events in April for STD Awareness Month. Testing is free for STDs and HIV. No appointment is necessary but a photo ID is needed.

For more information on STD Awareness Month, visit the CDC's webpage: www.cdc.gov/features/stdawareness/. To learn more about the department's STD program and services, visit www.florida-health.gov/diseases-and-conditions/sexually-transmitted-diseases/index.html

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2017 READERS CHOICE

Salon brings quality, style to Fort Pierce beachside

By **Gaylon Parker**
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FORT PIERCE – When people want a quality cut, they can find it in many places. But when they get a chance to add great style with a pleasant and beautiful location, that's all the better.

That's what customers find at Split Enz Salon in Fort Pierce will get each time they walk through the door. The location is perfect for anybody wanting to hit the beach after a hairstyling appointment and be close to the shore in the wonderful Florida weather. Split Enz – which is got its name partly because of the way A1A splits in two at that spot near the Fort Pierce Inlet – is owned and operated by Jacquie Burgess, who began there in 2006 but began hairdressing while still in high school as a dual-enrollment student.

"One day, I was driving by North Beach and saw this 'for-rent' sign right after the hurricanes and I decided to start a business out here from scratch," she said. "I am originally from Long Island, New York, and I feel like this is my home now."



Jacquie Burgess

The cheery atmosphere in the business is one of the many things that brings people back over and over again, and it is decorated with a beachy theme that just adds to the ambiance. "People say it's so calming and we have nice people that are 'people-pleasers' here and it's not like the typical salon," she added.

She loves the business and it shows in the number of repeat customers she has, and her staff of seven is large enough to accommodate walk-ins at any time. Many of her customers are Baby Boomers and retirees, but she has a solid stable of clients because she honors the trend of being a good local shopper and is rewarded in return, she said.

The prices are competitive with almost every salon on the Treasure Coast and Ms. Burgess prides herself on the quality of her hair-care products, along with the huge variety of services at her one-stop shop. In fact, the masseuse will even perform house-calls for Jacquie's clients.

"It's really not work; it's fun helping people look good," Jacquie said. "We provide everything from A to Z, we do hair care, nails, acrylics, we have a masseuse, we have an acupuncturist and we do weight loss and eyelashes; we do it all."

"I like to offer convenience for our customers as much as I can."

The staff stays informed and trained on the latest trends and routinely travels to trade shows to keep current. She also recently returned from a trip to Europe and was

able to learn a great deal about many of the styles that might be headed to our shores in the near future. There also is a goal toward maintaining a sound ecological footprint there, which is draw for people concerned about the environment.

"We always keep ourselves up-to-date," Jacquie said. "And we use top-of-the-line hair color here – Goldwell, Wella and for styling we use Aquage – and I also really try to stress organic products and any sustainable, earth-friendly products. I don't let the girls throw out acetone down the drain; it's very important that we don't waste and we keep an eye on what we're using for customers' health."

She also is active in the North Beach Association's Board of Directors and participates in many active pursuits and cleanup efforts to be a good citizen and beautify the community while helping beautify her clients. "I try to do as much as I can, personally," she said.

Split Enz Salon is located on the Fort Pierce North Causeway at 1014 Shorewinds Drive. For more information, visit their Facebook page or call 772-462-2418.

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Enjoy a peaceful evening along the banks of the river immersed in nature's raw beauty and sounds. Free, public is welcome; however, reservations are required as space is limited. For more information or to register, call (772) 462-2526, email slchikes@

stlucieco.org or visit www.slchikes.org.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

• **Chimpathon:** Fourth annual event is a benefit for the Save the Chimps sanctuary in Fort Pierce, and all proceeds will directly benefit the chimps at the sanctuary. 6 a.m. to noon, course runs through the Save the Chimps sanctuary, which is not open to the

public. Registration is limited to 700 participants, for the sake of the resident chimps. For more information, visit www.savethechimps.org/about-us/events/chimpathon.

• **Ten Mile Creek Kayak Excursion:** 9 a.m. to noon, Richard E. Becker Preserve, 3398 Selvitz Road, Fort Pierce. Discover one of the wild tributaries of the St. Lucie River by kayak on this guided adventure along Ten

Mile Creek. Learn to identify numerous birds, trees, and flowers along the way. Kayaks, US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices, and paddles provided (you may also provide your own equipment if desired). The cost is \$10 per person. Must RSVP. No online registration, call (772) 462-2526 to reserve your space.

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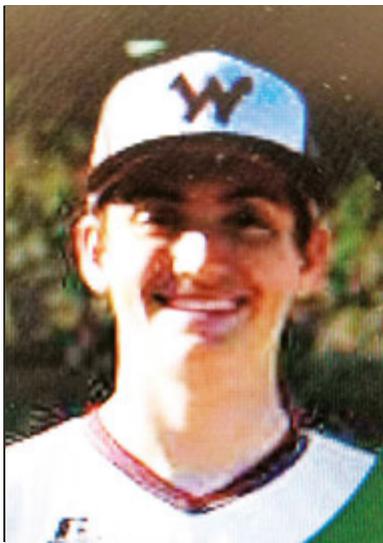
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A star student



Jacob Wallin-Beck, a junior at Westwood High School, has been one of the most consistent offensive contributors throughout the season, batting .407 with 8 RBIs and 9 runs scored. He had a particularly strong week last week bating .500 with 2 doubles, a triple, and 4 RBIs in 3 games.



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sure Coast:

Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Taylor Point Apartments, 4885 38th Circle, Vero Beach

Friday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rogers Market, 17068 S.W. Palm Beach Street, Indiantown

Sunday, April 15, from 12-3 p.m., Pride Fest 2018 at River Walk Center, 600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce

Monday, April 16, from 3-5:30 p.m., Golden Gate Center, 3225 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart

Wednesday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m., Chastain Campus - Indian River State College, 2400 SW Salerno Road, Stuart

Monday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rines Market, 15500 S.W. Trail Drive, Indiantown

Thursday, April 26, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Whispering Pines Park, 800 S.W. Darwin Blvd., Port St Lucie

Friday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., FL Dept. of Health in Martin County, 3441 S.W. Willoughby Blvd., Stuart

Monday, April 30, from 1-3 p.m., Pioneer Park, 2901 Avenue M, Fort Pierce

Wednesday, May 2, from 2-4 p.m., 46th Ave Villas, 2828 N.W. 46th Ave., Okeechobee

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• **Treasure Coast PrideFest:** 14th annual event will be held from noon to 6 p.m., River Walk Center, 600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Enjoy live music, live entertainment, food and craft vendors, tasty beverages, games, and more. Free admission, public is welcome. *For more information, visit* www.prideofthetreasurecoast.org.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

• **Changing Beaches Family Hike & Beach Clean-up:** 9-11 a.m., Ocean Bay Beachside Preserve, 7600 S. Ocean Drive, Jensen Beach. Join us to see how the beach and life around it has changed month to month. As we walk the sandy shore, we'll explore the exciting wrack line and find the treasures offered up by the sea. At the end of this monthly adventure, you'll get a chance to become an environmental steward by removing the man-made trash and restoring the beach's pristine beauty. All are welcome but this hike is most appropriate for families with children ages 5 & up; minors must be accompanied by an adult. *For more information or to register, call (772) 462-2526, email* slchikes@stlucieco.org *or visit* www.slchikes.org.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

• **Weekly Storytime Jam:** Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Zora Neale Hurston Branch Library, 3008 Avenue D, Fort Pierce. Designed for ages 2-5, this interactive program will have your young ones clapping, dancing, singing and listening to stories each

week. *For more information, call (772) 462-2154 or visit* http://library.stlucieco.gov *or email* roviaa@stlucieco.org.

• **Celebrate Recovery:** 7-9:30 p.m., Fairlawn Baptist Church, 3003 Rhode Island Ave., Fort Pierce. A free, Christ-centered recovery program offered every Tuesday evening. *For more information, call (772) 461-0814.*

• **Writers Group:** Moves from first and third Thursdays to first and third Tuesdays. 1-3 p.m., Lakewood Park Branch Library, 7605 Santa Barbara Drive, Fort Pierce. Get together with other writers to read and provide feedback on each other's work at this program, scheduled for the first and third Tuesday of each month. This informal writing support group is organized by community volunteers and is free and open to anyone interested in writing. Writers of all genres and skills are welcome to drop in and participate. *For more information, contact the staff at (772) 462-6870, email* shroyerc@stlucieco.org *or visit* http://library.stlucieco.gov.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

• **Morning Hike for Birders:** 7:30-10 a.m., Jones Hammock Preserve, 2051 Bell Ave., Fort Pierce. It's an all-avian hike along a secluded wetland and river. Birders, bring your binoculars, scopes, field guides, and checklists. This preserve, adjacent to the North Fork of the St. Lucie River, boasts rich resident and migratory birdlife which are attracted to the river's bountiful food supply. This hike is sure to impress any avid birder. Free, public is welcome; however, reservations are required as space is limited. *For more information or to register, call (772) 462-2526, email* slchikes@stlucieco.org *or* See **CALENDAR**, page 7

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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.

Fort Pierce Police Department

Earlvine Mitz, 23, 707-169 N. 7th St., Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and battery by strangulation.

Jose Santiago, 60, 609-A Texas Court, Fort Pierce, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill.

Naquion Jones, 18, 1603-A N. 18th St., Fort Pierce, homicide – premeditated first-degree murder and robbery of a residence with a home invasion with a firearm or other deadly weapon.

Mark Fritz, 44, 8015 97th St., Vero Beach, domestic battery by strangulation.

