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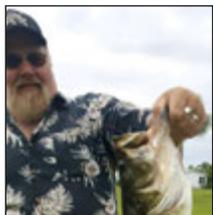


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Sabrina Bertrand assists Vanessa Smith place her mortarboard just right at Port St. Lucie High School's graduation held May 22 at the Fenn Center in Fort Pierce.

Study reveals bacterial hot spots

Report reveals human bacteria and nutrients in North Fork, tributaries and canals feeding St. Lucie River

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

ST. LUCIE COUNTY -- Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute researchers told the City Council May 21 they have discovered high human bacterial counts and the presence of ammonium nitrate, dissolved inorganic nitrogen and soluble reactive phosphorus in the North Fork of the St. Lucie River, as well as in its tributaries and the canals that bisect the city.

Interim Public Works Director Roxanne Chesser said the "long-awaited" microbial source tracking study of bacterial pollution was officially completed April 20 after two years of research.

"The report was prepared by the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute of Florida Atlantic University in conjunction with the City of Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie County, the St. Lucie County Health Department and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection," she said. "With us today are the authors of this report, Dr. Brian LaPointe, a research professor with a master of science in environmental science and a PHD in biology; Ms. Rachel Brewton, a research coordinator who is a geosciences PHD student with an emphasis on water quality and ecology; and Ms. Lynn Wilkin, a chemistry lab coordinator."

Harbor Branch officials and university researchers performed both wet and dry season sampling in 2016 and 2017 at more than 20 sites along area canals, the North Fork and its two main tributaries, Ten Mile Creek and Five Mile Creek. They looked for bacterial concentrations and reactive nutrients, as well as

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Hurricane Expo 2018 offers education, information

By Gaylon Parker
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PORT ST. LUCIE – Hurricane season is back and those who want to get themselves ready for the season, can find answers to all of their questions at the 12th Annual Hurricane Preparedness Expo. The event will be hosted at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center on Saturday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be educational presentations and seminars on a variety of topics, and guests such as Channel 25's Mike Lyons will be on hand to offer their insight into the annual hurricane season and how best to be prepared for everything that comes with it. It is open to residents and businesses free of charge and dozens of vendors will be available so people can have a one-stop-shop for hurricane kits, shutters and other necessary items before June 1 – the beginning of hurricane season.

"Residents can come out and learn about preparedness and recovery, and recovery is the big part when you're talking about post-storm," said Christina Proulx, who is the city's special projects coordinator in the Public Works Department. "They can visit with different agencies and differ-

ent vendors and we will have federal and local agencies out there who have a lot of experience in emergency services.

"They also will have the opportunity to visit with businesses who can offer different products, whether they are storm shutters or generators, they can get information and contacts there."

More than 1,400 residents and visitors are expected at the event, which has grown significantly over the years. "Last year, I saw it grow significantly because of hurricane Matthew in 2016 and then we had hurricane Irma in 2017. I expect residents will want to be even more prepared," she said.

There will be presentations throughout the day, including St. Lucie County Public Safety, which will be discussing Alert St. Lucie, which is a new feature offered by the St. Lucie County Sheriff's

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Community calendar

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

• **Safe Summer Kick Off Party:** 5:30-7:30 p.m., Lincoln Park Pool, 1311 Avenue M, Fort Pierce. Featuring games, prizes, safety demonstrations, swim lesson registration and more; this event is a great way to celebrate the opening of St. Lucie County's public pools. The other St. Lucie County public pools are: Lakewood Park Pool, 5990 Emerson Ave., Fort Pierce, and Ravenswood Pool, 400 Ravenswood Lane, Port St. Lucie. For more information, call (772) 871-2183 or visit <http://www.stlucieco.gov/aquatics>.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

• **Hiking 101:** 8:30-10 a.m., Richard E. Becker Preserve, 3398 Selvitz Road, Fort Pierce. Celebrate National Trails Day on an exceptionally beautiful St. Lucie County trail. Learn the ins and outs of hiking, proper trail etiquette and cool tools that make your trek even more enjoyable. As we hike, we'll be picking up refuse and learning about Leave-No-Trace principles. 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.

MONDAY, JUNE 4

• **Port St. Lucie Newcomers Club monthly meeting:** 10-11:30 a.m., West St. Lucie Elks Lodge, 343 Prima Vista Blvd. Connie Lydon, Port St. Lucie resident, will demonstrate how to give "new life" to household recyclables. Have fun learning how to save money and help the

environment. The club schedules monthly speakers who share information about places to go and things to see on the Treasure Coast. An annual membership fee permits new and long time residents to participate in the Club's numerous social activities. A social hour begins at 9 a.m. For more information about the Port St. Lucie Newcomers Club contact Carolyn Snider at gksnider@gmail.com.

MONDAY, JUNE 4 – FRIDAY, JUNE 8

• **Archery Adventure Summer Camp:** For ages 10-15. Held June 4-8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Ready, aim, release! Archery builds strength, endurance and mental focus all while having fun. Campers will gain fundamental archery skills, play exciting games, and learn how archery can contribute to conservation. Fee is \$175. Registration required: call (772) 785-5833 or visit www.oxboweco.org.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

• **Free admission to the Aquarium:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Lucie County Aquarium featuring the Smithsonian Marine Exhibit offers free admission on the first Tuesday of each month. The aquarium is located at 420 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 462-3474 or visit <http://www.sms.si.edu/SMEE>

• **Writers Group:** 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 See CALENDAR, page 4



Expo

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Office. This service delivers emergency and non-emergency pre-recorded phone messages to citizens. These messages may include information regarding neighborhood criminal activity, missing children, and other police, fire or health information and to register please visit <https://www.stluciesheriff.com/p/97/alert-st-lucie-notifications#.WvCNEIgvzIU>.

Sign-up for special-needs shelters also will be available to the expo, along with information about the city's emergency management division who will be focused on storm recovery.

"One thing that residents need to know about preparedness is that you have to prepare for the big stuff, not just what you've seen in the past," Ms. Proulx said. "And we have new residents who come in who aren't Floridians and don't really know what hurricane season is about. You also have the residents who come through who are

familiar, but are looking for better ways to prepare."

Also on tap this year will be a new feature, with the National Weather Service's SKYWARN "Basic Spotter Training Class." This will give people knowledge about weather conditions during hurricanes, how to spot tornadoes and other hurricane-related issues and tap attendees in to be allowed input during major weather events to the NWS. Pre-registration is required and can be found at <https://basicskywarn.psl.june2.eventbrite.com>.

The main sponsor is WastePro, and there will be 500-600 free T-shirts available to those who attend one of the presentations or seminars. Wal-Mart also donated materials for hurricane supply kits, which will be raffled throughout the day.

Interested people can call 772-871-7340 for more information or stay tuned to the website at www.CityofPSL.com/HurricaneExpo.

For more information about the city, please visit the main website at www.city-ofpsl.com or call 772-871-5225.

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The Jewelia Project raises money, awareness

By Sydney Liebman
Special to Hometown News

ST. LUCIE COUNTY - Pat Alley is a Lady – of Jewelia, that is.

The Jewelia Project is a group of 12 local women who share “ownership” of a diamond necklace, using it as a means to raise public awareness of and much-needed funding for HANDS of St. Lucie County. The HANDS Clinic provides access to free healthcare to St. Lucie County’s low-income, uninsured, adult population and relies on public donations for its operations.

Pat Alley, likely best known for her years as the marketing guru for the former Riverside National Bank, chose May as her month to wear the necklace known as Jewelia and spend her time advocating for the clinic. If you follow her on Facebook, you’ve seen her posts about the viable role the clinic plays in this community where one in every three adults is uninsured.

Because she’s been involved in so many aspects of keeping St. Lucie County healthy, Pat may have touched more lives that anyone can count. She supports the March of Dimes – because her premature grandbaby is lucky to be alive today; the Humane Society of St. Lucie County – because she believes in rescuing rather than buying; the 100 Club – because she believes our first responders should get the full support of this community; and the Lighthouse Foundation and Little Feet – because she knows that some kids just need a little more love and kindness in their lives.



Pat Alley

Among the many nonprofits for which she has donated her time, talent, and treasure, is one that is closest to her heart – The Children’s Services Council. Pat has served on its Board of Directors for three terms. Executive Director Sean Boyle said, “Mrs. Alley is so wonderful – she’s been appointed to the Council by two – yes, two different governors. She’s been a steadfast advocate for children and is always the first to volunteer to work directly with the community.”

