

HOW WEIRD IS THAT!
SEAN MCCARTHY

Spend any time surfing the Web and you are bound to find stories that are just too bizarre to be true. Here's a sampling, edited for length. And remember, just because it's online doesn't mean it's true!

From Reuters.com: Body parts sold to kebab stand

Russian police have arrested three homeless people suspected of eating a 25-year-old man they butchered and selling other bits of the corpse to a local kebab house.

Suspicion was raised when dismembered parts of a human body were found near a bus stop in the outskirts of the Russian city of Perm, 720 miles east of Moscow.

Three homeless men with previous criminal records were arrested on suspicion of setting upon a foe with knives and a hammer before chopping up his corpse to eat, local investigators said in a statement.

"After carrying out the crime, the corpse was divided up: part was eaten and part was also sold to a kiosk selling kebabs and pies," the prosecutor said.

It was not immediately clear from the statement if any of the corpse was sold to customers.

From msnbc.msn.com: Overdue library books returned 51 years later

A high school librarian in Phoenix said a former student at the school returned two overdue books checked out 51 years ago along with a \$1,000 money order to cover the fines.

Camelback High School librarian Georgette Bordine

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ENTERTAINMENT B1

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WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday: Partly cloudy; high: 68; low: 47; high tide: 3:51 a.m.; low tide: 9:57 a.m.
Saturday: Partly cloudy; high: 69; low: 47; high tide: 4:46 a.m.; low tide: 10:47 a.m.
Sunday: Sunny; high: 73; low: 57; high tide: 5:38 a.m.; low tide: 11:34 a.m.
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Ratepayers get temporary relief on late electric payments

By Jessica Tuggle
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VERO BEACH — City of Vero Beach electric customers having trouble paying their bills just got an early Christmas present.

After a request from freshman Councilman Brian Heady at the Nov. 17 city

council meeting, city manager Al Minner will direct customer services manager John Lee to suspend turning off electricity to delinquent ratepayers for the next two months.

In November and December, the city will still charge customers the fees for service and issue letters of delin-

quency, but will stop short of cutting off power, said Mr. Lee.

In January, customers will be required to pay 50 percent of their past due bill, or their power will be shut off. The normal power cut off schedule will resume in February,

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Exercise in disguise

Raises funds for school system

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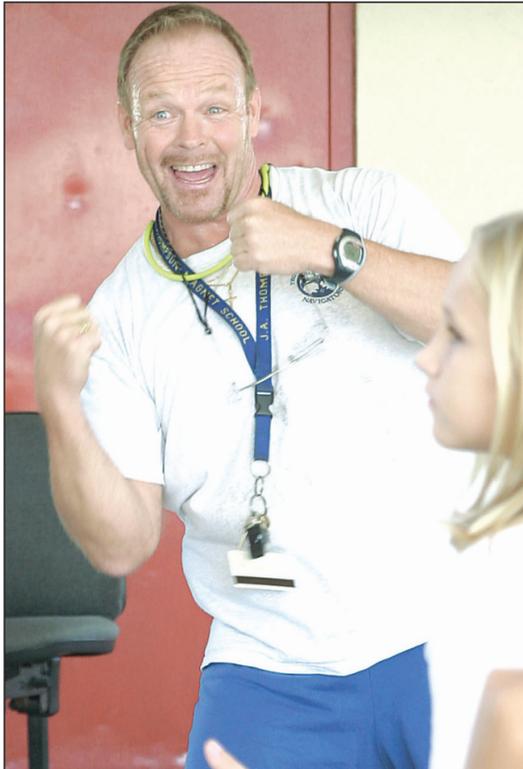
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — A local physical education teacher has found a way to give back to his community in a way that gave him back his life.

Chris "Coach" Harrigan, a physical education teacher at Thompson Magnet Elementary School in Vero Beach, lost more than 100 pounds while doing Zumba® with Jill Price at a CityFit outdoor fitness camp.

By changing his activity and eating patterns, Mr. Harrigan was able to embrace a healthier lifestyle. He was also inspired to work with Ms. Price to use the program to teach others how to get active in an engaging, energetic exercise regimen and raise money at the same time.

"I got involved with it about a year and a half ago, got introduced to Jill and now I'm using what I learned to give back to the community," said Mr. Harrigan, who is now a certified Zumba® instructor.

"Since high school, I had always played sports, and everybody would always tell me that I needed to bulk up, beef up. I got into that eating pattern and I started getting



heavier and heavier. I got up to 313 pounds," Mr. Harrigan said.

Faced with orthopedic problems and other health issues, he finally decided to make a change and chose Zumba® because of its varying cardio and aerobic exercises set to energetic Latin

music. Ms. Price brings her outdoor fitness camp and Zumba® program to Riverside Park in Vero Beach the first Saturday of every month.

"You're doing an overall body workout with cardio and fitness moves and

J. A. Thompson Magnet School physical education coach Chris Harrigan shows Andrea Williams' fifth-grade students how to move and groove to the sounds of Latin music during his Zumba® class Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

J. A. Thompson Magnet School fifth-grader Hope Baher dances to the Latin beat during Zumba® class taught by Chris 'Coach' Harrigan last Wednesday.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

strength training, and you're using lots of different muscles all the time, moving to the Latin music," Mr. Harrigan said.

The next scheduled Zumba® Party In the Park fundraiser is scheduled for

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Fill a bag, fill a heart

The Source launches food, hygiene drive

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — A local homeless ministry is looking for donations of clothes and hygiene products to help fill gift bags this holiday season.

The Source, an outreach center and resource center for people who are homeless or close to being homeless is asking the community to help them provide necessary items to members of the homeless community in Indian River County.

The need for people requesting assistance at the outreach center has more than doubled since last year. The demographics of homelessness are spreading as well, officials said, and include more young families.

"The face of homelessness has changed," said Phil VanVynckt, acting executive director for The Source.

"People just like you and me wake up and they're fired," said Mr. VanVynckt.

Some people look at those who live in the woods and say they need

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Pet care when you're not there

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Preparing for the future is a good idea, but not many people know how to provide care for their pets in the event they die or become unable to care for them.

The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County want to provide pet owners with the security and education they need to prepare a future for their pets in case of death or incapacitation.

To meet this need, a free seminar on developing pet trusts will be held at the shelter's adoption and education center on Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., staff said.

Vero Beach attorney Jennifer Peshke of Stewart, Evans, Stewart & Emmons,

has experience in developing pet trusts that will stand in a court of law and will be available to answer questions after the seminar.

"Companion animals are like members of the family," said Keith Hinton, director of development in a press release.

"Putting your wishes in writing is the best way to clarify how you'd like your animals to be cared for by others when you are gone," he continued.

"It's not as simple as you think," Mr. Hinton said of bequeathing funds to a companion animal in an interview.

"In the state of Florida, pets are considered property and cannot be heirs," he said.

One way the Humane Society can help is with a special

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Photo courtesy of Humane Society

The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County's pet trust seminar can help pet owners learn how to make arrangements for their animals' care, should disability or death occur.

Grant to fund learning centers

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Indian River County School District was recently awarded a \$557,900 grant to provide community learning center programs to two Title-1 eligible schools.

Thompson Magnet Elementary and Pelican Island Elementary will be the beneficiaries of this particular grant, which is from the U.S. Department of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Center competi-

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Nancy Halbert, who manages the kitchen at The Source in Vero Beach, fills meal trays during lunch last Thursday. The ministry averages about 100 people a day for meals. Items most people take for granted, such as deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and razors, are always in need at The Source.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer



Heart

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to get a job, but some of those people had been living paycheck to paycheck and lost their job, or no longer have a home because of it being foreclosed, he said.

According to in-house statistics, 5,604 clients were served last year, and 786 of those clients were children. Diapers are a big commodity at the center, and those and other baby items, such as wipes, are always needed, Mr. VanVynckt.

The gift bag drive is specifically targeting those homeless who have nothing, said Shirley Reul, marketing director for The Source.

"You have these homeless that may live in the woods and this drive is what they depend on to live for the rest of the year," said Ms. Reul.

The ministry hopes to have enough items to fill 50 gift bags for the homeless, if not more, Ms. Reul said.

The need for new clothing items for the gift bag drive include the following for both men and women:

- Jeans
- Sweat shirts
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To donate, go to The Source at 1015 Commerce Ave., Vero Beach. For financial donations, make checks out to The Source. For more information about services, visit www.iamthesource.org.

Grant

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tive grant program, said Alice Blanco, school district project specialist.

According to a press release, more than 140 grant proposals were reviewed, but only 71 were recommended for funding.

At the time the grant was written, Thompson was at 70 percent poverty and Pelican Island was at 63 percent poverty, the two highest lev-

els in the county, said Ms. Blanco, who wrote the grant.

The grant has the option of being renewed up to five years for nearly \$2.5 million, if the federal funding is still available.

The CCLC programs will be designed to provide at-risk students with opportunities for academic and personal enrichment to complement the schools' regular academic programs, the press release said.

Ms. Blanco said schools will identify the up to 277 students who can benefit

from the after-school program.

The grant award requires hiring a program coordinator, a position which the school district is currently hiring for, Ms. Blanco said.

The Boys and Girls Club of Indian River County and other community partners, such as Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, will partner with the county to bring high-quality services and programming to best serve the students in Indian River County, said Ms. Blanco.

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Rebecca Rickey, executive director of the Vero Heritage Center, helps hold one of the new Spanish cedar windows being installed by Stephen Ortado of Historic Structures, last Thursday, Nov. 19. The project is expected to wrap up in about a week.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Exercise

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Dec. 5, at 10 a.m.

The cost for individuals is \$7 and \$12 per couple. A portion of the money raised at the event goes to support the Education Foundation of Indian River County, an organization that seeks to fund programs to boost the quality of education in the school district.

"We have already raised about \$1,000 for the foundation and we can't wait to get out there and raise more," said Mr. Harrigan.

"It's so much fun, and since people can go at their own pace, it means everyone, of all ages, can enjoy it, too."

Chris Harrigan
Physical ed teacher
Zumba® instructor

"It's a great family thing to do. Children 16 and under are free," said Ms. Price.

"Some people ask me, 'how fit do you have to be to do this,' and I always tell them that they can keep going at their own pace and just keep moving," said Mr. Harrigan.

"It's so much fun, and since

people can go at their own pace, it means everyone, of all ages, can enjoy it, too," he said.

The health benefits can start with adults, but trickle down to children, too, Mr. Harrigan said.

Mr. Harrigan is in the process of introducing Zumba® to his students at

Thompson Magnet, while Ms. Price is working toward bringing her mobile fitness unit to schools all over the county for employees to experience.

Ms. Price says she loves bringing fitness training onsite, because she knows it can be the difference, the kick start to start an more active lifestyle.

