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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. Remember, just because it's online doesn't mean it's true!

From kansascity.com: FBI: Bank suspect lowers hood when told

The FBI said an Ohio bank robbery suspect left authorities with good surveillance photos because he lowered his hood when an employee told him to.

FBI Special Agent Harry Trombitas said the man in his mid-20s entered a Columbus PNC Bank with his dark hood up, covering most of his face. Trombitas said in a statement the bank has a "no hats, no hoods" policy, so a bank employee told the man to pull his hood down, and he complied.

The FBI said when the suspect got to the counter, he handed the teller a note saying he had a gun and to give him money or he would shoot. He fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. Columbus police haven't announced an arrest.

From valleynewsdispatch.com: Woman to stand trial for pot-laced margarine

A Pennsylvania woman will stand trial on charges she fed marijuana-laced margarine to a 12-year-old girl she was baby-sitting, as well as two other children at her home.

The 12-year-old's mother called Upper Burrell Township Police after discovering the drugs in a tub of I Can't Believe It's Not Butter in 22-year-old

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Son's homemade bomb critically injures mother

By Jessica Tuggle
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SEBASTIAN — A 27-year-old man with a history of making explosives was arrested May 22 for making a destructive device. The device detonated unexpectedly, critically injuring his mother.

According to a press See **BOMB, A4**

release from the Sebastian Police Department, Nancy Galuppo, 63, was critically injured after an explosion occurred in her backyard metal shed in Sebastian. She was airlifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center while the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Bomb

Commissioners further restrict pain clinics

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — With a unanimous 5-0 vote, the board of Indian River County Commissioners voted to pass new restrictions and regulations on pain management clinics.

One of the new rules is that each clinic must obtain a \$200 permit, good for two years from the county that can be suspended or revoked for operating illegally.

Existing pain management pain clinics have a grace period to apply for the permit until July 18 and won't have to pay

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Swim lessons keep kids safe

Two-year-old Savannah Burdge of Sebastian gives Josh the babyitter a hug after her dad, Justin registered her for learn to swim classes at the North County Aquatics Center last Saturday. Session 1 begins June 13. Classes will be held at both Indian River County pools. For more information call, (772) 581-7665 or the Gifford Aquatics Center at (772) 770-5312.



Cliff Partlow
staff photographer



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

The North County Aquatics Center began registration for swim classes last Saturday. Lessons are available to anyone ages 6-months to adult. Two-year-old Reagan Balavender of Sebastian, listens as her mom, Carrie, registers her for the water babies class.

Pearl Harbor survivor to speak

By Jay Meisel
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FORT PIERCE — On Dec. 7, 1941, Arnie Schwichtenberg, who served in the U.S. Navy, was waiting to go off duty.

Then he heard some aircraft engines and a roar, he

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Pearl Harbor Survivor Arnie Schwichtenberg, 89, of Barefoot Bay, holds a photo of himself as a young sailor stationed in Pearl Harbor.

Cliff Partlow
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Economy in 2012 predicted to stay the same

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Unemployment percentages in Indian River County are showing less fluctuation than in past years, which some would say is a sign of an improving economy. But one economist doesn't think 2012 will be much different than 2011.

About 90 community, business and government leaders gathered at Pointe West in Vero Beach for an economic summit and presentation by economist William H. Fruth.

Mr. Fruth is an economist and president of POLICOM Corporation, an independent economics research firm, based in Palm City that specializes in analyzing local and state economies.

He is a nationally recognized leader in the field of geographic economics and also has extensive experience in economic development, according to his website.

He has been studying Indian River County's economy at the request of the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce for about 10 years and has made per-

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Camp, more coming to sports village

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The summer months may not be considered "the season" for most of Indian River County, but Vero Beach Sports Village is planning on a full season of work and play.

Baseball, lacrosse, soccer, football and leadership camps are on the horizon for

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Vero Beach Book Center welcomed author Debbie Macomber last week

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Sunday: Isolated thunderstorms; high: 86; low: 70; high tide: 6:26 a.m.; low tide: 12:42 p.m.
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Foundation provides grants to area nonprofits

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Daniel E. Somers, president of The John's Island Foundation, announced the board of directors approved grants of \$630,000 to 30 local nonprofit agencies in Indian River County for its 2010-11 fiscal year.

The 24 agencies that will receive grants for capital projects ranging from \$6,000 to \$50,000 are: Abilities Resource Center, American Red Cross, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Dasie Bridgewater Hope Center, Daughters of Naomi, Opportunities Council; Education

Foundation, Every Dream Has A Price, Exchange Club CASTLE, Gifford Youth Activity Center, Guardians For New Futures, Harvest Food and Outreach, Homeless Family Center, IRC volunteer ambulance, Junior League of IRC, Kidz Closet, Mental Health Association, Palm Beach 211, Plumbago Volunteer Service, Restoration Ministries, Salvation Army, Special Equestrians of the TC, St. Francis Manor, St. Vincent De Paul, Substance Abuse Council, Suncoast Mental Health, TC Homeless Services Council, The Source, Women's Refuge and Youth Guidance.

"We are very pleased to be able to extend this amount of support to those in need of assistance," said Mr. Somers.

"These funds will be used for necessary repairs to facilities, computer software and hardware, transportation vehicles, freezers, beds, furniture and other capital equipment that will support the programs provided by these agencies who serve the residents of Indian River County.

"Since our inception 12 years ago, The John's Island Foundation has provided over \$6.5 million to local nonprofit agencies in our community," he said.

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New pain management clinics will be required to purchase a \$200 county permit. Existing clinics have until July 18

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Indian River County Commissioners will require new pain management clinics to purchase a county permit for \$200. Existing clinics have until July 18 to apply for one or they too will have to pay the permit fee.

Graphic by Cliff Partlow

Pain

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the first two years' fee, county attorney Alan Polackwich said.

The new ordinance is an attempt to stop "pill mills," or unlicensed pain management clinics that make it easy for prescription drug abusers to get drugs from spreading to Indian River County from the South Florida area.

State legislators have also been working to address the prescription drug abuse and pill mill issue, but the final document has not yet been signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott, Mr. Polackwich said.

When the state law is finalized, he said he would bring the document back if any revisions were needed to make it match state regulations.

Prior to receiving the permit, the clinic must provide

certification information and other pertinent operating information, according to backup provided in the meeting agenda packet. A similar packet of information must be provided to the tax collector's office before a business tax receipt can be issued.

The ordinance provides a comprehensive list of prohibitive activities, a prohibition against onsite dispensing of controlled substances, prohibition against excessive dispensing of controlled substances at pharmacies and a requirement that a licensed pharmacist be on duty at all times when the substances are dispensed in addition to several other regulations.

Municipalities in Indian River County will be given the option to follow the county's ordinance for a uniform policy and create a coordinated effort for effective enforcement, Mr. Polackwich said.

State law may contain some exemptions to some regulations for doctors with special certifications in pain management, which is not in the county's ordinance, Mr. Polackwich said.

Commissioner Wesley Davis asked if that was a problem, or if the county was able to be stricter than the state.

Mr. Polackwich said he'd be bringing the matter before the commissioners again and would have better answers the next time.

For more information about Indian River County government meetings, visit www.ircgov.com. For more information about Vero Beach government meetings, visit www.covb.org. For more information about Sebastian government meetings, visit www.cityofsebastian.org. For more information about Fellsmere government meetings, visit www.cityoffellsmere.org.

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Leadership

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the state-of-the-art training and housing facility.

The University of South Florida football team will return this year for a few weeks of training before the fall season begins.

Several baseball tournaments, as well as lacrosse

and soccer camps have booked weeks at Vero Beach Sports Village, directors said.

Sports activities won't be the only events held at the sports facility however; students from around the country will come to Vero Beach for some lessons on leadership.

The Minor League Baseball Leadership Academy is a week-long "camp" for at-risk

teens. Minor league teams, such as the Lexington Legends, New Orleans Zephyrs and the Savannah Sand Gnats, nominate students to participate in a week of education and entertainment, according to a press release.

"Minor League Baseball is uniquely positioned to play a pivotal role in the development of young people in this country," said Pat O'Connor, MiLB president, in a press release.

"Our grassroots traditions enable us to participate in positive experiences for our young fans and their families across America," he said.

The academy, which will be held July 26-31, will promote life-skills training, personal development, health and wellness and positive peer relationship development.

MiLB Charities is funding the camp, which will include influential speakers from the baseball world and field trips. The academy will be similar to a program held last year at Vero Beach Sports Village for 40 students from New Orleans.

"The Minor League Baseball Youth Leadership Academy is one more example of Minor League Baseball taking a leadership role in our communities. It will be a privilege and honor to host the inaugural class of the Youth Leadership Academy and set these young people on a positive path in their lives," Mr. O'Connor said.



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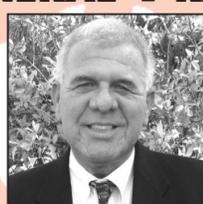
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Expo educates with tourism tips



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

The Senior Resource Association hosted a tourism expo Thursday, May 19. Two-dozen vendors, specializing in recreation and travel were on hand. Cristin Ryan, educational biologist at the Smithsonian Marine Station, talks with Carol Pombar about area sea creatures found at the St. Lucie County Marine Center in Fort Pierce.

Analyst

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odic presentations and status reports to community leaders since then.

Mr. Fruth said the unemployment rate in Indian River County is directly tied to the loss of construction jobs, but noted that of late, the fluctuation of unemployment numbers has decreased slightly since 2000.

Indian River County has always fluctuated because of seasonal workers, but the this year's numbers indicate a stronger economy than in the past, he said.