Pat has served on the Board of Directors for Main Street Fort Pierce for more than 25-years, where she has been instrumental in its continued success. Doris Tillman, Executive Director of Main Street said, “Pat has been a true asset to Main Street Fort



HANDS of St. Lucie County

Pierce. Her love for her community became a strong commitment to supporting every project we’ve set our sights on.”

And she serves on the Board of Directors for HANDS of St. Lucie County, a Volunteers in Medicine clinic, where she has been a three-year member of the prestigious Jewelia Project. Never one to say “No,” in true Pat Alley fashion, when asked if she’d like to be a part of this very special group, Pat responded with a rousing, “Hell, yes!” Pat, along with the other members of this elite group of women have raised more than \$520,000 for the clinic.

Not one to rest on her laurels, when she retired, she still needed and wanted to be a part of things, so she took a position working for Diamond Litty and the Public Defender’s office, assisting with its annual golf tournament that raises funds to benefit Life Builders of the Treasure Coast.

Sydney Liebman, former staff member of the HANDS Clinic, says, “I have known Pat Alley nearly all of my adult life. In banking, she was known for her marketing prowess.

Like Xerox is synonymous to photo copying and Coke is to soda, Pat Alley was to marketing, and I wanted to be just like her. On top of that, she’s the best kind of friend anyone could ever have – always there for you.”

Pat is a true blue Fort Pierce girl, and in fact, actually bleeds orange and blue for the University of Florida Gators. Have you seen her house? Her wardrobe? She is married to Bob and they have three children – Kathi, Bobby, and Patrick. She’ll be more than happy to sit down and talk about them and her five grandchildren and four greats – or even her two fur babies.

This Fort Pierce girl, who grew up going to the Sunrise Theatre when it was a movie house, drinking birch beer at the old A&W, and driving her car in the hard sand of Fort Pierce Beach is grateful every day for everything – but nothing means more to her than her family, her fur-babies, her health, and her ability and desire to help others.

To learn more about the HANDS Clinic, to volunteer, to donate, or to support The Jewelia Project, call (772) 462-5652.

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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 shroyer@stlucieco.org or visit <http://library.stlucieco.gov>.

- **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 rovitoo@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.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

- **Pretty Princess Tea Party:** 10-11:30 a.m., first Wednesday of each month, at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, on the southeast corner of U.S. 1 and Walton Road. Meant for girls ages 2-10 years old. Cost is \$3 per child. Dress in princess attire and meet princesses from 'Princess Enchantments.' The party also includes a dress-up trunk, story time, 'tea time' snacks, sing-a-long, and

fun crafts project. Parents are encouraged to participate. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call (772) 807-4499.

- **Heathcote's Herb Society Sunset Garden Tour:** 5 p.m., Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce. Enjoy a guided tour in the Herb Garden with curator Miriam Charles and learn about one of Heathcote's most treasured garden rooms. Refreshments and herb-infused appetizers will be enjoyed as part of the program. Interested members welcome at no charge; \$10 for non-members. RSVP by calling (772) 464-4672 or email info@HeathcoteBotanicalGardens.org.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

- **'Project Linus' meets:** Project Linus Martin St. Lucie counties is a non-profit organization that provides homemade blankets (knitted, crocheted, quilted, fleece) to children (newborn to 18 years old) within our community who are in need of comfort. Meetings are held on the second Friday each month (except July) from 10 a.m. until noon at the Kane Center, 900 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. For more information, contact Lana at galfridy@aol.com.

MONDAY, JUNE 11 – FRIDAY, JUNE 15

- **BioEyes Summer Camp:** For ages 7-9. Held June 11-15 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. The BioEYES camp is a hands-on science project that allows kids to become real scientists as they explore live zebrafish and their life cycles. Campers will breed the fish and raise the resulting embryos until they hatch out as clear, free-swimming larvae with beating hearts that can be seen under microscopes. \$175. Registration required: call (772) 785-5833 or visit www.oxboweco.org.

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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

Theotis Holloman, 20, 3806 Avenue P, Fort Pierce, possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams.

Michael Sams, 36, 6568 N.W. Chugwater Cir., Port St. Lucie, possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted Florida felon.

Pedro Lopez-Vasquez, 29, 1007 York Ave, Fort Pierce, aggravated battery.

Jerrell Leonard, 28, 1510 S.E. Apache Ave., Stuart, arrested on an active felony warrant for battery by strangulation and larceny.

Tyrone Armstrong, 43, 3107 Avenue M, Fort Pierce, possession of cocaine.

Brian Robertson, 34, 306 N. 18th St., Fort Pierce, arrested on an out-of-county (Broward) felony warrant for sexual battery of a child with familial or custodial authority.

Tracy Costello, 30, 3385 S.E. Evergreen Ave., Stuart, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Michael Roy, 37, 2205 Winding Creek Lane, Fort Pierce, arrested on an active out-of-county (DeSoto) felony warrant for fraud.

Judson Fils-Aime, 20, 1310 S. 13th St., Fort Pierce, hit-and-run – failure to stop and remain at a crash site involving injury or serious bodily injury.

Brittney Powell, 21, 2292 Flanders Road S.E., Port St. Lucie, arrested on outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrants for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and child neglect.

Takiyah Brown, 31, 2504 S. US Hwy. 1, Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County

felony warrant on a violation of probation for child abuse without great bodily harm.

Port St. Lucie Police Department

Lynn Doss, 60, 982 S.E. Damask Ave., Port St. Lucie, possession of cocaine.

Julgens Joseph, 33, address withheld, Port St. Lucie, cruelty to a child – aggravated child abuse.

Jaimesley Saint-Surin, 20, 612 N. 23rd St., Fort Pierce, arrested on a St. Lucie County felony warrant for robbery with a deadly weapon and burglary while armed with an assault or battery.

Marcus Gaines, 22, 206 Heath St., Fort Pierce, possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams and possession of marijuana with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver.

St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

Jonathan Hammonds, 39, 1326 S.W. Sultan Drive, Port St. Lucie, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant for failure of a sex offender to properly register with the driver's license office.

Ernest Reigh, 66, absconded, Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for failure to register as a sexual predator and failure of a sex offender to report a change in residence.

Deion Anderson, 21, 601-7 Avenue E, Fort Pierce, lewd or lascivious behavior – committing a sex act in the presence of a correction-facility employee.

Curtis Gordineer, 29, 131 Old Dixie Hwy., Vero Beach, arrested on an out-of-county

(Indian River) felony warrant for third-degree grand theft and uttering a forged check, bill or draft.

Robert Hallock, 25, 505 Mades Drive, Fort Pierce, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant on an order revoking pretrial release for a new arrest for possession of cocaine.

Roger Frazier, 31, 3450 S.W. Galeti St., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant on an order revoking pretrial release for a new arrest for possession of a firearm, ammunition or electric weapon by a prohibited person.

Devon Garcia, 22, 638 S.E. Evergreen Terr., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant on an order revoking pretrial release for a new arrest for aggravated battery and false imprisonment.

Larry Jones, 24, 4560 S.E. Murray Cove Cir., Stuart, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant for possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams.

David Wilder, 31, 2303 N. 15th St., Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant on an order revoking pretrial release for a new offense.

Junior Zimeo, 19, 508-B S. 32nd St., Fort Pierce, arrested on a St. Lucie County felony warrant.

Eduardo Viamontes, 20, 1918 Wyoming Ave., Fort Pierce, arrested on a felony order for revocation of release on own recognizance.

Jason Rhodes, 39, address withheld, Port St. Lucie, cruelty toward a child – child abuse without great bodily harm and child abuse as an intentional act.

Wilmer Cuellar-Mandoza, 24, 916 Fra Mar Place, Fort Pierce, larceny – grand theft of a firearm and carrying a concealed weapon or firearm.

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Van Lowe, 25, 5300-A DeLeon Ave., Fort Pierce, battery for the second or subsequent offense.

Roy Buckins, 62, 2023 St. Lucie Blvd. Lot 149, Fort Pierce, domestic battery by strangulation, kidnapping or false imprisonment of an adult and obstruction of justice by tampering in a third-degree felony proceeding.

Yensir Rodriguez-Maranda, 37, 734-A Delaware Ave., Fort Pierce, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant for burglary of a dwelling with an assault or battery.