Port St. Lucie Police Department

Robert Miller, 34, 1625-A S.W. Alvaton Ave., Port St. Lucie, possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted Florida felon.

Cheryl Bostic, 47, 1625-A S.W. Alvaton Ave., Port St. Lucie, possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted Florida felon.

Bruce Marangio, 51, 219 S.E. Sims Cir., Port St. Lucie, resisting a law enforcement officer with violence and battery on a firefighter, law enforcement officer or EMT.

Ian Gilchrist, 48, 5804 N.W. Fallflower Court, Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant on an order revoking release for failure to register a vehicle, driving with a suspended license and battery.

Jared Brazill, 24, 524 N.W. Waverly Cir., Port St. Lucie, criminal mischief with property dam-

age of more than \$200 but less than \$1,00 for a subsequent offense.

Thomas Sauer, 50, 307 S.W. Belmont Cir., Port St. Lucie, unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and larceny – grand theft of more than \$300 but less than \$5,000, dealing in stolen property and fraud – providing false ownership information to pawn items less than \$300.

P.R. Torres, 25, homeless, Port St. Lucie, aggravated battery where the offender should have known the victim was pregnant.

Scott Ashness, 37, 815 S.E. Misty Meadow Way, Stuart, arrested on an active, out-of-county (Martin) felony warrant on a violation of probation.

Edward Liroff, 46, 1909 S.W. Michelangelo Ave., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for uttering a forged instrument and fraud.

St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

Ralph Section, 67, 1303 Avenue D, Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for possession of cocaine.

Tyler Albert, 24, 8006 Roberts Road, Fort Pierce, arrested on an out-of-county (Indian River) felony warrant on a violation of probation.

James Childers, 46, 7302 Lakeland Blvd., Fort Pierce, arrested on an outstanding felony warrant for burglary of a dwelling, burglary of a conveyance, grand theft of a controlled substance and third-degree grand theft.

Devon Gomola, 22, 3238 Lago Vista Drive, Melbourne, arrested on an outstanding felony warrant on a violation of probation for providing false information to a pawnbroker and dealing in stolen property.

Kenneth Thompson, 58, 3147 Naylor Terr.,

Fort Pierce, driving with a suspended license for the third or subsequent offense.

Luis Vences-Ocampo, 24, 506 1st St. Lot 16, Vero Beach, driving with a suspended license as a habitual offender.

Collin Montesano, 23, 720-A Avenue J, Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant.

Samatha Mason, 19, 3550-77 S. US Hwy. 1, Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant.

Jean Jean, 24, 337 S.W. Donna Terr., Port St. Lucie, driving with a suspended license as a habitual offender.

Inekia Gentiles, 31, 2355 S.E. Rocksprings Drive, Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant on a violation of probation for grand theft of a motor vehicle.

Donald Barnes, 34, 1609 Citrus Ave., Fort Pierce, arrested on an outstanding felony warrant for fleeing or eluding a law enforcement officer with lights and siren active and driving without a valid driver's license.

Montrell Brown, 28, 115 W. Aldea St., Port St. Lucie, crimes against a person – corruption by threat of a public servant or their family.

Farris Wilson, 41, homeless, Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant on an order revoking pretrial release for a new arrest.

William Spencer, 35, 1931-144 S.E. Hilmoor Drive, Port St. Lucie, possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and smuggling contraband into a detention facility.

Jack Coggins, 59, 610 N. 7th St., Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and tempering with evidence.

Ashley Kelihananui, 27, 2866 58th Court, Vero Beach, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for grand theft of more

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Rayce Candee, 27, 3216 Memory Lane, Fort Pierce, arrested in open court on a felony warrant for a violation of a court-ordered sanction in drug court.

Warren Stapleton, 48, 731 S.W. Hillsborough Cir., Port St. Lucie, arrested in open court on a felony warrant for a violation of a court-ordered sanction in drug court.

John Elstun, 51, homeless, Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant on a violation of probation for sexual battery.

Erik Shapiro, 24, 3085 S.E. Santa Anita St., Port St. Lucie, arrested in open court on a felony warrant for a violation of a court-ordered sanction in mental health court.

Gorden Sarah, 22, 3025 S.W. Ventura St., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant for third-degree grand theft, possession of a stolen credit or debit card and criminal use of personal identification information.

Alex, Clark, 22, 1872 S.E. Ranier Road, Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony capias warrant for burglary of a dwelling.

Bergil Leon, 47, 164 S.W. Sea Lion Road, Port St. Lucie, driving with a suspended license for the third or subsequent offense.

Anthony Tolbert, 21, 1652 S.E. Cascella

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Rants & Raves

Got something to say?

Email the Hometown Rants & Raves at

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The Rants and Raves section provides a chance for readers to share their thoughts with other readers. The opinions included are not those of Hometown News or its employees.

Please limit your submissions to 250 words, so that we can include more entries. Readers are asked to refrain from making slanderous or libelous statements.

I'm not helping!

A certain grocery chain asks me to contribute to buy food for the hungry every time I shop there. I finally told them I pay federal income tax which buys the hungry food stamps. I will not pay twice by donating at their store. Let the 50 percent of the people who do not pay income taxes donate at the store.

Sticker shock at the movies

I recently had the pleasure of taking my two granddaughters to the movies in the daytime but was shocked to see there were no daytime deals. For a child, the price was the same as an adult so our little outing to a movie including a small lunch added up to over \$40. What ever happened to daytime matinees? I would think that more people would take advantage of a cool movie theater in the afternoon than being outside all day but at these prices, I can understand why people have to find other things to do. It would be nice to offer movies at an affordable price so all could enjoy them once in awhile.

Life is not fair

You hear it said that until you accept the fact, "Life is not fair", you will never be truly happy in life. This Country started by fighting against that concept. We have always fought against just giving up against adversity no matter how hopeless it seems to be. The slaves fought against unfairness, The Jews fought against it, and now the people bombed with GAS fight against it. People with no availability of Health Care fight against unfairness also. Many people gave their lives and limbs to make right the unfairness and cruelty of the ones in power. If the wealthy get ALL the money and own

ALL the food and ALL the medicine in the world do the rest just say; "Oh well, LIFE IS NOT FAIR"? Since we are all born on Earth, not by choice, it seems to me that we should ALL have at least the "The right to live" and at least the chance of happiness. If we have a right to live; then we should also have "A right to die", with dignity. A person who has a terminal illness and in extreme pain should not have to suffer and be used as an income source for others in order to have an "Off shore account" or something else for their happiness. It is that time of year when we should all be reminded of the messages given to us by someone who has the power to create life. It seems to me that we, as HUMANS, really have no power at all and that we are ALL on this short journey in life together. We all must get old and die, that is unfair, but we don't know why we were put here? Maybe life is some sort of TEST to see what kind of SOUL we have?

Cell phones and car accidents

I don't like the word "older." I like "mature, and those of you ranting about "mature drivers" are going to be there sooner then you think.

We have a high majority of "mature" drivers in Florida; lots of them from other parts of the country, where there are different road rules.

I don't like the idea that all you young kids below 50 think we can't drive and should turn in our keys. Ain't going to happen, as long as we don't have another choice of good reliable on time transportation available. Believe me, we would if we had a good transportation system - but we don't. Yes, we take things more slowly, obey the rules and don't speed when we drive; and that is why most of us drive safely.

As for the stats given, I checked them. Pedestrians are top for automobile accidents and death. Age 16-25 is second in line, with

Enjoying the show



The 2nd Annual Docs Rock drew a full house to the Sunrise Theater on Saturday April 7th. More than \$50,000 was raised to benefit the HANDS Clinic, a Volunteers In Medicine affiliate that provides access to free primary health-care to qualified, uninsured, adult residents of St. Lucie County. To learn more about the clinic, call (772) 462-5646. Here, seven year old Amani Webb of Port St. Lucie enjoyed the party with his family.

Photo by MaryAnn Ketcham

cell phones as the major cause. They also noted that cell phones cause over 75 percent of automobile accidents today.

Get off your phones, children, and pay attention to the road. Motorcycles was third. The "mature" group was fourth, and cell phones were not listed as the major cause.

I am in the fourth group at age 82. Been driving since I was 16, (66 years), a typical mature driver. I obey the rules, regulations and speeds for driving, even when you youngsters tailgate, honk horns, swerve around me, give me the finger, yell obscenities, dart in front of me, make wrong U-turns, etc.

What I see the under 50s doing when they drive should gain them a ton of tickets. I counted six tickets on one of my 30-year-old neighbors, as I drove first in front and then in back of them the other day - everything from speed to no signals. Unfortunately, no police officer was around to issue them, and that is a problem, because we do not have enough of them to police our roads properly.

All older cars on the road are not hazards. I drive a classic with 53,000 miles; built in Detroit, Michigan, USA, not China, Japan or Mexico, etc.

Just remember, you youngsters, you will get here; and there are people in all age groups who should turn in their keys. There are also people in all age groups who are good drivers. So, get off the "mature" group kick.

Don't automatically think just because you see gray hair that we are lousy drivers and should turn in our keys at 50.

Open letter to all motorcyclists

Please be aware that the striped zones between or beside the handicapped parking areas are not parking spaces.

Many handicapped vehicles are equipped with lifts, ramps or swing-out chairs that require this extra space.

Any obstacle to either side of the vehicle could be dangerous or impossible to navigate.

The only two options are to wait until the obstruction leaves or move the vehicle into traffic lanes to load/unload a wheelchair. In case of bad weather, this increases the danger.

Please be thankful for the few extra feet that you can walk.

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visit www.slchikes.org.