According to his research,

the industry with the most employees in Indian River County is healthcare.

He commended county leaders for changes they've made to their approach to businesses and in attracting new business to the area, as well as government leaders who have made changes to certain policies to be more business-friendly.

The budget for economic development, about \$119,000 from the local government and \$40,000 from the private sector last year, is quite small, but has been used well, Mr. Fruth said.

"I thought it was amazing how much you have done with so little," Mr. Fruth said.

Mr. Fruth described the economy as a bucket, containing the wealth of the entire community. The only problem is that there is a hole in that bucket that causes money to leave the local economy and is sent to other economies.

He said it was important in these economic times to retain existing businesses to get on a path of economic stabilization.

He encouraged the crowd to continue to search out new business to bring to the area, saying the only way to refill the "economy bucket" was to introduce new money and new jobs to the bucket.

Indian River County

Commissioner Peter O'Bryan said he was glad to hear the report from Mr. Fruth, and said some of the changes in attitude toward businesses at the county level were a direct result of previous suggestions by Mr. Fruth.

He said the county will continue to move forward with economic development as best they can to better benefit Indian River County as a whole.

"We have to balance quality of growth with quality of life," Mr. O'Bryan said.

To view the slides used by Mr. Fruth during the presentation, visit www.indianriverchamber.com.

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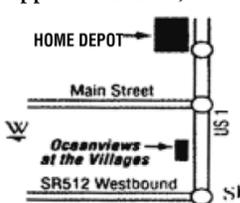
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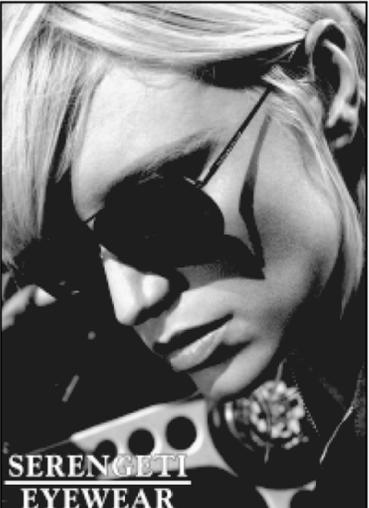
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Bomb

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Squad responded to the scene. A law enforcement investigation led to the arrest of Andrew Hallock of 620 Mulberry St. Sebastian, on charges of making a destructive device. The investigation is active and more charges could be added later, officials said.



Andrew Hallock

As a result of the investigation, the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office responded to Mr. Hallock's residence and removed another improvised explosive device and detonated it safely on Sebastian airport property.

According to the report, Mr. Hallock was recently removed from his mother's home due to her concern about his activities.

The material used for the explosives have not been identified by state fire marshals at press time.

Weird

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Stevie Hickey's freezer. The woman told police Hickey spread the substance on two pieces of toast Hickey gave to the girl. Police said Hickey told the girl it was "parsley butter" but later acknowledged to police that it was marijuana. The *Valley News Dispatch* in Tarentum reported Hickey remains free after waiving her right to a preliminary hearing on marijuana possession and child endangerment charges.

From *wlky.com*: **Woman draws sword during argument at Pizza Hut**
 A Louisville woman faces first-degree disorderly conduct and menacing charges after police said she took out a sword during an argument at a Pizza Hut.

According to an arrest report, Wynika Mason was causing trouble at Pizza Hut and police were called. When police arrived, she began yelling at them, the report said. Customers and employees were in the restaurant, and employees said

they felt threatened by Mason's behavior. An employee told police Mason had a sword with her and began yelling and pulling it out of the scabbard, according to the police report.

The report also stated Mason's brother said he took the sword from her and put it in the car. Officers were given consent to search the vehicle and found the sword on the driver's seat.

From *logandaily.com*: **New home for man's pencil sharpener 'museum'**
 Tourism officials have made a point of displaying the hundreds of pencil sharpeners collected by an Ohio minister who died last summer.

The Rev. Paul Johnson kept his collection in a small shed he called his museum, outside his home in Carbon Hill in southeast Ohio. A new home for his more than 3,400 sharpeners was dedicated inside a regional welcome center.

The *Logan Daily News* reported Johnson started collecting after his wife gave him a few pencil sharpeners as a gift in the late 1980s. He kept them

organized in categories, including cats, Christmas and Disneyland. The oldest is 105 years old.

From *sfgate.com*: **Border agents make bologna bust**
 It wasn't drugs or human trafficking, but illegal bologna that caught the attention of border agents at a New Mexico port of entry.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at Santa Teresa seized 385 pounds of the Mexican contraband meat from behind the seat of a pickup that stopped at the port. It's illegal to bring the bologna across the border because it's made of pork and has the potential to introduce foreign animal diseases into the U.S. pork industry.

The 33-year-old Mexican man who was transporting the meat was assessed a \$1,000 fine and released. Usually officers see one or two rolls of bologna, not 35, as in this case. Officials said it was the largest bologna bust ever recorded at the Santa Teresa crossing.

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



Photo courtesy of Arnie Schwichtenberg

Arnie Schwichtenberg, second from left, poses with shipmates aboard the U.S.S. Trever in Pearl Harbor.

Survivor

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recalled last week. "As I turned to look at the planes, I watched them drop two torpedoes in the water," he said.

Mr. Schwichtenberg, 89, now a resident of Barefoot Bay, witnessed the explosion of the U.S.S. Utah that day.

Almost 70 years later, Mr. Schwichtenberg, one of a dwindling number of Pearl Harbor survivors still alive, will speak during a Memorial Day service at the Nation-

al Navy UDT-SEAL Museum. The service on Monday, May 30, will begin at 10 a.m.

Rear Adm. Thomas Brown, a SEAL who is now commanding Special Operations Command South in Homestead, will also speak.

The service will be held in front of the museum's SEAL memorial under a large tent. Retired Navy Chaplain the Rev. Robert Bedingfield will lead the service and other participants will include the Treasure Coast High School the Air Force Junior ROTC and the U.S. Coast Guard station in Fort Pierce.

Mr. Schwichtenberg said he's concerned these days that fewer people remember the sacrifices those in the military made to protect our freedoms.

Several years ago, he was surprised when a restaurant

employee asked him, "What is Pearl Harbor?" he recalled.

He recalled that Memorial Day used to also be known as Decoration Day, when people would go to cemeteries and decorate the graves of fallen soldiers. There were services and parades, he said.

Now, it's just become a long weekend for many people, he said.

"We've lost what it was meant for," he said.

But when he attends Memorial Day services, he thinks about those he knew who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor.

He feels he was lucky, himself. In January 1942 while stationed on the U.S.S. Trever, two torpedoes went underneath the boat. He said he didn't see the torpedoes, but was told that

had happened.

Mr. Schwichtenberg was a fireman first class E4 who worked his way up to chief motor machinist mate on a permanent appointment. When he left the U.S. Navy, he had reached the highest pay grade for that position.

Although he was in the Navy, Mr. Schwichtenberg said pilots in the U.S. Marine Corps performed quite well.

"Nobody in this world deserves more respect than the marines who served in the South Pacific," he said.

He works to keep alive the memories of those who served their country and made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II.

Mr. Schwichtenberg said he talks to students at in local schools about the war and what it was like serving the country at the time.

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Police report

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

Sebastian Police Department

- Stephen Wayne Donovan, 45, homeless, was charged with grand theft.
- Christopher Thomas Farless, 26, 391 Dempsey Ave., Sebastian, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for high speed or wanton fleeing and has a history of violence.
- Joshua Kenneth Douds, 18, 410 Georgia Blvd., Sebastian, was charged with attempted solicitation and conspiracy to solicit and a misdemeanor charge of unlawful assembly.
- Brandon Feltz, 18, 137 Midvale Terrace, Sebastian, was charged with attempted solicitation and conspiracy to solicit and a misdemeanor charge of unlawful assemble.
- Matthew Colton Fields, 18, 2055 82nd Ave. Apt. 479, Vero Beach, was charged with child abuse and unlawful assembly.
- Tyler Andrew Herndon, 18, 10717 U.S. 1, Sebastian, was charged with attempted solicitation and conspiracy to solicit and a misdemeanor charge of unlawful assemble.
- Ezra Isaac Maestri, 18, 1480 Schumann Drive, Sebastian, was charged with two counts of burglary, four counts of grand theft, three counts of burglary of a dwelling, theft and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest without violence, three counts of criminal mischief and failure to pay a fine.
- Joshua Casimir Roach, 20, 594 Bayharbor Terrace, Sebastian, was charged with burglary, two counts of grand theft, burglary of a

- dwelling, and two counts of misdemeanor criminal mischief.
- Patrick David Throm, 19, 138 Kildare Drive, Sebastian, was charged with attempted solicitation and conspiracy to solicit and a misdemeanor charge of unlawful assembly.
- Diane Stamey Fluharty, 58, 9140 U.S. 1, Sebastian, was charged with depriving an officer means of communication and a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest without violence.
- John Walter Naughton, 45, 9140 U.S. 1, Sebastian, was charged with two counts of resisting arrest with violence, three counts of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, depriving an officer means of communication, two counts of battery on a law enforcement officer and a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence.
- Maria Rosario Placencia, 29, 107 Admiral Circle, Sebastian, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for burglary or attempted burglary of a structure.