Lana Adams, 24, 601-12 S. Ocean Drive, Fort Pierce, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Reginald Long, 47, 2506 Wilkins Ave., Fort Pierce, driving with a suspended license as a habitual offender.

James Marshall, 20, 1704 N. 12th St., Fort Pierce, arrested on an outstanding felony warrant for lewd or lascivious behavior while incarcerated at the St. Lucie County Jail.

Timothy Jacobs, 34, 3237 Vernon St., Fort Pierce, domestic battery by strangulation.

Chas Legg, 27, 355 14th Ave., Vero Beach, arrested on an active felony warrant for felony battery.

Blake Paradise, 26, 217 S.W. Degouvea Terr., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an outstanding felony warrant for felony petit theft.

German Morales, 20, 3265 S. US Hwy. 1 Lot 60, Fort Pierce, arrested on an outstanding felony warrant for failure to appear.

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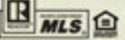
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Rants & Raves

Got something to say?

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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.

Far too early

Can someone please tell me why it's necessary to mow one's lawn before 9 a.m.? My retired neighbor regularly starts before eight thirty, recently it's seven thirty. Despite four sides of the property to mow, the chosen area is directly outside our bedroom. Fine, the master bedroom was moved. It made very little difference, the noise is just too loud to sleep through. Any attempt to discuss this would only end with the neighbor walking away. How does one justify a total lack of consideration for anyone?

Have some respect for other living creatures

We have a lot of wildlife here displaced by construction. Please slow down on the roads and watch out for our little innocents. I had to bury a young painted turtle yesterday morning that had its shell crushed by some motorist who was obviously not paying attention.

You can look at your cell phone all you want once you get to your destination. Get with the program and have a little respect for other living creatures who are just trying to get by.

No inspections

You don't want automobile inspections in Florida. I moved from a state that had inspections. Although there were legitimate places that gave tickets, there were also crooked ones. You don't want that here.

No checks?

I just came back from the pharmacy and I went to pay by check. The machine would not accept it. I had the money. I called the

bank to verify that I did. I had a sizable bank balance. Businesses are blocking out accepting checks and forcing us to use our credit cards. Then we get charged interest. I don't think that should be legal. I wish businesses would accept checks.

Proposed budget cuts can only make one go hmm

While everyone is listening to Russia/pay-offs drama ... also read about the proposed coming budget cuts due to our 21 trillion debt. I'm not opposed to all of them, but these caught my attention:

- \$800 million cut to Medicare/Medicaid
 - \$6.96 billion cut to children's health program
 - \$40.8 million cut to public and Indian housing
 - \$10 million cut to the EPA
 - \$179.1 million cut to Federal Highways.
- Hmm . . .

Contact FPL for survey to find out about high power bill

If you're bothered by a high electric bill, contact FPL at (800) 342-5375 and request a "free" onsite home energy survey. They will figure it out.

Domestic violence a bigger problem than society admits

I really wish society would take the problem of domestic violence a lot more seriously. I think all these mass shootings can be attributed to domestic violence.

I wish more attorneys would start stepping up on more pro bono cases.

And I really wish there was no more domestic violence but there is and some-

Honoring the fallen



Photo by MaryAnn Ketcham

This year's City of Port St. Lucie Memorial Day Service took place inside the City's Community Center. "In remembrance of every Veteran from every War. Our fallen Heroes." Here, Sgt. Jennifer Perkins with the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, sings The Star Spangled Banner.

thing more needs to be done.

Get informed by viable sources before sharing political views

First I am not a Democrat nor a Republican. I am a registered independent.

To the people who rave about President Trump, I suggest looking up the word narcissist and see all the symptoms that fit him perfectly.

Then pick a source to fact check his claims. Your choice. Just not Fox News. Some source that you believe to be unbiased.

Then if you are honest and well-informed about government policy, I welcome your views.

Incoming group of youths are the next 'great generation'

Just when I had given up hope along comes a new generation. They are energized. They are going to Tallahassee and Washington. They are lobbying, marching and demonstrating. They will vote.

Second Amendment needs to be amended, understandable

It's time to rewrite the Second Amend-

ment. As it stands: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

It is confusing and was written before assault weapons became popularized and protected by the NRA. It sounds as though only the well-regulated militia (the National Guard?) should have the right to bear arms.

Let's at least have a law that is understandable.

Elected officials must be jailed for delaying dispensaries

The people legally voted on marijuana being made legal for medicinal purposes, so why are our elected officials and county commissioners getting away with blocking the people's decision to get these organizations starting it up and going?

These people that should follow the laws that are breaking the laws, and that are not allowing marijuana dispensaries after a year, should be rounded up and put in jail.

These people are breaking the law. This is a law people voted on. It's disgraceful. Someone should stop them. When are they going to wake up?

What do they think they can do? Anything they want to? They can't. It's the voters' right to demand to put these dispensaries out before 2018. It was voted on in 2016.

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Ten costs comprising the total price of a car

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ON CARS
EARL STEWART

Understanding and calculating the TOTAL PRICE of a car is very complicated and time consuming. The average price of a new car is about \$40,000, but when you add all the other costs associated with the car and multiply this by all the cars you will buy in your lifetime, you're talking hundreds of thousands of dollars. This means that you should make the effort and take the time to fully understand the Total Price of the next car you buy.

Car dealers and car manufacturers advertise car prices that are only a small fraction of the true cost of the car. When you're comparing advertised prices from different dealers and different makes and models of cars, you have virtually no valid information on making the right purchase decision. Dealers almost always advertise a price that is substantially lower than you can buy their car. If they don't do this, their competitor will, and they will lose the sale.

Manufacturers almost never advertise the other costs associated with their cars, unless the car happens to have a low cost in that category. For example, Subaru has a low cost of depreciation, but you'll never see a Chrysler ad about depreciation cost. The fine print in every manufacturer's ad stipulates that the dealers can add dealer installed accessories and dealer fees.

Below I've listed all the costs totaling the TRUE TOTAL COST of the cars you buy.

- (1) Selling price of car
- (2) Trade-in allowance
- (3) Interest cost of financing
- (4) Finance "products".
- (5) Depreciation
- (6) Insurance
- (7) Maintenance
- (8) Repairs
- (9) Dealer Installed Accessories
- (10) Dealer Fees

Selling Price of Car. Determine the lowest selling price of the car you want to buy as follows: Check with these two 3rd party car buying services, www.TrueCar.com and www.costcoauto.com. Then take the lowest price of the two and shop it with at least three dealers on the

exact same make, model, accessories and MSRP as the car you priced with TrueCar and Costco.

Trade-in Allowance. Keep the sale of your trade-in separate from your purchase transaction. The dealer you buy your car from will try to pay you less for your trade-in than it's worth; or he will delude you into believing he's giving you a good price by overcharging you on the car you're buying. Get purchase offers on your trade-in from the used car departments at three dealers who sell the make of car you are driving. Make an appointment with the used car manager and simply explain that you want to sell your car, but make it clear you aren't buying another. Also, tell him you are getting competing bids from two other dealers. When you make the final decision on the dealer you will purchase your car from, offer him the right to match or beat your best price offer. Remember that Florida and other states offer you sales tax exemption on the amount of your trade-in allowance.

Interest Cost of Financing. Car dealers make more money financing cars and selling warranties and other "finance products" than they do on the actual sale of the car. Check with your bank and credit union. Credit unions offer lower rates than most banks. You can join some credit unions for a relatively modest annual fee. Also, consider the dealer's interest rate if it is a subsidized low rate offered by the manufacturer of the car.

Finance Products. There's pressure by the federal agency, the CFPB, Consumer Finance Protection Bureau, on car dealers about charging exorbitant interest rates to minorities. Many dealers have resorted to shifting their finance profits to products and services added into the retail installment sales contract. Oftentimes these products and services aren't properly disclosed to the buyer. Carefully read your installment sales contract before you sign it to be sure that there are no warranties, prepaid maintenance agreements, road hazard insurance, roadside assistance, LoJack, or anything else added to the finance cost of your car that you haven't agreed to buy.



Depreciation. All different makes and models of cars depreciate at different rates. The differences are substantial and can amount to thousands of dollars. The selling price of a Subaru and a Chrysler can be the same, but the Chrysler will depreciate thousands more than the Subaru. You can research depreciation online at www.ConsumerReports.com, www.Kbb.com, www.Edmunds.com, and www.ALG.com.