"You're not committing to a gym, not committing your whole life away, so for a person that is underfit, the outdoor boot camps are perfect," she said.

For more information about CityFit, visit www.cityfitflorida.com.

Rate

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he said.

"We are still encouraging everyone to pay as much as they can every month so they don't get hit in January with a high bill," said Mr. Lee.

The incremental adjustment should help customers ease back into payment schedules, he said.

Mr. Heady said he was looking for ways to help struggling ratepayers, especially during this holiday season, and this seemed like an agreeable compromise.

The public hearing for the proposed electric rate changes is set for the Dec. 1 meeting, but new Councilmember Charlie Wilson made it very clear that he doesn't intend to support any electric rate increases

anytime soon.

Mr. Heady said he saw the rate changes more as a rate restructure than as an increase, because many customers will see a decrease in their bills and the fees associated with the electric bill, such as fuel, are lumped into a bulk power charge.

In a separate item, the council voted to table the issue of establishing a new utilities commission with

authority to set rates until the January meeting. But the move could be put off indefinitely because of plans by state Rep. Debbie Mayfield, R-Vero Beach, to introduce legislation giving oversight of the electric system to the Public Service Commission.

For more information about upcoming government meetings, visit www.covb.org.

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cial backgrounds are highly encouraged to participate. Volunteers will be trained to help low- and middle-income individuals prepare their taxes at free tax preparation sites around the county. UWIRC is partnering with local VITA sites to expand

services to low- and middle-income families. Volunteers will be given free training and are asked to commit to volunteering one day a week from Jan. 19-April 15 at local tax preparation sites. *For more information, call (772) 567-8900, Ext. 20.*



Photo courtesy of Ginny Rhodes

Youth Guidance children are learning how to read music and play the keyboard at Lozada School of Music. Angel Woolfork observes Choy Lozada show Gavin Lovett how to read notes.

Students receive gift of music

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Fredda Lozada and Choy Lozada, head instructors at the Lozada

School of Music, are teaching 12 Youth Guidance children how to play the keyboard. The children meet at the music school each week to learn music in group lessons with their friends. The school's curriculum cultivates musical ability, creativity and a positive attitude toward learning music. It introduces children to music through age-appropriate activities, images, songs and experiences to develop a lifelong love of music. The school is a commu-

nity partner of the Youth Guidance Activities Mentoring Program. Community partners provide free or reduced-fee services that make it possible for the agency's children to participate in activities they otherwise would not be able to afford. *More information about the Lozada School of Music may be found at www.lozadaschoolofmusic.com. The music school is located at 2230 U.S. 1, in Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 770-5040.*

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Bakery donates profits

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VERO BEACH — This summer, Frosting, a new bakery in Vero Beach specializing in cupcakes and other sweet confections, began donating profits from the sale of See's Famous Old Time Candies to Plumbago Volunteer Services.

Plumbago Volunteer Services is a nonprofit organization created to meet the volunteer needs of the community. "We are thrilled that Frosting is helping support our cause and increasing public awareness of the value, benefits, and need of volunteers," said Darlene Forage, executive director of PVS. "Every person living in our community can do their part to promote and support volunteerism. We love to see local companies, like Frosting, find ways to support their communities and we are just so happy to be a part of their community." Plumbago Volunteer Services is in Indian River County's Volunteer Center. The prime focus is to promote volunteerism and match volunteers to worthy causes. *Frosting is located at 2915 Cardinal Drive in Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 453-5727.*

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PORT ST. LUCIE — Local businesses can help make the holidays bright for hundreds of children this year by participating in one of two popular holiday programs coordinated by United for Families, the agency that coordinates and oversees child-welfare services in St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee counties.

The first program is called Making Christmas Bright. The project recruits larger businesses and corporations, primarily in St. Lucie County, to organize company-wide toy drives for about 20 children each.

"Twenty children is close to the size of the number of abused and neglected children served by each dependency case manager," said Christine

Demetriades, chief executive officer for United for Families. "We would like to recruit enough businesses to give gifts to all of the children we serve in St. Lucie County, or about 700 children."

United for Families gives a list of children's first names and their gift requests to participating businesses, then picks up the gifts when the drives are complete.

"We try to make it as easy for the businesses as possible," said Lea Tate, community resource coordinator.

United for Families' second holiday program is Adopt a Family, Foster Good Will.

The program, now in its eighth year, matches individual foster homes to businesses, individuals and social groups throughout the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee

County. Currently, there are about 300 children living in foster homes throughout the four-county area.

Groups that participate in the program can meet their adopted families and play Santa by bringing gifts directly to the homes.

The program was launched in 2001 as a way to meet the needs of older children who were being left out of community toy drives. It has served more than 1,800 children. By participating, businesses agree to provide two to three gifts for each foster child in their adopted home.

Participating businesses choose the size of the families they want to adopt and the location of the home. Ordinarily, the program serves about 100 homes a year.

For more information, call (772) 519-1700.

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.

Vero Beach Police Department

• Robert Cleveland Stevens, 29, 4345 East 82nd St., Wabasso, was charged with retail theft.

• Roderick Kentrell Flowers, 18, 4536 33rd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, cocaine.

• Jeremiah J. Lockhart, 25, 3501 Northeast 15 St., Apt. S146, Gainesville, was charged with robbery.

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

• Benjamin Einar Tretton, 27, 3158 Reo Lane, Lake Worth, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for possession of cannabis.

• Kimberley Dawn Schlie, 56, 8379 Love Court, Micco, was charged with third-degree grand theft.

• Jeremy Cobb, 18, 4585 56th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with sale or manufacture of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a park, community center or recreation facility.

• Anthony Lugo, 23, 307 Chesire Lane, Port St. Lucie, was charged with burglary of a dwelling, third-degree grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

• Caitlyn E. Brown, 22, 265 13th Place, Vero Beach, was charged with grand theft.

• Reginald Deshawn Jones, 22, homeless, was charged with resisting an officer with violence and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and trespassing.

• Richard A. Caruso, 48, 1166 Sixth Ave., Apt. 22C, Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation.

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He was on probation for possession of a controlled substance without a valid prescription.

• Tiffany Leigh Setty, 19, 1255 26th St., Lot 5, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of burglary tools and misdemeanor charges of loitering or prowling and resisting arrest without violence.

• Ivory Antaenus Brown, 27, 614 Fifth St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for driving while license revoked, habitual offender.

• Jose Martins, 70, 1057 Sebastian Road, Sebastian, was charged with grand theft.

• Lormeus Luma, 50, 638 Fourth Place Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with battery by strangulation, domestic violence and a misdemeanor charge of battery domestic violence.

• Joseph Maggelet, 33, 1440 11th Lane, Vero Beach, was charged with fleeing a law enforcement officer and misdemeanor charges of criminal mischief and resisting an officer without violence.

• Rhonda Jean Ferranti, 41, 422 Del Monte Road, Apt. A, Sebastian, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for possession of alprazolam.

• James Robert Tibbetts, 21, 510 Balboa St. Sebastian, was charged with burglary of a conveyance.

• Eric Tyrone Rolle, 35, 5204 Fort Pierce Blvd., Fort Pierce, was charged with third-degree grand theft.

• Richard H. Krantz, 63, 407

Caravan Terrace, Sebastian, was charged with possession of cocaine and violation of probation. He was on probation for improper display of a firearm.

• Adam Edward Lutz, 20, 2310 11th Court Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with burglary of a residence and theft of a firearm.

• Robert J. Summerall, 45, 615 24th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with felony petit theft.

• Matthew A. Plantier, 20, 1665 Second Road, S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated child abuse.

• Will Joshua Jarkko, 19, 692 Atlantus Terrace, Sebastian, was charged with burglary and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest without violence and loitering and prowling.

• Patrick Hollingsworth, 53, 8125 91st Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of a possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and a misdemeanor charge of simple battery.

• Annette Lilian Alvarez, 26, 6900 29th Daniels Parkway, No. 292, Fort Myers, was charged with acting as a bail bond agent without a license.

• Terry Lee Owens, 49, 10 Isabella Ave., Sebastian, was charged with contracting without a license.

• Antonio Maurice Smith, 23, address redacted, was charged with child abuse.

• Roswitha Pizzingrillo, 54, 1785 Sixth Ave., No. 8, Vero Beach, was charged with burglary of an unoccupied structure.

Religion notes

Roseland United Methodist Church

An old-fashioned Christmas tea will take place on Dec. 5 starting at noon. \$10 donation. Hosted by the Pathfinder Praise Team. Proceeds to benefit the sanctuary sound system.

For more information or tickets, call (772) 589-3035.

Immanuel Church

• Support group/celebrate recovery, a support group for hurts, habits and hang-ups meets every

Thursday at 6 p.m. for dinner, 6:45 p.m. for meeting. Donations are accepted for dinner.

• Celebrate recovery is a Biblical 12-step program that provides help for hurts, hang-ups, and habits. Dinner starts at 6:15 p.m. and is optional; \$3 donation. Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

For more information, call (772) 562-3185. Immanuel Church is located at 455 58th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach.

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Redeemer Lutheran will

offer advent services:

Dec. 2, 7 p.m., "Advent By Candlelight". A drama with Christmas Carols accompanied by dessert for all present. Reservations are requested. Please call the church office from 8 a.m. - noon.

Dec. 9, 7 p.m., there will be an Advent Worship Service in the Church

Dec. 16, 7 p.m., Redeemer Lutheran Preschool will have their Christmas Program in the Church. Refreshments will be served following in the social hall.

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Letters

Stop reckless political rhetoric

To the editor:

Stop the reckless political rhetoric.

In the past week, I've heard four comments from community residents that caused me great concern for their potentially damaging effects and the safety of our president. Let me tell you about them.

I stopped to talk with a couple guys in their 20s and 30s who were on the beach with metal detectors. They were looking for treasures the recent high waves may have spit out on shore. One mentioned being out of work. Quickly, the discussion turned to politics. Their views popped out with surprising vehemence.

Without provocation one said, "I don't want to see Obama assassinated because then they'd name every street in the country after him like they did last time."

Clearly a reference to Martin Luther King Jr., I was appalled, and just moved on.

Next, I met a financial advisor at a local networking event and asked about the state of the economy from his perspective. He quickly replied, "I've never in my entire lifetime been so frightened for the future of this country. I fear the future."

Having a good friend who has said similar things, but is addicted to Fox, I asked, "Do you watch a lot of Fox?" He quickly replied, "How did you know?"

Another really good friend is a staunch Republican. We know we disagree on politics, and have always agreed to live and let live. But he let it slip that "Hussein" was not going to let this or that happen. I stood back and thought, does it make you feel good to hurt the president by making fun of his name? Do you really think our president is a radical Muslim? Clearly, these flippant words uttered in Vero Beach don't hurt the president, so why do this?