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- Juan Correa, 26, 2100 Northwest 120 St., Miami, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for uttering a forged bill.
- Lorenzo Wendell Lattimore, 58, 975 Ninth St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated battery.
- Andrew Louis Muehlberger, 22, 8140 133rd Place, Sebastian, was charged with violation of probation and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He was on probation for possession of alprazolam.
- Lisa Marie Smith, 33, 202

- Calypso Drive, Fort Pierce, was charged with third-degree grand theft.
- John Darryl Vacey, 21, 1834 27th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with attempted burglary.
- Robert Michael Boyle, 20, 705 26th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of possession of cocaine and a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence battery.
- Anthony Emmanuel Brown, 39, 2901 Tropic Blvd., Fort Pierce, was charged with introduction of contraband into a detention facility and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana.
- John Anthony Gomez, 30, 490 12th Road, Apt. 107, Vero Beach, was charged with theft.
- Sparkle Artissy Henry, 33, 1550 17th Court Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with
- Scott Loren Holmberg, 50, 3214 Morse Ave. South, Seattle, was charged with failure of a sex offender to register and secure a driver license or identification card.
- Ashley Ann Ramirez, 21, 2300 84th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with cruelty to animals and fighting or baiting animals.
- Janice Kay Ramirez, 55, 2300 84th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with cruelty to animals and fighting or baiting animals.
- Jason Alan Reynolds, 26, 386 14th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with trafficking in oxycodone.
- Sierra Noel Smith, 25, 3109 South Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with grand theft, three counts of third-degree grand theft and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest without violence and resisting a merchant.
- Carlos Mario Toro, 22, 16201 Opal Creek Drive, Weston, was charged with fleeing and eluding a misdemeanor charge of willful, wanton reckless driving.
- Roger Lee Wesley, 28, 724

- 18th Place, Vero Beach, was charged with grand theft and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest without violence and resisting a merchant.
- Joseph William Giancaspro, 22, 9230 85th St., Vero Beach, was charged with tampering with or destroying evidence and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana.
- Kelly Caroline Kent, 20, 6146 57th St., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, Xanax, and possession of oxycodone.
- Alan Dale Williams Jr., 30, 4055 41 Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with four counts of sale of marijuana, two counts of possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, four counts of trafficking in oxycodone, sale of oxycodone and trafficking in hydrocodone.
- Louise Katie Bell, 59, 416 Seventh Road S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated battery domestic violence.
- Kyle Brandon Chandler, 24, 2430 16th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of marijuana.
- James Rudolph Brown, 57, 1276 44th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Willie Lee Jones, 41, 4225 56th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with felony battery and a misdemeanor charge of battery domestic violence.
- Shannon D. Stanton, 32, 7507 Fort Walton Ave., Fort Pierce, was charged with fleeing and eluding and a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence.
- Gerrell Williams, 41, 4460 27th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with introduction of contraband into a detention facility and misdemeanor charges of trespass after a warning and posses-

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- sion of drug paraphernalia.
- Douglas Allen Kraft, 52, 271 Hickory Hill Circle, Spruce Pine, was charged with three counts of felony violation of probation and three counts of misdemeanor violation of probation. He was on probation for four counts of issuing worthless checks and third-degree grand theft.
- Karen Elizabeth Nadeau, 31, 1519 Sixth Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with child abuse and misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and willful, wanton, reckless driving.
- Richard W. Wilson, 28, 4762 Bonanza Road, Lake Worth, was charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.
- Mahogany Alexander, 31, 1655 North 29th St., Fort Pierce, was charged with first-degree murder and armed robbery with a deadly weapon.
- Gabriel Thomas Calero, 53, 1699 Sawgrass Drive Southwest, Palm Bay, was charged with aggravated assault.
- Tobias Demetrus Faison, 20, 4425 28th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with sale or delivery of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a church.
- Sandy Edward Shreve, 61, 6692 Walker Drive, Straphory, Ontario, Canada, was charged with violation

- of probation. He was on probation for driving under the influence and fleeing or eluding.
- Daniel Bruce Ballou, 26, 4055 41st Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for lewd and lascivious actions on a child under 12.
- Jose Luis Gomez, 20, 3513 Pinewood Ave., West Palm Beach, was charged with battery on a facility employee by fluids.
- Sandra Inez Gracou, 40, 4631 38th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft.
- Jeremy Namem Lassiter, 32, 771 Wilson Terrace, Sebastian, was charged with child abuse.
- Katrina Ann Marshall, 35, 2696 47th Place, Vero Beach, was charged with robbery and a misdemeanor charge of criminal mischief.
- Henry Von'Sha Ross, 35, 2805 Mohawk Ave., Fort Pierce, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender, fleeing and eluding, two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and misdemeanor charges of willful, wanton, reckless driving and driving while license suspended with knowledge.
- Steven Zelazney, 26, 2261 S.E. Aneci St., Port St. Lucie, was charged with third-degree grand theft.

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My department further serves and protects Floridians by ensuring state dollars are spent according to state law, licensing and regulating insurance agents and

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City offers free shredding event



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Sebastian City Councilman Eugene Wolff, left, and his son, Eugene, hand Armando Rocha of Shred-It, boxes of documents from local residents to be shredded free last Saturday at Sebastian City Hall. The city of Sebastian and a local donor sponsored the free document shredding.



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Kudos to the paper

In regard to the story, "Work squads help cut spending." Now that's the kind of news I like to read. What a wonderful story. The taxpayers would be much happier with their lot if they could read things like that more often. My heartfelt appreciation to those people. Keep up the good work.

Editor's note: The writer is referring to an article that ran in the May 13 Martin County edition of HTN about prison work squads at Martin Correctional Institution. To read it, go to www.myhometownnews.net.

Who's to blame?

This week I had the opportunity to sit and watch some cases being conducted over the welfare of children in the county. I was shocked and confused as to what I saw.

All this time I thought that with all the children being abandoned, abused, neglected and murdered under the care of Department of Children and Families the agency was to blame. I, like a lot of others in the community, felt that DCF was not doing their job by looking out for the welfare of the children. I thought that somehow if we fixed the department, many children could be saved and if they had been more vigilant many children would have not suffered at the hands of the ones who were supposed to love them.

After sitting all day in the juvenile court watching quietly, I discovered something very disturbing; DCF is not totally to blame and maybe not to blame at all.

I watched defense attorneys for the parents argue how the children should be returned to parents with no regard for the children or what was best for them. The parents were free of drugs only a few weeks out of jail, for only a short periods of time, and some were still on drugs and could not get treatment because of their refusal to quit the drugs they were getting from "doctors," and I use this term lightly as most were getting their drugs from pain clinics (pill mills).

What I saw next was so disturbing that I thought I was in a dream. The magistrate who provided over the proceedings seemed to be angry at every little thing DCF said or objected to. As DCF and the Guardian ad litem representatives, whose job it is to watch out for the children, objected to defense attorney's motions to reunite the children with the parents until the parents could show that they could care for their children safely, the magistrate seemed to be a defense attorney for the parents and not looking out for the children's best interest.

There was no evidence provided by the parents that they had truly straightened up their lives and were ready to responsible parents, none!

One mother was even caught in a lie and this magistrate just seemed to overlook that fact. After that day, I have a new reality about our system and believe that if these people we put over the welfare of our children are not listened to how can we expect to see anything other than what we read in the papers?

These are truly the children lost, they have no hope of a better life as long as we leave these people in charge and when we do give them someone to watch over them the magistrates, judges and others with the power cannot be allowed to tie their hands.

So next time you see a headline where a child is found dead at the hands of someone who loved them, or a child so neglected that their eyes show the emptiness of their souls, don't assume DCF has failed them. Maybe the blame needs to be placed at the door steps of the ones who are truly at fault.

Stop sensationalizing

We are heading to our summer place in Maine next week. One thing that I will not miss is the local TV news-

casts. I have seen newscasts in at least 25 states and I have never seen any as bad as the ones that we get here. They sensationalize everything, whether it is the weather or a murder.

Do they really think that we care which station has it first or has the "inside" information Report the news. Don't try to influence the news or make it sound like it's a matter of life or death.

No credit to Obama

To the readers who chose to recently pass out kudos to Obama, let me remind them that Osama bin Laden was taken out by intelligence gathering that George Bush put into place when he was POTUS.

The economy is still tanked, jobs are scarce, unemployment is not improving, illegals are still pouring over our Southern borders and none of these issues have been successfully addressed by the current administration.

As one reader suggested we will not shut up and on November 2012, our voices will be heard loud and clear.

Missing puzzle piece

If there is one piece of the health-care puzzle that is most needed, it is tort reform. Greedy trial lawyers have made an expensive joke of our medical system.

Health care is not a science. America may have the best care in the world, but things do go wrong. No amount of litigation is going to make it better, but does make it more expensive.

The price of medical malpractice insurance is huge. To protect themselves, doctors routinely order unneeded but costly tests and procedures. In the end, taxpayers foot the bill.

Campaign contributions from the trial lawyers lobby put politicians in their debt and should be thoroughly exposed.

No raises for teachers

Another school district is facing a militant teacher's union determined to get a 5.5 percent pay raise, plus additional costs because teachers get seniority increases and additional pay for earning graduate credits or college degrees.

Pity the poor taxpayer.

Here's a way to cut spending

To those on the left who say there is no way to cut government spending, consider scrapping the redevelopment assistance capital program, which pumps billions of taxpayer dollars into private developments, factories, colleges and museums.

Entrenched politicians love RACP. They use it to get campaign contributions. Taxpayers who are forced to pay the costs hate it.

Taxpayers get stuck in the end

A clear point of consensus is government made a huge mistake guaranteeing mortgage-financing grants to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. It cost the taxpayers to the tune of \$150 billion and counting.

The best way for government to improve home financing is to leave it to the profit-making sector.

If a private lender makes too many bad loans, he fails. Washington just borrows more money and hopes the voters forget by the time the next election rolls around. In the end, taxpayers get stuck with the tab.

