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**BEST OF THE
BLOTTER**
JAY MEISEL

Some criminal cases are unusual, humorous or just outright odd. And there's no shortage of them on the Treasure Coast. This column will highlight cases that often leave observers shaking their heads.

Claiming to have followed God's orders

A West Palm Beach man told police he vandalized a business and two trucks because God sent him to Stuart to "get rid of the devil's evil," an arrest report said.

The report accused the man of destroying virtually everything inside a store called The Psychic Corner, stabbing the interior of a truck and ripping out its radio.

Another vehicle was discovered with a broken windshield.

As to the vandalism at the business, the man told police about the destruction and added, "I'm not going to lie. It felt real good."

And in regard to the truck, the man said God led him to the vehicle and told him it needed to be destroyed.

Perhaps it was like the possessed vehicle featured in a horror movie years ago or maybe he was conducting an exorcism.

Stuart Police said the man wrote on the truck with his own blood, "Fear

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Sunday: Partly cloudy; high: 84; low: 66; high tide: 9:05 a.m.; low tide: 3:08 p.m.
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Charter school celebrates grant award

By Jessica Tuggle
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SEBASTIAN — Science class at Sebastian Charter Junior High School currently moves around to various rooms on the temporary campus, but now a permanent science lab is a little closer to reality.

The charter school was awarded \$100,000 by the philanthropic group

Impact 100 last month and the funds will be used to furnish the school when its new campus is completed, said Principal Martha McAdams.

"I get teary-eyed when I think of all the stuff we're going to be able to do. It's so different from what we have right now," she said.

The school is currently

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Society provides valuable dog training

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — If all classes started with a snack, maybe more individuals would be wagging their tails when they came to school, too.

The first of a six-week dog-training class began last week at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County, and 14 canines and their owners began setting

the foundation for better behavior with animal behavior specialist Connie Ellis.

As such gatherings often go, the first day See **TRAINING, A8**



Crime victims honored at vigil

Lisa Ryan of Roseland comforts her sister, Eleni Diles of Sebastian, as their mom, Sheila McCarthy, recounts losing both of her sons during the 21st annual Victims' Rights Vigil on Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary last Thursday evening.



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By Jay Meisel
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — In an undated moment of time captured by a photographer, Brian Simpson, a Vero Beach resident, smiled as he was out fishing.

His daughter, Samantha Simpson, who put flowers around the photo, doesn't

know whether her father caught fish that day, but believes he most likely did.

"He loved the outdoors and the water," she said, adding she remembers fishing with him during summer, as well as his infectious smile.

Mr. Simpson's photo was one of many displayed of crime victims during a vigil on April 26 at Veteran's

Memorial Island Sanctuary. Mr. Simpson was murdered last year during a burglary of his beachside home.

The vigil was the 21st annual one held in Indian River County by the Indian River County Victims' Rights Council during Victims Rights Week.

State attorney Bruce Colton read the names of

dozens of crime victims from over the years.

That also included Danny Diles and Ilias Louie Diles, sons of Sheila McCarthy of Sebastian.

Ms. McCarthy, the main speaker during the vigil, said she'd never before spoken publicly about the pain she's suffered from losing two sons.

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Preparing for worst, hoping for best

Self-defense class instructs women, builds confidence

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — It could be late at night in a quiet shopping center parking lot, in the middle of a busy carnival or in the privacy of a home. No one can predict a surprise attack from an unsavory character.

People usually have about 3 seconds between the time they perceive a

See **PREPARING, A4**

Volunteers valued

Nonprofit encourages more community involvement

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Willing hands and hearts make a huge difference in nonprofit work and Indian River County Habitat for Humanity is looking for more volunteers to add to its team.

The nonprofit is known for its home construction projects, but there are even more opportunities to volunteer that don't require hammers, screws or drywall, said Emily Wicht, volunteer coordinator.

Tony Scalora has been volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in many capacities since 1996 and last year he was named Volunteer of the Year.

"The first house I worked on was house No. 10. Now I think they're up to 260 or so," Mr. Scalora said.

Currently, Mr. Scalora has moved to assisting See **VOLUNTEERS, A7**

Wildlife viewing opportunities on water

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Cooler temperatures and plenty of sunshine last week drew people from inside their homes to enjoy the outdoors.

One of the most beautiful places to be in Indian River County last week was out on the water, but not necessarily on the ocean or river.

The Blue Cypress recreation area, halfway between Fellsmere and Vero Beach on County Road 512, enjoyed visitors all week long and many of those guests took an airboat ride on the water with Airboat Wilderness Rides.

Capt. George Lins and his business partner, Capt. Kenny Krause, said the

See **WILDLIFE, A8**



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Capt. Ken Krause, right rear, of Airboat Wilderness Rides, returns to the launch area at Blue Cypress recreation area last Saturday with Bob and Lori Adams of Vero Beach, second row and Dawn and David Adams, their granddaughter and son visiting from New Jersey.

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Blotter

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God.”
But the man also told police, “I scared myself when I saw what I did.”
He’s also accused of tearing decals off a surf shop and removing a picnic table and benches nearby and threw them into a dumpster.
The man ended up being arrested. There was no mention in the report of God preventing that from happening.

Disturbance

When a Port St. Lucie woman started standing in a street yelling for her dog, the canine apparently never heard her.
But there’s no doubt the neighbors did.
Port St. Lucie Police responded to four calls one evening last month about the woman yelling for her dog.

Even after police arrived the fourth time, the woman continued yelling for her dog.
She was arrested and charged with breach of peace. There’s no word about whether the dog was found.

Making progress

A Stuart woman was arrested again on April 22, but she may have a case for seeking leniency.
She was on probation for grand theft and uttering a forged instrument.
This time, she was arrested on a lesser charge of petit theft, which resulted in a violation of probation charge, as well.
But at least this time, even if she’s guilty, she stole less than last time. So maybe she is making progress, one step at a time.
However, the judge may look at it a different way.



Kristen Simpson gets a hug from Sandy Aracena during the 21st annual Victims’ Rights Vigil last Thursday evening on Veteran’s Memorial Island Sanctuary. Mrs. Simpson’s husband, Brian, was killed during a robbery in Vero Beach last year. About 100 family and friends of those gone to soon were on hand for the event.

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From left, Scott and Samantha Simpson and Stephanie White released butterflies in remembrance of Brian Simpson, their father and Ben Pyeatt, Stephanie’s grandfather, at the 21st annual Victims’ Rights Vigil last Thursday evening on Veteran’s Memorial Island Sanctuary.



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Vigil

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“This is the first time I’ve ever been able to do this,” she said afterward. “It just came from within. It was time to let my feelings out.”
Her first son to die, Danny, was killed by a drug overdose.
Then in 2000, her second son, Ilias, was killed during an attempted robbery at Wendy’s near Oslo Road.
To date, she said, they’ve never made any arrests.
Authorities believe the man who shot her son has since died and that an accomplice who remained in a vehicle during the robbery is in prison on unrelated charges, she said.
Following the shooting, she suffered her own feelings of post-traumatic stress syndrome, Ms.