Maintenance. The cost of maintenance for cars has dropped precipitously in the past ten years. Cars are built better and require far less maintenance, like oil changes, than ever before. The cost is so low that most manufacturers are offering free maintenance in first 2 or 3 years of ownership. However, if you keep your car longer, the cost of maintenance naturally increases. Consumer Reports is, by far, your best source of information on maintenance and repairs of all makes of used and new cars.

Repairs. Repairs are usually mentioned together with maintenance, but I separate them because, even though repairs are required less frequently like maintenance, the actual cost of repairs are very high. This is because today's cars consist of very high tech and complex computer systems which are often manufactured in modules. Repairs often involve the replacement of an entire

computer module (not just a few parts), costing thousands of dollars. One again, I refer you to Consumer Reports for detailed information on repair costs. Their annual April Auto Issue is "worth its weight in gold" as source of buying information.

Dealer Installed Accessories. JUST SAY NO! With rare exceptions, all accessories installed by dealers on their cars before they are sold are vastly overpriced and have very little value or utility. Dealer installed accessories exist so that the dealer can add profit to the sale of the car above the advertised price. Examples of these overpriced accessories are Nitrogen in tires, LoJack, pinstripes, roadside assistance, and paint sealant.

Dealer Fees. Last, but certainly not least, are car dealers' dirtiest little secret. Dealer fee is a generic name for all the bogus fees that dealers add to the advertised price of their cars. The thing they have in common is the word "fee" because it resonates as an "official" local, state, or federal fee. A few of the "creative" names for dealer fees are Electronic Filing Fee, Tag Agency Fee, Notary Fee, Handling Fee, Administrative Fee, Dealer Prep Fee, and Dealer Service Fee. The way to spot a real fee from a bogus fee is by determining if the dealer charged you sales tax on that amount. THERE IS NO STATE SALES TAX CHARGED ON GOVERNMENT FEES.

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Be somewhat wary of the 'cloud'

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), all of his docs to Google Docs, etc. 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.

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



COMPUTE THIS
SEAN MCCARTHY

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.

OK, 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 Picasa Web 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 for about 10 bucks! 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 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.

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for traces of sucralose and acetaminophen, both signs of wastewater pollution. Ms. Brewton presented the bulk of the information during the special meeting, saying that the waterways reflected “a trend of more poor exceedances” over the last three years suggesting that area water quality was worsening.

“Two sites in particular within the river have high levels for fecal coliform that are in exceedance,” she said. “R1, which is at White City Park, in the dry season, and R7, which is south of Club Med, in the wet season. What really jumps out is that the highest concentrations are found in the canal sites. Multiple sites had exceedances for fecal coliform in different seasons, but in particular Sagimore, Hogpen Slough, Veterans Memorial, Elcam and E22.”

In addition to the evidence of fecal coliform, the study also revealed moderate amounts of e coli in both upstream and downstream portions of Ten Mile Creek as well as evidence of enterococci. Researchers also found significant amounts of reactive nutrients such as ammonium nitrate, dissolved inorganic nitrogen and soluble phosphorus.

“So this is indicating there is bacteria coming into the North Fork from the tributary site,” Ms. Brewton added. “Then if we move down to the river values for enterococci, you can see that there is a significant amount at all of the river sites, so unfortunately this is reinforcing that there is a bacteria problem throughout the river. We are [also] seeing a high amount of nutrients coming from the tributaries into the river --

the nutrients are high throughout the whole system.”

Councilwoman Jolien Carballo asked Ms. Brewton if fertilizer runoff could be blamed for the excessive amount of reactive nutrients in the samples. The research coordinator then deferred to Dr. LaPointe, who placed most of the nitrogen blame in South Florida on septic tanks.

“In the report, we talk about the dissolved reactive nitrogen to phosphorus ratio,” he explained. “What we see typically with septic tanks is a high ratio, because as those septic plumes move through the sub-surface, they preferentially remove the phosphorus relative to the nitrogen and so that drives that ratio higher. And you’ll see it’s very high in the canals, and our interpretation is there’s a lot of nitrogen probably coming from the septic tanks relative to the phosphorus.”

For his part, Mayor Gregory Oravec asked whether a bovine marker had been used to trace whether contaminants could be runoff from area cattle ranches. When Ms. Brewton said the marker was still in the developmental stage of the FDEP, the mayor said it was another element that needed to be examined and eliminated in order to find the true culprit.

“These problems are so easily thought over but never solved because it’s really easy for the party associated with the various sources to point at somebody else,” he said. “For me, obviously the agricultural interests are one source and they do a lot of fertilizer and they also have a lot of cattle. It would be interesting, I think, for us to find out if any of the bacteria is cattle or horse origin to know if it’s flowing into the city.”

Ms. Brewton agreed that further investigation into potential agricultural sources

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Rachel Brewton
research coordinator

would be beneficial.

“We definitely think the tributaries could warrant more investigation for that reason because there could be nutrients coming from agriculture,” she said. “There are a lot of septic systems in that area as well, so that could be part of the source too. But there is a higher amount of phosphorus in the tributaries so that suggests that that could be coming from agriculture.”

Mayor Oravec also asked Dr. LaPointe whether he thought the environmental technology known as living shorelines would be useful along the North Fork and its tributaries. The scientist believed the local use of such water-cleansing vegetation would only contribute to the city’s reputation for being environmentally proactive due to its successive septic to sewer conversion program. To-date Port St. Lucie has completed some 40,000 of the conversions.

“One of my colleagues at UNC Wilmington builds constructed wetlands with special denitrifying vegetation to remove nitrogen through a microbial process, just like a sewage treatment plant uses biological denitrification,” he said. “They design these wetlands to do that. I think all these features

add green space and can be used very effectively when designed properly to remove nutrients and improve water quality.”

Ms. Brewton made several other recommendations for the city at the end of her presentation.

“Something that municipalities have done is coupling the use of groundwater and surface water monitoring using the nutrients of aqueous nitrogen isotopes and sucralose,” she said. “What this does is it would allow you to look at the interactions of septic systems and surface water and really figure out what’s going on in your watershed. You can do tracing studies with septic systems to look at the rate of transport into the surface water from the septic system. You can also do that if you suspect leaking sewers.”

The Council subsequently directed staff to bring back cost effective solutions for continuous monitoring on the city’s waterways, tracing any possible leaks in the city’s sewer system and the possibility of creating living shorelines along the North Fork of the St. Lucie River and its tributaries in time for its summer retreat.



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Community notes

Port St. Lucie Library offers English classes starting June 7

PORT ST. LUCIE – The Port St. Lucie Branch Library will host a six-week English Conversation Class on Thursdays from 6-7 p.m., starting June 7.

Facilitated by volunteers from Learn to Read of St. Lucie County, these classes will allow participants to practice speaking English in an informal and supportive group and learn a new vocabulary. A basic knowledge of the English language is recommended for these free classes.

Space is limited to 10 participants. For details, call Learn to Read at (772) 464-2747.

Part of the St. Lucie County Library System, the Port St. Lucie Branch Library is located 180 Prima Vista Blvd. For more information contact the Port St. Lucie library staff at (772) 871-5450; email vancampa@stlucieco.org or visit www.stlucieco.gov/library.

Lincoln Park Pool hosts free swim lessons June 4-13

FORT PIERCE – St. Lucie County's Parks and Recreation Department will host free swimming lessons at the Lincoln Park Pool, 1311 Avenue M, June 4 - 13.

This American Red Cross Centennial Program provides free swim lessons Monday through Wednesday from June 4 - 13, with makeup lessons on Thursday, June 7 and Thursday, June 14.

Session one is scheduled from 5:15 to 6 p.m., while session two will take place 6:15 to 7 p.m. These lessons are open to all ages, but registration is required. Register by calling (772) 871-2183.

Tragically, drowning remains the leading cause of unintended, injury related death for children ages 1-4, and the second leading cause of accidental death for children under 14 in the United States. Research shows participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning.

For more information call (772) 871-2183 or visit <http://www.stlucieco.gov/aquatic>.

Spots still available for Oxbow's Science Camps

The Oxbow Eco-Center will host a variety of science-themed camps this summer where participants become scientists, exploring and discovering the amazing world around us. These camps are designed by local scientists and educators to be extremely engaging for the young and curious. There are still spaces available in the following camps:

- **BioEYES Camp:** For the second year in a row, campers have the opportunity to don lab coats, work with live animals and learn all about embryology and genetics through a fish breeding program, experiments and hands-on activities. This camp runs June 11-15 from 9 a.m. to noon, and is open to children ages 7-9. Cost is \$175.