Talking casually with a new acquaintance, he said, "No, I didn't vote for him, and I didn't vote for Al Sharpton or Jesse Jackson, either."

So, what are we hearing here? I think we're hearing revelations of hate, fear, right-wing radicalism and blatant racism. It's unnecessarily over-the-top and dangerous political rhetoric.

After Fort Hood, we clearly see that one's words often lead to one's actions. If that's true, then we need to check our own political rhetoric for unnecessary inflammability. We must consider where such unbridled hate and fear will take us. Even in a country with free elections and the freedom to say most anything, we don't want to go there.

We need to look deep inside ourselves and stop the reckless rhetoric.

Linda Bolton
Vero Beach



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Statistic's show

Statistics can be boring, but sometimes they tell a dramatic story, such as every eight minutes a police officer in America is assaulted, more than 69,985 assaults on cops every year.

This should tell us that we allow far too many criminals to have a second chance, a third chance, a fourth chance. Not every officer who is assaulted is permanently disabled, but for those who are, lengthy hospital stays or chronic illnesses and treatments can be painful and exact a burdensome financial toll.

The lesson for all of us is that lenient judges and lax parole boards should be held accountable.

Editor's note: According to the FBI's criminal justice information services division, in 2008, 58,792 law enforcement officers were assaulted across the U.S. The report did not denote the frequency of the assaults. This was the latest year for which published data was available.

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Honoring the Downey family



From left, Monti Falls, Vero Beach parks director and Sabe Abell, Vero Beach mayor, help honor Dixon P. Downey and his wife, Virginia, also known as 'Little Flower,' during the dedication of a gazebo bearing her name in Riverside Park Thursday, Nov. 19.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Shopping locally more important than ever

Last year in this column, I wrote about the importance of buying locally. In preparing this year's column, there were a few things I thought I should talk about: our half-price gift certificates (which make great stocking stuffers), the numerous awards we have garnered over the past year or the fact that we have managed to not only survive, but prosper in this dismal economy.

But then I started hearing from local business people. They were having the same problem they were last year: holiday dollars being spent at big chain stores instead of their places.

They asked me to call attention to this again. And they're not just

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asking for help without doing something themselves.

Several local business owners and city officials are joining the national 3/50 project. According to its Web site, and various news reports, the 3/50 Project supports small local businesses and is committed to "saving the brick and mortars our nation is built on."

It asks shoppers to pick three of their favorite independently owned shops or restaurants and then spend \$50 at each of them once a month. There could not be a better month than

December to do this.

According to 3/50 Project statistics, for every \$100 spent in locally owned stores, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures. For every \$100 spent in a national chain, only \$43 stays in the community. Online shopping? Your community gets none of those dollars.

Trish Hickey-Reid, owner of Blondies on Ocean, makes a big effort to carry unique items, high-end apparel and accessories for ladies, and feels very strongly about using and promoting local resources.

"Absolutely anything we can do to keep it local, we will do it. If the locals are spending here, they are supporting us, and in turn, we should do the

same," she said.

So once again, I implore our loyal readers to patronize local businesses. When you are heading out to do your holiday shopping, don't automatically point your car towards the big box stores. Take a moment and find out where you can make those same purchases from a neighbor. I realize it can sometimes be much more convenient to just hit the big box, but most things that bring quality to our lives aren't associated with convenience.

If we all do this, the positive impact on our communities will be enormous and make it a much happier holiday for everyone.

Steve Erlanger is the publisher/COO of Hometown News.

Coping with grief during the holidays

Last week I wrote about my own plans for dealing with the holidays alone.

This week, I talked with an expert, Jacki Nardone, director of Treasure Coast Hospice Counseling Services. She has worked with many people dealing with the loss of a loved one at holiday time.

She advocates using the three "c's": choose, communicate and compromise, to navigate through holiday thoughts and activities.

"Make conscious choices about what activities and events you will participate in this year," she said. "Don't let others choose for you. Give yourself permission to say yes to what feels right and no to what does not."

It's important to decide if you want to maintain traditions or start something new.

"You should plan for how you want to mark the loss and not avoid it," she said. "Think about how they want to honor that person. Perhaps it will be by telling stories, lighting candles, having a new ritual or special ornament or having a moment of silence. There are many ways to remember someone and bring a positive focus to grief."

It's also important for people to communicate their choices to others, Ms. Nardone said. "Let family and friends know exactly how you feel and what you want. Difficulties often arise when we



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SHELLEY KOPPEL

disguise our true feelings. Unknown expectations can lead to disappointment. Be truthful and specific about your needs and wants.

"That's especially true with families. Each person's way of handling grief is different. If you want to talk about your loved one, let people know. They may not realize that that is what you want to do."

Compromise is also vital. "Open communication between friends and families can bring different points of view to light and compromise may be needed," Ms. Nardone said.

"Compromise begins by acknowledging, rather than dismissing differences. The best compromise is one that allows for differences rather than imposes one person's ideas on another. Keep in mind that the goal is not to agree, but to find a solution that works for this year."

"If a holiday dinner is too painful for a family member, but others want to have it, make sure each point of view is taken into account. If someone doesn't want to decorate the tree, but others do, let them. If someone can't attend at all, tell them, 'I

understand you can't be there, but what can we do to help you and make you a part of the holiday?' You want to decide how you can honor your loved one as a family."

Dealing with grief at holiday time may be complicated when there are children involved.

"Kids do need routine and stability," said Ms. Nardone. "Perhaps someone else can step in and assist a bit. Maybe an aunt can help and take some of the burden off mom or dad. Again, it's important to realize limitations and communicate what you can and cannot do. Then bring someone in to help and try to be with people who are supportive and comforting."

While grieving may be a difficult process, Ms. Nardone believes it can bring families together.

"Talk to your children about changes in life, about life's normal struggles," she says. "We change schools; we move. Because grandpa died, grandma can't do Christmas dinner this year, but we'll do it at Aunt Sally's. These are life lessons about transition and change."

"It's also important to remember that kids need to grieve and that everyone does it differently. Everyone must honor each person's way of grieving and all of the feelings they may express. However, if the person becomes self-destructive or depressed, it is time to seek profes-

sional help. That's a sign of strength, not weakness."

Treasure Coast Hospice Counseling Services provides individual and support groups for adults and children throughout the year to help people cope with grief. The support groups are open to anyone who has suffered loss.

Throughout the holiday season, support is available by calling (772) 403-4530 or (800) 299-4677 or visiting www.TCHospice.org.

There is no way to short-circuit the grieving process and no "right" way to grieve. Talking to people who have experienced loss is often a good way to make sense of your own feelings, and to understand that what you are feeling is entirely normal. You don't have to grieve alone, or in silence. There is help out there.

Shelley Koppel is unable to endorse specific treatments for disease. Any protocols for treatment or testing she discusses are accepted standards of medical practice as recommended by agencies such as the American Academy of Pediatrics or the American Cancer Society. When she draws from personal experience, those are her experiences and are not medical recommendations.

She is the former editor of "Today's HealthCare" magazine and a member of the National Association of Science Writers. E-mail questions to skoppel@bell-south.net.



Paul Pickel, left, welcomes Jon Rose as a member of the Exchange Club of Indian River.

Photo courtesy of Jan J. Binney

Exchange Club inducts new member

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Jonathan Rose was inducted as a member of the Exchange Club of Indian River at the club's weekly lunch meeting at Culinary Capers. Mr. Rose, who lives in

Vero Beach, is chief executive officer of Millennium Collections Corporation in Vero Beach. He is a returning member of the club.

The Exchange Club of Indian River provides the community with programs for youth, service and Americanism. Through participation in its nation-

al project, the prevention of child abuse, it supports a number of local youth-related charities.

The club also honors students in the Vero Beach High School performance-based diploma program with Accepting the Challenge of Excellence awards each year.

It meets for lunch at Culinary Capers each Wednesday at noon. Meetings feature programs on a wide range of business, government and civic, charity, personal and professional topics.

For more information, call (772) 234-5149.

Classes provide health benefits for seniors

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VERO BEACH — The Lakes at Pointe West, a senior living community, recently introduced an innovative tai chi wellness program designed to improve balance, reduce falls and alleviate symptoms associated with arthritis.

According to a study conducted by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, more than 90 percent of hip fractures among adults ages 65

and older are caused by falls.

Studies have also consistently shown the most effective way to prevent fall-related injuries, including hip fractures, is to combine exercise with other fall prevention strategies.

Tai chi exercises are thought to be particularly effective because they focus specifically on lower-body strength and balance.

Wellness coordinator Dawn Lash, along with other Senior Living Communities wellness coordi-

nators, completed a tai chi certification course in July designed by Paul Lam of Australia.

Dr. Lam's "Tai Chi for Arthritis" course emphasizes the "sun" style of tai chi, characterized by deliberate, low-impact motions that increase mobility, increase strength and promote better balance.

Ms. Lash continues to notice improvements in residents participating in the new class.

"From improving balance and overall strength to reducing arthritic symp-

toms, the benefits of our tai chi class are unlimited," Ms. Lash said.

"Residents actively participating in the class are consistently showing marked improvement."

The Journal of the American Geriatric Society found that exercise can also help boost immunity and protect against shingles.

Other studies have linked tai chi to health improvements in victims of heart disease, hypertension, Parkinson's disease, stroke and sleep deprivation.

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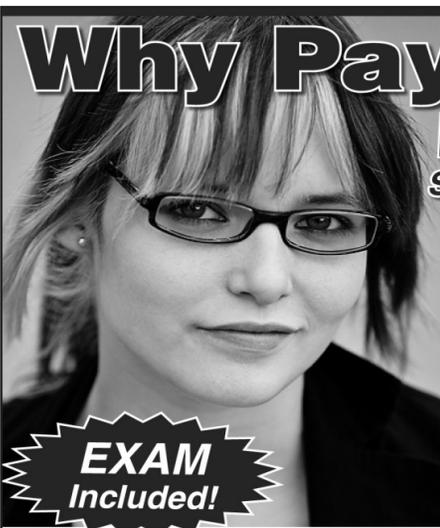
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Poster contest highlights sun safety

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TREASURE COAST — Students can help raise awareness about sun safety and win prizes by entering the 2010 SunWise with SHADE poster contest.

The annual contest is a joint effort by the SHADE Foundation of America, WeatherBug Schools and the Environmental Protection Agency, to teach children ways to protect their skin and eyes from excessive sun exposure.

Too much sun can lead to skin cancer, cataracts and other eye damage, and immune system suppression. Sun protection is especially important for children, because unprotected exposure in childhood increases the chances of developing the

most dangerous form of skin cancer, melanoma.

One in 55 children born in 2005 will develop melanoma during their lifetime, almost 30 times higher than the rate for people born in 1930.