• **Diabetes Academy:** 3-4 p.m., Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 S.E. Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Free class on diabetes for people who have just been diagnosed or have had diabetes for years but may have difficulty managing it. *For more information, call educator Noreen Williams at (321) 615-1901.*

• **Care for Caregivers support group:** 6:30-8 p.m., third Wednesday each month, Suncoast Mental Health Center, 2814 S. U.S. 1, Suite D4, Fort Pierce. A support group for individuals, family members and others who play the role of caregiver to a person who struggles with a mental illness. The group's facilitator is volunteer mental health advocate Diego Gonzalez. *For more information, contact Diego Gonzalez at (772) 577-4024, dgonz17820@aol.com, or visit <http://suncoastmentalhealth.org>*

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

• **Ukulele Jam:** 5:30-7:30 p.m., third Thursday each month, Morningside Branch Library, 2410 S.E. Morningside Blvd., Port

St. Lucie. Join an informal group of ukulele enthusiasts of all skill levels who play, or want to learn to play, the ukulele. Learn from more experienced players and help those with less experience. If you don't have a uke, come anyway and try one of ours or just sing along! Free, public is welcome. This program is in partnership with the Treasure Coast Ukulele Club and is geared towards adults. No unaccompanied minors please. *For more information, contact Sandy Henry-Gordon at (772) 337-5632 or email Henry-GordonS@stlucieco.org*

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

• **Coffee with CoHorts – Volunteer Orientation:** 10 a.m., Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce. Learn how volunteers sustain Heathcote to help maintain collections, growing plants, Garden Gift Shop/Admissions & special events. Everyone makes a difference! To RSVP, call 772) 464-4672.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

• **Wacky Weeders:** 8:30 a.m. to noon, Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie. The See CALENDAR, page 9

Crime

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Court, Port St. Lucie, possession of marijuana with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver.

Jared Westberry, 24, 421 Oleander Ave., Fort Pierce, possession of cocaine with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver, possession of

cocaine and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

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William Ghersi, 26, 125 N.E. 32nd St Apt. 2405, Miami, possession of drugs and possession of cocaine.

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Don't put all your eggs in one basket

Once upon a time there was this guy who was so enamored with “cloud” computing that he stuck all of his digital eggs in one basket and in the blink of an eye lost it all. The end.

Alright, OK, I'm sure there are enough of you reading this wondering what in the world I'm going on about this week so I suppose I ought to take a few words to explain. You see I recently read an article online (an “open letter” to Google actually) written by a very distraught fellow who wanted Google to know just how badly they messed up when they locked him out of all of his data.

The poor guy goes on to explain that he spent months switching all of his email over to Gmail, all of his photos over to Google's photo service (Picasa at the time), all of his docs to Google Docs etc. etc. etcetera. After painstakingly moving all of his data to Google's servers (wherever the hell they are) he woke up one day to find out his account had been closed due to a “terms of service violation” which he swears up and down he didn't commit.

The bottom line is he spent a considerable amount of time moving his entire digital inventory up to Google's “cloud,” didn't make any provisions to back any of it up and then (just as Murphy's law demands) found himself completely locked out.



COMPUTE THIS
SEAN MCCARTHY

Now, this column isn't about whether Google had a right to lock him out of his account or not nor is it some type of cry out to the powers that be to change the way our data is safeguarded when we hand it over to “the cloud.” It's more of a cautionary tale to remind us of that which we already know – back up everything! Even when entrusting your data to the cloud, back it to a local drive as well! To not do so is just asking for it.

Let's look at this a little closer shall we? First the decision to use a “cloud” service may be a decision that many are not even aware that they are making. Let me try to clarify a couple things, take email for example. If you are accessing your email through your web browser by going to www.gmail.com, www.yahoo.com, www.aol.com or any of the other email services that offer “web based” mail service then guess what? Your email is being stored and managed “in the cloud” and if you should find yourself in violation of the “terms of service” you too could find yourself locked out. (Just how well did you read those

“terms” when you signed up? You know, the terms you have to click the “Accept” button for in order to set up your account?)

Most email services allow the downloading of email to a local email client which is present on each and every machine out there - Windows, Mac or Linux. You can set up your computer's email program (Windows Live Mail, Outlook, Outlook Express for those machines still running Windows XP, “Mail” on Macs) by configuring the “POP” or “IMAP” settings. Look it up in your email service's help settings and if your email service doesn't provide for it then you may want to consider an alternative.

Next let's look at the folly of uploading all of your digital pictures to a service like Google's Albums and then deleting the local copies after you upload all of your pictures. Why on earth would anyone do that? “Well Sean, we don't want all these “duplicates” now do we?” Well, actually, you do.

Sure uploading all of your photos to a web based service is great but for God's sakes, don't get rid of the originals! Did you know that you can get 8 gigabyte thumb drives from just about any drugstore nowadays very cheaply? Do you know how



many “duplicate” photos you can store on 8 gigs? Then if anything happens to your “web albums” you luckily will have all of those pesky duplicates to fall back on.

The list goes on... Google Docs – Sure save all of your Docs to “cloud” storage but how about synchronizing them with a local folder on your own machine, you know, just in case Google goes belly up or locks you out, it will be nice to have a backup.

As the concept of “cloud computing” becomes all encompassing it's important to remember that it's your data. Don't just assume that “they” will protect it for you.

Sean McCarthy fixes computers. He can be reached at 888-752-9049 or help@ComputeThisOnline.com (no hyphens).

Jobs

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What many people don't realize is that a disability can occur from birth to death, Ms. Marino added, and some are born with developmental disabilities while others are injured when they experience things like strokes, macular degeneration or accidents that render them unable to do their previous jobs.

“Vocational rehabilitation has a team of engineers that they can provide to the employers to make accommodations to employees,” Ms. Marino said. “In some cases, there are devices they can use to overcome their disabilities.”

For all of these clients, employment provides a sense of community and is a great source of socialization, according to a press release. While many people with disabilities live in isolation, employment increases self-esteem and leaves them with a profound sense of gratitude to these companies

and long-term commitment to their jobs.

“Employers are not typically eager to accommodate people with disabilities and we all know what the law is: The Americans With Disabilities Act states that they have to offer opportunities equally, but we all know that is not always the case.”

Ms. Marino cited a number of clients she has been able to help along the way, including Austin Beers. He's a 21-year-old young man with dwarfism, high-frequency deafness as well as developmental disabilities. He is not able to read, write or communicate verbally. He's survived both brain and open-heart surgeries during his short life, but had a big dream: to be a chef. But due to his small stature, issues with dexterity and communication problems, his options were limited at best.

Ms. Marino worked with Mr. Beers and helped him develop skills for an eight-week training course that was paid by EmployU at Longhorn Steakhouse in Jensen Beach. He worked with Job Coach Michelle Hansen to develop learning skills that could be applied in future employment, and Long-

horn has been a long-time partner, working with thousands of students with disabilities.

But Kyle Greene of Kyle G's Prime Seafood & Steaks on Hutchinson Island, who opened his business in late 2017 has hired a high-functioning client named Willie, who is still working there.

“I approached Kyle with helping Austin with his dream. I was completely transparent and said, ‘Listen Kyle, this is going to be tough, I'm not going to lie,’” Ms. Marino said. “And Mr. Greene agreed to meet with Austin and offered him a job on the spot. Mr. Greene also agreed to let me personally provide job coaching for Austin since I have a background in culinary training.”

In the meantime, Mr. Greene and his entire staff have welcomed Mr. Beers with open arms. He works three days a week, peeling potatoes, wrapping baked potatoes and cleaning scallops, and is a tireless worker. The staff at EmployU is developing visual-aids to help the staff at Kyle G's with communication, since speaking is difficult and vocabulary is limited for him.

“We'll make a picture-book of things Austin will need – food, utensils, etc. – when a job coach is not available,” Ms. Marino added. “People with disabilities have ambitions and dreams, too, and everybody with a disability has the ability to do something and it might be something very small, but through working with Austin I discovered there was a lot he could do and ways that we could teach him and fight for his opportunity there.”

Mr. Beers's mother, Toni, said he is “one excited boy, because he loves to work,” and he appreciates the chance to shine in the kitchen.

“It's really benefited him, because he had attended a culinary class in high school and then went to Orlando for a program and was able to get his license to work in the kitchen for disabled children and was able to follow his dreams,” Ms. Beers said. “It's a chance he would not have gotten were it not for this program.”

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St. Lucie County Department of Health investigating cancer cases

By **Gaylon Parker**

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FORT PIERCE – Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County officials are currently investigating a series of cases of glioblastoma in Fort Pierce. But while residents in the area are concerned there are environmental factors that have led to 13 cases over the last five years, the county is not calling it a “cancer cluster” at this time.

According to a press release from the FDOH-SLC, “As discussed this is an intricate matter, (and) personal and we really want to get this right. Although we have no evidence of the source of any disease cluster, we also understand the strong concerns in the community.”

According to the American Brain Tumor Association, glioblastomas are defined as: “tumors that arise from astrocytes — the star-shaped cells that make up the ‘glue-like,’ or supportive tissue of the brain. These tumors are usually highly malignant (cancerous) because the cells reproduce quickly, and they are supported by a large network of blood vessels.”

Those who have been diagnosed live within five to seven miles of each other, according to DOH records. Across the country, there are roughly 13,000 people

diagnosed with glioblastoma each year, or about one out of every 30,000 people. Fort Pierce is home to about 45,000 residents, which was the factor that originally raised the concerns due to their above-average number and the relative rarity of the disease. Also, the only environmental factor is exposure to ionizing radiation such as x-rays and gamma rays.