- **Magnify Your Curiosity Camp:** This new camp is all about exploring the world

through microscopes. Campers learn how to use a foldable microscope that really works. And, they get to take one home to make discoveries on their own for years to come. This camp runs July 16-20 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and is open to ages 9-13. Cost is \$175.

- **Junior Oxbow Scientist Camp:** Hold onto your lab coat, young science enthusiasts. This camp is loaded with a variety of engaging activities focusing on science, technology, engineering and art. Come be a part of the fun. The camp runs July 23-27 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., and is open to children ages 6-9. Cost is \$125.

The Oxbow is a St. Lucie County Environmental Learning Center situated on 225-acres on the St. Lucie River. It is located at 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie, 1-1/2 miles south of Midway Road – across from the St. James Shopping Center.

For more information, visit www.oxboweco.com.

SenseSational Storytime slips into the Lewis Library

The Paula A. Lewis Branch Library, 2950 S.W. Rosser Blvd., Port St. Lucie, is offering a special weekly storytime for children on the autism spectrum. SenseSational Storytime will take place on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. June 5 through July 31 (excluding July 3).

Designed to engage children through stories, music, movement and sensory activity play, this program is ideal for preschool-aged children with sensory needs or

who are on the autism spectrum.

Each session is limited to 10 children. Registration is required for each storytime. Every participant must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Well-behaved siblings are also welcome to attend.

For details or to register, call Lisa Lima at (772) 871-5484.

Fort Pierce to Host Sunrise Theatre Community Input Meeting

The City of Fort Pierce will host a Community Input Meeting on Wednesday, June 27 from 6-8 p.m. at the Sunrise Theatre (117 S. Second Street) to garner the public's input on their desires for the future of the Sunrise Theatre.

In preparation for the public workshop, the City of Fort Pierce launched a community survey to elicit thoughts and opinions about the Sunrise Theatre and arts and culture in general. The survey is available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SunriseTheatre>. In addition to the online survey, printed surveys are also available at City Hall.

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Port St. Lucie High School class of 2018 celebrates its big day!

Top: Antony Barbary-Dykes and Dylan James exchange a happy greeting

Middle: Senior Class President Jane Badio is congratulated by Assistant Principal Tim Norfleet

Bottom: Class of 2018 Valedictorian Kelly T. Nguyen sheds tears of joy as she graciously thanks her parents for their support
Photo by MaryAnn Ketcham

Libraries rock this summer with weekly programs

For Hometown News

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY – The St. Lucie County Library System rocks this summer with activities that promote reading to all ages at six branch locations. Children and families can enjoy storytimes, music, learning, science labs and more.

The Library Science Rocks program will be offered at six library branches June 5 through July 14 (except for the week of July 4). Designed for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, this program provides students with the opportunity to take part in hands-on science experiments, but come early, as space is limited:

- Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Branch; 180 S.W. Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie.

- Wednesdays at 2 p.m. at the Lakewood Park Branch, 7605 Santa Barbara Drive, Fort Pierce, and Paula Lewis Branch, 2950 S.W. Rosser Blvd., Port St. Lucie;

- Wednesdays at 3 p.m. at the Zora Neale Hurston Branch, 3008 Avenue D, Fort Pierce;

- Thursdays at 2 p.m. at the Kilmer Branch, 101 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce

- Fridays at 2 p.m. at the Morningside Branch, 2410 S.E. Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie

Special Summer Reading Entertainment takes place at five branches on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Designed for students in kindergarten to fifth grade, these programs will explore a wide range of topics focusing on reading, drama, science, nature and music:

- The Rockin' Readers! takes the stage on Wednesday, June 6 at 10 a.m. at Morningside and 2 p.m. at Kilmer; and Thursday, June 7 at Hurston at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Lewis; and Friday, June 8 at 2 p.m. at Lakewood Park. Join the Rockin' Readers for a performance that hits the beat! They will show you just how to get started on your reading challenge.

- The Science Tellers get talking on Wednesday, June 13 at 10 a.m. at Morningside and 2 p.m. at Kilmer; and Thursday, June 14 at 10 a.m. at Hurston and 2 p.m. at Lewis. Grab your spurs and journey with us to the Wild, Wild West. Mystery, music and science combine to create an action-packed western adventure.

- The Oxbow Eco-Center creates a buzz on Wednesday, June 20 at 10 a.m. at Morningside and 2 p.m. at Kilmer; and on Thursday, June 21 at 10 a.m. at Hurston and 2 p.m. at Lewis. Are mosquitoes out to ruin your outdoor adventure? Join the Oxbow staff for this interactive, educational skit about some pesky little bugs.

- Water safety makes a splash on Wednesday, June 27 at 10 a.m. at Morningside and 2 p.m. at Kilmer; and Thursday, June 28 at 10 a.m. at Lakewood Park and 2 p.m. at Hurston. With so much water around us, it is imperative that we stay safe. Join US Army Corp of Engineers Park Ranger Art Ruebenson as he shares an interactive presentation on water safety.

- Fictionaries flutter in on Wednesday, July 11 at 10 a.m. at Morningside and 2 p.m. at Kilmer; and Thursday, July 12 at 10 a.m. at Hurston and 2 p.m. at Lewis. Don't miss this fun, fast paced, game show-themed



spectacular. We'll test our participants' knowledge in current and past kid's fiction questions.

- Dewey and the Decibel Sisters dance into the libraries on Wednesday, July 18 at 10 a.m. at Morningside and 2 p.m. at Kilmer; and Thursday, July 19 at 10 a.m. at Hurston and 2 p.m. at Lewis. Come join us for some fun, music and laughs as Dewey and her sisters get ready for their big performance.

- The Hobe Sound Nature Center gets wild with live animals on Wednesday, July 25 at 10 a.m. at Morningside and 2 p.m. at Kilmer; and Thursday, July 26 at 10 a.m. at Hurston and 2 p.m. at Lewis. Explore the world of The Tortoise (Kilmer) as well as Raptors (Morningside & Hurston) and Snakes, Friend or Foe (Lewis). Presented by Hobe Sound Nature Center Interpretive Naturalists.

- Close out the summer with a Reading Dance Party on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 10

a.m. at Morningside and 2 p.m. at Kilmer; Thursday, Aug. 2 at 10 a.m. at Hurston and 2 p.m. at Lewis; and Friday, Aug. 3 at Lakewood Park at 2 p.m. It's the interactive dance extravaganza of the season complete with a rockin' DJ. Dance and sing along with the library staff.

Weekly storytimes will be offered six days a week at 10:30 a.m.:

- Mondays at the Pruitt Campus Library, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie;

- Tuesdays at the Hurston and Lakewood Park branches;

- Wednesdays at the Kilmer Branch;

- Fridays at the Kilmer, Lewis and Port St. Lucie branches;

- Saturdays at the Lakewood Park and Port St. Lucie branches.

All St. Lucie County Summer Reading Programs at the libraries are free and open to everyone, thanks to the generosity of Baker & Taylor, in conjunction with the Association to Library Service to Children, the Friends of the Library, the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County and St. Lucie Mets.

Don't forget the Summer Reading Challenge runs June 1 through Aug. 4 for children of all ages from newborns to teens. By reading and/or participating in activities, students can earn tickets to a St. Lucie Mets game as well as a chance to win a Kindle Fire. For details about the Summer Reading Challenge visit your nearest branch library or the library's website: www.stlucieco.gov/library.

Space is limited for the summer programs, so all events are on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Lionfish Safari combines activism, fun



TREASURE COAST LIONFISH SAFARI

By Gaylon Parker

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ST LUCIE COUNTY – There is a coming opportunity to battle invasive species and earn some prize money at the same time with the Treasure Coast Lionfish Safari from June 8 to 10. The event helps spread awareness about lionfish and their danger to Florida reefs.

The safari, now in its sixth year, will be

hosted over a two-day period, with diving teams accruing the most and largest lionfish.

The event has expanded and has changed location to Riverwalk at Veterans Memorial Park. “We will have a lot more room for vendors and just to spread out,” said organizer Nyla Pipes.