Being sun wise is especially important for people living in the southeast because of sunny weather, coastal areas and warm to temperate climates, which encourage outdoor activity.

Depending on the angle, water can reflect up to a full 100 percent of UV rays striking the surface.

The contest due date is April 7, 2010. Starting this year, there are two age categories for poster entries: kindergarten through third grade and fourth through eighth grade.

Students in both cate-

gories must submit hand-drawn posters on 8.5 by 11 inch pieces of paper. Entries must be original, creative, show ways to prevent skin cancer and raise sun safety awareness and must be attached to an official entry form, which can be found at www.shadefoundation.org/programs/poster-contest/.

Poster winners receive state and national prizes, with the national winner in the fourth to eighth grade category receiving a family trip to Disney World and a WeatherBug Tracking Station for his/her school with lifetime access to WeatherBug Achieve.

For more information on visit www.epa.gov/sun-wise.

Club to host meeting

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TREASURE COAST — Members and guests of the Brown Club of the Treasure Coast will gather at the Club at Pointe West on Dec. 1, for the opening event of the 2009-10 season.

A cocktail hour with cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will start at 5:30 p.m., followed by a gourmet dinner.

The keynote speaker will be Brown University Professor John Donoghue, chairman of the department of neuroscience and director of the Brown

Institute for Brain Science. Professor Donoghue and his colleagues are developing brain implants to restore movement to paralyzed individuals through thought, and they are carrying out pilot trials of the BrainGate system in humans.

The cost for the evening will be \$40 per person.

Other events scheduled for the season include a brunch, personal tour, and lecture at the Vero Beach Museum on Jan. 20.

For more information on these events, the Brown Club of the Treasure Coast or Brown University, call (772) 231-8771.

Fundraiser to feature local stars

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Jake Owen and Mardy Fish will participate in fundraisers to benefit the Mardy Fish Foundation on Dec. 11 and 12.

Mr. Owen, a graduate of Vero Beach High School, will perform at the school's Performing Arts Center, located at 1707 16th St., Vero Beach on Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. Concert tickets start at \$35 and all seating is reserved.

Mr. Fish, a native of Vero Beach, will play James Blake in a tennis exhibition on Dec. 12, at 2:30 p.m. at Grand Harbor Golf & Beach Club.

The Mardy Fish Foundation was established to support youth organizations in Indian River County. The foundation has used funds from previous events and will use

funds from this year's events to continue to provide after-school programs in the community.

The foundation opened the Pelican Island Elementary School Mardy Fish Music Club and Health and Fitness Club in 2007.

The program provides a place for children to participate in various activities that will help them better themselves using sports, music and art.

The foundation hopes to expand this program in the community, while also continuing to support other organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club of Vero Beach and the Adopt A Family Project, which provides aid to low-income families, such as food and clothing.

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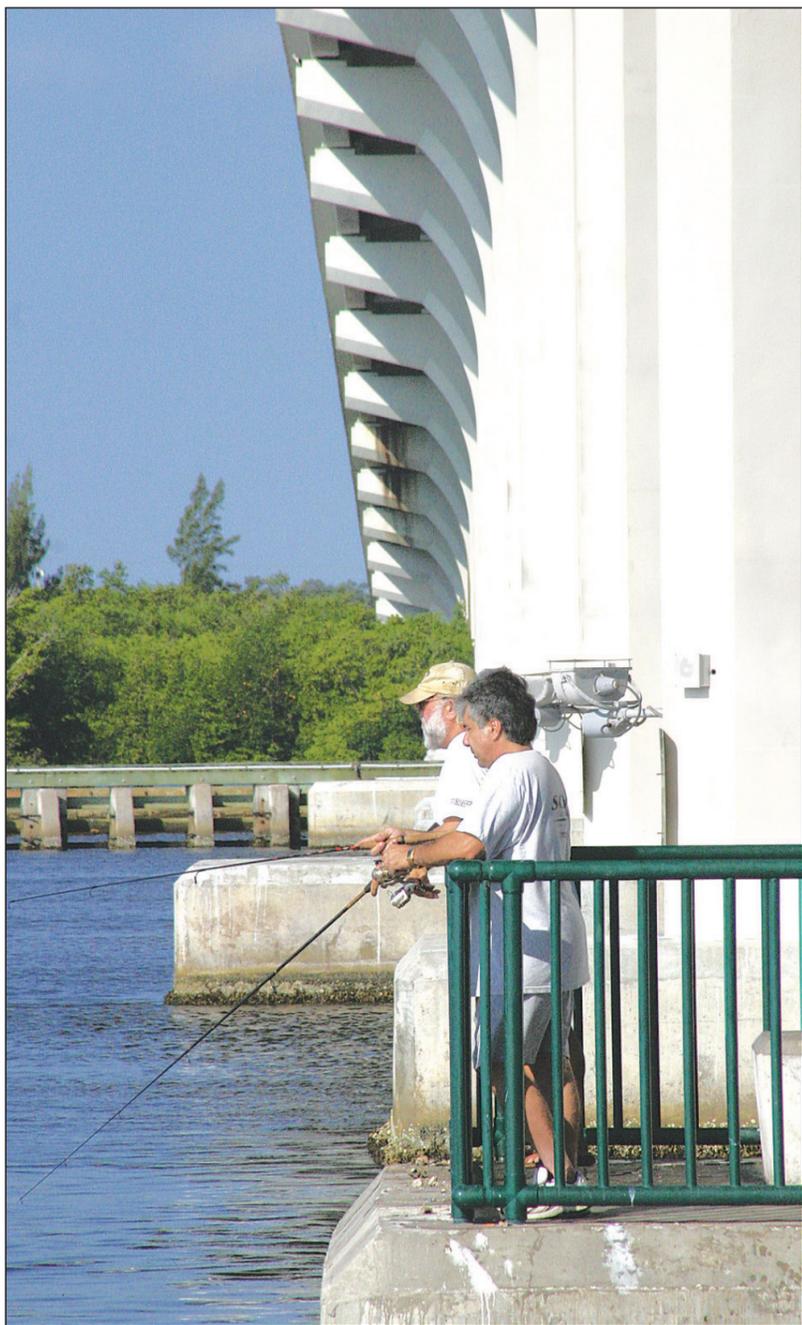
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William Katsonis, foreground, and Reinhard Wolke both of Vero Beach called the fishing pier under the Barber Bridge the 'perfect place to be' in Vero Beach earlier this fall. Despite the low number of catches, the pair was just happy to be out over the water.

Rants

From page A6

The truth about driving drunk

In response to the rant regarding witnessing "many friends and family members who have gotten DUIs," I feel I must respond. The writer's complaint is that "those who truly should be arrested is one thing; those who do not suffer undue punishment."

Generally, people who drive while under the influence do so repeatedly whether they get caught or not. Those who drink "one drink" and get behind the wheel of a car are breaking the law if they are over the legal limit. Why should that person be exempt from the laws and ensuing punishment?

Let me tell you, driving under the influence is not a victimless crime. The driver under the influence may not hurt someone every time they get behind the wheel, but it only takes one time to ruin someone's life, if not take an innocent life. I know I've been there; I was hit in a construction zone at 1:30 p.m. by a drunk driver.

I was only going 20-25 miles an hour. The result was I had to have emergent surgery to remove three discs from my neck and now have a plate in my neck and a cadaver bone in my neck. I also have multiple hernias in my thoracic spine, which, at some point, will need surgery. I lost my job because I couldn't return to work full-time quickly enough and Florida is a right-to-work state.

My fingertips are still numb (the accident was in 2002), I have extremely hyper-reflexes, and my feet still have areas that are numb. One of my daughters also had to have surgery as a result of the accident.

The real kicker is that this was not the other driver's first, DUI nor was it his last. While waiting trial for hitting me, he was involved in a DUI accident in another county. Because the two counties did not have interactive computers at that time, one didn't know the other had charges pending.

What punishment did he get? A suspended license (even though it was already suspended for a previous DUI), a small amount of jail time to be served on weekends (so he would not lose his job), community service, and the standard classes and AA meetings. Poor fellow. He had to pay fines, court costs and probation fees. At least he had a job to have the income to

support his family.

When are people going to learn that one DUI is one too many? How many more innocent lives will be ruined or taken because someone "didn't think" he/she was drunk?

Having a driver's license is a privilege not right. If you don't take it seriously, you don't deserve to have a license.

It sounds to me like the writer may have a problem with alcohol, hence the strong stance against fighting to keep drunks off the roads.

What happens with comp plan changes?

I have seen Florida counties go down the drain for the last 20-plus years because of the many comp plan changes. These counties will never learn, because they are still collecting property tax, even though these homeowners have vacated and the property foreclosed.

When this happens, the bank or loan people take over and try to sell the property, but that can take many months. During this time, the property has to be maintained, the grass cut, air conditioner running; the electric and property taxes the bank pays.

All the money eventually comes out of our pockets, because the taxpayers pay the bill when it's a government loan. Even with a regular bank loan, the money is coming from the federal government through bank bailouts, and that's you, me and our grandchildren. Then you may see my concern that the counties are not learning a thing.

If they had to make more substantial cuts in their budgets because there is no money, they might stop comp plan amendments that allow more homes. But they cut library hours and approve comp plan amendments just like they did before.

It's like Nat Reed said at a consensus meeting. He fears these developers are going to get comp plan amendments approved, and put them in the "ice box" for future use.

I believe they are afraid of next years' Home-town Democracy or amendment 4, which is on the 2010 ballot. If approved, voters will be able to say no to comp plan amendments that will increase density.

They don't want voters/taxpayers to have the final say, but taxpayers pay for growth, so why shouldn't they?

That's what amendment 4 will do, and developers fear it. Vote for yourself, vote for amendment 4.



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Holiday bulbs can add a festive look

With the holidays almost in full swing, one of the most sought-after, novelty plant items is the amaryllis bulb.

These colorful plants are very easy to grow and bloom with very little effort. They can be grown inside or out and are a staple at most retailers during the holiday season.

These colorful plants actually originated in South

America's tropical climate. The botanical name for the amaryllis is hippeastrum. Because of the large, colorful flowers the plants produce, this bulb is in large demand worldwide during the winter months.

These gorgeous plants come in a wide variety of colors, which include red, white, pink, salmon and orange. You can also find many varieties that have variegated flowers with an



GARDEN NOOK
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array of colors in a single bloom. These bulbs will be available at many retailers in the coming weeks.

Amaryllis bulbs can be purchased in bulk package, as well as in kits, where all you have to do is unpack the kit and water the soil.

If you choose to plant your own, first place the roots and base of the bulb in lukewarm water for a couple of hours. If you get your bulbs and you are not ready to plant them right away, store them in a cool place at 40 to 50 degrees. Your fridge is a great place to store the bulbs until you are ready to plant them.