The county also has directed people to the department’s individual websites in the interests of informing the public. “Please note the information on our website, as we will share more as it becomes available,” which subsequently sends people to <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/clusters/> and <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/cancer/cancer-registry/index.html>. Another website is mentioned at <http://stlucie.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/glioblastoma.html> for people to receive data about glioblastomas.

Meanwhile, at the state level, the Department of Health is working with DOH-St. Lucie officials to glean more information from those diagnosed. After examining the data that comes in the DOH will determine the best course of action in the future.

For more information about the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County, please visit www.stluciecountyhealth.com.

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Gardens need your help! All volunteers are welcome, there are jobs everyone can do, regardless of age or ability. Bring gloves, clippers and any personal gardening tools you prefer. Lunch is served; core and school students can earn double volunteer hours.

For more information, call (772) 337-1959.

- **Earth Day Festival:** “Live Green and Prosper,” the 14th annual event, will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Free. Join your friends and neighbors in a celebration of all that wildlife and wild lands offer us – beauty, inspiration, vital resources, and a sense of belonging to a community. Learn more about stewardship of our natural resources, conservation, organizations and businesses committed to sustainability, and have fun celebrating the Earth. For more information, call (772) 785-5833 or visit www.oxboweco.com.

- **‘Kids Space – Sky Show for Young Astronomers:’** 11 a.m., Hallstrom Planetarium, IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Learn about the stars, constellations, moon, planets, and the exploration of outer space. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact the IRSC box office at (772) 462-4750 or visit www.irsc.edu.

- **Fireflies & Bioluminescence Night Hike - Part 2:** 7-9 p.m., Steven J. Fousek (Teague/ Paleo Hammock) Preserve, 8551 Carlton Road, Port St. Lucie. Fireflies have enchanted humans since the beginning of time, and this is the season to enjoy their flashes of light in the twilight hours

of the early evening. Experience nature’s own twinkling lights in the air and on the ground. Free, public is welcome; however, reservations are required as space is limited. For more information or to register, call (772) 462-2526, email slchikes@stlucieco.org or visit www.slchikes.org.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

- **Earth Day Clean-up & Family Hike:** 3-5 p.m., Queen’s Island Preserve, beachside, 4653 State Road A1A, Fort Pierce. Be a part of the action this Earth Day! We want your help and in return, we’ll help you open your eyes to a whole new world of the creatures that live in this preserve. After our adventure, we’ll head over to the beach to pick up trash that has washed ashore. All are welcome but this hike is most appropriate for families with children ages 5 & older; minors must be accompanied by an adult. Free, public is welcome; however, reservations are required as space is limited. For more information or to register, call (772) 462-2526, email slchikes@stlucieco.org or visit www.slchikes.org.

- **Treasure Island Half Distance and International Triathlon:** Brand new race will be held in Jensen Beach Park, 4191 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Jensen Beach. Options include a half distance triathlon, an international triathlon, a half distance aquabike, and half distance duathlon. For more information or to register, visit www.floridahalftriathlon.com.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

- **Master Gardener lecture:** 1 p.m.,

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Oyster Fest Fun



The 7th Annual Fort Pierce Oyster Festival filled the lagoon front area of Riverwalk with hundreds of vendors, exhibits and displays. Freshly shucked oysters were the highlight of the two-day event! A portion of the proceeds benefit the Sea-Life Habitat Improvement Project (S.H.I.P)

Above: Oyster shuckers Kat and Ashley Herbes of Port St. Lucie are joined by Eric Witter of Vero Beach

Bottom center: The Making Faces band takes the stage with their self-described brand of "ROGGUNK" music, a blend of rock, reggae and funk.

Far right: Kyran Holcomb of Fort Pierce chills in the shade while enjoying the music of Making Face



Left: Pirates Dan Lee-ward and Holly Roger are joined by Port St. Lucie siblings Bryan, Olivia and Addyson Ray

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review of the proposal.

“Everything that’s basically required of a site plan is included in this site plan, and the Planning & Zoning Department staff finds the request to be consistent with the intent of the city’s land development regulations and policies of the Comprehensive Plan,” she said. “The Site Plan Review Committee as well reviewed this request at their meeting on Feb. 26 and recommended approval.”

The President of the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, Pete Tesch, provided details from an economic analysis of the proposal, originally known as Project Bourbon during its initial planning stages.

“We started working this project in January of last year,” he said. “City Electric Supply is a global company and one of the top electric component manufacturers and wholesalers with approximately \$18 billion in revenues. One of their electrical component divisions is TAMCO, and that is the company that we’re working with.”

The EDC sought the analytical expertise

of IMPLAN, one of the country’s main economic analysis firms, to estimate the economic impact of City Electric’s proposed investment into the Port St. Lucie jobs corridor.

“Because of the multiplier effect, this will create 522 direct, indirect and induced jobs in the area,” he explained. Direct is the job creation and the capital investment by the company; indirect is the business-to-business element where goods and services are being purchased and the payroll’s being expended within the community; and induced is that ripple effect that occurs from the expenditures and disposable income being utilized within the community.”

Winning Port St. Lucie the expansion, however, required a number of financial incentives cobbled together between state and local coffers.

“Thanks to us working together with the State of Florida, the city and EDC, we were able to win \$3.1 million with a job growth grant fund from the Department of Economic Opportunity,” Mr. Tesch added. “By utilizing both the State of Florida’s Qualified Targeted Industry Tax Refund and the Florida Job Growth Investment Grant, the City of Port St. Lucie provided ad valorem tax exemption, impact fee mitigation, the eco-

omic development fund for infrastructure improvements, expedited site plan review and fast track permitting. St. Lucie County also participated with the ad valorem tax exemption, their job growth investment grant and the local financial match for the QTI. So it’s important to look at this package in terms of tax investments, as well as impact fees, a total of \$9.2 million.”

Mayor Gregory Oravec believes the city’s decision to construct a \$4 million loop road through the job corridor helped cement the deal and open up the area to other such proposals in the future. Road construction is slated to begin this June and last until September 2019.

“I think this return included the investment in the Loop Road... and that’s developer funded, that’s not taxpayer dollars,” he said. “That fund’s set up specifically by proceeds provided by developers for economic development in the City of Port St. Lucie. It’s important to point out that for the \$4 million investment -- \$3 million from the state, \$1 million from the city’s economic development fund -- that’s actually leveraging more than just City Electric. There are five more parcels being created as a result of that loop road, and that loop road will actually leverage a half a billion in economic impact.”

City Manager Russ Blackburn also asked Council members to consider a request from the applicant to name the loop road Mackie Drive after City Electric Founder Thomas Hartland-Mackie. The planned unit development site plan currently shows the un-constructed road named after late Vero Beach resident Pete Hegener, who was instrumental in the development and build-out of St. Lucie West.

“One of our PUD maps showed that it’s Hegener Drive but it is not constructed at this point,” Mr. Blackburn said. “The approval is at this point Hegener, and so we’re continuing to talk with the county and our staff about how we can perhaps have a way to recognize Mr. Mackie, as well as to recognize Pete Hegener’s tremendous contributions to our community. So if we find a way to do both, we would come back to the City Council with some kind of an ordinance amendment on naming the roadway.”

Mayor Oravec and other members of the Council agreed.

“This Council is collectively a big fan of win-win, so when you find the win-win, we’re confident that you’ll come back before us with the necessary ordinance or whatever else may be required to properly recognize the champions of Port St. Lucie,” he said.

Calendar

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Lakewood Park Branch Library, 7605 Santa Barbara Drive, Fort Pierce. Certified Master Gardener Lynda Salsbury, subject TBA. Free, public is welcome. For more information, contact library staff at (772) 462-6870

or shroyerc@stlucieco.org, or visit www.stlucieco.gov/library.

• **Society of American Magicians, Local Assembly 172, meeting:** Fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., St. Lucie Lanes, 6759 US 1, Port St. Lucie. Members include hobbyists, amateurs, part time and professional magicians who all love and enjoy the art of magic. Public is welcome to

learn and enjoy the age-old art of magic. Free. For more information, call Dean Devitt at (772) 332-8412 or Matt Musgrave at (772) 519-6048.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

• **Golf tournament:** LifeBuilders of the Treasure Coast presents its sixth annual

Golf Tournament at 1 p.m., Legacy Golf and Tennis Club, 9000 Clubhouse Drive in Port St. Lucie. Registration opens at noon and the shotgun start is at 1 p.m. The cost is \$125 per golfer and \$500 per foursome. There will be on course beverages and snacks, ditty bags, awards cookout. There are a limited number of slots still available, reserve yours today at www.LifeBuildersTC.com/golf-2018.

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Buying a Car When You Have Bad Credit



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There are fewer things more sensitive or embarrassing than having to share your personal credit problems with a stranger. Having credit problems can also put many buyers in a weakened and defensive position when buying a car. Many people with bad, or too little credit feel like the car dealer is somehow "doing them a favor" by selling them a car and getting them financed. Some car dealers will lead you to believe that your credit is worse than it is to put you on the defensive. If they can make you believe that they're doing you a favor by getting you financed, you're less likely to complain about the price of the car, the interest rate, and even the type of car you buy.

Make no mistake about it. A car dealer is probably making more money selling a car to a person with bad credit a car than one with good credit. If you have a credit problem, go about buying a car with the

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same care and due diligence as if you had the very best credit. Shop and compare your financing, your interest rate, and your trade-in allowance. Get at least three quotes on each of these.