The fish are originally from the Indian Ocean, and they are very popular in aquariums. But they eat nearly their body weight in other species each day and can be a dan-

ger to the sea life on area reefs. They are often confused as being poisonous but are very good to eat, Mrs. Pipes said.

“It’s a big statewide effort, and it takes a while for people to know what’s going on in these communities and the invasion is definitely statewide; in fact, these lionfish are clear up the Eastern Seaboard,” she added. “We in the environmental community and the diving community are working together

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Out & about

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

• **Friday Fest:** 5:30-9 p.m., Fort Pierce’s Marina Square, the first Friday of every month, weather permitting. (Held on the second Friday of the month if event is canceled due to bad weather.) Friday Fest is a street festival to showcase downtown Fort Pierce and the waterfront in Marina Square on Melody Lane. Festival includes music, food, children’s activities, community vendors and arts and crafts. Free admission, free parking in parking garage. *For more information, visit mainstreetfortpierce.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. It’s not fast food and a bunch of these trucks are run by chefs. 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.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

• **Bunfest 2018:** Seventh annual event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Kane Center, 900 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. Enjoy a day focusing on rabbits, guinea pigs and their fans, presented by the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast. Features a critter spa, bunny playground, vendors

with specialty items for rabbits and guinea pigs, adoptable animals, glamour photos, educational seminars, a children’s zone, raffles and silent auction, and a rainbow bridge memorial wall. Admission is \$5 per person; ages 10 and under admitted free. Any extra donations help the Humane Society care for the smallest creatures at the shelter. *For more information, visit www.southeastbunfest.org.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

• **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.

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Horoscopes



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Opportunity is knocking, Aries. You must tune in and listen to it this week. Stay passionate in your endeavors, but exercise a little caution as well.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, honesty may be the best policy, but you may have to temper how much information you reveal at one time. Be a little stingy around sensitive people.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, this week may be off to a bumpy start, but you are perfectly capable of turning things around in a hurry. Just don't race too far ahead without a plan.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, you are heading in the right direction, but you may have to fine-tune the destination this week. Your intended romantic target may not be the perfect fit.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Planning and project management seemingly takes over your life, Leo. Just when you think See SCOPES, page 17

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For the Love of Surfing begins again June 9

By Gaylon Parker

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TREASURE COAST – “For the Love of Surfing,” which is hosted by the organization Future 6, was designed to introduce young people with autism, Asperger’s and Down syndrome, to the water in a welcoming fashion. But it hasn’t been nearly as embraced by people in Martin and St. Lucie counties as other areas. Routinely, there are dozens of children who participate in the surfing camps from just south of here in Palm Beach County, but despite the short trip to the area from all across the Treasure Coast, organizers say they need more people to show up to keep the project going.

“The surf camps in April and May got rained out, but we’re back in Stuart for another attempt,” said Executive Director Donnie Ottofaro. “We’re still in Boynton Beach on the last Saturday of every month, but we will be doing the second Saturday of every month in Stuart.”

“We’re still trying to stay as active as possible on the Treasure Coast.”

The first event will be hosted on June 9 at Stuart Beach, located at 825 N.E. Ocean Blvd., in Stuart from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

June will present perfect conditions for the surf camp, so the organization is hopeful that people will keep track of the website for updates. Also, participant and volunteer registration can be done online at www.f6helpinghand.org soon or on the day of the events. The organization welcomes as many volunteer hands as possible 8:30 a.m. for set up, pre-meeting, and kiddos in the water by 9:15 a.m. No surfing experience is required, and all watermen/women skill levels are needed.

“The surf program in Boynton is just explosive and we finished up 2017 with an average of around 54 kids per month, where we only averaged around seven or eight in Stuart,” Mr. Ottofaro said. “We’re struggling to find families that want to come to a free surfing program once a month.”

Mr. Ottofaro said that because the cities of Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce are in such close proximity, the camps are a perfect opportunity for people from that area to



participate.

“You could be 10 or 20 minutes away from Stuart Beach, so there isn’t much of a problem,” Mr. Ottofaro said. “There is a massive amount of difference that we’re seeing between families on the Treasure Coast and those south of here.”

For those who would like to get involved, please send an email at info@f6helpinghand.org. To register early to volunteer, please visit the website.

Sponsors and volunteers include Ironclad Digital Business Solutions Nomad Surf Shop, Robins & Morton, Zaxby’s, Carrabba’s Italian Grill, CROWD CONTROL surf company, Eco Pro Surf Series, Ground Swell Surf Shop, Myreligion Surf, Children for Clean Water and mboss Designs.

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Lionfish

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with the FWC and REEF and other organizations to get the word out that this is an ongoing problem.

“We need our restaurants to start serving them and jump onboard and our fish houses and fish markets to really get involved and start carrying lionfish every chance

they get.”

The captains meeting is June 8 at 5:30 p.m. at Sailfish Brewery – 130 N. 2nd St. in Fort Pierce – and divers can participate in the competition for biggest, smallest and most lionfish removed from the water over the weekend with cash prizes. Registration fees are \$125 per team of four and \$40 per individual diver.

“More divers are showing interest and chatter is happening on our social media,”

Mrs. Pipes said.

Bands, vendors and food booths will be present throughout the weekend, and the scientific community will be on site taking measurements and samples so its members can learn more about how to stop this predator from devouring native fish species.

“There will be more educational booths and that kind of thing,” Mrs. Pipes said. “The weather has everybody a little worried, but that’s just the case this year in the state

of Florida and the way it goes.

“We’re just waiting to see what the seas are going to do.”

Events in Sebastian and Stuart were recently canceled due to inclement weather, so Mrs. Pipes is hoping that divers that could have attended those events will transfer over to Fort Pierce.

For more information, and to register, please visit the website at <http://www.treasurecoastlionfishsafari.com/>

Out

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

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• **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, JUNE 7

• **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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

• **Lunch & Learn:** “Florida’s Native Plants and Native Landscaping” at 12 p.m., Manatee Observation & Education Center, 480 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Join us for a presentation by AnnMarie Loveridge, president of the Lakela’s Mint chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. AnnMarie will be speaking about the importance of using Florida native plants in your garden, talk about what’s blooming, and even provide free giveaways of native Florida plants. Bring your lunch and learn! Free event. For more information, call (772) 429-6266.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

• **Movie Matinee:** Showing ‘Coco’ at 2 p.m., Morningside Branch Library, 2410 S.E. Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Animated feature is rated PG with a running time of 105 minutes. Free. For more information, call (772) 337-5632 or visit www.stlucieco.gov/library.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

• **Song Circle and Folk Jam:** 3-5 p.m., See OUT, page 16

Rain, rain go away

Someone, please, turn off the faucet. Tell Mother Nature that we have had enough rain! While we will now see greener fairways and lakes with water in them, we will also lose 50 yards of roll on our drives (insert sad face here).

As the rain washed out yet another planned round, one of my buddies wondered aloud why it is that some courses or holes drain well and others do not. Most of us don't ever think about what is under the course. The myriad of catch basins and drainage pipes installed before the first blade of grass grew on the course is usually of no concern. When the rains do fall, however, all of these work in concert with the design of the course to rid each hole of water as quickly as possible.

My late friend, Charles Ankron, was an internationally acclaimed golf course architect. I used to do some side work for him and I remember asking him that very question.

"There are three factors that affect course drainage," he explained. "Site, soil and the client."

The first factor, site, varies from course to course. Some courses are located in areas with little rainfall, strong drying winds and an abundance of sunshine. Of course these courses drain well.

In Florida, courses are normally subject to a lot of rain, and while we do have strong winds and abundant sunshine, we suffer from high humidity. The evaporation rate is much lower than you'd expect. We also suffer from not having much elevation change. Water simply has no desire to run anywhere.

Soil content is next. The greater the amount of topsoil that a course has, the better it can handle a downpour. Topsoil will absorb a large amount of water, and the thicker that layer, the more water the course can handle.

However, it is the subsurface soil stratum has the biggest influence on course drainage. A course with a sandy subsurface will have an excellent absorption rate. A course with a very sandy sub-base course can stay open when some of the exclusive private clubs in the area have to shut down. That's because it absorbs water so well.

Courses unlucky enough to have a hard subsurface, such as marl or sandstone, will need more lakes, more storm drains and more collection areas for the water that the course will shed during a storm or wet season.