McCarthy recalled.
She was always afraid she would be the next victim of crime, she said.
“If I was stopped at a traffic light, I wanted to know who was next tome,” she said.
People would tell her, “I know how you feel,” she recalled. Her reply was, “No, you don’t. I know how I feel,” she said.
The victim’s assistance program in Indian River County helped her deal with the trauma, she said.
But a mother losing two sons is not how it’s supposed to be, she said.
“We’re not supposed to bury our children,” she said. “Our children are supposed to bury us.”
Ricky Smith, the father of Shanice Smith, who was murdered in Gifford last year, recalled his daughter’s sense of humor.
“She was big joker,” he said.
Authorities say Leshanon Jerome Shelly fatally shot Ms. Smith and injured his ex-girlfriend, Brittany Jackson, on Dec. 14.
Two suspects also were arrested and charged in the unrelated murder of Mr. Simpson. Henry Jones and

Darius Robinson were charged with first-degree murder.
Authorities say Mr. Simpson returned home on Nov. 17, 2011, and surprised the pair while they were burglarizing the house.
Kirsten Simpson, his widow, attended the vigil. She said they were married 19 years at the time of his death.

Like Mr. Smith’s memories of his daughter, Samantha Simpson remembered her father had a good sense of humor.
“He was goofy,” she said.
A friend of Mr. Simpson, who did not give his name, said that Mr. Simpson “was the only man my son thought was cooler than me.”

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Area food bank doubles its output

Leaders educating clients about good food choices

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TREASURE COAST — Twice as many of the region's poor are getting food, thanks to new part-

nerships at the Treasure Coast Food Bank.

And the nonprofit, which supplies food to 250 agencies across Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties, is

developing a broader approach to fighting hunger.

The group, whose CEO Judith Cruz is part of the national effort to feed America, is also working to

get clients to eat better quality food and stave off problems related to hunger and poverty.

"It's a multifaceted

See **BANK, A5**

Sebastian Charter Junior High School recently received a \$100,000 grant from the Indian River County Impact 100. The money will go a long way in supplying the new school's science lab and library with smart boards, tables and chairs and demonstration stations in the lab.

Cathy Tinder uses a dry erase system to teach science to her sixth- and seventh-grade students.



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staff photographer

Award

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made up of modular units and has a \$2.8 million loan to construct a permanent facility.

Some of the items the grant will pay for are electronic and interactive white boards, computers and other classroom learning enhancements.

"We will be moving the furniture from in here to the new school, but we will need more for the extra new space," Principal McAdams said.

The school currently serves 170 students in sixth through eighth grades and plans to expand and serve up to 270 in the new facility.

"We have scrimped and

saved to get those electronic boards in every classroom here and with the Impact 100 funds we will be able to outfit all the new spaces," Principal McAdams said.

Science class at the school is sometimes held in the classroom, sometimes in the multipurpose room, sometimes even outside because the labs cannot always be completed safely and with enough room in the current classrooms, she said.

"We will be able to have science tables for science demonstration and for a real science lab. The kids will be able to do more experiments right there and we can implement more hands-on in our science program," Principal McAdams said.

A new library will also be in the works with the grant

money, as will an area for medical needs.

"Right now, we just have bookshelves with books in the computer lab in the classrooms. And we'll use the money to buy a cot and vision equipment and we'll have a place to put our medical supplies," Principal McAdams said.

Impact 100 was started in 2008 and is made up of philanthropically inclined women in the Indian River County community. In 2011, the group reached nearly 350 members, with each member giving \$1,000 toward the fund from which the grants are given.

All of the money goes toward helping nonprofits with projects that transform the community in significant and meaningful ways,

according to the group's website.

"It's such a wonderful thing, a real blessing," Principal McAdams said.

This year, four nonprofits received \$100,000 grants. Besides the charter school, recipients included the Education Foundation of Indian River County, Ocean Research and Conservation Alliance and CASTLE.

The Environmental Learning Center and the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County both received \$8,000 grants.

For more information about Sebastian Charter Junior High School, visit www.scjh.org. For more information about Impact 100, visit www.impact100ir.com.



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Staff photo by Jessica Tuggle
Carlee Ward was one of more than 60 women who attended a free women's self-defense class at the Indian River County Sheriff's Office last week. Knowing how to defend against an attacker is a valuable skill and could help save someone's life, self-defense instructors said.



Staff photo by Jessica Tuggle
Trudy Ward, Emilee Smith and Carlee Ward practice making fists during a free women's self-defense class at the Indian River County Sheriff's Office last week.

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Preparing

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threat to their safety and when the attacker actually strikes, said Jim Olson, a self-defense instructor for Alpha Omega Combatives, at a recent free self-defense class for women in Indian River County.

Mental and physical preparedness before an attack can make a huge difference in the outcome, he said.

"Why is this important? It may be up to you to defend yourself and your loved ones. Seconds count when the police are minutes away," Mr. Olson said.

More than 60 participants came out to the free class held at the Indian River County Sheriff's Office, which was sponsored by Re/Max Crown Realty of Sebastian and the

19th Judicial Circuit victims rights coalition, said Owen Messenger, victim advocate and vice president of the coalition.

Trudy Ward of Vero Beach attended the class with her daughter, Carlee, and several of Carlee's friends.

"They're all going off to college and I think that it's a really important thing to know," Ms. Ward said.

"These are some of the most independent kids I've ever seen, they're not scared of anything. I think any knowledge that they can get is good. You really have to be prepared," she said.

Though she has never been the victim of an attack, thinking of her daughter being hurt is absolutely horrifying to her, so taking the class together was one way they could both get tips on defense and what to do in case of an attack, Ms. Ward said.

Diane Bernado, also of Vero Beach, said this was her second time taking the course.

"I wanted a refresher to see how much I retained from last time," Ms. Bernado said.

"It's free and I think that

is very important to the community and I think all women should attend this class," she said.

Participants learned moves that could help them in case they are physically attacked, including throwing punches, kicking and eye gouging.

Alpha Omega Combatives is based in Port St. Lucie and specializes in training law enforcement and military personnel, but also offers civilian training.

Their focus is training people to prevail, not just survive, Mr. Olson said.

Avoiding dangerous situations by having a hyper-awareness of your environment and surroundings is the first step, he said.

The level of awareness one should have is that of a driver in unfamiliar territory, with 360-degree awareness.

If approached by an assailant, playing nice or by the "rules" isn't necessary, Mr. Olson said.

Predators in the wild, such as lions, do not go after the strongest, fastest prey, they look at the playing field and find the one that looks like a weaker,

easy target.

Walking and texting or wearing high heels that make it difficult to move quickly, are just two things that can increase the chances of resembling a target.

"If you look like a hamburger, someone is going to try and eat you," Mr. Olson said.

Some other safety tips including having keys in hand before walking to the car and establishing a code word or phrase with family members in case of an emergency.

If asked to hand over a wallet by an attacker, Mr. Olson suggests throwing the wallet away from your body and running in the other direction. Sitting in the car is not a safe place either, so after buckling your seat belt, the best thing to do is drive away.