Amaryllis bulbs like to be planted in a good-quality potting mix, such as Miracle Gro. Plant the bulb up to the neck area in the potting mix. Be gentle with the roots so you do not damage them. Firmly pack the soil around the bulb so it stays securely in place.

Your new bulbs will do really well in a warm place with bright light. The warm

temperatures really make the bulb grow rapidly and it will bloom in no time.

Water your new plant quite sparingly when it is first sprouting and gradually increase the amount of water the plant receives as it grows. The blooms can last for several weeks, and if you plant the bulbs at two- or three-week intervals, you can ensure lots of color for many weeks to come.

Amaryllis bulbs can be trained to re-flower by simply cutting off the spent flower. When you notice the stem starting to wilt, cut it back at the base of the bulb and the flowering process will start again.

When you walk in to almost any lawn and garden center, impatiens will most likely be the dominant plant. You will find them in all colors and sizes from a small, 4-inch pot all the way up to 14-inch (or larger) color bowls. Many stores also carry six packs and 24 packs.

As a rule of thumb, if you are going to plant a garden with impatiens, plant lots of them. You will be well rewarded with a garden to be proud of.

During the holiday season, impatiens can be found in red and white color

varieties. They can add real holiday flair to any garden or holiday display.

Impatiens will do best if planted in an area that does not get full sun all day. If you plan on putting in impatiens just for the winter, this won't be quite as critical, as the plants will endure more sun during the winter than the spring and summer.

You will want to use a good-quality potting soil, such as Miracle Gro, and plant them in an area that has good drainage. If water stands too long or the soil stays mucky, impatiens will develop root rot. They do, however, need to be kept evenly moist.

If you let an impatiens plant dry out too much, the plant will wilt. Even though the plant will appear to recover when you revive it with water, there is still damage that has done. Repeated bouts of drying out will compromise the plant quality dramatically over time.

If you have a sprinkler system, do not rely on it 100 percent for your flowers. Always supplement your watering regime with hand watering.

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Festival of trees



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
One sign the holidays have arrived is the annual Festival of Trees at the Riverside Children's Theatre. The event is the major fundraiser for the RCT, which provides cultural enrichment through its dance, drama, and film studies for children ages 3 and up. Riverside Theatre's entry is the 'Tale of Peter Rabbit.'

Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
The Agnes Wahlstrom Youth Playhouse and the Anne Morton Theatre were transformed into a winter wonderland Nov. 20-22 for the 2009 Festival of Trees. Linda Richardson watches the trains and admires the gingerbread house village, which included replicas of the Eiffel Tower, a Japanese pagoda and a Russian palace.

Film series looks at social justice

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VERO BEACH — The community-wide, inter-denominational social justice film series continues its fourth season at 7 p.m. on Dec. 6, with a film about Harvey Milk and his struggles as an American gay activist. Mr. Milk fought for gay rights and became a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the first openly gay elected official in the U.S. The film tells the story of Mr. Milk's rise from disaffected middle-age hippie to national symbol, an ordinary man, kind, funny, flawed, shrewd, idealistic, yearning for a better world. It

is a film about a transformed life, a victory for individual freedom over state persecution, and a political and social cause. A discussion will follow the film, facilitated by the Rev. Maureen Killoran. The screening will take place at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach. It is open to the public, there is no charge and no reservations are needed. The UUFVB fair trade corner will be open one-half hour prior to the film. The UUFVB is located on the southeast corner of 27th Avenue and 16th Street. For more information, call (772) 778-5880.

Organization re-elects president

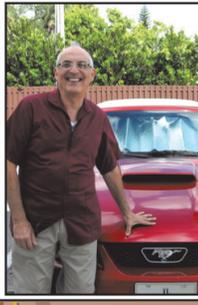
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VERO BEACH — Daniel Fourmont has been re-elected president of Main Street Vero Beach for a second at the MSVB annual board meeting held earlier this month. Mr. Fourmont will serve along with fellow officers Peter Jones, vice president; Paul Newman, treasurer and Janie Hoover, secretary. Returning board members include: Suzanne Phillips, Olske Forbes, Rosemarie Hatch, Betty Armistead, Billy Moss, Randy Haygood, Mary Jayne Kelly, Ralph Monticello, Robert Votow, Samantha Brackett and Terry Torres. The newest members inducted include Indian River County Commissioner Peter O'Bryan, Hibiscus Festival Committee chairman Milt Thomas, Original Town neighborhood President Linda Hillman and Osceola Park neighborhood President Vicky Gould. Maria Kovachev is executive director. Event publicists are Beverly and Martin Paris of Paris Productions. "The board is quite proud of our achievements this past year, and I am pleased to be continuing as president for this next term," said Mr. Fourmont. "Our downtown events are well executed and attended by many community resi-

dents, businesses and non-profit organizations." Events include Saturdays in the Park with Artists and Authors on the first Saturday of each month, beginning Nov. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and the Farmers Market every Friday morning from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., located under the oak trees on the corner of 14th Avenue and 21st Street. Downtown Friday events are held four to five times annually, and of course the annual Hibiscus Festival will be held on April 16-17, 2010. Main Street Vero Beach is a group of interested residents, property owners, government officials, business owners and professionals, dedicated to promoting civic pride and community involvement in the historic downtown area. For more information call (772) 563-2302, (772) 480-8353 or visit www.mainstreetverobeach.org.

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The Isles of Vero Beach and 350 other holiday retirement villages across the United States partnered in November with the American Cancer Society to promote Move For A Cure. From left, Isles manager Jeff Bluestein, Serena Benner and Kris Altman with the American Cancer Society, Kadi Kay, Isles resident manager, Alexis Horner and Steve Hanson (Captain Relay) attended the event. Each of the retirement properties raised about \$1,000.

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Weird

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said the two Audubon Society books checked out in 1959 and the money order were sent by someone who wanted to remain anonymous.

A letter explained the borrower's family moved to another state and the books were mistakenly packed. The letter said the money order was to cover fines of 2 cents per day for each book. That would total about \$745. The extra money was added in case the rates had changed.

Bordine said the money will buy more books, and the overdue books will be returned to the shelves.

From news.aol.com: U.S. man wins rock-paper-scissors championship

A Michigan man has won the world rock-paper-scissors championship in Toronto.

Tim Conrad clinched the title after five hours of play and nine matches at the Steam Whistle Brewery. Facing off against his best friend in the first all-American final in championship history, Conrad beat Tom Butkin with paper covering rock.

Organizers said Conrad dressed as Captain America during the competition to honor his home country. He took home \$7,000 in prize money. The championship was organized by the World RPS Society.

From sfgate.com: FBI seeks 'geezer bandit' in bank robberies

FBI officials said an elderly, thin, gray-haired man nicknamed the "geezer

bandit" is responsible for holding up five San Diego-area banks since summer.

Investigators said the man appears to be in his 70s.

In the most recent robbery, he approached a Bank of America teller in La Jolla, displayed a handgun and asked for cash. He fled on foot.

FBI spokesman Darrell Foxworth said investigators believe the man is also responsible for robbing four other San Diego County banks since August 28. Law enforcement officials are offering \$16,000 in rewards for information that leads to his arrest and conviction.

Sean McCarthy can be reached at help@ComputeThisOnline.com (no hyphens).

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Out & about

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

• **"Christmas in Downtown,"** an annual holiday celebration, will be included as part of Downtown Friday festivities from 3:30-8:30 p.m. along 14th Avenue between 20th and 23rd streets in historic Vero Beach. This event features a beer garden, food vendors, holiday craft fair and children's activities, including holiday crafts and a bounce house. Live music will be provided by local teen bands and there will be a poker run for motorcyclists beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Long Branch Saloon and ending downtown at 5:30 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus are set to arrive at 6 p.m. for a tree lighting with city officials at Pocahontas Park. There is no admission charge.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

• **Vero Classical Ballet** presents **"The Nutcracker"** at the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Local dancers, as well as professional guest artists, will perform this holiday event with music scored by Tchaikovsky during the classical period of ballet. All seating is reserved. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$16 for children and seniors in the center lower orchestra level and \$15 or \$12 for the lower orchestra side levels. Tickets are \$10 or \$8 for the upper mezzanine level. Tickets are available at the Performing Arts Center box office beginning Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are also available at the Vero Classical Ballet studio. The Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center is located at 1707 16th St. in Vero Beach. *For more information, call the box office at (772) 564-5537 or call the Vero Classical Ballet studio at (772) 360-8577. Visit online at www.VeroClassicalBallet.com for more information about this event.*

THROUGH NOV. 28

• **The Southeast Gallery of Art** presents the photography exhibit **"World Views."** The gallery is located at 1446 19th Place, Suite 100 in downtown Vero Beach just west of 14th Avenue on the north side of the eastbound artery of State Road 60. The exhibit will feature pictures of travels in the United States and around the world. Thirty-two images were selected for the exhibit from more than 100 entries which came from photographic artists in several countries. *For more information, see OUT, B4*

Like radio, but live and in color

'Wonderful Life' whisks crowd to golden age of radio

By Jessica Tuggle
jtuggle@hometownnewsol.com

VERO BEACH — Riverside Theatre patrons didn't need to be prompted by flashing applause signs at the end of "It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play," on opening night because it was a hit.

The classic Christmas film "It's A Wonderful Life," by Frank Capra was adapted for the stage production by Joe Landry and is a delight for the ears and the eyes.

The crowd listened intently as the performers unfolded scene after scene of protagonist George Bailey's life without big set changes or dramatic lighting, but rather through pregnant pauses, varying vocal tones and expressions, a smorgasbord of sound effects and a boatload of talent.

The dynamic cast includes Samantha McKinnon Brown, Warren Kelley, Ed Romanoff, David Schmittou and Marguerite Willbanks as the voices of the various characters in the town of Bedford Falls. Ken Clifton is musical director and onstage pianist and Karl Kern is sound designer and onstage radio soundman.

Mr. Kelley, like many of the other actors, showed an impressive range of acting skills in voicing multiple characters with very different voices. He jumped from voicing a sleazy slumlord, to a bumbling uncle to an old crotchety neighbor without a hitch, occasionally carrying on a conversation with two of his personas.

In her first Riverside Theatre performance, Ms. McKinnon Brown excelled at her primary part of Mary Bailey, effortlessly conveying a tender and loving spirit that tugged on the heartstrings of the audience.

The cast ably moved through their



Photo courtesy of Riverside Theatre
David Schmittou and Samantha McKinnon Brown portrayed the voices of George and Mary Bailey in Riverside Theatre's production of 'It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play.'

lines amid a dialogue filled with abrupt interruptions by different characters in the scene, and the changing voices seemed as natural as could be.