Probably the biggest factor, aside from

GOLF
JAMES STAMMER



nature, is the client. If the course owner or developer has the money and is sensitive to the golf course, he or she may be willing to spend the money needed to design and build a good drainage system. If the owner simply wants an amenity for the housing development, then chances are that money will not be spent and the course won't drain well.

If the soil can absorb an inch of rainfall and it rains two inches, the ground is fighting a losing battle. The high points of the course will absorb the first inch and then the second inch will flow downhill. As that water flows to a low point or a catch basin, it grows exponentially adding itself to the water already accumulating downhill.

Most architects use many more drains now than 15 or 20 years ago. I remember a total renovation that Ankron did where he added 220 additional drains to capture water. The original early 1970s design had water running a thousand feet before finding a drain. That was changed so that water ran no more than a hundred feet.

Modern architects also use nature to help drain the course. Sand retention areas and waste areas have become quite popular. Lakes are used to do three things, disperse water, generate fill for building the course, and storm water storage.

The fairways and rough aren't the only places that a golf course architect works to drain water from the course. The greens of a modern course have a complicated drainage system built into them as well.

Today's modern green is topped with 12 inches of custom topsoil. Under that is four inches of gravel followed by a herringbone system of drainpipes set 20 feet apart. The water that makes it to the drainpipes is taken to a lake, swale, dry well or other low point well away from the green.

Thanks to modern irrigation, courses are kept very lush. Unfortunately, sometimes very hard rains follow this and simply adds too much water to the equation.

For now I'm happy to see the rain. We can always use a few drops. I just need Mother Nature to turn it off by the weekend.

James can be reached at stammeregolf@yahoo.com.

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Out

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Savannas Preserve State Park, 2541 S.E. Walton Road, Port St. Lucie. Bring a stringed instrument and enjoy an informal folk jam with members of the community, or just listen. Participation is free with paid park admission (\$3 per car). For more information, visit www.friendsofsavannas.org.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

• **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.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

• **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.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 14

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FRIDAY, JUNE 15

• **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. It's not fast food and a bunch of these trucks are run by chefs. 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, JUNE 15 - SATURDAY, JUNE 16

• **'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. See OUT, page 17

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SATURDAY, JUNE 16

• **Jiffy Photo/Canon Macro Workshop:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce. Learn how to get the best shots that bring you up close to nature and learn new ways of presenting your subject. Fee is \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members. To RSVP, call (772) 464-4672

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

• **Summer Solstice Drum Circle:** Fifth annual event celebrates the longest day of the year with drummers, dancers, hoopers, poi spinners, the spiritually minded and spectators. Experience an authentic Native American ceremony honoring the Mother Earth and Father Sky and learn about the significance of the Summer Solstice. 7-9 p.m., Savannas Preserve State Park, 2541 S.E. Walton Road, Port St. Lucie. Extra drums will be available for those who don't have one; please bring drums, shakers, tambourines, etc., if you have them. Also please bring a chair suited to outside seating and drumming. Park entrance fee is waived due to \$5 cover; children under age 12 admitted free, children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult 21+. Family

Scopes

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there is no time for fun, an exciting opportunity falls in your lap.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Virgo, your creative muse has come calling and you can't resist her siren's song. Dabble in any artistic or crafty project you can get your hands on in the next few days.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

People often see you as even-keeled, Libra. But tempers may flare this week if you don't get your way. Others should watch when you're fired up.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Scorpio, cater your plan and speech to the audience receiving it. You can gain more support if your message is well-received. Figure out new ways to communicate.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

You do not have an argumentative nature, Sagittarius. So when you're bothered, it is probably for a good reason. Don't come out ready for a fight; instead, focus on mediating.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Capricorn, your energy is all over the map, so it may be best to schedule any major meetings or presentations for another time when you are more up to the task.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, it may seem like you're feeling extreme highs or lows. Soon things will settle down. Enjoy some well-deserved escapism for the time being.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

This week you will have the ideal blend of patience and passion, which has people lining up to be on your team, Pisces.

friendly community event will be held rain or shine. Bring your own drinks, no alcohol, no drugs. Donations are appreciated. For more information, visit www.friendsofsavannas.org.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

• **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.

• **Bingo & trivia:** Entertainment by AJ the DJ, plus drink specials, free bingo, prizes, and pop-quiz trivia, every Tuesday from 8-10 p.m., St. Lucie Lanes, 6759 S. U.S. 1, Port St. Lucie. For more information, call (772) 461-5390.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

• **Family Fun Night:** Entertainment by AJ the DJ, plus bingo, prizes, and pop-quiz trivia, every Wednesday from 5-8 p.m., Wing-Stop,

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• **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, JUNE 21

• **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-Gordon@stlucieco.org

• **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, JUNE 22

• **'Just Four Fun':** Four Florida artists will be presenting an exhibit full of surprises from May 4 to June 22 at the A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery, 500 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Call (772) 465-0630 for more information or visit www.backusmuseum.com/services.html.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

• **Movie Matinee:** Showing 'Grease' at 2 p.m., Morningside Branch Library, 2410 S.E. Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Film is rated PG-13 with a running time of 110 minutes; anyone under age 13 must have a permission slip (available at the front desk). Free. For more information, call (772) 337-5632 or visit www.stlucieco.gov/library.

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The food that helped win D-Day

D-Day, June 6, was a very special moment in history when 160,000 troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, creating the turning point for the allies in WWII.

To accomplish this great victory, the allies needed a special food that had to be light-weight, nutritious and have the ability to generate lots of energy to keep the troops ready to fight. The Hershey Chocolate Co. was approached in 1937 to create what was later called the "D ration bar." It had to be high in energy, withstand high heat, and weigh 4 ounces.

What they created isn't the Hershey bar we know today, which is wonderful. The bar created for the troops was a blend of chocolate, sugar, cocoa butter, skim milk powder and oat flour. The mixture was so thick, it had to be hand molded at first. The bar was like a chocolate brick that had to be shaved with a knife to be eaten. The worst part was the taste, which was extremely bitter because of the chocolate and oat flour recipe.

Later, during the war, a tropical blend was created for the Pacific Campaign. Fortunately because sugar was used to give



**CHEF COSTA'S
COOKING CORNER
COSTA MAGOULAS**

quick energy to the troops, caramels, orange and lemon-flavored powdered drinks with lots of sugar were included in the troops' rations. Hershey produced more than 3 billion bars for the war effort.

I am sure after the war, veterans couldn't wait to eat Hershey chocolate kisses again. It's amazing how something that tasted so bad helped win the war.

Chocolate is the number one dessert in the world with a history that dates back to the ancient Aztec and Mayan civilizations.

It seems the first time chocolate was used in war was by Hernando Cortez when he conquered Mexico. The Mayans would make a chocolate drink from ground cacao beans (cocoa beans), chile peppers and water whipped until frothy. Cortez is reported to have required all of his troops to drink the chocolate mixture daily as an energy booster.

During the Revolutionary war, medics would give the drink to wounded soldiers to help with their recovery. Thomas Jefferson was so impressed with the chocolate drink he predicted it would replace tea and coffee in America. In the early 20th century, members of expeditions to the North and South Poles drank hot chocolate to provide warmth, nutrients, and energy boosts.

OK, so it gives you energy and nutrients, but that's not why we eat it today. We eat it because it taste soooo good. Place a piece of milk chocolate in your mouth and feel it start to melt and you get that burst of sweet and bitter creaminess. WOW! Now we know it makes a great dessert, too.

If it wasn't for the Italians, who started adding sugar to chocolate, we might be still drinking a bitter drink. But did you know chocolate is used to make some savory dishes taste great as well? Try my chocolate sauce. You might be surprised! It's good on steaks, chicken or pork.

COSTA'S CHOCOLATE SAUCE

Ingredients

1 tablespoon unsalted butter
2 cloves garlic, minced small
1/2-cup chicken or beef stock
1/2-cup heavy cream or half & half
2-3 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
Your choice, a splash of bourbon, whiskey or vodka
1 tablespoon hot sauce, more if you like it hotter
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

In a sauce pan, sauté garlic in butter over medium heat for 1-2 minutes; don't burn. Add stock and continue cooking for 1 minute. Add preferred alcohol and cook 1 more minute. Add heavy cream, chocolate and hot sauce. Cook until it starts to thicken. If it gets too thick, add a little stock. Salt and pepper to taste.