The next scheduled free self-defense class for women is July 17, also at the Indian River County Sheriff's Office, Ms. Messenger said.

Further information about the next free class will be posted on the sheriff's office website at a later date. Watch www.ircsheriff.org for updates.

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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.

Fellsmere Police Department

•Amber Marie Baldwin, 24, no address given, was arrested April 20 and charged with improper exhibition of a weapon.

Sebastian Police Department

•Bradley Scott Hess, 24, 10911 Mulberry St., Sebastian, was arrested April 21 and charged with lewd/lascivious molestation.

•David G. Solfest, 27, 445 Columbus St., Sebastian, was arrested April 21 and charged with leaving the scene of a crash with serious bodily injury, driving while license suspended, resisting an officer without violence, failure to register as a sex offender and committing an offense against a police dog.

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

•Darrell Etheridge, 56, 1445 25th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested

April 19 and charged with aggravated assault.

•Melissa Ann Camp, 27, 1845 40th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested April 19 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for third-degree grand theft.

•Rahmin C. Warner, 33, 873 Northeast 14th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested April 19 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for child abuse.

•Gina Marie Prion, 48, 355 27th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested April 19 and charged with fleeing and eluding and dealing in stolen property.

•Tommy Joe Champ, 23, 8186 102nd Court, Vero Beach, was arrested April 19 and charged with fleeing and eluding and dealing in stolen property.

•Steven Wayne Applegate, 30, no address given, was arrested April 20 and charged with sexual battery and lewd/lascivious molestation on a child younger than 12.

•Steven Negron, 53, 1940 45th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested April 22 and charged with being a habitual traffic offender and leaving the scene of an accident with injury.

•Justin Michael Hamrick, 21, 8546 East 98th Ave.,

Vero Beach, was arrested April 22 and charged with tampering with a witness, resisting an officer with violence, culpable negligence and resisting an officer without violence.

•Steven R. Hunt Jr., 35, 874 Altona St., S.W., Palm Bay, was arrested April 22 and charged with stopping payment with intent to defraud.

•Kevin A. Rumbley, 40, no address given, was arrested April 21 and charged with grand theft.

•Norie Lavincent Davis, 26, 8316 64th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested April 21 and charged with robbery, kidnapping, grand theft, aggravated assault with a weapon, tampering with evidence, possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana and introduction of contraband into a jail.

•Joshua Shawn Osteen, 22, 6301 48th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested April 20 and charged with possession of cocaine.

•Gabrielle Felicia Reese, 21, 3968 Lincoln Drive, Vero Beach, was arrested April 20 and charged with dealing in stolen property.

•Rollington Cox Jr., 14, 840 Fifth Court, Unit 101, Vero Beach, was arrested April 23 and charged with two counts of burglary of a dwelling and grand theft.

•Jasmin Nicole Roby, 26, 7201 North Blvd., Fort

Pierce, was arrested April 23 and charged with felony retail theft and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Raciel Pages, 43, 474 East 64th St., Hiialeah, was arrested April 23 and charged with two counts of organized fraud.

•Gabriel J. Colom, 18, 1900 Woodland Circle, Apt. 107, Vero Beach, was arrested April 25 and charged with aggravated battery.

•Britton J. Smith, 49, no address given, was arrested April 24 and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, tampering with evidence, two counts of possession of a drug without a prescription and introduction of contraband into a jail.

•Lewis Frank Sneed Jr., 33, 404 Railroad Circle, Boston, Ga., was arrested April 24 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for four counts of sale/delivery of cocaine.

•Zetty Devonti Ealy, 29, 4256 32nd Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested April 24 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for carrying a concealed firearm, possession of a firearm after being found delinquent, grand theft of a firearm and burglary of a conveyance.

•William Harry Scott, 40, 905 23rd Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested April 24 and

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charged with fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer.

•Anthony Joseph Aspromonte, 24, 714 18th Place, Vero Beach, was arrested April 25 and charged with dealing in stolen property, giving false information to a dealer and violation of probation. He was on probation for third-degree grand theft.

•Molly E. Cigala, 25, 1640 North 42nd Circle, Apt. 308, Vero Beach, was arrested April 25 and charged with violation of community control. She was on community control for possession of cocaine and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

•Edward Charles Gentgenni, 19, 465 27th Drive, Vero Beach, was

arrested April 25 and charged with grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

•Jacquise Sequester Clinton, 21, 4620 28th Court, Vero Beach, was arrested April 25 and charged with two counts of third-degree grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

•Pablo Fernandez Sarmiento, 21, 4235 14th St., Vero Beach, was arrested April 25 and charged with violation of community control. He was on community control for burglary of a structure and two counts of battery on a law enforcement officer.

•Cody Raymond Jenkins, 14, 1145 12th St., Vero Beach, was arrested April 25 and charged with uttering a forged instrument and six counts of impersonating a police officer.

Bank

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approach," Ms. Cruz said. "We're all finding that hunger is giving rise to several health problems. Diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol are all on the rise because people have access to low-cost food with empty calories. What we're doing is teaching them to eat better."

Thanks to its mobile pantry, the food bank has doubled its output, taking food with high nutritional value directly to clients who would otherwise be unable to get to farmers' markets and other venues

to purchase fresh food.

In target communities, such as Golden Gate, Port Salerno, Hobe Sound, Indiantown and Jensen Beach, the mobile pantry reaches clients not served by traditional pantries.

Treasure Coast Food Bank has doubled its distribution to 1 million pounds of food over the last 12 months, up from about 500,000 pounds a year earlier.

And a new initiative, called Your Plate, aims to go beyond meeting the short-term goal of providing emergency food for the region's poor, said Mat Churchey, vice president of program services.

But the new food bank location and outreach center is facing a \$100,000 shortfall for equipment and tools used to help educate clients about cooking and food choices to stave off medical conditions associated with hunger and poverty.

For a new program that features live cooking demonstrations, for instance, the group is woefully short of kitchen equipment.

In the meantime, though, community partners, such as TD Bank and Workforce Solutions, are providing financial literacy classes and giving assistance in creating resumes and

developing other job skills to clients at the Your Plate center. AARP is providing the center's receptionist.

Area chefs volunteer to give free cooking lessons to show clients how to prepare low-cost, healthy meals that take into account cultural preferences and family needs. Participants then get all the ingredients needed to prepare the meals from each demonstration.

Clients also learn about nutrition and portion sizes,

as well as gaining access to fresh vegetables, fruits, salad dressings and other items that encourage healthy eating.

The group has also recently reached out to veterans' services providers across the region to help serve homeless former military personnel.

It has given food and other items, such as toiletries, and helped veterans connect to SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

The Treasure Coast Food Bank also provides a place for homeless clients to receive mail, and for others to make calls about job or other applications and access public assistance.

"All of this helps us make sure people are taking steps toward getting food," Mr. Churchey said.

The Your Plate center is located at 1203 Orange Ave., Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 489-3034.

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Googling your hometown

If you have been reading this column for any length of time then you have probably noticed I have a great deal of admiration for all of the free services that Google offers.