Change the status quo

Despite what they will tell you, public school teachers have the best of all worlds.

They have a virtual guarantee of lifetime employment. Under-performing teachers have become nearly impossible to fire. Fewer than one out of every 1,000 tenured teachers has been successfully fired and that is usually for serious misconduct, not poor teaching.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie hit the nail on the head when he said that teaching is the only profession where there are no rewards for excellence and no consequences for failure.

Although the teacher's union will object, the status quo has got to change.

Don't reduce social programs

Reducing the federal deficit is very necessary, but doing so by reducing social programs on the needy and at the

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Attorney attends conference for estate planning experts

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TREASURE COAST — Robert J. Kulas, Treasure Coast estate planning attorney, attended an educational conference in New Orleans during the second week of May, hosted by the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys.

The academy is the national educational organization promoting excellence in estate planning by providing member attorneys with research and vital updates in estate, tax and business planning laws since 1993.

Mr. Kulas received training on: using irrevocable trusts for eligibility planning and asset protection, new strategies and advance planning

with the new tax law and ethics case studies: best practices and biggest blunders.

"Academy summits are grounded in sessions focusing on legal education and practice management techniques for our members. As always, our agenda is filled with those core topics, but at this event we're not content with what is happening now. We're looking to make sure our members are relevant in the future, as well," said Robert Armstrong, president of the American Academy.

"With sessions discussing the importance of search engine optimization and our culture's shift to mobile communication it's important that our attorneys have a strong presence in both the community where they live,

as well as their online community," he said.

Sessions such as the future of legal services underscore the fact that attorneys, as trusted advisors to their client's legacies, need to understand how to communicate with the next generation.

Mr. Kulas focuses his practice exclusively on estate, legacy and elder-law planning.

"I make it a point to attend the academy summits because I recognize the value in continuing education and networking with like-minded attorneys," Mr. Kulas said.

"Serving the needs of our clients has always been the primary aim of my firm. It's imperative to be knowledgeable about the latest plan-

ning techniques, especially with the recent federal estate tax law changes.

"There are many strategies for planning and I want to know what legal strategies are being used by the leading estate planning attorneys in the country," he said.

The Kulas law firm has devoted its practice to estate planning matters for the last 27 years. It has been a member of the academy for 18 years and is one of only seven firms accepted into the academy in Florida.

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Foundation to receive grants totaling \$5,000

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Toyota of Vero Beach presented \$2,500 to the Education Foundation of Indian River County to accompany a donation of \$2,500 from Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A.

The grant funds will be used to purchase socks and sneakers for more than 280 economically disadvantaged students.

Each school year more than 2,000 public school students benefit from this program.

The goal is to keep chil-

dren in need, in grades K-12, on a path of learning with renewed self-esteem.

The sneakers allow the students to participate safely in all school activities.

The Education Foundation of Indian River County is the designated education foundation for the School District of Indian River County.

Each county in Florida has a designated education foundation that develops and fosters business and community partnerships to enrich and enhance learning in public schools.

One of the most impor-

tant roles of education foundations is to link and engage business leaders who have the potential to invest in public education through financial donations and volunteer services.

Toyota of Vero Beach wanted to further support its impact on the community by recognizing the Education Foundation of Indian River County.

"Toyota of Vero Beach has been proud to be a part of the Vero Beach community since 1987," said Bob Quail, owner-operator of Toyota of Vero Beach.

"Throughout that time,

we have supported the community and the Education Foundation in many ways," he said.

The Toyota dealer match program enables dealer contributions to make a great impact on the community.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Indian River County Chamber of Commerce encourages local businesses to send in nominations for the 2011 Industry Appreciation awards program.

Nominations are due in to the chamber office by 5 p.m. on July 29.

Applications are available at the chamber, from committee volunteers, and on the chamber's website www.indianriverchamber.com, under the economic development/programs page.

Award recipients will be recognized at the chamber's annual Industry Appreciation awards luncheon in September.

"We do this in conjunc-

tion with the governor's annual Business Diversification awards program," said Helene Caseltine, economic development director for the chamber.

"We think it's important to recognize the achievements of our local businesses and all they add to the quality of life we enjoy in Indian River County," she said.

The awards program is part of the chamber's overall economic development strategy as it relates to business retention and expansion.

Categories include awards for new commercial, industrial and residential construction; commercial redevelopment projects and building renovations, including historic renovations; and green construction for those incorporating the

use of recycled materials or producing an eco-friendly style.

Construction projects are recognized for architectural aesthetics, as well as the benefit to the immediate area and pedestrian-friendly layout.

Commercial and industrial projects must be substantially completed with a certificate of occupancy issued between Aug. 1, 2010 and July 29.

During the awards luncheon, the chamber will also honor a Manufacturer of the Year, Latin Business of the Year, plus small, medium and large Companies of the Year.

Considerations for the 2011 Manufacturer of the Year include the company's role as a "contributory" business, meaning the company sells or distributes the majority of its products or services outside the local market.

Additional criteria include: higher-than-average wages for their employees; an increase in productivity within the industry and the company's economic impact.

Company of the Year and Latin Business of the Year nominees have similar criteria with a stronger emphasis on the company's work environment, its economic impact on the community and the company's civic involvement.

For more information, call (772) 567-3491, Ext. 121.

Obituaries

Paul Richard Osborne

Paul Richard Osborne, 68, died May 8, 2011.

He was born in Louisville, Ky., and lived in Sebastian for 18 years.

He served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by a son, Richard; a daughter, Ellen; a brother, Robert; a sister, Patricia; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Clarence.

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Constance 'Connie' Young Rasmussen

Constance "Connie" Young Rasmussen, 77, of Sebastian, died May 12, 2011.

She was born April 21, 1934 in Burlington, Vt., and lived in Sebastian for 20 years.

She was of Catholic faith. She is survived by a son Michael; three sisters, Viola, Laurette and Bertha; two brothers, Howard and Earl and a granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Al and Allen; a daughter, Pamela; her parents, Fred and Jennie; two brothers, Preston and Fred and two sisters, Melda and Marie.

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Dorothy Ann Whelden

Dorothy Ann Whelden, 80, died May 12, 2011.

She was born in Nantucket, Mass., and lived in Barefoot Bay for nine years.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Robert; two daughters, Lee and Debbie; a brother, Joseph; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Donnie and Bobby and a brother, Richard.

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Nancy Reed Noblet

Nancy Reed Noblet, 81, died May 13, 2011.

She was born in Harrisburg, Penn., and lived in Barefoot Bay for 23 years.

She was a member of Roseland United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a son, Fred; a daughter, Bonnie; a brother, Samuel; a sister, Shirley and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred.

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Patrick M. Maltby

Patrick M. Maltby, 71 of Sebastian, died May 12, 2011.

He was born in Marion, Ind., and moved to Sebastian in 1976.

He attended St. Sebastian Catholic Church.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

He worked for Piper Aircraft for 26 years.

He is survived by two sons, Shawn and Michael; a brother, Tom; a sister, Ann and six grandchildren.

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Pearl Lee Cole

Pearl Lee Cole, 89, of Sebastian, died May 13, 2011.

She was born in Estill County, Ky., and lived in Sebastian for 29 years.

She is survived by a son, Tom and two grandsons.

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Jacob Matthew Pierce

Jacob Matthew Pierce, 19, died May 16, 2011.

He was born in Melbourne and lived in Barefoot Bay.

He was a bus boy at Eagles Nest Restaurant in Sebastian.

He attended St. Sebastian Catholic Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth; his parents, Sandra and Esau; two sisters, Brianna and Felicia; a grandfather, Charles and a grandmother, Margarita.

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Barbara Jean 'Bobbie' Kelly

Barbara Jean "Bobbie" Kelly, 70, died May 17, 2011.

She was born in Hampton, Va., and lived in Sebastian for 39 years.

She was a member of Eagles Aerie No.4067 in Sebastian.

She is survived by her husband of 20 years, Richard; a daughter, Kristina and one grandchild.

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Rants

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same time refusing to consider raising taxes on the wealthy is not being a responsible legislator.

Reduce military budget

One area to reduce spending would be the military budget.

Over the years, the military budget has grown as the U.S. attempts to be the policeman of the world. At last count, the Pentagon had 865 military bases in more than 40 countries. We have established an empire, much like other countries have done throughout the centuries. We all know what happened to those countries that have established empires in the past. The same fate awaits us if we do not start now to reduce our military exposure through-

out the world.

More harm than good?

The U.S. spent \$698 billion on the military in 2010 while China spent \$119 billion. President Eisenhower warned America about the growth of the military industrial complex. With every passing year, the military consumes more of our tax dollars. To feed the military with more tax dollars results in fewer dollars being spent on needed social and educational programs.

Our military presence throughout the world many times does more harm than good. We did not like the British Redcoats in the English colonies during our early period. Let us not forget the Boston Tea Party and the Boston Massacre.

We have been told over and over again about our presence in Iraq and Afghanistan that we are alienating precisely the people we claim to be saving for democracy.

In summary, bring our troops home. Let us dismantle the American empire that has grown larger and larger since World War II. Maintaining the American empire is very

costly and not in our best interest or anyone else, except the military industrial complex.

Blaming Obama

We don't have to look very far to see why it costs so much to fill up the gas tank in the family car. Trillion dollar deficits lead to weakening the dollar, which makes foreign oil more expensive.

Our muddled policy toward Libya and the Middle East has worsened the uncertainty there. And, President Obama's off-shore drilling ban restricts supply and raises prices.

Current policies in Washington threaten to make the situation worse, not better.