Lenders who specialize in lending to those with bad credit are known as "special finance" lenders. Many of these lenders charge the dealer a large upfront fee, as much as \$2,500. Legally, the dealer is not supposed to add this fee to the price of the car you buy but, in the real world, the price of the car is usually higher as the result of this fee. Dealer also add high priced but worthless warranties to the price of the cars with the excuse that the lender requires it. This is a lie: it's illegal for lenders to require a warranty to finance a car. In addition to

an upfront fee, the interest rates are very high from special finance lenders. Because they anticipate a much higher amount of repossession losses, they must make more on each transaction. Don't automatically accept a dealer's opinion that you must finance through such a lender. There are many conventional banks, credit unions and auto manufacturer lenders these days that loan to people with bad credit. Their interest rates are lower and they don't charge large upfront fees.

There is much fraud in special finance lending. Credit applications are falsified to show more time on the job, higher incomes, etc. W-2 forms and check stubs are counterfeited. Buyer's orders show accessories and equipment that do not really exist on the car. Hold checks or promissory notes are misrepresented as cash down payment. Co-signers signatures are forged. Confederates pose as employers, answering cell phones or pay phones to verify employment. These falsifications are performed by finance managers, salesmen, brokers for special finance lenders (who are paid on commission) and the customers themselves. If you sign a credit application, be sure that you know all the information on that application is accurate. Be sure that you understand and agree to all parts of the transaction including down payments, accessories on the car, etc. Never be a party to falsifying information to a lender to obtain a loan. This is a federal crime.

Advertisements aimed at people with bad credit usually exaggerate with claims like, "We finance everyone", "Wanted, good people with bad credit", "No credit, no problem", and, my favorite, "No credit application refused" (it doesn't say your loan won't be refused, just your application). My advice is to ignore these kinds of ads and these kinds of dealers. Their strategy is to take advantage of people with bad credit who they believe will buy any car, pay any amount of interest, and any profit to the dealers if the dealer can get them a loan.

It is common practice in Florida to encourage the car buyer to drive the car home immediately upon signing all the papers. In some states like New York this is not permitted until all the car has been registered with the state in the new owner's name. The reason for this immediate delivery (commonly referred to as the "spot delivery") is to discourage and possibly even prevent the buyer from changing his mind. Taking possession of the car is a legal consideration making the purchase more binding. I recommend that you not rush the purchase or the delivery. For one thing you want to be sure that the car is exactly the

way you want it... clean inside and out, all the accessories properly installed, no dings, dents or scratches, and that you have a complete understanding of how to operate all the features of the vehicle.

More important than anything above, is to be sure the car does not have an outstanding safety recall from the manufacturer. Independent used car dealers, especially those who specialize in folks with bad credit, have become the home for dangerous used cars with unfixed safety recalls. Many new car dealers, like the AutoNation stores, wholesale all cars with unfixed Takata airbag recalls. These cars are bought at auction by used car dealers like DriveTime, OffLeaseOnly.com, CarMax, and thousands of others smaller used car dealers. These cars are retailed to people with bad credit who don't ask the right questions because they are "grateful" to find financing. ALWAYS CHECK THE VIN OF THE USED CAR YOU BUY AT WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV.

I mention the risk of the "spot delivery" in this column on buying a car with bad credit because it can be especially harmful to someone whose credit is denied after the car has been delivered. You will most likely be required to sign a "Rescission Agreement" before you drive the car home. This is a quasi-legal document which requires you to return the car if your credit is denied. You will probably be told that your credit will be approved, but sometimes the dealer is wrong. The rescission agreement will have a charge for time and mileage that you have put on the car you are driving. Usually this is a very high charge from 25 cents per mile plus \$50 per day and higher. It can take weeks for a special finance lender to rule on a credit application. If your credit is denied you could owe the dealer thousands of dollars which the down payment you made might not even cover.

As frightening as all the above may sound, the one single thing you can do to prevent bad things from happening when you purchase a car is to choose your car dealer very carefully. How long has he been in business? What is his track record with the Better Business Bureau, the County Office for Consumer Affairs, and the Florida Attorney General's Office? Ask friends, neighbors, or relatives who have dealt with this car dealer what their experiences have been like. Choosing a good dealer with integrity will resolve 95 percent of all your concerns.

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Treasure Coast PrideFest relocates to Fort Pierce

By Gaylon Parker

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FORT PIERCE — An event that has been ongoing to 14 years now is trading locations. The 14th Annual Treasure Coast LGBT+ PrideFest will be hosted on Sunday, April 15 from noon to 6 p.m. and will be located this year at River Walk Center, 600 N. Indian River Drive in Fort Pierce after moving from the Port St. Lucie Civic Center.

“For a good span of years, we were over there at the Civic Center, and last year we started shopping around for venues,” said Pride of the Treasure Coast Treasurer Cory Pfister. “There have been a few years where we were able to bring in some larger national acts, and now we’re kind of hopping around the Treasure Coast and trying to share some of the love of PrideFest with more people.”

The first event was simply a pride picnic for families, but it

has grown into a huge event that draws thousands throughout the day.

“It was just an event that was family friendly and the first year there were 500 to 600 people who showed up, so they saw a good thing going and the next year they started the first PrideFest,” Mr. Pfister said. “Since then, we’ve just been getting better and better every year. Now, we’ve had years where we’ve had 4,500 people.”

There will be a host of entertainment throughout the day, including live music and live entertainment, such as male and female impersonators. Some of the live music acts will include The Humdingers, Jennell Eve and The Little Things, with live entertainment provided by Kelli Randell, Shelita Taylor, Dominique Taylor, Ashley Peterson and Shantell D’Carlo.

Mr. Pfister added that the event will possibly be hosted at

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Rianna Petrone, a performer from West Palm Beach, takes center stage during Pride of the Treasure Coast, Inc. 10th annual Pridefest at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center on April 2014.

file photo

Out & about

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

• **Lunch & Learn:** "Become an Otter Spotter!" 12 p.m., Manatee Observation & Education Center, 480 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Join us for a presentation by Dr. Megan Stolen, Research Scientist with Hubbs Seaworld Research Institute. You'll learn all about river otters in Florida and how to become an official "otter spotter" to help gather research data. Bring your lunch and learn! Free event. For more information, call (772) 429-6266.

• **Dance Composition Recital:** 7 p.m., Wynne Black Box Theatre, IRSC main

campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. IRSC student choreographers from the area present their final projects for the dance composition class, highlighting the skills and imaginations of beginning choreographers. Suitable for all ages. Tickets are \$5. For more information, contact the IRSC box office at (772) 462-4750 or email boxoffice@irsc.edu.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

• **Treasure Coast History Lecture Series:** 10:30-11:30 a.m., Lewis Branch Library, 2950 S.W. Rosser Blvd., Port St. Lucie. IRSC

Professor Ronald Frazer brings this 4-part series on Treasure Coast History to Lewis Branch Library. On April 14, "Ship Wrecks of the Treasure Coast." Free, open to the public. For more information, contact Maureen Gallagher at (772) 871-5470 or email gallagherm@stlucieco.org

• **Royal Palms Masquerade Gala:** 6 p.m., Pelican Yacht Club, 1120 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce. Hors d'oeuvres, music and dancing, cash bar, silent auction, raffles and prizes for best dressed; cocktail attire and festive masks encouraged. Tickets are \$50 per

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ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, things may seem to be going smoothly when something unexpected pops up out of the blue. Thinking quickly will ensure you do not miss a step.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, you may want to help solve a problem at work, but in this case, it might be best to let others draw their own conclusions. Take a step back.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, teamwork is the name of the game in the days ahead. If you learn to work with others, seemingly unsolvable problems can be solved rather easily.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, your performance at work is a topic of discussion this week. Others' recognition of your hard work will provide a confidence boost.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Communication between you and close friends this week is a breeze, Leo. You are able to tackle quite a number of subjects and may even plan a brief getaway trip.

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Pride

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different venues each year, and Pride of the Treasure Coast also would like to expand into Martin or Indian River counties somewhere down the road.

"It's a day where people can enjoy a day of music, craft vendors and this year we are expanding to two different stages – one will have three different local bands and the second stage will have DJ Joshua Atom and many of male and female impersonators," Mr. Pfister said. "Right now we have over 50 vendors ... and it's just a good get-together."

"The new Riverwalk Park will be a beautiful location for this family friendly event. Now more than ever the community is in need of events like this to bring together persons of all walks of life," said Chrissy Piatkowski, President of Pride of the Treasure Coast, Inc. through a press release.

All proceeds from the event go back into the Treasure Coast community in the form of donations, support and events that pro-

mote positive social advancement of the local LGBTQIA community. While the organization did not start this annual event, Pride of the Treasure Coast was created in 2008 and took the reins of the event and ran with it.

"Vendors will range from food and beverage, arts and crafts and commercial goods to political and religious groups," the press release added. "While adult beverages will be available, this is a family friendly event and entertainment will be held to a high standard of conduct."

Beverages will be provided by Bottom's Up Beverage and there will be dozens of local craft and food vendors on hand for people to sample. The event is free and open to the public and for convenience there are several nearby parking lots and city garages for attendees.

Sponsors include Seacoast National Bank, Jensen Beach Community Church, Tropicana/PepsiCo, among others.

For more information about Treasure Coast PrideFest 2018, please visit <http://www.prideofthetreasurecoast.org/pridefest-2018>.

Out

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person or \$90 per couple. For tickets, visit www.theroyalpalms.com/tickets.