I've written about Google a number of times in the past focusing on things such as Picasa, Google's free picture manager or (even more recently) Chrome, Google's free Web browser.

This week I thought I would share with you a recent discovery that I made that I like to call "Google Nostalgia."

Now please understand "Google Nostalgia" is a nickname that I made up. If you "Google it" you won't find what I'm writing here, but that's OK. Read on and I'll bring you up to speed, but first a little background.

I moved to Florida in April 1987 from Worcester, Mass. When I first landed here I went home to visit off and on every now and again until (sometime in the early '90s) I stopped going back.

Fast-forward 15 years or so and sometimes I find myself remembering my hometown. Wistfully I would think back to my old stomping grounds and this was what was going on in my head recently when I stumbled upon (quite by accident) the most intense nostalgia machine I've ever encountered online. I think I wasted about six hours one afternoon just playing with it.

So what is it and how does it work? Well I was kind of surprised with myself that I had never discovered this before. The "tools" for massive doses of nostalgia have been available through Google for quite some time, but I never put two and two together until one afternoon quite by accident.

I was sitting at my computer one afternoon, procrastinating as usual, and I was playing with Google Maps. Now, I've used Google Maps plenty of times before. Usually one of the first things I do when I set up an "on site" house call is go to google.com and click the



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maps link at the upper left corner of the screen, type in the address where I'm headed and print. Presto! Instant map to my appointment.

Now Google Maps has some nice features; you can switch to satellite view and see your maps from space and you can scroll all the way down to "street view" and you can type notes (name and phone number etc.) on the maps you print. I never paid much attention to the satellite or street views because I'd always just focused on getting an easy-to-read map and didn't have much use for either alternative views. I knew they were there; I just never messed with them.

But one day I was bored and feeling a little homesick. I had Google open and clicked on "maps." A map of the United States opened and I punched my old ZIP code (01602) into the search field and in we zoomed to my old neighborhood. I clicked the "satellite view" button at the top of the page and the map switched to vividly detailed satellite imagery. This was so cool!

I zoomed in a few notches by rolling my mouse's scroll wheel and found myself "floating" over my old stomping grounds. As I explored my old neighborhood by dragging the map around with my mouse I found the house where I grew up and zoomed in.

Now, satellite imagery gets a little fuzzy when zoomed in. I was trying to get a good look at my old house when something magical happened. I zoomed in one too many clicks with my scroll wheel and Google switched from satellite view to street view.

Suddenly I went from fuzzy satellite pictures looking straight down to a view from the street

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Tin Goose visits Vero Beach



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Those who remember the days of Eastern Airlines and before were treated to a piece of history as a Ford tri-motor built in 1929 called the Tin Goose landed in Vero Beach April 18. The nine-passenger aircraft is owned by the Experimental Aircraft Association and spent two days in Vero Beach giving rides. The aircraft can reach a top speed of 85-miles per hour. Pilot Rand Siegfried offered a thumb's up before taxiing to the runway.



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Objection to motorcycle noise

I find it hard to believe that you printed "Motorcycle noise" in the April 27 issue when you say "statements of fact will be checked for accuracy."

Motorcycle noise is not a safety issue. It is a convenient myth that scofflaws like to use to justify riding a 50 horsepower cycle that makes more noise than a hundred 200 hp cars. It is merely a way for people to call attention to themselves. It is a claim that has no basis in fact because the DMV does not keep track of any data on cycle wrecks whether they have stock pipes or not.

I started riding when I was 14. I have ridden motorcycles for more than 50 years. I have never had a street bike with loud pipes. No accidents, either.

I have however had personal knowledge of many riders who were killed or injured while riding bikes with illegal exhaust pipes. Generally speaking the louder the pipes, the more aggressive the rider. Aggressive riding can turn ugly in a fraction of a second. And that can cost a rider his life or health.

Please issue a retraction. Loud motorcycle exhaust pipes do not save lives. They merely allow "showoffs" a way to antagonize and aggravate law-abiding citizens.

Editor's note: None of the "facts" regarding exhaust pipes were in question. Those were checked for accuracy. It was the reader's opinion loud noise can save lives. You have an opposing opinion.

Justice in the Martin case

Finally, there will be justice in the Trayvon Martin case. Whether Mr. Zimmerman is found guilty or innocent, he will be judged by his peers, the way he should be. Let's hope he gets a fair trial, and that the parents of Trayvon will find a sense of peace. What a tragic event.

My most sincere regards to George Zimmerman

Doesn't anyone see common sense anymore? G.Z. saw a problem, he called the police, he went to his vehicle to wait, was then attacked by an entitled Martin. G.Z. was heard screaming on the 911 tape, with no other alternative, G.Z. stood his ground! And why should he apologize? He was beat in head and face by the deceased!

No one should have had to die, but Trayvon Martin made the wrong choice. What part of this is so difficult to understand?

I am tired of catering to the Afro-Americans who can't get the facts straight. What is wrong with Spike Lee spreading the wrong address? That is terrorism in its purest form. And the wanna-be Black Panthers — shouldn't they be arrested for their threats?

No free meals

People are doing anything to get a free meal these days. A black couple played the race card at a couple of local restaurants to get a free dinner. A white couple is going around complaining about service to get a free meal.

Then, of course, other people get wind of what they've done, so they try it. Oh yeah, whoever is reading this don't get any ideas. We're watching out for you!

I understand that times are tough for everyone, but come on. What these people are doing is stealing, it's downright fraud. You know who you are. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

Don't these people have a clue as to what they are doing? They're ruining things for the rest of us. They're causing the price of eating out to rise. Hell, I can't afford to take my own family out for dinner.

Oh wait. Maybe I should do what these thieves are doing. Oh yeah, I have a conscience. I try to set a good example for my children. Sure, there are instances where a person should complain about poor service or a bad meal. But, for God's sake don't lie!

Then these same people go around complaining about prices being too high. Duh! It's all your fault dummies!

I have some very simple advice for you. If you can't afford to eat out, then don't. If you can't afford it, don't buy it.

Explaining the Eucharist

There's part of the papal liturgy many seem to have trouble with. It's called the Eucharist: what Catholics consider to be the actual body and blood of Jesus Christ, or transubstantiation. Allow me to elucidate.

Naturally, this has always been a source of contention among the denominations, creating a division that continues to this day. It's something many struggle with, even some Catholics. But truth, like all good medicine, is not always easy to swallow.

"Take and eat; this is my body." It's a hard saying and no wonder many of Jesus' disciples left him at that point. Likewise, he admonished Nicodemus, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

But you can't always believe everything you see, as the apostle points out in Hebrews 11:3 when he keenly observes: "By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."

What the biblical text is actually telling us, albeit 2,000 years before the invention of the electron microscope or any other device capable of detecting such phenomenon, is what we now come to accept as scientific fact: that all matter is comprised, more or less, of basically the same substance: billions of sub-atomic particles traveling through space at the speed of light creating everything we see, feel, taste and touch, and in so many fantastic forms.