Someone's speaking out

Finally, we have someone speaking out about the pathetic state of our legal system.

Pennsylvania Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille, criticizing a 100-page filing by government lawyers, called it "perverse." The so-called "brief" seeks to delay and frustrate the legitimate exercise of the death penalty.

Long-running litigation has angered prosecutors, police officers and relatives of victims. Many appeals, some frivolous, continue for decades.

Defense lawyers, using funds supplied by Washington, love the current system and provide massive campaign contributions to politicians who permit it to continue endlessly.

Suggestions need work

Suggestions that in order to avoid bankruptcy the U.S. should limit the growth of Social Security and Medicare are considered to be the third rail of politics.

The Department of Commerce reports that Americans' spending on luxury items, including jewelry, yachts, sports cars, alcoholic beverages and candy, has risen to 11.2 percent of total consumption spending, up from 4 percent in 1959.

Sounds like if we really want to save our country, we could do so rather easily, without too much sacrifice.

Look at the advantages

There may be some advantages to having an independent central bank run by Wall Street professionals who can keep their distance from politicians, but these advantages are few.

When people are at the apex of such banks, they are particularly vulnerable to deceitful political types. When everything runs smoothly, these institutions lumber forward at great risk from the Washington power brokers.

When things go badly, you can be sure that politicians will deny any involvement and try to cast blame on everyone but themselves.

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The authors of this 2011 Summer Local Business Update suggest that you stop by **Learning Nest** at 1088 Barber St. in Sebastian, phone (772) 589-3288 or at **Tiny Treasures** at 326 S. Wimbrow Dr. in Sebastian, phone (772) 388-9200, and check out the best in childcare! Visit their website at www.learning-tracks.com.

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Out & about

THROUGH TUESDAY, MAY 31

• **Invitational exhibition** is an open show to all artists, and on display will be some of the finest works on the Treasure Coast and beyond. The gallery will be brimming with beautiful and unusual works in all mediums including sculpture. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Our Father's Table of Gifford. New works by gallery artists and consignors will also be on display in a vast array of styles and mediums, including sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, pottery, glass and prints. The largest and most diverse gallery in Vero Beach, it is located at 1974 14th Ave. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and by special appointment. For more information and for the Gallery art class schedule, call (772) 299-1234, or visit www.artists-guildgalleryverobeach.com.

SATURDAY, MAY 28

• **Artistry in Motion** presents their annual spring dance recital "The Pulse" at 5:00 pm at the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center at 1707 16th St., Vero Beach. Dance styles performed will include lyrical, modern, jazz, hip hop, tap and ballet. Tickets can be purchased at the studio, 2005 14th Ave, downtown Vero Beach or by calling (772) 299-5339. General admission is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

• **Earl's fourth annual Riverfront Music and Memorial Day full honors ceremony**, beginning at 2 p.m. outside the Tiki Bar and Memorial flag corner, Earl's Music Fest begins immediately afterward. Everyone is welcome and the festival is free. For more information, call (772) 801 6099. *Earl's Hideaway is located at 1405 Indian River Drive, Sebastian. Visit www.earlshideaway.com.*

MONDAY, MAY 30

• **Memorial Day observance at the Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary**, located on the river behind the Museum of Art, with a starting time of 9 a.m. The new starting time was instituted to allow county residents the opportunity to participate in both the Vero Beach and Sebastian ceremonies. In view of the increasing attendance at patriotic observances on

See OUT, B2

Audience with authors proves popular at bookstore



By Jessica Tuggle
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VERO BEACH — Bookstores and libraries are known as quiet environments where people can come and find a good book to read, but the Vero Beach Book Center is often full of laughter and talking when special visi-

tors arrive.

About 100 people gathered at the Vero Beach Book Center last week to meet popular author and frequent Vero Beach visitor Debbie Macomber.

Ms. Macomber, a *New York Times*, best-selling author, with more than 60 million books in print, regaled the crowd with

funny stories about her many travels from Washington state to Florida and took questions before signing books for her fans.

She was promoting a new book, "A Turn in the Road," that features three female characters on a road trip that takes them to Vero Beach.

Author Debbie Macomber visited Vero Beach Book Center last week to talk with fans and autograph copies of her new book, 'A Turn In The Road,' which involves characters on a road trip that passes through Vero Beach. The Vero Beach Book Center hosts nationally-known authors for book signings and speaking engagements throughout the year. To view calendar listings of authors scheduled for this summer, visit www.verobeachbook-center.com. Staff photo by Jessica Tuggle

Cynthia Grabenbauer, store manager, said bringing authors to the book center has always been a favorite of readers in the area and draws people from all over the Treasure and Space Coasts.

Pat Powers of Vero

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STAR SCOPES

James Tucker
Week of 5-27-2011

Aries-March 21-April 19

You have a full plate in life. You could say this is a feast in your honor. Everyone knows how responsible you are. Just be careful you don't get indigestion by taking on more than you can digest. Everyone has limits. Choice comes from instincts. Be open to listening and everything will work out well.

Taurus-April 20-May 20

Recent insight and learning has given ideas about how to make life work more smoothly. You are a tireless worker. You can always be counted on. You are always there for your friends. You have a good heart and spirit. These are the main tools for happiness. Just be sure to take care of your own emotional needs as well.

Gemini-May 21-June 21

Gemini is an air sign. Air represents the mind and communications. You were born to reach out and influence other's lives. The key to a sharp clear mind is an open, loving heart. Kind-minded Gemini's keep these channels open. The heart is the motivator to action. When you achieve positive results it's because you are open and flowing.

Cancer-June 22-July 22

A moon child is a water sign. Water represents the heart and emotions. You were born with a great heart and you know how to use it. It is like radar monitoring the energy of those around you. You are sensitive to this energy. This strong nature makes you a star in service and help to family and friends. No one does it better.

Leo-July 23-Aug. 22

Get focused, stay on the edge and take care of details. The big things are made up of many little things. Touch all the bases on your journey. You have a double set of skills. You work well as an individual, but you also are an excellent team player. This dual leadership is a great asset when starting, managing and finishing prime projects.

Virgo-Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You have a strong belief in doing things right. This is a major factor in your personal, professional and social success. When you get that "right" feeling nothing can slow you down or stop you from victory over life. Your large reservoir of

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Blading for a cause

Man to skate his age in miles, donate proceeds

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — With eight wheels, two legs and one determined heart, one Indian River County resident is giving back on his birthday.

Bill Penney, president and CEO of Marine Bank and Trust, will celebrate his birthday by rollerblading along the Indian River County coastline, raising funds for the American Red Cross.

For the second time in a decade, Mr. Penney will skate as many miles as his age, making his route this year a total of 55 miles. Mr. Penney is collecting pledges per mile and will donate the entire proceeds this year to the American Red Cross North Treasure Coast chapter.

His skate will be held on



Bill Penney

June 4 along Highway A1A beginning at approximately 6 a.m., weather permitting, and he plans to skate the entire 55 miles non-stop. He estimates it will take about six hours total.

"This is something I've done for a while now," Mr. Penney said.

Skating his age in miles was something Mr. Penney started 11 years ago for himself, but added a charity component the year he turned 50. That year, he raised more than \$5,000 for the United Way of Indian River County.

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Club promoting civic pride, community cooperation

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VERO BEACH — The Garden Club of Indian River County, a nonprofit organization, is reaching out to other nonprofits within the county asking for input as to how to work together on landscaping projects.

As a result of its fundraising efforts, including the annual Gardenfest! celebration and the sale of its annual Garden Club Christmas ornament, the GCIRC is looking for landscaping projects to give back to the community.

This club committee will review specific requests, conduct interviews and perform on-site evaluations before selecting projects for support. Project outlines must include as much information as possible,

be of a moderate size and must include irrigation provided by the requesting agency.

Once the project is completed, the responsibility for maintaining the project/landscaping rests solely with the recipient.

Inquiries would be appreciated before the end of May, so the civic committee has an opportunity to review requests and put them on its fall agenda.

Through its community outreach, educational programs and ongoing support of its civic projects mission the GCIRC has enhanced, preserved and beautified the permanent landscape of Indian River County.

The planting of oaks on Victory Boulevard in 1944 by the Garden Club is one example of the

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Out

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Memorial Island, it is recommended that you bring participants bring folding chairs and come by 8:30 a.m. The public is invited and handicapped transportation will be provided to the ceremony.

• Fourth annual Senior Resource Association Freedom 5K run/walk: Awards, entertainment, raffles, food and fun for the kids. All proceeds benefit the Senior Resource Association. This year, there will be a 1-mile fun run, great for kids and beginners. Registration begins at 6 a.m. 5K at 7 a.m. and 1-mile fun run, 7:30 a.m. Entry fees: 5 \$20 in advance, \$25 on race day. T-shirts guaranteed to first 150 registered. Fun run, \$5 age 12 and under, \$10 for 13 and up. Visit www.sra5k.com or call (772) 469-3146 for more information.

• Memorial Day Remembrance at 11 a.m. at Riverview Park, Sebastian. The VFW Post 10210 and the American Legion Post 189, Sebastian, in conjunction with the city of Sebastian and other local veterans' organizations will present a special

Remembrance Day program to the public honoring those who gave their lives to our country to preserve our freedoms. Refreshments will be available at the VFW and American Legion Posts after the ceremony.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

• Literacy tutor training workshop: Literacy Services of Indian River County, a United Way nonprofit agency partner, is providing a free workshop (snacks provided) to train prospective tutors to become volunteer tutors, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Vero library. RSVP by calling (772) 778-2223.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4-SUNDAY, JUNE 5

• Vero Beach gun, knife and outdoor gear show at the Indian River County Fairgrounds. This event will take place on Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be outdoor gear, hunting products, new and used firearms and many other items. The fee is \$6 for adults and under 14 is free. For more information, call (772) 228-6045 or visit www.patriotshows.com.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 11

• Beach blanket sock hop: The Oceanside Business Association Sunset Saturday night concert series presents a beach blanket sock hop with music by the Beach Cruisers, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Humiston Park on Ocean Drive in Vero Beach. Featured charity is Youth Guidance. For more information, visit www.VeroBeachOBA.com.