Relay for Life of St. Lucie County: Begins at 6 p.m. in First Data Field at Mets Stadium, 525 N.W. Peacock Blvd., Port St. Lucie, and runs through 6 a.m. Relay For Life is an overnight community fundraising walk for the American Cancer Society. To participate in this year's Relay for Life and help finish the fight against cancer, join a team or start a team by visiting www.relayforlife.org. To learn more, contact Karen Aiello at (772) 562-2272, or Karen.Aiello@cancer.org

Lip Synch Battle: Third annual fundraiser for Myositis Disease, from the Team Tommy Foundation. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Lucia River Club, 3325 S.E. Ballantrae Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Tickets to the event are limited and are advanced sales only online at www.teamtommy.org.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Treasure Coast PrideFest: 14th annual event will be held from noon to 6 p.m., River Walk Center, 600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Enjoy live music, live entertainment, food and craft vendors, tasty beverages, games, and more. Free admission, public is welcome. For more information, visit www.prideofthetreasurecoast.org.

Tea Around the World: Benefit for Treasure Health's Pediatric Care Program, which enhances the quality of life for children with a chronic or serious illness, and their families. Enjoy lunch and traditional and exotic teas from around the world, plus raffles, an international fashion show, silent auction, and photo booth. Will be held from 1-3 p.m., Pelican Yacht Club, 1120 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce. (Doors open at 12:30 p.m.) Tickets are \$50 for adults, \$25 for children (age 16 and younger.) Register online at treasurehealth.org/event/tea-around-world. For more information or to RSVP, contact Agnes Palmer at (772) 403-4574 or apalmer@treasurehealth.org.

Tempt Your Taste Buds! tea in the garden: 1-3 p.m., Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce. Enjoy an afternoon tea party in the garden with tea sandwiches, shortbread and chocolate. Tickets are \$40 each, or \$150-\$300 for tables of four. RSVP by April 1, seating is limited. For more information, call (772) 464-4672.

Jackie Robinson Celebration Game: Fifth annual celebration of the date in which baseball legend Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball. The game will begin at 1:42 p.m., Historic Dodgertown (Holman Stadium), 3901 26th Street, Vero Beach. The St. Lucie Mets will play the Dunedin Blue Jays. Tickets are \$6 each until April 12 and \$8 on April 13-15 (when they will be available only at Historic Dodgertown). This game usually sells out;

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tickets in advance are strongly recommended. For more information, visit www.unitedwayirc.org/civicrm/event/info?id=9&reset=1

MONDAY, APRIL 16

• **Beauty & Wellness Bash:** Benefits HANDS of St. Lucie County, which provides access to medical services to low-income, uninsured residents of St. Lucie County. 5:30-8 p.m., Tutto Fresco, 9501 Reserve Blvd., St. Lucie West. Dr. S. Darrell Lee of

Lee Plastic Surgery & Laser Center will present a seminar on facelifts, eyes and necklifts, plus representatives will give product demonstrations of Allergan, Skin Better Science, and Ultherapy Laser; plus local businesses will offer raffles and event-only special offers. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and a swag bag fit for a celebrity are included in the ticket, which is \$20 in advance (\$25 at the door). 100 percent of the ticket price goes to HANDS of St. Lucie County. For more information, call 772-878-8885 or email Michele@leeplasticsurgery.net.

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Scopes

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VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Virgo, your week starts out on solid footing. All you need to do is maintain the status quo for the next few days and things will progress in the way that you expect.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Be proud of the way you are able to remain neutral in complex situations, Libra. This is why others will come to you when they need advice in the days ahead.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Scorpio, others may misinterpret your willingness to offer an opinion as intrusive. Reassure them that you are just offering help, not trying to pry.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Sagittarius, you are tempted to color outside the lines and break all sorts of boundaries. But at this juncture in time, it may be better to play things a bit more moderately.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Capricorn, if you are serious about your goals, you have to hunker down this week and draw out a plan. Seeing things in black and white will help you set your course.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, although it may seem foolish at this point to scale back on your workload, doing so will enable you to focus more intently on specific details and do your best.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Pisces, don't be afraid to go off on your own this week. Sometimes you need some time to think for yourself to get into a zone.

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We had a player making a hole-in-one at the Par 3 Contest, dislocating his ankle, popping it back in and going on to finish tenth.

Our greatest champion, Jack Nicklaus, witnessed his grandson G.T's first ace in the same event and said, "With all due respect to The Masters, allow me to put my six Green Jackets in the closet for a moment and say that I don't know if I have had a more special day on a golf course."

Mother Nature gave us some great weather. Save for some rain on Saturday, the flowers were blooming, the air was crisp and breeze was blowing.

The tournament kicked off with the greatest tradition in our sport. The Ceremonial Tee Shot. It's like we've handed the bottle of champagne to our greatest players and asked them to pop the cork and officially get this golf year started.

Every year, the moment is watched by fans, players and dignitaries alike. It's not unusual to see players who have hours before they tee off, right there to watch the moment. There is none like it at any other time in our sport.

Last year was filled with tears and joy as The Masters paid tribute to Arnold Palmer. Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus had a

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difficult time hitting their shots as they fought tears and made loving gestures to the heavens to acknowledge the late Palmer.

This year the feeling was much different. There was joy and laughs and even some ribbing as Player out-drove Nicklaus. "Don't worry about out-driving me now. You out-drove me for 50 damn years," Player told Jack after they had hit their shots.

For many of us the trio of the Nicklaus, Player and late Palmer, were, and still are, our golf heroes. They represent all that is great in our sport. It's a tradition that I hope continues when this pair can no longer perform.

During Thursday's round one patron was nearly on the outside of Magnolia Lane looking in. We all hate those idiots who yell "Get in the hole!" or "Mashed Potatoes" or some other sort of nonsense after every shot, even tee shots on par-fives. One such genius was on-hand to do just that after a tee shot. Immediately Augusta National Security descended on the spot looking for the offender. There would be none of that on these hallowed grounds.

One writer carrying his credentials was asked who had yelled. No one seemed to know and no one pointed anyone out.

When asked what would have happened had they caught this person, they were told that his badge would be revoked permanently, he would have been escorted off the property and never allowed to return. Ever. Now this is a rule I think we would all love to see enforced!

As I get older I find myself pulling for the older, former champions at Augusta. Fred Couples and Bernhard Langer are two former champions who put on a great show, but eventually saw their games fade over the weekend. The pair finished tied for 28th, only two shots behind Tiger Woods, who needed a final round 69 to pass them on the leaderboard.

Another old-timer, Tom Watson won the aforementioned Par 3 Contest on Wednesday. It's an event that no one has won and gone on to slip on the Green Jacket in the same year.

The week went by as many expected with the best players making great shots and posting good scores. Tiger Woods, who so many felt was ripe for a win, struggled in his return and finished well behind, never a factor in the event. There were others to pick up the slack.

It all came down to some fantastic play at the end. Jordan Spieth came from 10 shots



behind to actually tie for the lead late in his round. Rickie Fowler had his best Sunday at the Masters with a 67, including a birdie on the last to out some pressure on Patrick Reed. In the end he would be there to congratulate the winner.

After all was said and done, it was Reed, making clutch putt after clutch put, after clutch shot, that won the 2018 Masters. He played the best, made the tough shots when he needed them and is a truly deserving champion.

In all it was a wonderful first major of the year. I can hardly wait until June for the next one.

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 stammer-golf@yahoo.com.

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Add a touch of flair with these common palms

One of the best ways to add some tropical flair to your yard is through the use of palm trees. There are dozens of choices out there; some common and some very exotic (and expensive). Today I want to talk about a couple of the more common varieties that you might want to try in your landscape.

The Queen Palm is probably one of the most common palm tree varieties that is found in our area. These palms are native to Brazil, Paraguay and northern Argentina. This palm is very commonly used as a landscape accent. Queen palms have been assigned the name Cocos plumose.

The Queen palm is a very hardy plant that is cold tolerant down to 20 degrees. The tree is also relatively draught tolerant and requires little in the way of watering once the plant is established. The Queen palm can grow upwards to 50- feet.

The Queen palm boasts a smooth straight trunk that is marked with evenly spaced leaf scars. The top of the tree is marked by a large canopy that consists of feathery like fronds. The leaves are a dark green and have a very graceful and tropical appearance.

The Queen palm also has a spectacular display of fruit and flower clusters that give this tree a very unique appearance. In each fruit is a seed with three spots.

Queen palms can be used in many landscape environments including lining a pathway or driveway, grouped together to form a tropical hammock, used individually



GARDEN NOOK
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to accent a garden area or for an accent on your front lawn. The uses are endless and the beauty is amazing.

There is one downside with these palms. Over the years, there has been a fungus disease that is affecting some of the trees. Personally, none of mine have ever been affected.

Another common palm that this found just about everywhere is the Areca Palm. The Areca has feather-like green fronds that radiate from several trunks, which make this a good choice for use as a border.

Areca palms are slow growing plants that will grow wider before they get taller.

One common problem that you can encounter with these plants is the browning out of the plant tips. This is normal and will happen in almost all cases. These palms require bright indirect light and if you use the plant indoors, keep it within 5- to 8 feet of a bright window. If you plant the palms outdoors or use them as a border, plant them on in a part of your yard that gets some shade, either from the structure or from larger trees that might be in the yard. If the Areca receives too much direct sunlight, it will cause browning of the leaves.

The Areca palm requires a fair amount of water but it will not do well in an area that does not drain properly. It does not like to sit in standing water. In addition, over time you may notice a slight yellowing of the

leaves.

This is normal with these palms and using simple Epsom salts around your palms can often offset the yellowing. Use about a half-cup around each plant and water in. Apply the tonic around your plants about every month or so. This will help keep the lush green color intact.

Joe Zelenak has more than 30 years experience in gardening and landscape. Send emails to hometowngarden@gmail.com or visit www.hometowngarden.com.