Now, with that in mind, is it really so hard, so difficult, to believe that what we see, feel, taste and touch, is not merely bread and wine but the actual body and blood of the risen son of God? You tell me. Or better yet, taste and see for yourself.

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Hospital welcomes new chief executive

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SEBASTIAN — Steven Salyer has joined Sebastian River Medical Center as chief executive officer. Mr. Salyer comes to SRMC

from Shands Starke Regional Medical Center in Starke, an affiliate Health Management facility, where he was the chief executive officer. Prior to his role at Shands Starke, he served as the chief operating officer at Harton

Regional Medical Center in Tullahoma, Tenn. Mr. Salyer also served his country in a number of leadership roles with the U.S. Marines, including a tour of duty in Iraq. While on active duty, he

earned a master's degree in business administration from New York Institute of Technology, Ellis College. He received his undergraduate degree from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tenn.

Sue Croom, right, and other Habitat for Humanity Women Build builders raise a wall on a new home in Grace Meadows in Fellsmere during Women Build Week in 2009.



Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Volunteers

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with data entry in the non-profit office, but he still enjoys going out to the work sites and seeing progress on the homes.

During one workday, there can be up to 50 volunteers on a work site, Ms. Wicht said.

An active work site in Fellsmere, called Grace Meadows, is where a work crew made up of just women will gather this weekend. The special teams are being put together as a part of the Women Build Week emphasis, which corresponds to the Mother's Day weekend.

Last year, the special workday saw mother-daughter teams, sister teams and even a few

three-generation teams working to build, paint or clean Habitat houses.

Volunteers are still being accepted for the Women Build project.

One thing that Mr. Scalora really enjoys about volunteering with Habitat is the people he meets and works with.

"Retired pharmacists, a few surgeons, contractors, educators, couple of attorney, law officers, real estate and insurance agents and housewives; look at all these careers," Mr. Scalora said.

It doesn't matter what peoples' background are, everyone can help somewhere with Habitat for Humanity.

"If they know anything about using a hammer or a saw, they can get involved in some interesting work, and if they're not, there are

a lot of things a person can do for Habitat, even cleaning a house or washing windows," Mr. Scalora said.

There are about 1,000 volunteers in the database and a few hundred that actually help during the course of the season.

Volunteers are always needed to help at the Home Center ReStore in Vero Beach, in the administration office, organizing events and even bringing food to other volunteers at the work site, Ms. Wicht said.

For those who are interested in learning about working on a construction site, a construction 101 class is offered every second Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the warehouse adjacent to the Home Center, Ms. Wicht said.

One of Habitat's immediate needs is Spanish-speaking volunteers to help work with Spanish-speaking home buyers and homeowners. Training will be provided and volunteer opportunities are available in both Fellsmere and Vero Beach.

"I think we have wonderful volunteers. It may be the reason we are the No. 1 Habitat affiliate for the fifth time in six years in the medium-sized population category," Ms. Wicht said.

"I think a lot of people come out because they know we are doing God's work," Ms. Wicht said.

For more information about volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, contact Ms. Wicht at (772) 562-9860 Ext. 212, or visit www.irchabitat.org.

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Training

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of class resembled the first day of daycare for preschoolers.

Each dog that entered the room surveyed their surroundings with broad sweeps of their heads. Some came in eager and ready to interact with their peers, some looked on with impartial curiosity, while others were rowdy and demanded attention.

Skipper, a 5-month-old terrier mix, was one of the more petite dogs in the room, but his size didn't mean he couldn't perform his tasks when asked.

Carol Hubbs and her husband, both of Vero Beach, adopted Skipper and his sister, Molly, from Homestead three months ago after the dogs were found alone in a water plant.

"They were the only two found alive and nobody wanted to separate them. This is my first time owning dogs. I wasn't sure I would want them at first, but when I had them I knew they weren't going back," Mrs. Hubbs said.

Skipper and the other dogs practiced relaxing and lying down next to their owners and sitting on command.

The classes are offered throughout the year and are \$35 per participant.

Establishing yourself as the No. 1 boss in the house is very important when training a dog, Ms. Ellis said.

Most of the time, dogs go

to the door and whine to be let out, they nose their way into hands to be petted. Essentially, they give their owners commands and the owners carry them out, she said.

"You need to put yourself back in the No. 1 position," Ms. Ellis said.

Using petting and praise as a reward for obeying commands is an excellent way to train a dog, instead of stuffing their face with food, she said.

"I want you to motivate the dogs," Ms. Ellis said.

Beth Perry of Barefoot Bay adopted Riley, a coonhound mix, a year ago and his energy level is very high.

"He is very strong," Ms. Perry said with a laugh.

Riley often accompanies her on 2-mile walks and pulls on the leash to follow squirrels, cats and other critters, she said.

"Learning the sit today was good. We're going to be practicing that a lot this week," Ms. Perry said.

Teaching older dogs new tricks, or getting them to obey, isn't impossible, Ms. Ellis said.

Teaching them in a group environment can actually be helpful because it causes the dogs to learn in an active and distracting environment.

"They learn to ignore them and can perform in any environment," Ms. Ellis said.

For more information about the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County, visit www.hsvb.org.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Carol Hubbs of Vero Beach watches as her terrier-mix, Skipper, sits during a dog-training class at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County last Wednesday evening.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Beth Terry of Barefoot Bay has Riley, a hound-mix, sit at the door before leaving a dog-training class at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County last Wednesday.

Compute

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looking directly at my old house and my jaw hit the floor! It's been at least 15 years since I last drove through my old neighborhood and all of a sudden I found myself standing in a virtual street right in front of my old house. I maximized the view so it took up my full screen and started exploring.

While in "street view," you can "grab" the window and look around and you can

move down the road by clicking the arrows superimposed over the street. I spent about six hours "walking" around my old neighborhood and experiencing waves of nostalgia.

I really like living in an age where I can "walk" down my old childhood neighborhood without ever leaving the comfort of my desk. Thanks, Google!

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Wildlife

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allure of the water is difficult to resist in such good weather, for both wildlife residents and human visitors.

On trips with Capt. Krause, guests are likely to lose count of how many alligators and birds they will see on the hour-long tour.

"The most I've seen in one hour is 127," said Capt. Lins.

The daily tours are now handled by Capt. Krause, but Capt. Lins has had many years of experience on the waterway, as well. The boat ramp leads to the Lake Garcia reservoir, a 3,149-acre section of the Blue Cypress water management area.

"I got more chance of getting lost in the supermarket than I do out here," Capt. Lins said, earning a chuckle and a nod of agreement from Capt. Krause.

Both captains are insured and have been making a living on the water all their lives, in commercial fishing and in other areas. They both hold licenses by the U.S. Merchant Marines, and Airboat Wilderness Rides is the longest running established airboat company in Indian River County.

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The airboat zooms along, skimming the surface of the

lake, easily passing over floating vegetation such as water hyacinth and hydrilla uncaring if the water is 3-feet deep or 6-feet deep.

Many boaters enjoy fishing at the Blue Cypress Conservation Area, Capt. Krause said.