• The annual Dance Space Spectacular show will be held at the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dance styles performed will include jazz, ballet, lyrical, modern, tap and hip hop. Tickets are \$20 and are on sale at the VBHS box office and will be available at the door. All seating is reserved. To purchase tickets, call (772) 564-5537. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Visit www.dancespacevero.com for more information. The Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center is located at 1707 16th St., Vero Beach.

ONGOING EVENTS

• Sunset Saturday night concerts: The Oceanside Business Association of Vero Beach's Sunset Saturday night concerts moves to Humiston Park and Ocean Drive April 9 through November. The Idol Gossip Swing/Big Band will perform from 6:30-9:30 p.m. It's free, bring your friends and family. For more information, visit www.VeroBeachOBA.com.

• Sunset at the Plaza sponsored by Mulligan's Beach House will have arts, crafts, live music, kids eat free and more every Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the Vero Beach Mulligan's, 1025 Beachland Blvd., Vero Beach.

ART GALLERIES

• Artists Guild Gallery, 1974 14th Ave., Vero Beach. Call (772) 299-1234 or visit www.artistsguildgalleryverobeach.com.

• The Gallery at Windsor, 10680 Belvedere Square, Vero Beach. By appointment only. (772) 388-4071.

• Gallery 14, 1911 14th Ave., Vero Beach. (772) 562-5525

• The Laughing Dog Gallery, 2910 Cardinal Drive, Vero Beach. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. (772) 234-6711

• Tiger Lily Art Studios and Gallery, 1903 14th Ave., Vero Beach. (772) 778-3443.

BARS AND CLUBS

• Bodega Blue, 2115 14th Ave., Vero Beach. Call (772) 569-4400.

• Capt. Hiram's Resort, 1580 U.S. 1, Sebastian. For a

look at the full entertainment lineup, visit www.hirams.com. (772) 589-4345

• Duke's Lounge, every Friday night, alternative night club. 4700 N. A-1-A, Vero Beach. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Call (772) 231-1600.

• Earl's Hideaway Lounge and Tiki Bar, 1405 Indian River Drive, Sebastian. Live Delta Blues music Tuesday nights by Ernie Southern. (772) 589-5700, (772) 388-2597 or www.earlshideaway.com.

• Kelley's Irish Pub, 484 21st St., B, Vero Beach, Friday night sing-along in the piano bar. (772) 567-3838

• Long Branch Saloon, 2199 Seventh Ave., Vero Beach. (772) 569-4075

• Marsh Landing, 44 N. Broadway St., Fellsmere: Folk/acoustic duo HairPeace every Saturday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Call for other entertainment schedules. (772) 571-8622.

• Morrissey's Irish Pub, live music every Saturday night from 8 p.m.-midnight. 740 S. Fleming St., Sebastian. (772) 589-1238.

• Riverside Cafe, 1 Beachland Blvd., Vero Beach, Live entertainment. (772) 234-5550

• Stax Restaurant, 1931 Old Dixie Highway, Vero Beach has live music every Friday and Saturday night. Call (772) 563-8414 for band information.

To have your upcoming event listed here, send an e-mail to news@hometownnewsol.com.

Authors

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Beach was thrilled to be able to meet Ms. Macomber, one of her favorite authors and listen to her speak.

She said Ms. Macomber writes in a very relatable way and that all of her books have a thread of hope woven into them.

Barbara Creran drove to Vero Beach from Grant to get several copies of the new book signed to share with friends and family.

"She is a very sweet lady," said Ms. Creran

Next to visit Vero Beach is *New York Times* best-selling author Karen White, promoting her book, "The Beach Trees," which debuted at No. 15 on *The New York Times* best-seller list. She will hold a book signing event on June 1 at 7 p.m.

Author Dianne Marcum will present her staycation-themed book, "Cape Canaveral, Cocoa Beach and Florida's Space Coast," on June 2 at 7 p.m.

Ms. Marcum will go over some of the intriguing places to visit not far from Indian River County and sign books.

On June 15 at 6 p.m., author Kelle Groom will present her memoir, "I Wore The Ocean In The Shape Of A Girl," chronicling her life, alcohol addictions, teen pregnancy and loss of her son.

No. 1 bestselling novelist David Baldacci, known for his thrillers, such as "Absolute Power," will present a new book with a different approach said Ms. Grabenbauer.

"It's a little more Nicholas Sparks in his new book," she said, referring to yet another popular author who often writes with a romantic theme.

He will visit Vero Beach on June 20 at 7 p.m. for a book signing event.

On June 24 at 1 p.m., former U.S. Senator from Florida and former Florida Gov. Bob Graham will present a new novel, a political thriller, based on actual events, "Keys to the Kingdom."

The suspense novel follows the murder of a fictional senator on the Sept. 11 congressional inquiry commission and subsequent hunt for justice by an ex-special forces operative the senator confided in.

Author Daniel Morton will hold a book signing event on June 25 at 1 p.m. He will be presenting his book, "Eyes of the Ocean," a suspense novel about a man who must deal with the murder of his wife and kidnapping of his daughter.

More authors will be added for July and subsequent summer months, so check the bookstore website for updates.

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Luau to take place June 4

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Youth Guidance 34th annual Tropical Night Luau is June 4, from 7-11p.m., at the Quail Valley River Club featuring the band Gypsy Lane.

The event will include

dancing, steel drums, Caribbean buffet, a cash bar and a silent auction with items including luxury vacations and autographed memorabilia.

Cost is \$60.

For more information, call (772) 770-5040, or visit www.ircyouth.com.

Student's artwork on display



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

The 2011 Indian River County student juried exhibition at the Vero Beach Museum of Art ends May 29. The exhibit features artwork from students all over Indian River County. Long-time docent Toni Hamner gave students from the VBHS Freshman Learning Center a tour last Friday.

Youth sailing to start in June

For Hometown News
News@hometownnewsol.com

TREASURE COAST — The Treasure Coast Youth Sailing Foundation's fifth season of summer sailing classes for children ages 7 to 14, will start June 13 at Jaycee Park in Fort Pierce.

Beginner, intermediate and advanced sailing classes are offered. Students applying for intermediate or advanced classes must have completed the foundation's beginner class or equivalent. Those applying for beginner class must show the ability to swim and have their own life vest.

Instruction is given in Oppi sailing prams, provided by the foundation, with students skipping their own boats.

Instructions are provided by Capt. Jaye Melanson, a certified sailing instructor, assisted by Brent Beringhaus.

Each class is for five days, starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m. Each class is limited to 10 students, but students may apply for multiple classes.

The cost for a one-week

class is \$195. Lunches are available at an additional cost of \$25.

A limited number of free tuitions, with lunch included, are available for children from qualifying low-income families.

Applications for class reservations and financial aid are available on the foundation's website: tcysf.homestead.com.

Applications may be found and completed on the website, then printed and mailed to the foundation to reserve a class.

Final registration will take place on June 4-5, at Jaycee Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Treasure Coast Youth Sailing Foundation is a nonprofit, public charity sponsored by the Fort Pierce Yacht Club and the city of Fort Pierce. It is supported by tuition fees and donations by individuals and businesses on the Treasure Coast. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information, call (772) 465-7720 or (772) 332-1732 or visit tcysf.homestead.com.

Blading

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Now five years later, his trek will take him from the South Beach area up to the Sebastian Inlet and back, with several winding roads added to the A1A path to equal 55 miles.

While Mr. Penney enjoys roller blading in general, he is hopeful that members of the community will step up and offer per mile, or flat pledges, to help the American Red Cross provide more relief supplies to people in need.

"I've long admired the great work of the American Red Cross in our community and across the country, so it wasn't difficult to decide to skate for them this time around," Mr. Penney said in a press release.

In addition to sheltering people in disasters, the American Red Cross provides food and emotional support to survivors of disasters, teaches life-saving skills, provides international humanitarian aid and supports military members and their families.

The local American Red

Cross chapter was excited to learn of Mr. Penney's decision to raise the funds for them this time.

"This is such a unique and unexpected fundraiser for us," said Sarah Tippet Ruwe, CEO of the American Red Cross North Treasure Coast Chapter in a press release.

"We are thrilled that Bill decided to include our organization in the fun this time around," she said.

For more information, or to make a donation, call (772) 562-2549. Checks can be sent to American Red Cross North Treasure Coast Chapter, 2506 17th Ave., Vero Beach. Attention: Bill Penney Skate. Secure online donations can also be made at www.pbtcredcross.org/skat e55.

Scopes

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love, patience and understanding is icing on the cake. A sweet life is on the way.

Libra-Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Live life like there is no tomorrow. True, you have to plan for tomorrow, but stay focused on doing what you love today. Staying centered and following your heart is the key to happiness. Your passion for life is another of your special gifts. If your heart isn't in it, don't do it. Life is going your way. Nothing can stop you now.

Scorpio-Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Keep striving for spiritual balance. Stay active and keep moving. Focus on fun things and laugh a lot. If it doesn't bring joy, don't do it. Resist acting until you feel inspiration. Then bring your visions into realities. When you live this way you honor the ancient universal law of be fruitful and multiply.