Out

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• **Tuesday Night Jazz Jam:** Presented by the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society from 7-10 p.m. at the Black Box at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. Sit-in participation welcome. Call (772) 460-5299 or visit www.jazzsociety.org.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

• **Special Needs Red Carpet Dance:** 6-8 p.m., Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 S.E. Airosa Blvd., Port St. Lucie. The red carpet will be rolled out for all special needs guests and their caregivers. Dance the night away and enjoy sweet treats. The cost is \$5. Call (772) 878-2277 for more information.

• **Jazz Jams at the Gardens:** Presented by the Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie. All are welcome. \$6 donation, \$5 for members. For more information, call (772) 337-1959 or visit www.pslbg.org.

• **Weekly Latin Dance:** Every Wednesday night, 8-11 p.m., Midtown Grill & Bar, Fort Pierce. Salsa, Merengue, Bachata. \$5. For more information, (703) 402-3645.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

• **Dance:** 7-9:30 p.m. every Thursday, Polish American Club, 343 Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie. \$8 per person. BYOB and soda. For reservations, call Cindy, (508) 287-3370.

THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 20

• **Juried photography competition:** "Through the Eye of the Camera" will be at the A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery, from

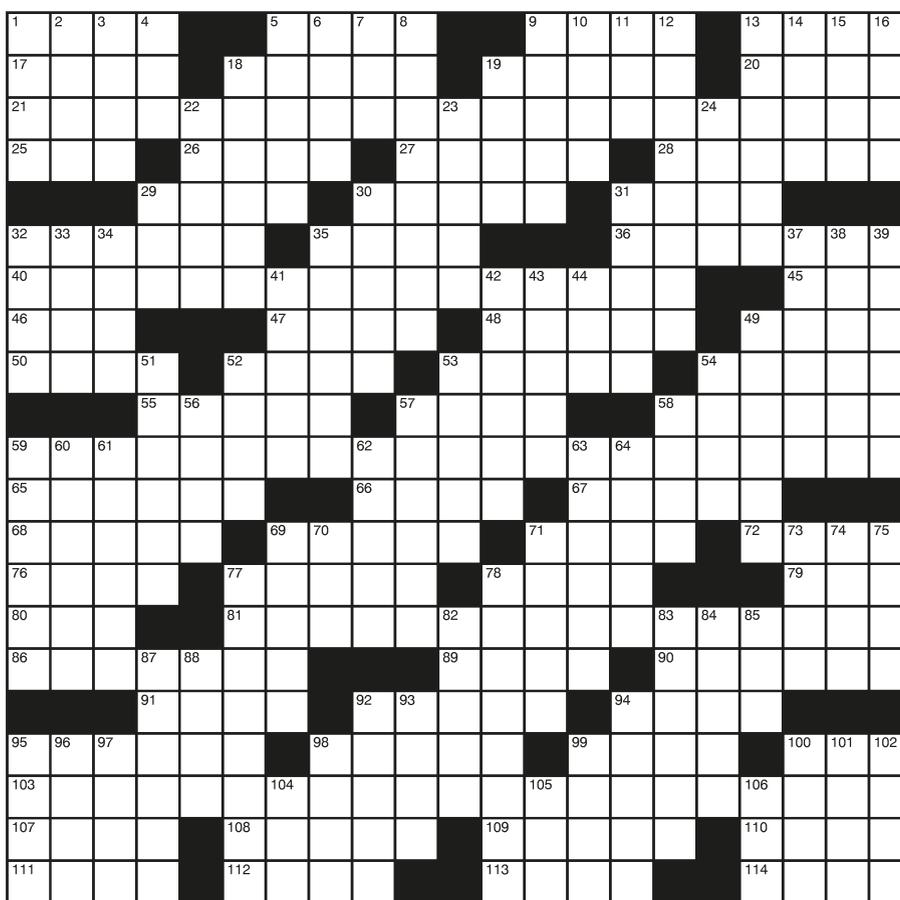
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Extend Yourself

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ACROSS

- 1 Cuzco cookpot
- 5 Shoe type
- 9 Spinnaker
- 13 Identical
- 17 Hoodwink
- 18 Lost cause
- 19 University of Ghana site
- 20 Seed exterior
- 21 See 2 Down
- 25 Stars territory
- 26 Busy with
- 27 Hot spicy drink
- 28 Bubble up
- 29 Fictional "Planet" leaders
- 30 Clark's partner
- 31 Clinton's VP
- 32 Deer of Asia
- 35 Grape variety
- 36 Gets even
- 40 Famed obelisk
- 45 French one
- 46 With 110 Across, "Star Wars" hero
- 47 Playboy of yesteryear
- 48 "A grief . . . void, dark and ____": Coleridge
- 49 Covered
- 50 Winter white
- 52 Oversees
- 53 GI no-shows
- 54 Historic Alabama city
- 55 "Love in ____ Climate": N. Mitford
- 57 WWI plane
- 58 See 59 Across
- 59 With 58 Across, Bank of England
- 65 Synthetic sapphires
- 66 NV Senator Harry
- 67 Stiller's partner
- 68 Leblanc's hero
- 69 Movers
- 71 Bathroom fixture
- 72 Put down
- 76 Sickens
- 77 "...After They've seen ____"
- 78 Khabarovsk's river
- 79 Court vow
- 80 Tampa-Miami dir.
- 81 Handwork adjunct
- 86 Cloth
- 89 Cartoonist Addams
- 90 Relieves
- 91 Baba and MacGraw
- 92 NYSE gamble
- 94 "... difference ____ makes"
- 95 Polynesia grouping
- 98 Deafening sound
- 99 Inflicted, of yore
- 100 Actor McKellen
- 103 Heckles
- 107 Delphic datum
- 108 Beltway signs
- 109 Hopeless
- 110 See 46 Across
- 111 Bloke
- 112 Starts a lawn



Answers Located in the Classified Section

- 113 Score halves
- 114 Schematic

DOWN

- 1 Switch positions
- 2 With 21 Across, try the impossible
- 3 Short-tailed parrot
- 4 ____ mode
- 5 Odists
- 6 Disassemble
- 7 Beloved Blanc
- 8 Sham
- 9 Oodles
- 10 Athrob
- 11 Saving abbreviation
- 12 Stops en route
- 13 Glossy cotton cloth
- 14 Smell ____
- 15 Ind.'s neighbor
- 16 Hollywood Sommer
- 18 Taxonomic terms
- 19 "The Egg ____"
- 22 Stunt
- 23 Sioux City Sue, for one
- 24 Dried up
- 29 Turku, in Sweden
- 30 Breaks a confidence
- 31 Glitzy dos
- 32 Elem. and gram.
- 33 Actor Cumming
- 34 ____ mosso: less rapid, in music
- 35 "The Godfather" star
- 37 Duped
- 38 Painter's choice
- 39 Decorous
- 41 Indeed
- 42 "____ Scissorhands"
- 43 Dissipate
- 44 Conference gp.
- 49 Bran source
- 51 Edward VIII's love
- 52 Forty per furlong
- 53 Plant pest
- 54 Suffix for young or old
- 56 Calvados city
- 57 Hi-fi feature
- 58 No problem
- 59 USSR subdivision
- 60 Alberta's lake
- 61 Condo offering
- 62 Not so tight
- 63 Love affairs
- 64 Hon
- 69 "The Hunger ____"
- 70 A haunted light?
- 71 Type of campaign
- 73 Radames' love
- 74 Without purpose
- 75 Female rabbits
- 77 Fur-lined cloaks
- 78 Aficionado
- 82 Suffix with tact or diet
- 83 Kim Basinger movie: 1987
- 84 Delight
- 85 Isle of ____, England
- 87 Star quality
- 88 Pandora's escapees
- 92 Guitar ridges
- 93 "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" author
- 94 "Sold for ____ of pottage"
- 95 Excited
- 96 Check for speed
- 97 Pizzeria fixture
- 98 Hemmed in by
- 99 Steer clear of
- 100 Popular figure
- 101 "____ salute!"
- 102 Garish light source
- 104 Chemical prefix
- 105 ____ the line
- 106 Uncommon sense, for short

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March 16 through April 20. The Backus Museum is located at 500 N. Indian River Drive in Fort Pierce. *For more information, call (772) 465-0630 or visit www.backusmuseum.com/services.html.*

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

• **Annual St. Lucie County High School Art Show opening:** 5-8 p.m., during Art Walk, at The Galleria of Pierce Harbor, 100 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. The exhibit will be on display through May 4. The show is open to all St. Lucie County high school art students; each teacher chooses a limited number of entries to submit. Typically all students receive one of three designations — emerging artist, award of merit, or award of excellence. Awards will be given for Best of Show, as well as first, second and third places in sculpture, ceramics, drawing, photography, digital, painting and mixed media. The show and opening is free and open to the public. *Sponsors would be greatly appreciated; look for the GoFundMe campaign for the St. Lucie Co High School Art Show, or email alison.graham-divan@stlucieschools.org or karla.giametta@stlucieschools.org.*

• **Food Truck Invasion:** This event is hosted at Tradition Square on the first and third Friday of the month from 5-9:30 p.m. Catch us as we invade Tradition in Port St Lucie. We'll have the food trucks parked at Tradition Square. This is a huge outdoor picnic where food trucks of different origins, cuisine and menus prepare food that is cooked to order. A great deal of fusion cuisine, comfort foods and sweet treats to choose from. Be sure to bring your folding

chairs or blankets to picnic on the lawn at Tradition Town Hall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20 — SATURDAY, APRIL 21

• **'The Planets':** Hallstrom Planetarium, IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. In a recorded narration, Kate Mulgrew (Captain Janeway of 'Star Trek: Voyager') takes us on a grand tour of the solar system. Explore the surfaces of Mars, the perils of the asteroid belt, the cold rings of stormy gas planets and the features of other solar systems. Show times are Friday at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. *Contact the IRSC box office at (772) 462-4750 or email boxoffice@irsc.edu.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

• **Earth Day Festival:** "Live Green and Prosper," the 14th annual event, will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Free. Join your friends and neighbors in a celebration of all that wildlife and wild lands offer us — beauty, inspiration, vital resources, and a sense of belonging to a community. Learn more about stewardship of our natural resources, conservation, organizations and businesses committed to sustainability, and have fun celebrating the Earth. *For more information, call (772) 785-5833 or visit www.oxboweco.com.*

• **Women's Fashion Show:** The 28th annual Port St. Lucie Business Women Fashion Show will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Harbour Ridge Yacht & Country Club, 12600 N.W. Harbour Ridge Blvd., Palm City. The fundraiser supports Community Action Grants & Award and IRSC scholarships. Tickets are \$55 per person. *Contact Angela Hayle at (772) 985-5256.*

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FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

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5010 Notice of Action

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION
TO: Natalie S. Martin
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Case No.: CD201801356/
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF JEAN B. HOGAN, Deceased. File No. 2018CP0009

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Jean B. Hogan, deceased, whose date of death was July 8, 2017, is

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NOTICE OF SALE
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pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 South Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34950. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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 ON OR BEFORE 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.