Tilapia, large-mouth bass, black crappie and gars are plentiful, he said.

During the ride, the captain often points out the animals visible from the boat, from a nesting owl, to an osprey nibbling on a fish.

Though it's only a 30-minute drive from Vero Beach, many passengers on the ride marvel at the landscape and say they never realized such a fun activity could be found so close to home, Capt. Krause said.

"It's centrally located and visitors can follow a paved road to get out here," Capt. Krause said.

Within the next month, communication on the boat will be enhanced with the addition of wireless headsets, Capt. Lins said.

The Peltor headsets will double as headphones to block out a majority of the noise created by the running boat, but will also allow the captain to talk to all the passengers at the same time without shouting until he's hoarse. The passengers will also be able to hit a button and ask questions of the captain, he said.

"This is something fun for the whole family to do. We have people that every time they have company they come out and get another tour," Capt. Lins said.

Tours are \$45 for adults and \$40 for children 12 years old and younger.

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FRIDAY, MAY 4

• **Third annual spring performance** in the Sebastian River High School gym at 6:30 p.m. It is open to all parents and the community at no charge. For more information, call (772) 564-4387.

• **First Friday gallery stroll** in the historic 3D district, Vero Beach, from 5-8 p.m. Now 14th Avenue has 11 galleries open to showcase art. The event is free and open to the public. Information cards listing the locations of participating art galleries are available at the galleries and many of the other businesses in the 3D District and beyond. For more information, call (772) 562-5525 or (772) 299-1234.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

• **The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Sebastian Inlet State Park** will feature a concert in the "Night Sounds" program series on May 5. Hosted by the Friends of Sebastian Inlet State Park, the concert will showcase John (Johnny) Mackin, whose performance style reflects 30-plus years of experience playing with rock 'n roll and folk music legends. The concert will take place at the pavilions on Coconut Point, located on the south side of Sebastian Inlet. The concert is free with regular park entry fees. For more information, call (321) 984-4852 or visit www.floridastateparks.org/sebastianinlet.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

• **Fourth annual yappy hour**, at Indian River Estates, Vero Beach, from 3-6 p.m. There is no cost to attend, but donations for the Indian River County Sheriff's Office K-9 fund are appreciated. There will be live music and an old-fashioned cookout. Attendees are welcome to bring well-behaved, leashed pets to try out the new dog park at Indian River Estates. Raffle tickets for prizes, including a weekend for two at the Vero Beach Hotel & Spa, will be available.

MONDAY, MAY 7

• **State Rep. Debbie Mayfield has scheduled satellite office hours for constituent services** in Sebastian at the North Indian River County Library from 10 a.m. to noon. The library is See **OUT, B2**

Tavern serves up comfy atmosphere, delicious menu



By Jessica Tuggle
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MICCO — The speed limit on U.S. 1 in Micco may be 55 miles per hour, but don't let high speeds keep you from slowing down and popping into RJ's Tavern.

Stepping into the restaurant is like stepping into a family's kitchen, where you are invited to sit down and relax. The environment helps fuel conversation between strangers and

builds a camaraderie that is hard to beat.

The menu at RJ's is varied: in appetizers including standards such as mozzarella sticks, onion rings and French fries, but RJ's kicks it up a notch by offering clam strips and smoked fish dip among other things.

For main entrées, guests can choose from salads, soups, burgers, sandwiches, fish, pizza, calzones and Stromboli.

Many of the items on the

menu are named after famous baseball players, including Tim Wakefield, Wade Boggs, Curt Schilling and Mike Schmidt.

The Philly cheesesteak on the menu is named the Schmidt after the legendary third-baseman for the Philadelphia Phillies.

The sandwich comes with a heaping helping of freshly cooked steak, onions, mushrooms and hot melted cheese on a fresh hoagie roll.

RJ LaFlamme, owner of RJ's Tavern in Micco, serves up a hot sandwich to staff member Jimmie Rich, who was ready to chow down. RJ's Tavern has a wide variety of dishes, including pizza, burgers, wings and seafood.

Staff photo by Jessica Tuggle

A cold macaroni salad as a side was lip-smacking good. Made with macaroni, cheese, peppers and onions, the secret is the use of ranch dressing instead of mayonnaise. The ingredient kicks up the taste-bud value several notches.

Some of the regulars' favorite dishes include mussels, which many people enjoy on mussel Monday.

RJ's has been in its current See **TAVERN, B2**



Week of 5-4-2012

ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, although you may have your mind set on one outcome, it might be good to expect the unexpected this week. Keep your eyes and ears open.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Think of this week as the opportunity to rest and recharge, Taurus. Schedule a family movie night or lounge in the yard instead of packing your schedule.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, you have been thinking about getting into something creative, and your plans just may come to fruition soon. You just have to finalize some of the details.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, keeping secrets doesn't often turn out well because sooner or later those secrets are revealed. Honesty usually is the best way to go in most situations.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Beating the doldrums could involve some creative thinking, Leo. If you're fresh out of ideas, you can ask someone you are close to for some suggestions.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Virgo, you are on the road to recovery from an issue that's been bothersome. This recovery is long overdue, but you will be stronger for having gone through these trials.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Libra, it's good to go with the flow, but speak up for yourself from time to time, especially when something is important to you. Your opinions count, too.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Sometimes there is no shortcut to success, Scorpio. You just have to trudge through and hope that all the effort will be worth it in the long run.

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Law enforcement torch run

Brevard County Court Deputy Bruce McMann of Sebastian holds the Special Olympics torch as he prepares to run in the 2012 Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run Friday, April 27.



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location for nearly a year, said Susan Boorman, staff member.

Previously, store owner RJ LaFlamme operated a restaurant by the same name in Grant, but it had been closed for several years before the Micco location opened.

The new location was quickly frequented by their old friends and customers and new clientele has slowly been building up, Mr. LaFlamme said.

"We love to cook here and we take pride in what we do," he said.

Mr. LaFlamme's family has been very involved in his business, and his mother's special dessert really takes the cake, literally.

Peggy LaFlamme's recipe for cheesecake provides a smooth and creamy homemade dessert, perfectly

topping off a delicious filling meal at RJ's.

The restaurant opens Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 a.m. and Monday through Thursday at 11 a.m. Closing time varies after dinner.

Delivery service is now available in certain areas, Mr. LaFlamme said. Delivery is available between County Road 512 in Indian River County and Valkaria Road in Brevard County. Towns include Barefoot Bay, Grant-Valkaria, Micco, Roseland, Snug Harbor and Sebastian. Delivery in Sebastian is limited to east of the railroad tracks.

Delivery service is free, but requires a \$10 minimum order. Driver tips are requested. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

RJ's Tavern is located at 8820 U.S. 1, Micco. For more information, call (772) 664-1000 or visit www.rjs-tavern.com.

Art museum offering free admission

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Vero Beach Museum of Art will offer free admission to all exhibitions on May 18 as part of the Association of Art Museum Directors' celebration of International Museum Day.

Participation by AAMD member museums will focus attention on the important roles art museums play in their communi-

ties, further showcase their remarkable collections and increase opportunities for audiences to engage with the many educational programs art museums offer.