Sagittarius-Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Courage in the face of adversity is one of your greatest virtues. When the chips are down, you keep an eye on the goal and keep on keeping on. You make a good captain of the ship. You always bring it safely through the storm. Be sure to take a break after meeting great challenges. This recharge time gives you the vision and energy for the next journey.

Capricorn-Dec. 22-Jan. 19

When you choose to let your higher nature and purpose guide you, you find patience

and wiser decisions are made. The lower nature ruled by the ego wants it all now. Separate positive ideas from the negatives and work on the most important positives first. Your inner guidance will tell you when to act. This is a winning formula.

Aquarius-Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Strong attention to details continues to bring positive results to your life. Another reason is the good heartedness and nurturing you give others. Life, adventure and nature are your true domains. You calculate the odds and then take action. These three virtues separate you from the masses and make you a champion in all you try.

Pisces-Feb. 19-March 20

Pisces is the omega of the zodiac family. Your strong, sensitive inner nature and guidance is the fuel for your spirit. You refuse to let the world or negative people pull you too far away from your center. Give thanks daily for this greatest of universal blessings. It is the light and power to keep you going no matter what challenge is facing you.

— James Tucker

Club

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Salads, cheddar biscuits

Hello, smart shoppers. This week's column will give you delicious, famous biscuits to add to your meal and my Italian salad dressing for your salad.

ROMANCING THE STOVE
with the Grammy Guru
ARLENE BORG



4 tablespoons cold butter (1/2 stick)
3/4-cup whole milk
1 heaping cup grated Cheddar cheese

Topping:

2 tablespoons butter
1/4-teaspoon parsley flakes, dried
1/4-teaspoon garlic powder

The original recipe has you cutting the cold butter into the Bisquick using a pastry cutter or large fork. Not only is this difficult to do, it is time consuming; try it my way.

Using a food processor place in the bowl the Bisquick, salt, the 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder and cold butter cut up into chunks; pulse until butter is the size of small peas. Dump into medium-size bowl, add
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CHEESE BISCUITS
Makes 12 (NIB)

You can make them lower fat by using low-fat ingredients but for a special occasion, I would choose the original way. I haven't made them yet but will this week. Let me know what you think. Preheat oven to 400 degrees (be sure to use an oven thermometer as most ovens are not very accurate. Preheat for 20 minutes.

Biscuits:

2-1/2 cups Bisquick baking mix
pinch salt
1/2-teaspoon garlic powder

Computers add an amazing dimension to our recipe needs. When a reader can't find a recipe for something she's had in a restaurant, she can just check her computer or write to me with a request. When I don't have the recipe, I turn to my computer and do some research. There are several sites that offer copy-cat recipes, usually for free. When Elsie Gordon asked if I had a recipe for Red Lobster's delicious cheese biscuits I was able to find many to pass on to you. This one sounds like the best choice. Enjoy, see you next week.

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Clubs & classes

CLUBS

•**The GFWC Treasure Coast Women** meet the first Monday of each month at the Community Center, 2266 14th Ave., at 7 p.m. Women over 18 are welcome. This is a community service volunteer organization and that promotes fellowship among women. For more information, visit www.gfwctreasurecoast-women.org

•**Exchange Club of Indian River** meets Wednesdays from noon-1 p.m. at Culinary Capers, 737 22nd St., Vero Beach. This civic club is a group of men and women working together to make the community a better place to live. For more information, call (772) 532-4398, e-mail to bluewateropen@gmail.com, or visit, www.exchangeclubofindianriver.org and www.bluewateropen.org.

•**The Sebastian Fishin' Chic's** meet the last Thursday of the month, at the Sebastian Entertainment Center. For more information, call Michelle Barkley, at (772) 473-9462, Kristen Beck, at (772) 794-9900, or Karen Herndon, at (772) 633-2043.

•**The Mental Health Association in Indian River County bipolar support group** will meet at the Mental Health Association offices at 777 37th St., Suite D-105, Vero Beach, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Family members and loved ones are also welcome to attend. For more information, call (772) 569-9788.

•**Treasure Coast Archeological Society for Treasure Hunting and Metal Detecting** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the North County Indian River Library on County Road 512 in Sebastian. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information, call (321) 388-9047.

•**Humanists at Barefoot Bay** meets the second Saturday of every month at the South Mainland Library, 7921 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco, at 2 p.m. All compassionate and critical thinkers are invited.

For more information, call (772) 664-0170, or e-mail downeast_ggo@bellsouth.net

•**TOPS 641:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Chapter No. 641 meets every Thursday at the Roseland Fire Department, located on 129th Court, off Roseland Road in Sebastian. Weigh-in is from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 8:30 a.m. For information call (772)589-8445.

•**TOPS 470:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Micco Chapter No. 470 meets every Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the South Mainland Library, 7921 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco, next to Barefoot Bay. New members are always

welcome. For more information, call (772) 388-3984.

•**Rotary Club of Sebastian** meets at 12:15 p.m. every Thursday at Sebastian River Medical Center, 13695 U.S. 1, Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 360-5837 or visit www.sebastian-rotaryclub.org.

•**Quilting bee:** Join the ladies of Christ the King Lutheran Church for quilting the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Christ the King is located at 1301 Sebastian Blvd., Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 589-7117.

•**Personal Computer Users Club** meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the North County Library, 1001 County Road 512, Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 388-5248.

•**COPE Support Group:** The Indian River County Council on Aging with the Visiting Nurse Association offers a support group to help caregivers cope with the day-to-day care of a loved one. The group meets the third Thursday of every month from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Presbyterian Church, 1405 Louisiana Ave., Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 569-0760.

•**Democratic Club of Barefoot Bay:** Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Building D-E at the Golf Course in Barefoot Bay. For more information, call (772) 664-3895.

•**Asthmatics** meets on Mondays at 4:30 p.m., in the South mainland community center, 3700 Allen Ave., Micco. Cost is \$5 per class.

•**Chess Club** meets the first and third Monday each month from 4 to 6 p.m. at the North Indian River County Library, 1001 Sebastian Blvd., Sebastian. Open to all ages.

•**American Cancer Society, North Indian River, board of directors meeting** is held on the third Thursday of the month at noon at Seacoast National Bank, U.S. 1, Sebastian.

•**Man-to-Man North Indian River, prostate cancer support group,** meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Sebastian River Medical Center dining room, 13695 U.S. 1, Sebastian

CLASSES

•**The Sebastian Community Center,** located at 1805 N. Central Ave. in Sebastian will have the following dance lessons:

Swing dance lessons will be held at on the second Saturday of each month, taught by instructors Jerry Morrison and Michele Holm at 7 p.m. For all levels of dancers. Open dance follows the lesson at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10, and includes entry to the dance that follows. Snacks will be

provided and water is available for purchase.

Swing dance lessons for beginners will be held every Wednesday night, taught by instructors Jerry Morrison and Michele Holm at 7:30 p.m. Intermediate class at 8:30 p.m. No partners necessary. The class is \$10 per class or \$16 for both. The Sebastian Community Center is located at 1805 N. Central Ave., Sebastian.

For more information call (772) 532-2800.

•**Yoga classes** will be offered at the North Indian River County Library on the third Wednesday of each month from 4-5 p.m., with instructor Babaji Spina from the Kashi School of Yoga. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call (772) 589-1355.

•**Sebastian Senior Center:** The Sebastian Senior Center is located at 815 Davis St., Sebastian. Live music Tuesday through Friday from 9-11 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Classes of interest:

Mondays: nutrition bingo meets at 10 a.m.; Mahjong classes meet at 12:30 p.m.; art class meets at 1 p.m.; Weight Watchers meets at 5 p.m.; Tuesday: mindful breathing meets at 1 p.m.; lectures on wellness meets at 1 p.m.; Wednesday: chi-kung meets at 11 a.m.; cribbage and pinochle meets at 12:30 p.m.; Friday: TOPS meeting at 8 a.m.; Weight Watchers meets at 9 a.m.; Sing-a-longs with Bill and Jane at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call (772) 469-2062.

•**Kashi Ashram** is located at 11155 Roseland Road, Sebastian. For more information, (772) 589-1403, (800) 226-1008, or visit the Web site www.kashi.org.

•**Kali Natha yoga:** Based on yoga's ancient roots, this type of yoga is for everyone. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Thursdays at 8:30 a.m., Fridays at 8 a.m., Saturdays at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and Sundays at 9 a.m.

•**Kirtan (devotional chanting):** Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Donations accepted.

•**Meditation:** Wednesdays at 7 p.m. with Swami Moksha Ram.

•**Interfaith service:** Saturdays at 6 p.m. with May Jaya. Vegetarian meal follows at 8 p.m.

•**Pilates classes,** body sculpting, basic and beyond: Held every Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. All ages and levels welcome. The class fee is \$5. Classes are held at the Brevard South Mainland Library, 79411 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco. For more information call (772) 228-3040.

•**Taekwondo:** Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Jaya Sports Center, 11101 Roseland Road.

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Hurricane hanger party draws crowd

Three-year-old Teresa Mullarky and mom, Sharon, spin the wheel for a prize at the third annual American Red Cross Hurricane Hanger Party Friday, May 13, at Sun Aviation in Vero Beach. The party helps get people ready for hurricane season.



Cliff Partlow
staff photographer



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

The American Red Cross held its third annual Hurricane Hanger Party at Sun Aviation Friday, May 13. 'Big John' and OPM (Other Peoples Music) provided the music for the hurricane-preparedness event.



Kyle Goldsmith makes short work of his cotton candy during the third annual American Red Cross Hurricane Hanger Party Friday, May 13. Each year, the event brings together those who can help area residents in case of a hurricane or other natural disaster.