With a set built to resemble a Man-

hattan radio station in 1946, the play evolved as if the audience were in the halls of the radio station while staff performed the drama.

The attention to detail in setting
See RADIO, B2

Event gives glimpse into artists' worlds

By Barbara Yoresh
Entertainment writer

VERO BEACH — It's designed as a fun-filled and educational day for art lovers who have always wanted to see art being created and, perhaps, purchase a work directly from the artist.

But the Vero Beach Art Club's Art Trail tour of 10 local artist studios set for Dec. 5 is so much more; it's a veritable art treasure hunt.

The Art Trail event is the third one presented by the Vero Beach Art Club following the success of previous Art Trails.

This ticketed event, complete with a direc-

tional map to artists' home studios, benefits the club's scholarship fund for high school graduates wishing to study art in college.

Advance tickets are \$20 each or two for \$35. Day-of-the-event tickets are \$25 each or \$45 for two.

"This is our third year and the Art Trail has been growing in popularity. Everyone enjoys visiting the artists," said Lillie Taylor, co-chairwoman of the event.

As in previous years, this year's participating artists offer a wide variety of artistic mediums.

Alicia Callendar is a ceramicist working primarily with hand-built and Raku-fired clay.

Ray McLendon is a second-generation "Highwayman" painter of Florida landscape scenes in the school made famous by his father and others.

Minakshi De paints in oils and primarily features female subjects, as well as intricately designed borders and elements reminiscent of lush fabrics.

Rene Guerin is an oil painter and sculptor whose work is in the permanent collection of the Vero Beach Museum of art.

The Conrad Pickel Studio has created world-acclaimed stained glass, mosaic and sculpture works for religious, secu-

lar and public art projects for more than 60 years. The studio created the world's largest stained glass window of 22,000-square-feet for an Illinois cemetery.

Barbara Miro Soumar specializes in fiber art and sculpture. Her works are inspired and influenced by nature and the world around her.

Marjorie Bohler, past president of the Vero Beach Art Club, has lived and studied art nationally and internationally. She is a painter in oils and watercolors of floral and still-life subjects.

Dawn Mill is an award-winning artist and art

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STAR SCOPES
James Tucker
Week of 11-27-2009

Aries-March 21-April 19

It doesn't matter what other people around you think, as long as you are happy with your own results first. Compete with yourself first. Strive to perfect your own dreams and passions. This gives you the needed power to influence others and sets strong, positive forces at work that ensure everyone's continuing success.

Taurus-April 20-May 20

Your great, earthly wisdom always prevails when you listen to and trust it. Focus your time, energy and resources on the important issues. You will prevail. You know what you want. Use the rest of the year to evaluate and set your goals for next year. You need a plan. No need to go around in circles at this point.

Gemini-May 21-June 21

Your communication skills are at an all-time high. Do you know where you want to be one year from now? Find out quickly because time goes by so fast. Patience is a virtue that comes from taking action and living one day at a time. Deal with everything life throws at you in positive ways and success is assured.

Cancer-June 22-July 22

It's good to see you taking better care of yourself, moon child. Healthy thinking and feeling is the foundation for healthy living. Take an inventory of anything negative around you and get rid of it. This makes room for new and better qualities in life. You can judge how well this is working by how happy you are.

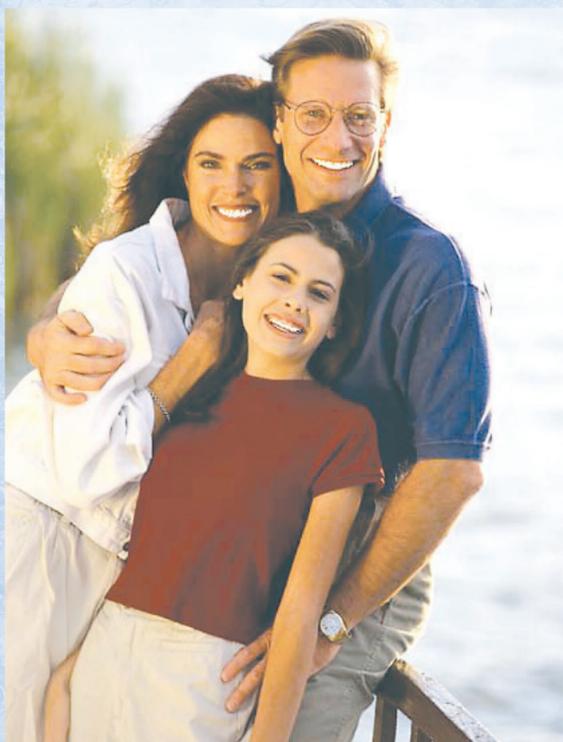
Leo-July 23-Aug. 22

Slow down a little. It's Thanksgiving time. Show gratitude for all you have done this year. Rejoice and share your blessings. Then get your second wind and prepare for the great New Year just ahead. Pace yourself and enjoy the best year of your life. You are doing well. Keep it up. Yours is a valuable life.

Virgo-Aug. 23-Sept. 22

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Radio

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the scene was evident from the glowing radio "on-air" and "applause" signs to the colorful and stylish costuming of the actors in period clothing and hairstyles.

The cast even performed two radio commercials with fun and perky jingles set to popular Christmas tunes to provide authenticity to the radio-style atmosphere.

Mr. Kern was actively involved in filling the on-air sound with whistles, sirens, footsteps, keys and telephone rings, using a wide array of instruments and everyday items to provide the audience with believable tools to imagine each scene in perfect clarity, from a windy snowstorm, to ice cracking to the finality of a slammed door.

Also setting the mood of the scene was Mr. Clifton on piano, who, with the touch



Riverside Theatre's production of 'It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play,' whisked audience members back in time, telling the story of George Bailey in a format reminiscent of old time radio dramas, except it was live and in color. Actors Ed Romanoff, Samantha McKinnon Brown, Warren Kelley, Marguerite Willbanks and David Schmittou sing a jingle during a radio commercial break.

Photo courtesy of Riverside Theatre

of a few keys, could lead the audience to follow the story during frightening and suspenseful moments, light and happy or romantic scenes.

Mr. Clifton also composed the score that accompanied

the play.

"It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" will run on the Stark Mainstage at Riverside Theatre through Dec. 6. The theater is located at 3250 Riverside Park Drive in Vero

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Some of the artists participating in the Art Trail are from left: Alicia Callendar, Minakshi De, Ray McLendon, Barbara Miro Soumar, Sherry Haaland, Marjorie Bohler, Rene Guerin, Dawn Mill and Sue Gwinn. The artists came together for a preview luncheon at the Vero Beach Museum of Art last month.

Worlds

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teacher at the Vero Beach Museum of Art who works in a wide range of mediums. She worked on Vero Beach's downtown mural and the new downtown banners.

Sue Gwinn works in oils and pastels, as well as creates unique jewelry. Prior

to moving to Vero Beach, she was affiliated with art leagues and centers in Palm Beach County.

Sherry Haaland trained in watercolor, oils and pastels and specializes in custom pet portraits done in pastels.

"It's a nice, one-day excursion and it's all very inspiring to see how and where people create their art," Ms. Taylor said.

In addition to the enjoyment of meeting artists and watching them work, Ms. Taylor noted that the Art Trail event is a particularly effective and personal way "to connect the community at large to the artists."

For more information about the Art Trail event and tickets or the Vero Beach Art Club and its programs, call (772) 231-0303.

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course of action to take as we live each day of our lives. You have a strong, clear, loving mind. Let this and your good heart and instincts guide you down the path of life. This is what winners do. You are a winner.

Libra-Sept. 23-Oct. 22

You have the greatest judgment. You seem to have been born under a lucky star. Why? At the last minute, when it seems like things are not going to work out, they usually do. This is the universal message saying, "Not to worry. It's all in divine order." Your actions and facts speak much stronger than your words.

Scorpio-Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Positive change is on the way to you. Are you ready for it? A big move will present itself soon. Be sure to include family and friends in the good fortune. You have more than earned this universal promotion. It is because of your hard work, dedication and good heartedness. No one could be more deserving. Enjoy.

Sagittarius-Nov. 22-Dec. 21

It's your turn at the helm of the zodiac wheel for the next four weeks. It's a time of feasting and rejoicing. Spend time in nature and with friends and family. Sagittarius leads us into the holidays with good cheer. Psych yourself up daily. Now more joy is on the way. Lead us forward with hope. It is your greatest

mission.

Capricorn-Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Stay on the sunny side of life. Refuse to let earthly challenges pull you down and cause excess stress. You know what you want. Your heart is open and filled with love. Follow it and you will succeed with something left to spare. Live in the now and take care of today's priorities first. Everything else will wait.

Aquarius-Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Another name for you could be "great leader of the pack." The Age of Aquarius is a very special time in history. Your message is world peace and order. It starts within ourselves, one person at a time. Remind us when we stray and forget. We are living in a time to honor of these principles. Guide us safely on our way.

Pisces-Feb. 19-March 20

You are in a strong, positive energy pattern now. Your visions always guide you. Just be sure that you make quality time for yourself every day. You are important too, you know. You are the spark that lights our fire. Your ideas are brilliant. You help everyone with the truth. Thanks for always inspiring and being there.

Star visions

For readings, astrology charts and other services, call (772) 334-9487 or e-mail jtuckxyz@aol.com. To read the Spirit Guide column, visit myhometownnews.net and click on counseling and advice.

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tion, call (772) 643-6994.

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

• Art in the Park returns from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Ocean Drive in the municipal parking lot near Humiston Park in Vero Beach. More than 20 Vero Beach Art Club artists will exhibit and sell their work at this, the season's first in the popular Art in the Park series. For more information, call (772) 231-0303 or visit online at www.VeroBeachArtClub.org.

THURSDAY, DEC. 3

• The Emerson Center's third annual Humanities Series, in

partnership with the Florida Humanities Council continues its series which is free and open to the public. All performances begin at 7 p.m. "Tellin' It Like It Is," featuring cracker cowboy poet/storyteller Hank Mattson will be presented Thursday, Dec. 3. The Emerson Center is located at 1590 27th Ave. in Vero Beach at the intersection of 27th Avenue and 16th Street. Free admission to the 800-seat Emerson Center is on a first-come basis. For more information about the series, which runs through April, call (772) 778-5249. • Art Around Town, a Vero Beach Museum of Art Contemporaries' off-site event will be held at Gallery 14, located at 1911 14th Ave. in Vero Beach from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The group

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Get ready for a 'holiday stroll'

By Barbara Yoresh
Entertainment writer

VERO BEACH — It's that holiday time of year again and if you thought the period between Thanksgiving and Hanukkah/Christmas is just for elbowing your way through crowded stores to find that perfect gift, then think again.