Along with free exhibitions, the public is invited to attend the awards ceremony for the juried student exhibition at 3:30 p.m.

AAMD member museums, located across the U.S., Canada and Mexico, include smaller regional museums, as well as large international

institutions. International Museum Day is organized annually around the world by the International Council of Museums.

The Vero Beach Museum of Art is the largest cultural arts facility of its kind on the Treasure Coast. The accredited art museum offers regional, national and international art exhibitions, two sculpture parks, studio art and humanities classes, exhibition tours, a museum store, film studies courses,

performances, workshops, lectures, seminars, an art research library, public programs, youth events, and community cultural celebrations.

The museum is located at 3001 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach. The museum will be open on International Museum Day from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, call (772) 231-0707, email info@verobeachmuseum.org or visit www.verobeachmuseum.org.

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located at 1001 Sebastian Blvd., midway between I-95 and U.S. 1 in Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 778-5077.

The Sebastian Property Owners' Association will hold its next meeting on at 7 p.m. at the North Indian River County Library, 1001 Sebastian Blvd., in Sebastian. The guest speaker will be Nathan McCollum, well-known weather and hurricane expert, who will talk about the coming hurricane season and offer advice and suggestions for planning and preparation should a hurricane approach our area. Light refreshments will be served. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, call (772) 228-9938.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

The 30th annual "Ocean Grill Night" to benefit

SunUp ARC from 5-10 p.m.

For reservations of five or more call (772) 231-5409. The Ocean Grill is located on Sexton Plaza at the end of Beachland Blvd., east of A1A, in Vero Beach.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

The Vero Beach High School Chorus Department will present "Around the World in 80 Songs ... or Less!" spring concert at 7:30 pm in the VBHS Performing Arts Center, 1707 16th St., Vero Beach. Approximately 125 singers will perform melodies from Jamaica to Japan. All seating is reserved and tickets cost \$10 and \$12. For more information, call (772) 564-5537.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Ninth annual mother and daughter tea party, starting at 2 p.m. at the Vero Beach Recreation Department at the Vero Beach Community Center. Cost is \$20 per mother and daughter, \$5 per additional daughter, \$10 per additional adult woman. All ages invited. Space is limited. To make a reservation, call (772) 770-3775.

The Sebastian River Art Club presents the season's final outdoor exhibit and sale of fine framed art, photography and crafts at Riverview Park, Sebastian, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free parking is available. Rain date is May 13.

The Humanists at Barefoot Bay will meet at noon at the South Mainland Library, 7921 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco. There is no charge for this public service of Humanists at Barefoot Bay. For more information, call (772) 567-3416 or email erikabab@hotmail.com.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

Indian River Charter High School will host its second annual student art show: The exhibit opens with a reception from 4:30-7 p.m. at the school, located at 6055 College Lane in Vero Beach. Appetizers and soft drinks will be served. And the IRCHS Jazz Band will provide live music. The exhibit will remain up for May during regular school hours. For more information, call (772) 567-6600.

ONGOING EVENTS

Spark of Divine Learning and Healing Center holds monthly meetings, workshops and classes including yoga, a drum circle, tarot reading and more. For more information, costs and a schedule, call (772) 257-6499 or visit www.meetup.com/spark-of-divine-spirit-unity-reiki-unconditional-love/events/calendar.

Garden walk with country care roses, week-ends from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 14070 109th St., Fellsmere. For more information, call (772) 559-5036.

Vero Beach Elks Lodge sends cookies to soldiers. Homemade or store-bought cookies may be dropped off at 10 a.m. on the third Thursday of every month. Money donations for shipping costs are also appreciated. Bring cookies to Vero Beach Elks Lodge 1774 1350 26th St. Vero Beach.

Friday farmer's market in downtown Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 581-2746.

Men's singles tennis pyramid: Play runs from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday at the Riverside Racquet Complex, 350 Dahlia Lane, Vero Beach. This is an adult league for ages 18 and older; men's levels of 3.5/4.0. The fees are \$2 per week for members and \$5 per week for non-members (plus \$1 light fee per hour when applicable). Participants must check inside the pro shop with the attendant on duty and pay before going to the courts. Players must register weekly by sending an email to Brian Orzel, singles pyramid coordinator at orzelbp@gmail.com by noon on Thursdays. A maximum of 14 players will be accepted for these pyramid or ladder format sets against three different opponents. For more information contact Gaby Dwyer, tennis supervisor, at (772) 231-4787 or contact Brian Orzel at (772) 538-0465.

Sunset Saturday night concerts: the Oceanside Business Association of Vero Beach's sunset Saturday night concerts moves to Humiston Park and Ocean Drive 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.VeroBeachO-BA.com.

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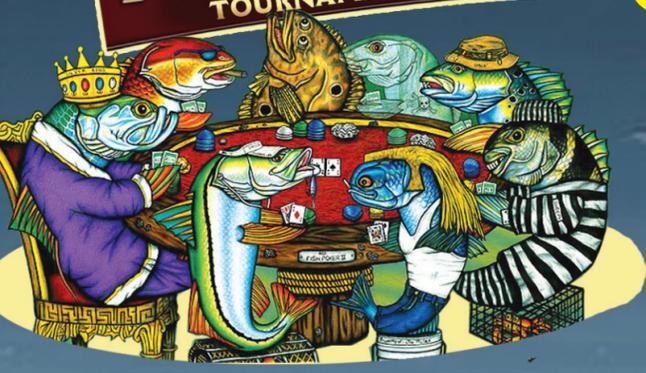
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SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec .21

Sagittarius, someone is worried about you and this week you will recognize their concerns. Maybe the worry is because you have been out of touch for so long.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Capricorn, when a new career path is presented to you, it may be difficult to decide whether you should make a move. Go with your gut and trust your instincts.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Those close to you are finding your more accommodating nature very appealing, Aquarius. This new attitude is bound to paint you in a new light.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Pisces, you have a huge support system in the way of family and friends. Expect them to rally behind you when needed.



Theater celebrates anniversary season

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — As Theatre-Go-Round begins to celebrate its fifth anniversary season, it has also found itself in a new home. The popular dinner theater company will be relocating to Joey's Bistro along the pond at the 3 Avenues Plaza on the Miracle Mile.

Opening night, scheduled for May 6, will feature its current running production "Sounds of the Seventies." The dinner and dance party highlights musical numbers from such divas as Donna Summer, Yvonne Elliman, Tina Turner, Gloria Gaynor, Cher, Bette Midler and Abba.

The local trio of Eleanor Dixon, Beth McKenzie-

Shestak and Sharma Turner has successfully performed for four previous performances at the Vero Beach Elks Lodge in February and March, as well as a recent sellout performance at the Fort Pierce Lodge. Current performances will continue at Joey's Bistro on Sundays, May 13, 20 and 27.

With the overwhelming response to this particular production of dinner, live show and dancing, artistic producer Jon Putzke felt it was the ideal vehicle to present in a new location.