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Secure your computer every time you walk away

Do you "lock up" when you step away from your machine?

In today's climate of high-security consciousness, it's surprising to me just how many people answer no to that question.

If you use a computer in an environment that has any number of people coming and going, locking your machine when you step away really is a good habit to get into.

Sure, sure, I know what a lot of you are thinking: why should I lock up every time I step away? The only people around here are folks I trust! The answer is, frankly, you can never be too cautious.

When you leave your desktop unlocked, you risk not only someone walking up to your machine and stealing your private information, but someone, who you know and trust, accidentally messing something up.

For instance, I had a caller recently who stepped away from her keyboard to run to the store real quick and didn't lock up. Her kids were home with guests (all trusted adults) and when she returned, she found one of her kids' guests had jumped on her machine and downloaded (and installed) a bunch of stuff in her quest to instant message a friend online. All innocent enough, but now the system had additional toolbars installed, an instant messenger client popping



COMPUTE THIS
SEAN MCCARTHY

up all the time and the browser's start page had been changed. Boy, was this lady frustrated!

After spending some time cleaning her system and putting things back the way she liked them, we went over some basic security options that make securing (locking) her machine quick and easy.

First, each user account should be set with a password (you can set the password for your account in Windows by going to the control panel then user accounts).

Pick a password that's easy to remember, but hard for someone to guess (avoid things such as "12345" or birthdays of family members).

Next get into the habit of locking up right before you step away. On Windows machines if you hit ctrl + alt + del and then immediately hit enter, that will lock the machine.

Another option is to set the screen saver to lock when activated. The only problem with that is there is usually a period of time before it actually locks and in that time, anyone can stop it from locking just by moving the mouse.

Another objection people have to locking their machines is they don't want to have to enter their password

every time they return to their machine. It's a small price to pay but worth it.

But if you really, really don't want to have to enter your password all the time, there are ways to have your system recognize you without having to type a password.

You can get a relatively inexpensive USB fingerprint reader (some laptops are available with this as a built in feature) or (if you have a webcam hooked up to your pc) you can try a program such as KeyLemon software (www.keylemon.com) which compares your face to a previous snapshot, and if it's you sitting in front of the keyboard it unlocks it for you. (If it doesn't, for whatever reason, you still have the option to type in your password).

KeyLemon is available for download at www.keylemon.com but keep in mind; it's not free. There is a free trial, but the full version ranges from \$9.95 for the basic version to \$29.95 for gold. I've got it running on one of my machines and for the most part it works pretty well. The screen locks about a minute after I step away from the screen and when I come back, it recognizes my face and unlocks the computer.

Pretty cool if you ask me!

Sean McCarthy fixes computers. He can be reached at (772) 408-0680 or help@ComputeThisOnline.com (no hyphens).

Grammy

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cheese, mix with hands until combined. Add milk and mix gently.

Drop about 1/4-cup portions of dough onto ungreased cookie sheet using a 1/4-cup measuring cup or an ice cream scoop. Bake 10 to 15 minutes or until the tops have turned a light brown.

While biscuits are baking melt topping butter in a small microwave bowl, then mix in remaining ingredients. As soon as biscuits are done, use a pastry brush to top biscuits, being sure to use up all of the butter. Serve warm.

ITALIAN DRESSING

This dressing will keep in the refrigerator forever. It costs so much less to make a homemade dressing, not to mention the fact it is preservative free and good for you. If you find extra virgin olive oil is too heavy for your taste buds, use half olive and half canola oil.

When it comes to red wine vinegar, be sure to read the labels. Beware of red-wine flavored vinegar. It may cost a bit less than real red wine vinegar, but the flavor is not

there. Balsamic vinegar is excellent. Using half red wine and half balsamic vinegar creates a delicious dressing.

You are the chef, you've got the basic measurements and ingredients, now take it from there and change it at will.

- 2 cups extra virgin olive oil or 1/2 olive and 1/2 canola oils
- 1/2-cup red wine vinegar or half red wine and half balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried basil (optional)
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley (optional)
- 2 large cloves garlic, pressed
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard (optional)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2-teaspoon black pepper
- Shake all in a jar and refrigerate.

Now I'd like to make a chef out of you. Let's learn how to dress a salad as you go, instead of using a pre-made dressing.

You have to feel when it's right. When I "dress" a salad with feel, I omit the optional ingredients above and use garlic powder. Nothing is measured. You have to feel

how much.

Use salad greens and fixings of all descriptions, whatever you choose. Place in a bowl with cold water; add ice cubes. Let sit for about 10 minutes or until greens are crisp. Drain, blot excess moisture with paper towels.

Now get ready to "feel." Sprinkle salad with salt, pepper, oregano and garlic powder until you "feel" it's seasoned enough. Now lightly drizzle on the oils and very lightly drizzle on the vinegars. Remember, I said lightly; you can always add but you can't take away. Thoroughly mix the salad with the greatest utensils ever: your hands. Taste a leaf. Are you amazing? I bet you are!

When a recipe is not in my cookbook it will have (NIB) next to the title.

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Saddlebrook is great resort for sports fanatics

When I think about heading off to a resort for a weekend, the first things on my list of must-haves do not include a tiki bar, a recliner or a diving board.

When I heard I was heading across the state to Saddlebrook Resort, just north of Tampa, I was quite excited. I'd been to this resort about 13 years



ago. One thing I remember quite fondly about Saddlebrook is that it's a sports resort.

Two fantastic golf courses, more tennis courts than you can hope to play on, volleyball and

basketball courts, a sports field, a refreshing half-million gallon swimming pool and a European-style spa to soothe those aches from over-doing the sports thing.

This is not to say that one cannot relax and spend some quiet time at Saddlebrook. But for the sports nut, this resort is nirvana.

Saddlebrook features a unique walking-village setup with the pool, restaurants and shops in the center. This allows guests to stroll right from their accommodations to meeting rooms, restaurants, shops and recreation.

My wife and daughter are not the biggest sports nuts around. Because of that, I was a little unsure if they would enjoy the weekend as much as my son and I. Between the spa, pool, boutiques, restaurants and biking around the resort, the two of them were on a more fast-paced weekend than I imagined.

The jewels of the resort are the pair of Arnold Palmer signature golf courses set on rolling terrain surrounded by lagoons and majestic

cypress and palm trees and the 45-court tennis facility.

For those in need of help with their golf or tennis game, there is one of America's premier golf academies on site, as well as a full-time tennis academy. Some of tennis' best players train here.

Although neither golf course will humble you with length, you should bring your accuracy with you. The finishing holes at the Saddlebrook Course are as good as any you will find. There are four sets of tees, and play is at a nice brisk pace.

During the past couple of years, I have gotten back into tennis. My teenage son plays, and I've found the exercise I get from taking him on to be something I truly need.

At Saddlebrook, one can play tennis on any of the four grand slam surfaces. Whatever your favorite tennis major is, you can test your game on the same surface the pros use.

My son and I chose the red clay of the French Open. Neither of us had ever played on red clay, and we found it to be challenging and fun.

After a long day of golf and tennis, one needs to unwind and relax. This is where the spa comes in handy with its private

treatment rooms, couples rooms, soaking tubs, hydro-massage tubs and saunas.

If you'd prefer something else, just grab a cold drink from the pool-side bar, slide into one of the hot tubs and let the world just drift away.

To learn more about Saddlebrook Resort Tampa and inquire about summer specials, check the website at www.saddlebrook.com or call the reservation center at (800) 729-8383.

Bridges annual classic golf Tournament

If you've ever thought about giving thanks to and helping out a wounded or homeless veteran, then your chance is here. And you get to enjoy an evening of entertainment and a day of golf in the process.

On June 11, Bridges will host its annual classic golf tournament at Manatee Cove Golf Course at Patrick Air Force Base. In addition to the four-person scramble tournament, there will be a meet-and-greet reception and silent auction on June 10.

This year, NASCAR legend Geoff Bodine will be the guest of honor.

Cost for the tournament is \$65 per player and includes barbecue dinner, gift bag and golf. The reception and auction is \$15 for registered players, \$20 advance or \$30 at the door for those not playing golf.

Registration is available online at www.MyBridges.org and Manatee Cove Golf Course. For additional information, contact Dorothy Couch at (321) 223-7306.

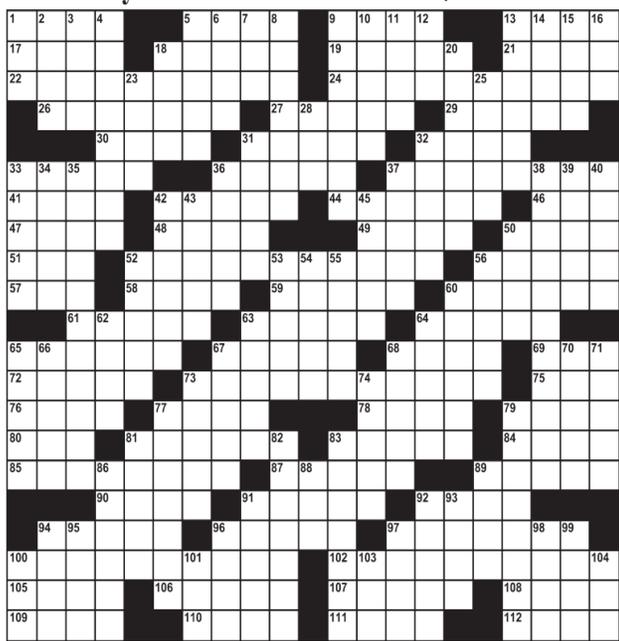
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