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

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is April 6, 2018. Personal Representative: Thomas W. Johnston, Johnson & Metevia, P.A., 2335 East Atlantic Blvd., Suite 301, Pompano Beach, FL 33062 954-942-6633

Attorney for Personal Representative: Whitney Anne Metevia, Johnston & Metevia, P.A., 2335 East Atlantic Blvd., Suite 301, Pompano Beach, FL 33062 954-942-6633, Florida Bar No. 483672 wmetevia@earthlink.net Pubs: 4/6/18 & 4/13/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF JOEL ANDREW MICHAEL, Deceased. File No. 562018CP000383FM

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Joel Andrew Michael, deceased, whose date of death was

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September 24, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 South Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34950. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons who have 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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is April 6, 2018. Personal Representative: Renee Lynette Michael, 959 Warrior Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37128 Attorney for Personal Representative: Patricia A. Baldwin, E-Mail Address: pabaldwin@pabaldwinlaw.com, Florida Bar No. 0072494, Patricia A. Baldwin, P.A., 8000 S. Federal Highway, Suite 300, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952 Telephone: (772) 336-1661 Pubs: 4/6/18 & 4/13/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM JOSEPH LAYMAN, Deceased. File No. 562018CP000272

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(Summary Administration) TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of William Joseph Layman, deceased, by the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 South Indian River Dr., Fort Pierce, FL 34950; that the decedent's date of death was December 11, 2017; that the total value of the estate is \$40,000.00 and that the name and address of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: Joseph Layman, 1740 Black Heath Rd., Midlothian, VA 23113 & Sally A. Layman, 1740 Black Heath Rd., Midlothian, VA 23113

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the estate of

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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 FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. 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 April 6, 2018. Person Giving Notice: Joseph Layman, 1740 Black Heath Rd., Midlothian, VA 23113 Attorney for Person Giving Notice: Patricia A. Baldwin, E-Mail Address: pabaldwin@pabaldwinlaw.com, 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: 4/6/18 & 4/13/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF MARGARET STARKEY, Deceased. File No.: 2018CP000374

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Margaret E. Starkey, deceased, whose date of death was February 14, 2018, 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.

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 ON OR BEFORE 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.

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD 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 April 13, 2018. Personal Representative: Edward L. Madrid, 597 SE Sweet Avenue, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34983 & Steven E. Madrid, 21416 Dolphin Avenue, Panama City, Florida 32413

Attorney for Personal Representatives: Brad Avakina, Attorney, Florida Bar Number: 99692, The Grantham Law Firm, 1860 Forest Hill Blvd., Suite 105, West Palm Beach, FL 33406-6086, Telephone: 561-246-3866, Fax: 561-966-3860, E-Mail: brad@kirkgrantham.com, Secondary: E-Mail: jane@kirkgrantham.com Pubs: 4/13/18 & 4/20/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY STATE OF FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS J. KUKTA, SR., Deceased. File No. 562018CP000303FM

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Thomas J. Kukta, Sr., deceased, whose date of death was January 15, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address is P.O. Box 700, Fort Pierce, FL 34950. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE 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.

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The date of first publication of this notice is April 13, 2018. Personal Representative: Patricia Smith n/k/a Patricia Flaherty, 425 NW Canterbury Court, Port St. Lucie, Florida

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34982Attorney for Personal Representative: Joshua K. Crawford, Florida Bar Number: 0104959, Kulas Law Group, 2100 SE Hillmoor Drive, Suite 105, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952, Telephone: 772-398-0720, Fax: 772-398-9331, E-Mail: information@kulaslaw.com, Secondary E-Mail: peggy@kulaslaw.com Pubs: 4/13/18 & 4/20/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF JOYCE A. MADRID, Deceased. FILE NO.: 562018CP000344 XXX-HC

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Joyce A. Madrid, deceased, whose date of death was February 25, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 700, Ft. Pierce, Florida 34954. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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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 April 13, 2018. Personal Representative: Roseann Gavlin, 447 N. Laurel Drive, Margate, FL 33063

Attorney for Personal Representative: Charles E. Ray, Florida Bar No. 0301981, 887 E. Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34952, Email: crayj1@comcast.net Telephone: 772-336-3745 Pubs: 4/13/18 & 4/20/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF VERA PICOS, Deceased. File No. 2018CP000364

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Vera Picos, deceased, whose date of death was February 21, 2018, 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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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The date of first publication of this notice is April 13, 2018. Personal Representative: Patricia Smith n/k/a Patricia Flaherty, 425 NW Canterbury Court, Port St. Lucie, Florida

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The date of the first publication of this notice is April 13, 2018. Personal Representative: Roseann Gavlin, 447 N. Laurel Drive, Margate, FL 33063 Attorney for Personal Representative: Charles E. Ray, Florida Bar No. 0301981, 887 E. Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34952, Email: crayj1@comcast.net Telephone: 772-336-3745 Pubs: 4/13/18 & 4/20/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF VERA PICOS, Deceased. File No. 2018CP000364

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Vera Picos, deceased, whose date of death was February 21, 2018, 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.

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

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The date of the first publication of this notice is April 13, 2018. Personal Representative: Edward L. Madrid, 597 SE Sweet Avenue, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34983 & Steven E. Madrid, 21416 Dolphin Avenue, Panama City, Florida 32413

Attorney for Personal Representatives: Brad Avakina, Attorney, Florida Bar Number: 99692, The Grantham Law Firm, 1860 Forest Hill Blvd., Suite 105, West Palm Beach, FL 33406-6086, Telephone: 561-246-3866, Fax: 561-966-3860, E-Mail: brad@kirkgrantham.com, Secondary: E-Mail: jane@kirkgrantham.com Pubs: 4/13/18 & 4/20/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY STATE OF FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS J. KUKTA, SR., Deceased. File No. 562018CP000303FM

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Thomas J. Kukta, Sr., deceased, whose date of death was January 15, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address is P.O. Box 700, Fort Pierce, FL 34950. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is April 13, 2018. Personal Representative: Patricia Smith n/k/a Patricia Flaherty, 425 NW Canterbury Court, Port St. Lucie, Florida

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The date of the first publication of this notice is April 13, 2018. Personal Representative: Debra Jean Labigang, 3724 St. Francis Road, Fort Pierce, Florida 34982

Attorney for Personal Representative: Roger N. Messer, Esq., Florida Bar No. 0230571, Messer & Messer Law Offices, 1555 NW St. Lucie West Blvd., NW, Suite 202, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, Telephone: 772-879-3000 Fax: 772-879-3098 Email: Roger@messer.comcast.biz.net Pubs: 4/13/18 & 4/20/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF FRANCES R. ELKINS, deceased. File No: 56-2018-CP-00409

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Frances R. Elkins, Deceased, whose date of death was March 1, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 S. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34950. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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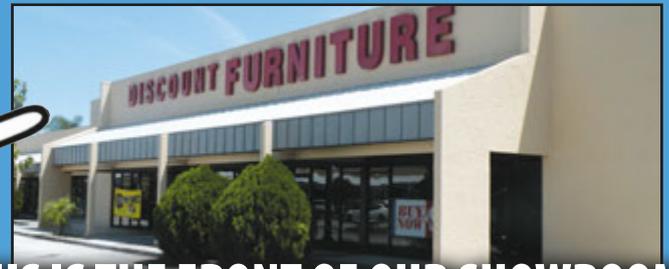
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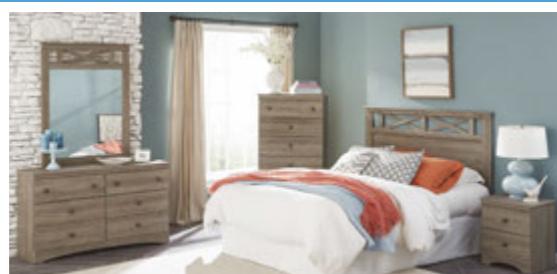
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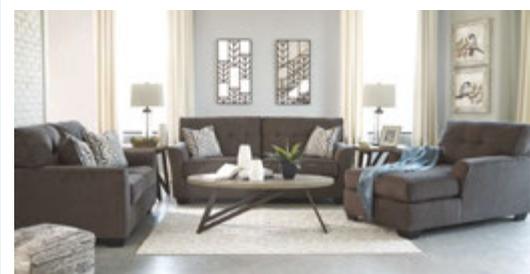
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