"Joey's affords a highly visible location for our operation and its spacious seating arrangements at tables for two, four and six people around an intimate stage is an ideal setting for our dinner theatre operation," said Mr. Putzke.

Joey's will also offer patrons four choices on the dinner theater menu that include chicken piccata, grilled mahi mahi, top sirloin marsala or fettuccine alfredo. Entrees will include a choice of soup or salad, focaccia bread and pesto, seasonal vegetables and a choice of risotto, red roasted or mashed potatoes and a specialty dessert. All meals will be individually cooked to order. A full-service bar featuring a vast variety of beverages and show specialties will be available throughout the evening.

Theatre-Go-Round began as a dinner theatre format under Mr. Putzke's direction in 2007 originally at the Best Western on State Road 60. When offered to move to the for-

mer La Fonda on 34th Avenue, Mr. Putzke took the opportunity to develop his dinner theater company in its own location for the 18 months remaining on the current lease.

When the lease transferred to Felix's Cuban Restaurant, Theatre-Go-Round continued its operations out of the Elks Lodge for this past season.

When asked why the move to Joey's, Mr. Putzke said he always had his eye on the popular waterfront bistro as an ideal setting for dinner theater.

He added the sound system is top notch and the quality food, friendly service and location all added to the reasons for the move.

"I think our patrons are going to love the 'supper club' intimacy of a by-gone

era and of course, our top-notch productions."

"Sounds of the Seventies" will be performed on the four Sundays in May. Seating and a cocktail hour, featuring a la carte appetizers, begins at 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. and the show begins at 6 p.m. The package including dinner, show, tax and gratuity remains at \$45 per person. If available the day of performance, seating at the bar for show only will be \$22.50 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by phoning the theatre's box office line at (772) 252-9341.

Theatre-Go-Round's summer production "Dancing in the Streets," swingin' to the songs of the 60s will open Sunday, June 10.

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Beach Mulligan's, 1025 Beachland Blvd., Vero Beach.

ART GALLERIES

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

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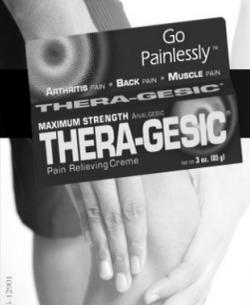
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Art festival draws huge crowd



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Two-year-old Mia Siers of Vero Beach made short work of her art project during the 31st annual Vero Beach Museum of Art Children's Art Festival last Saturday.



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Five-year-old Reed Posnack, left and her sister Sloan, 4, show off their leaf art work at the 31st annual Vero Beach Museum of Art Children's Art Festival last Saturday. Within two hours of opening the doors, more than 1,300 people were on hand for the event.

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May is National Skin Cancer Awareness Month. With this in mind, I'd like to address the need to protect your skin from the damage that the Sun and UV rays can cause.

For those of us who work indoors, we really don't consider how much damage the sun can do to us in the short time we spend in our cars, walking in from the parking lot or the like. Yet, regardless of how little time you spend outside, you need to consider applying sunscreen.

As golfers, we spend a lot of time in the elements subjecting our skin to tremendous danger. If you don't already take precautions to prevent skin damage, the time to start is now! It's time to pay attention to your skin, make an effort to protect it and allow yourself a healthier future.

For those of us who work outside or play outdoor sports, applying sunscreen to your face, neck, arms and so forth hopefully has become as routine as brushing your teeth or putting on deodorant. With sunscreen now available in convenient sprays and sticks, it's easy to apply quickly and without getting your hands greasy.

One in five Americans will develop skin cancer during his or her lifetime and more than 1 million Americans



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are diagnosed with skin cancer each year. Statistics show someone in America will die of melanoma every 67 minutes.

Of all cancers, skin cancer is the most common and nearly half of all Americans who live to age 65 will develop skin cancer. These are scary numbers.

Fortunately, skin cancer is the easiest to prevent and cure if detected early.

The key to preventing and curing skin cancer is early detection and use of

sunscreens to protect your skin. The most common warning sign of skin cancer is a change in the appearance of the skin, such as a new growth or a sore that will not heal.

Studies show that just one sunburn will double your risk of developing skin cancer. Children are especially at risk. On average, anyone under age 18 has three times the sun exposure of an adult.

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21 Roof overhang

22 Cause distaste

23 Historic April shower?

26 Pompeii's blanket

27 Drugs

28 Duck

29 Given a hint

30 Designer Oscar

31 Declaim

32 Huckster's helper

33 Belgian city

36 Actor Kevin of "Sophie's Choice"

37 Garden activity

40 Songwriter

41 Manhattan area in an April shower?

43 Feel poorly

44 Waste allowance

45 Siamese

46 Golden Rule word

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48 Attention

49 Appropriate April wear?

53 Like an igloo's roof

55 Hit _____: start traveling

57 Letter sign-off

58 Coyly decorous

59 Ancient Aegean region

60 Mast spar

61 Lubricated

62 Not in attendance

64 Rosinante or Traveller

65 Slows the horses

68 Rectory

69 Nielsen gives April showers?

72 Half a dance name

73 Hill dweller

74 Tennyson poem

75 Peculiar to one: Comb. form

76 moss

77 RR stop

78 Northerners in April?

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83 Tanning equipment

85 "Ars _____ vita brevis"

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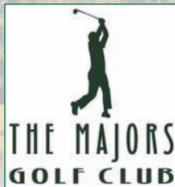
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are going to be spending time outside, you should apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes prior to your activity. It's also best to reapply every two to three hours or immediately after getting out of the water.

While any sunscreen is better than none, experts recommend using at least a 30 SPF rated sunscreen.

Something many people forget to protect is their lips. We now have lip balm with sunscreen available to

us. Just as your lips can dry out and chap during the winter, they can also burn from the sun at anytime during the year.

As golfers, we tend to ignore the sun, especially when it isn't too hot outside. We feel that a simple cap or riding in a cart protects us from the worst the sun has to offer. This simply isn't true. In fact, as much as 80 percent of the sun's rays penetrate clouds, mist or even fog.

Sun damage causes premature aging, wrinkles, age spots and dry skin.

None of us want to age, much less age faster than nature intended. Look at some of the older guys on Tour and you can tell which ones spent years without protecting themselves.

The most often used excuse for not putting on sunscreen is that it will leave your hands greasy and make gripping the club difficult. Companies have found ways for us sports-happy people to apply sunscreen without dirtying our hands. Sprays are one of the most convenient methods for application. I happen to prefer the stick. It never touches my hands and goes on with just a swipe. I think that I get better coverage with it and it fits neatly into my bag.

For extra protection for your face, neck and ears, wear a hat with a wide brim, not a baseball-style cap. There are even special clothing products available to keep your body cool, while covering your arms and neck.

Our world is changing and whether you believe in "global warming" or not, you must remember to protect your skin.

If you suspect that you have already damaged your skin from sun exposure or your skin shows any warning signs, by all means, have your doctor or dermatologist give you a check up.

In other news, the NAIFA/Habitat for Humanity's third annual charity Golf Classic will take place Friday, May 18 at Suntree Country Club in Melbourne with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

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