Vero Beach's historic Downtown, Dine & Design district (known by "insiders" as 3-D) is hosting a holiday stroll event that is not to be missed on Tuesday, Dec. 1 beginning at 4 p.m. and continuing through 9 p.m. with a special photographic exhibit.

Twenty-four merchants are participating in the "stroll," which will include raffle prizes with tickets selling for \$5 each or five for \$20. Proceeds will benefit the Cultural Council of Indian River County and Main Street Vero Beach.

Among those hosting the holiday fun are: Avanzare restaurant, 5 Seasons Acupuncture, Auxiliary Thrift Shop, Downtown Beads, Beneduce Realty, Brenner Collection, Café 1901, Decorative arts, Eco-Colour, French Quarter, Gallery 14, Gallery RVS, Ltd., Health Touch Massage Therapy, Loggia Home & Garden, Haute Mess, Saigon Sushi Bar, Southeast Gallery of Photographic Art, Stickhead Lacrosse, Sunside Fun, Synergy Salon, Tiger Lily Studios & Gallery, Tropic Art & Frame, Undertow Restaurant & Bar and Yami's Ice Cream.

A treasure hunt-like visit to merchants might result in some lucky participant winning a \$50 cash prize just for stopping by some mandatory merchants.

The drawing begins at 6:45 p.m. and attendance is not necessary to win.

Maps for the stroll will be handed out at Gallery 14 located at 1911 14th Ave. in

Vero Beach.

Complimentary wine, refreshments, snacks and various activities will be held at each stop to add to the holiday merriment.

A "Mad Potters Tea Party" will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Theater Plaza Building, just north of State Road 60 on 14th Avenue.

The Southeast Gallery of Photographic Art, located at 1446 19th Place, Suite 100 (on the north side of the eastbound artery of State Road 60 just west of 14th Avenue) will host a special opening wine and cheese reception of a "Worldwide Moment of Peace" exhibit from 7 to 9 p.m.

The exhibit runs through Dec. 29 and features more than 1,200 images from 67 countries submitted for a simultaneous photography project organized by Worldwide Moment.Org. The non-profit organization works to foster peace and international cooperation through photography. This year's "moment" photographs were taken on Sept. 9, 2009 at 9:09 a.m. Greenwich Mean Time, and include a submission by renowned peace activist Yoko Ono,

widow of the late Beatle John Lennon.

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Q: I have been following your column, and a lot of what you have discussed I have implemented. You often talk about the number of coupons you use. Where and how are you obtaining so many duplicate coupons? I know I can print out multiple copies online from some of the coupon Web sites.

A: There are a few reasons I have a good amount of coupons available to me when a good sale comes along. I save all my newspaper coupon inserts in their entirety each week.

Many coupons often repeat every few weeks or months, especially for

common items such as cereal, bread, juice and personal care products.

One of the most common myths about coupons is that they all expire quickly. But the truth is that most of them have, on average, a three-month window for redemption; others may not expire for nine months or more.

When a sale comes along, I usually have multiple coupons for a single item simply because I've saved all of my inserts. When the item goes on sale, I may be using coupons from several different "appearances" of that coupon in the inserts.

Some may be several weeks old while others may



COUPON QUEEN
JILL CATALDO

be months old or even older. I will save my coupon inserts until everything inside expires. Doing this, it's possible to build what amounts to a library of coupons at our disposal. Then, when we need them, those coupons are waiting to be looked up, cut out and used.

As you mentioned, most printable Internet coupons do allow multiple prints of the same coupon. The average print limit is two per computer, but I will always try to click the "back" button

in my Web browser and print again, until I receive the message that the print limit for the coupon has been reached. It's important to do this, because companies do offer higher print limits at times.

I can recall a major cereal manufacturer that offered \$1 coupons with a print limit of 14. That was a high limit and it allowed me to really stock up on that item at a low price because I had so many coupons.

Jill Cataldo, a coupon workshop instructor, writer and mother of three, never passes up a good deal. Learn more about couponing at her Web site www.super-couponing.com. E-mail your own couponing victories and questions to jill@ctwfeatures.com.

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is comprised of young professionals and the young at heart, who enjoy lively parties and meeting new people in the museum's unique setting. Once each year the group takes the fun off-site and this time will meet and mingle with the gallery's artists. Admission is \$10 per person and wine and light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Dane Roberts at (772) 231-0707, Ext. 109.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5
• Tickets for the Vero Beach Art Club's Art Trail tour of 10

artists' studios are on sale for the popular event set for Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Art Trail is an intimate look at artists' studios and homes around Vero Beach. Artists welcome guests into their homes and studios to allow them a glimpse of their work and to talk about how their creative process works. Each studio will offer their work for sale and light refreshments will be available at each location. Advance tickets are \$20 each and \$35 for two. Day of event ticket prices are \$25 each and \$45 for two. Artists featured this year are: Alicia Callender, clay; Ray McLendon, oil; Minakshi De, acrylics and pastels; Rene Guerin, oil and sculpture; Conrad Pickel Studio, stained glass; Barbara Soumar, fiber art, pottery and mixed media; Marjorie Bohler, oil and watercolor; Charles Gruppe, watercolor; Sue Gwinn, pottery, oils and pastels; and Sheery Haaland, pastels. Tickets are on sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, until Dec. 4, at the Vero Beach Art

Club office in the Vero Beach Museum of Art located at 3001 Riverside Park Drive and also at the Artist Guild Gallery at 1974 14th Ave. in downtown Vero Beach. A limited number of tickets will be available the day of the event at artists' locations. Only cash or checks will be accepted. Call (772) 231-0303 or (772) 299-1234.

THROUGH DEC. 7
• The Vero Beach Museum of Art film studies course will examine women's lives from childhood through old age in a new film series entitled "Trends in International Cinema: Feminine Mystiques." Classes are held Tuesdays and students may sign up for either an afternoon session at 1:30 p.m. or the evening session at 7 p.m. for the five-week study, which began Nov. 10. Included will be movies from Romania, South Korea, Spain and the United Kingdom. The museum's film studies coordinator, Warren Obluck, will host an optional film discussion after each screening. Tuition for the course is \$55 and \$45 for

museum members. The Vero Beach Museum of Art is located at 3001 Riverside Park Drive in Vero Beach. Students may register in person at the museum or by phone by calling Angela Fallon at (772) 231-0707, Ext. 136.

FRIDAY, DEC. 11 - SATURDAY, DEC. 12

• Mardy's Tennis and Jake's Music Fest to benefit the Mardy Fish Foundation will be held in a two-day event. Both are Vero Beach natives. Country recording artist Jake Owen will perform at the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center located at 1707 16th St. in Vero Beach on Friday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. Ticket are \$35 and up and all seats are reserved. Tennis champion and Olympic Games silver medalist Mardy Fish will play James Blake in a tennis exhibition on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 2:30 p.m. at Grand Harbor Golf & Beach Club. The Mardy Fish Foundation was established to support youth organizations in Indian River County. For tickets to the tennis exhibition or concert, call C & H Events at (866) 333-7633 or visit online at www.chevents.com.

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

• "Egypt: Gift of the Nile" will be presented by Milt Thomas in the Indian River County Main Library's first floor meeting room at 10 a.m. This program, which is free and open to the public, will explore the pyramids, the Sphinx and other landmarks of the country's 5,000-year history. Mr. Thomas will recount his personal experiences while touring throughout Egypt. A journalist, book author and former executive with CBS and Polygram records, Mr. Thomas also served as director of economic development for the Indian River Chamber of Commerce. Call Marla at (772) 770-5060, Ext. 4121.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

• Temple Beth Shalom presents a Hannukah concert for the entire community at 7 p.m. at the temple located at 365 43rd Ave. in Vero Beach. "Lighting Up Our House of Peace" will be performed by Beth Schafer of Orlando, cantorial leader of Temple Shir Shalom in Oviedo. The concert is open to the public as one of an ongoing series of musical and cultural presentations. Seating to this special concert is open. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets in advance for adults under age 62 are \$18 each and \$20 at the door the day of the concert. Tickets for those older than age 62 in advance are \$15 each and \$20 at the door. Students and children age 16 and under are \$12 per ticket and family packages are

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Although not a client of mine, she told me this during a discussion when she learned that I sell travel. Unfortunately, this happens way too often.

Here is her story: She and her family decided to cruise to celebrate a birthday and/or anniversary. She planned it many months in

advance. They chose the ship and sailing date, got friends and family to join in, paid for the cruise in full and waited anxiously for the date to sail.

They arrived at the pier and were checking-in, and lo and behold, she did not have a passport nor a certified copy of her birth certificate. She had the only birth certificate she has ever known; however, it was apparently issued by the hospital, not the state in which she was born, a very common practice in some cities and towns.

We in the industry do not know what else to say to clients to help them to

understand and convince them that they need to have a passport. I know that personally I have annoyed some of my own clients when they tell me they do not have a passport, but have a birth certificate. If they tell me they have had it since they were little or that it has their little foot prints

stamped on it, I tell them to contact the department of vital statistics from the state they were born and request a new one. The footprints are a dead give-a-way that it came from the hospital (even though they were able to use this to go through school, etc). This is not a certified copy from the state.

This woman was so disappointed. She and her husband watched her family and friends sail away on her cruise. I really felt bad about her missing her cruise over something so avoidable.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to get a

passport. It is so imperative to get your passport, but if you do not have one, you must be able to prove you are a U.S. citizen. Those who are not citizens have green cards or other forms to identify themselves.

Currently, the rule is that you do not need a passport if you are on a closed-loop cruise that starts and finishes in the same U.S. port (i.e. roundtrip cruise from Port Canaveral, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, etc.).

For those who do not have a passport and want to sail to Alaska, this is good news. No passport is needed if you sail roundtrip from Seattle

instead of Vancouver. More cruise lines are adding this itinerary.

Do yourself a favor if you are planning on traveling out of the country. Get a passport. It will take up to six weeks (recently it has been roughly three to four weeks) to get one.

If you have any questions regarding passports and citizenship documentation go to www.travel.state.gov.

Patty Toppa is a travel consultant with Gadabout Travel. She can be reached at patty@cruisetravel.com or www.cruisetravel.com.

Stroll

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exhibit will benefit non-profit organizations the Smile Train and the Cultural Council of Indian River County.

The Smile Train is the world's leading charity for children born with cleft palates. The organization is dedicated to helping more than 4.7 million children in developing countries who suffer from unrepaired cleft palates by providing free surgeries and free training for doctors.

The Cultural Council of

Indian River County is the designated local arts agency for Indian River County. The organization's mission is to nurture a cooperative environment in which cultural and educational organizations and individuals may thrive and thereby enrich the quality of life in the county for all residents and visitors.

For more information, call (772) 643-6994; (772) 834-5828 or visit online at www.southeastgalleryof-photographicart.com.