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Poisonous plants to watch out for

If you look around your yard and neighborhood, you will find ornamental plants of almost every size, shape and color. What you don't know about some of these common plants can be deadly. Some parts of the ornamental plants or flowers in your yard may contain deadly poison. The most susceptible to being harmed by these plants are children and pets.

One of the most toxic and common poisonous plants is the Oleander. The Oleander plant contains a deadly heart stimulant that resembles the prescription drug digitalis. If a child eats a single leaf or two from this plant it could be deadly. There have been several instances where people have died from eating meats that were roasted from a wood fire that contained Oleander twigs or branches.

Dieffenbachia, which is a common tropical that many of us have in our homes, is also a highly toxic plant. All parts of this plant are poisonous. If eaten, the plant can cause intense burning and irritation of your mouth. The plant can be deadly if enough swelling occurs to block your airway. You should always wash your hands after



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JOE ZELENAK**

handling this or any of the listed poisonous plants.

Another surprising plant is the Azalea. All parts of the Azalea plant can be toxic if ingested. The symptoms include nausea and vomiting along with difficulty in breathing and possibly coma. The end result can be fatal. Even the berries of Jasmine plants can be toxic. They can cause digestive problems along with nervous system disorders.

The foliage from oak trees can be toxic but the effects are gradual. If foliage is ingested, it can slowly affect your kidneys. You need to ingest a substantial amount for severe poisoning to occur. Lantana, which is commonly used by many as a colorful ground cover, is another specimen that is toxic if ingested. Acute poisoning can cause

hemorrhagic diarrhea and rapid heart rate.

Although this list includes some of the most common plant varieties, there are many more that could be added to this list including Milkweed, Narcissus, Daffodil, poison Oak, Purslane and Snow on the Mountain. Bear in mind that just because some of your favorite plants can be toxic if ingested, common sense and keeping these plants out of the reach of small children and pets can totally avoid tragedy.

We have talked a lot about common and seemingly innocent plants that can be toxic but here is one plant that many people think is deadly poisonous but in reality, it is harmless. The plant I am referring to is the Poinsettia. The Poinsettia plant is one of the most widely produced plants in the country. During the holidays, almost every household has at least one Poinsettia adorning their décor. Fear not, as today's commercially distributed varieties are not poisonous.

There are some people, however, that may get a mild allergic reaction to the milky sap if it comes in contact with their skin. The affected areas can be washed with soap

and water to remove the sap if irritation develops. Poinsettia plants are not a serious risk for animals although it is always best to keep any plant out of the reach of pets if they like to chew plants.

Finally, there are also several common houseplants that can be toxic to animals and children. Probably the most common is the Philodendron. The toxic part is the leaves. If ingested, it can cause burning of the lips and mouth and can also cause contact dermatitis if the plant juice contacts the skin. Similar symptoms can occur with Pothos, Golden Pothos and Devil's Ivy.

That all for this week and I hope you found the content informative and interesting. If you have any ideas or topics you might like me to cover, e-mail me at the address listed below and I will work on your suggestions. If you would like your question and answer to be considered for printing in the column, please let me know in your e-mail. See you next week!

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5020 Notice to Creditors

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF MIRIAM H. HILLY, Deceased. FILE NO.: 2018CP000548

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Miriam H. Hilly, deceased, whose date of death was January 18, 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, FL 34954. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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5060 Notice of Sale

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Personal Representative: Vincent P. Hilly, Jr., 15 Pond Place, Babylon, New York 11702
Attorney for Personal Representative: George B. Hough, Esq., Florida Bar Number: 254401, 901 SW Martin Downs Blvd., Suite 316, Palm City, Florida 34990, Telephone: 772-221-3222, E-Mail: george@proactivelegal.com Pubs: 5/25/18 & 6/1/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF RUTH R. MOAT, Deceased. File No.: 562018CP000508

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Ruth R. Moat, deceased, whose date of death was March 11th, 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, FL 34954. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Personal Representative: Stephen Moat, P.O. Box 429, Crystal River, Florida 34423

Attorney for Personal Representative: Gregory G. Fasula, PA, Florida Bar No. 0776970, Gregory G. Fasula, PA., 2400 SE Veterans Memorial Parkway, Suite 205, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952 Telephone: (772) 337-0062 Pubs: 5/25/18 & 6/1/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM SENFT, Deceased. File No.: 2017CP001268

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of William Senft, deceased, whose date of death was March 1, 2017, 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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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 May 25, 2018.

Personal Representative: Kevin Michael Senft, 334 Sunrise Lane, Arlington, Vermont 05250

Attorney 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: 5/25/18 & 6/1/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF KATHLEEN GERSONY, Deceased. File No. 562018CP000292

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Kathleen Gersony, deceased, whose date of death was December 10, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 700, Fort Pierce, FL 34954. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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Personal Representative: Lisa Ferrick, 5308 Palm Drive, Fort Pierce, Florida 34982

Attorney for Personal Representative: N. Richard Schopp, Esq., Attorney, Florida Bar Number: 158207, 453 NW Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie, Florida 34983 Telephone: 772-878-4120, Fax: 772-878-5103, E-Mail: nrspa@bellsouth.net, Secondary E-Mail: na Pubs: 5/25/18 & 6/1/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF ALICE R. DORSEY a/k/a ALICE RUTH DORSEY, Deceased. File No. 562018CP000516

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Alice R. Dorsey a/k/a Alice Ruth Dorsey, deceased, whose date of death was February 26, 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, FL 34954. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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Representative: Sharon Dorsey, 2800 Columbia Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145

Attorney for Personal Representative: John G. Evans, Attorney, Florida Bar Number: 410421, Dill & Evans, P.L.L., 1565 U.S. Highway 1, Sebastian, FL 32958 Telephone: (772) 589-1212, Fax: (772) 589-5212, E-Mail: jgeserv@bellsouth.net Secondary E-Mail: None Pubs: 6/1/18 & 6/8/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF SALVADORE ROTOLO, Deceased. File No. 562018CP000659FM

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Salvadore Rotolo, deceased, whose date of death was December 15, 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 having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 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.

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The date of first publication of this notice is June 1, 2018. Personal Representative: Patricia Bobish, 391 Meadow Run, Chalk Hill, PA 15421

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: 6/1/18 & 6/8/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF AIDA GONZALEZ SCHLEIN, Deceased. Case No. 2018CP000568

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CREDITORS (formal administration) TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

The formal administration of the estate of Aida Gonzalez Schlein, deceased, File Number 2018CP000568, 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 that personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF 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 persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is May 25, 2018. Personal Representative: Patricia Toye-Lemp, 76 Redwood Lane N., Largo, FL 33770

Attorney for Personal Representative: Rickey L. Farrell, Esquire, Florida Bar No. 274593, Rickey L. Farrell, Attorney at Law, P.A., 1597 SE Port St. Lucie Blvd, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952 Telephone 772-335-5455 Pubs: 5/25/18 & 6/1/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF: MARY BETH PAMER, Deceased. CASE NO: 562017CP001247

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: The administration of the Estate of Mary Beth Pamer, deceased, Case No: 562017CP001247, 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, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on

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Person Giving Notice: John M. Pamer, 1348 S.W. Prairie Circle, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953

Attorney for Person Giving Notice: Jeffrey M. Kirsch, P.A., Jeffrey M. Kirsch, Esq., Florida Bar Number: 357707, 2100 SE Ocean Blvd., Ste. 203, Stuart, FL 34996 772-283-3051 Fax: 772-283-3049 jeff-kirschpa@att.net Pubs: 5/25/18 & 6/1/18

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Notice is hereby given that the contents of the rental units herein will be offered for sale at public auction per the Florida Self Storage Act (Statutes/Sections 83.901-83.809) on June 10th, at 10:15am, or thereafter. The sale will occur on premises at Economy Self Storage 2732 SW Buckhart Street, Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34953.

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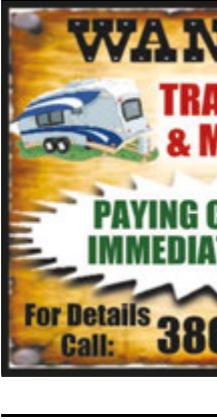


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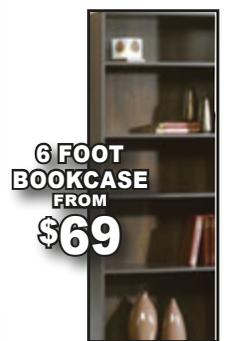
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