For general information about the holiday stroll, contact Lila of Gallery 14 at (772) 562-5525 or Mindy at (772) 559-1876.

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available for \$65. Proceeds from the concert will continue to underwrite cultural programs at Temple Beth Shalom. For information or additional ticket/sponsorship opportunities, call (772) 569-4700.

THROUGH DEC. 27

The Vero Beach Museum of Art presents "SANCTUARY:

Anna Tomczak Photography" in an exhibit featuring 30 large-format photographs on display in the museum's Schumann Gallery. The photographs are still-life assemblages created from personal mementos, symbolic objects, flowers and antique materials which are then photographed to produce watercolor-like prints. Her art images have won awards, been featured on eight book covers and showcased in a variety of publications. Call (772) 231-0707.

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Golfer celebrates long-awaited victory

They say good things come to those who wait. And wait and wait.

This past weekend, the long wait for Michelle Wie finally ended. The once highly touted teenage phenom became a winner on the LPGA Tour for the first time.

The stage was the Lorena Ochoa Invitational in Guadalajara, Mexico. For the 20-year-old Wie, it marks the end of a long awaited ascent, and the beginning of what many hope will be a fruitful career. Her victory could not have come at a better time for the LPGA Tour and her.

We all remember how she burst onto the scene as a 15-year-old whose father bragged how she would set the world of golf on fire and take on the men playing on the PGA Tour. She may not have won a PGA Tour event, in fact she never got close, but it wasn't for lack of trying.

I, for one, have been tough on her. I spoke tersely about her desire to play against men. Not because she wasn't talented or because she was a girl, I spoke out because I felt she needed to walk before she could run. Many people shared my view and felt her life and



career would be better served playing the mini-tours and learning how to win. She needed seasoning.

With that said, I was so very pleased when I watched her thrust her arms up triumphantly as her final stroke found the bottom of the cup. She then put her hands to her mouth as the moment truly set in. The most telling sign of her journey to this moment came in seeing her peers surrounding the 18th green cheering her and congratulating her on her victory.

It took Wie 65 events to wrap her arms around a championship trophy. The moment wasn't lost on her.

"Wowwww ... never thought this would feel THIS great!!!!!" she posted on her Twitter account.

Some of her peers, who avoided her in years past, were there to shower her with beer on the 18th green after her winning putt.

Since becoming a college student last fall, Wie has matured a great

deal and has found friends where she once had none. Her play and actions at the Solheim Cup helped win many fans and players over, showing them she had discovered the joy of playing golf.

She first qualified for a USGA event at the tender age of 10. She would play her first LPGA event at 12. As she became a teenager, it seemed her parents, and eventually she, grew an attitude of entitlement when it came to her play.

Last year, that all seemed to change. She qualified for the LPGA Tour and this year began to show the kind of game many have been waiting for.

This past weekend, Wie beat the best in the business. Right on her heels were Paula Creamer, Kristie Kerr, LPGA rookie of the year Jijai Shin, Morgan Pressel, and even the world's No. 1 lady golfer, Lorena Ochoa.

Where in the past, she would falter, Wie instead stayed steady. It was her opponents who stumbled. Her final round 69 was one of the day's best and gave her a two-shot win. It is however, not just a win for Wie, it's a win for women's golf.

The LPGA, facing an economy that is slumping, has seen many major

sponsors drop out of next year's events. Having Wie on the leader board at any event will bring people there to watch, and send those at home in search of their remote to find the coverage.

"Literally, when Michelle Wie is atop the leader board it's like night and day and that's star power," LPGA spokesman David Higdon said the day before Wie's win. "That's all it is. This is somebody people want to follow. You see it in her presence, the way she walks around. The way people talk to her."

Wie credits her play at the Solheim Cup for getting her going and teaching how to handle her nerves when she gets into contention.

"It just taught me so much about handling that situation," Wie said. "And actually, I wore my Solheim shoes today. So I felt pretty lucky."

Lucky? Perhaps, or maybe she finally matured and ascended that mountain. Here's a toast to her staying at the top for a long while.

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Boys choir performing at youth center Nov. 28

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VERO BEACH — The Avenue D Boys Choir will perform at the Gifford Youth Activity Center on Nov. 28.

Advance tickets are available at the Gifford Youth Activity Center for \$15. Tickets will be \$20 at the door the day of the event.

The choir uses music to reach at-risk youths who are determined to overcome negative influences of environment. The choir is purposely named after the neighborhood to show support for the families, friends and neighbors who live there, and who are also striving to move beyond negative influences.

The choir was founded by Earl Hendricks, with musical direction by Mary Hendricks.

Every rehearsal session is meaningful and includes time for mentoring, homework, positive dialogue and lots of practice.

Since inception, more than 200 boys have participated in the choir and all who have remained with it have graduated from high school and seven are now attending college.

In addition to singing locally this year, the choir has performed in Tallahassee, Washington, D.C. and

Detroit. The Gifford Youth Activity Center is a United Way Agency, located at 4875 43rd Ave. in Vero Beach.

For more information, call (772) 794-1005, Ext. 34. Gifford Youth Activity Center is a nonprofit organization. The Avenue D Boys' Choir is a 501c (3) designated organization. Visit www.avenued-boyschoir.com or call (772) 342-6317. Sponsors for this event are welcomed.

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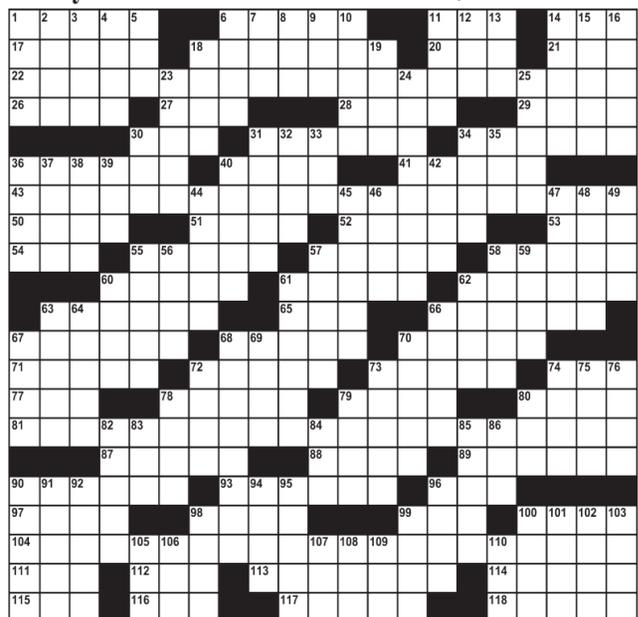
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Great, easy dinners from leftover turkey

Not turkey again? I'm sure you're hearing that about now. Try my recipes, they'll love them.

If you have a lot of turkey left, place some stuffing in a small freezer bag. Do the same with the gravy. Place sliced turkey in a large bag; insert the other bags and freeze. In this hurried time you'll have a dinner in no time. Two great, quick dinners for those leftovers are my version of turkey divan and curry.

MASHED RUTABAGA Low fat Serves 6 to 8

Try this recipe. The potato cuts the sharpness of the vegetable. One large rutabaga is enough for any dinner and leftovers may be frozen.

1 large rutabaga, peeled and cut into small chunks
1 large potato, peeled and cut in medium-size chunks
Salt and pepper
1 tablespoon butter or butter substitute

It is very difficult to cut a rutabaga. In the past, I placed it on a cutting board and, using a large sturdy knife and a hammer, I hammered it in half.

Now, I have a wonderful hint from one of my readers. Place the rutabaga in a plastic supermarket bag, loosely tie and place on a microwave-safe rack. Microwave on high for 5 to 10 minutes. Carefully remove from microwave and rinse under hot, then cold, water. The wax clings to the bag and the rutabaga, though not cooked, is easy to peel and cut.

Cut it in small chunks. The smaller the chunks the easier it is to mash. Place in

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a pot with potato, cover with water and cook until tender, at least 20 minutes or more. Drain.

An old-fashioned potato "ricer" is the best way to mash it or you can use a food processor. Believe me, there is so much fiber in this root that it's tough to mash. Season with salt and pepper, add the butter, mix and serve.

MOCK TURKEY OR CHICKEN DIVAN Regular or low fat

Leftover turkey or chicken
Leftover gravy
Fresh or frozen broccoli
Cooked medium or wide noodles*

Thaw meat to room temperature. Thaw gravy, bring to a boil and whisk to reconstitute. Add cut up turkey or chicken and heat though. Cook broccoli in small amount salted water. Serve divan in individual au-gratin dishes, topping a serving of noodles with a couple of broccoli spears, turkey and gravy.

* Beware of egg noodles. Their first name is egg, therefore they are high in fat and cholesterol. Use no-yolk noodles instead. Season with salt and pepper and a little butter substitute.

LEFTOVER TURKEY OR CHICKEN CURRY Serves 4 to 6 Regular or low fat

This curry is a simple

variation of the real thing. It's a winner and takes almost no time to prepare.

1/2-cup each, finely chopped onion and celery
1 tablespoon canola oil or water
2 cups chicken broth, homemade or canned
1/2-cup tomato sauce
1/2-cup water
1/2-teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Several sprigs fresh Italian parsley, chopped, or 1 tablespoon, dried
Salt and pepper
1 teaspoon to 1 tablespoon curry powder, depending on how strong a flavor you want
3-4 cups cooked turkey or chicken, cut up
1/4-cup flour
3-4 cups cooked rice or noodles
Cooked broccoli spears

Lightly brown vegetables in oil, adding water, if necessary.

Add the chicken broth, reserving 1/2-cup. Add the tomato sauce and water, a little salt and pepper, Worcestershire sauce, parsley and curry powder.

Cook, covered, about 10 minutes. Add meat and cook 10 minutes longer.

Shake remaining broth with flour and add to the pot, stirring until thickened, adding more water or flour and water if necessary.

Serve in individual dishes or any way you choose. I place broccoli spears over rice or noodles, then ladle on the curry.

CRANBERRY SURPRISE RELISH Serves 6-8

One 4-serving package cranberry or orange-pineapple gelatin
3/4-cup boiling water
1 large stalk celery, chopped
1 orange, peeled and chopped
One 16-ounce can cranberry sauce, jellied or whole berry
1/2-cup chopped walnuts

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water, add remaining ingredients, place in mold and chill. Unmold several hours before serving; dip mold in hot water for a few seconds and inverting onto a plate. Chill until firm. Cut in wedges and serve.

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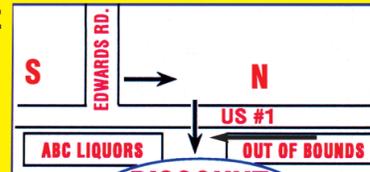
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