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Some suggestions for the perfect Mother's Day gift

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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.

### Wrong venue

A Martin County woman, apparently intoxicated, was arrested after she caused a disturbance.

She was continuously yelling at a man in the back of a pickup truck.

The main problem, as it turned out for her, was she was doing all this in the parking lot of the Martin County jail.

When a deputy approached and asked her if she realized she was causing a scene in the parking lot of the jail, she said she really didn't care.

She had been at the jail to visit a prisoner. She ended up being a prisoner herself and was charged with battery on a law enforcement officer. The report accused her of spitting on deputies and attempting to kick a deputy.

### Lost memory

A Port St. Lucie woman  
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Vero Beach High School, middle school orchestras to play

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A local business that buys gold has moved, but the good service remains

### WEEKEND WEATHER



**Friday:** Isolated storms; high: 81; low: 70; high tide: 1:16 a.m.; low tide: 7:24 a.m.  
**Saturday:** Partly cloudy; high: 79; low: 69; high tide: 2:12 a.m.; low tide: 8:25 a.m.  
**Sunday:** Cloudy; high: 79; low: 68; high tide: 3:08 a.m.; low tide: 9:26 a.m.  
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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## Waterfront project at crossroads

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SEBASTIAN — The eagerly awaited, yet controversial working waterfront project in Sebastian will undergo some re-evaluations in the near future.

Tim Adams, president of Fisherman's Landing Sebastian, Inc., said soon he and Joe Griffin, Sebas-

tian community planning director, will have a meeting to discuss the status of the project.

"We have some issues that need to be resolved. It's not financial in nature, we just need to get an understanding of what the city council expects to be involved in the operation," Mr.

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## Crime decreases locally

But it rises on rest of Treasure Coast

By Jay Meisel  
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TREASURE COAST — Reported major crimes increased in St. Lucie and Martin counties, but decreased in Indian River County, according to statistics released last week by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Officials in Martin and St. Lucie counties largely attributed the increase to a  
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## A real crowd pleaser



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

From left, Yuli Zamora, Sandra Roberts and Hannah Green react to a performance by exceptional student education students and art student helpers at the Sebastian River High School Music inclusion program last Friday morning. Every year, at the end of the school year, family and friends fill the SRHS auditorium to watch their sons and daughters sing, dance and have fun on stage in front of a packed auditorium.

## Students take honors with pencils, ink

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Patriotism. It's as American as stacking scoops of ice cream on a sweet sugar cone on a hot summer day.

It was also the theme of an art competition sponsored by a local lawmaker.

Vicki Zuckert, a senior at Indian River Charter High School, won second place in Rep. Bill Posey's third annual congressional art competition last month for her artistic take on the theme of patriotism.

Her pencil drawing put a new twist on the phrase commonly used to describe the U.S.: a melting pot.

In her piece, the faces of several of her friends can be found, and each one of them has a different

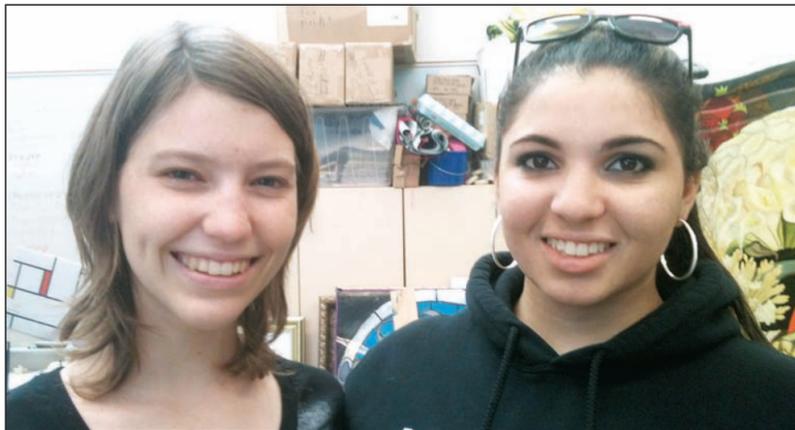


Photo courtesy of Amber O'Dell

Amber O'Dell and Vicki Zuckert, both seniors at Indian River Charter High School, took third place and second place, respectively, at Rep. Bill Posey's third annual congressional art competition for District 15 last month for their pencil drawing interpretations of patriotism.

expression. Their faces are atop an ice cream cone, and the face closest to the

"We have so many talented young artists in our  
In the background, the U.S. flag is unmistakable.

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## Bridge dedication set

Structure to be named for Alma Lee Loy

By Jessica Tuggle  
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VERO BEACH — There may be two addresses with the name Alma Lee Loy attached to them, but there is only one real Ms. Loy.

On May 12, the 17th Street Bridge will be dedicated and renamed in Ms. Loy's honor. Ms. Loy was an instrumental force in the construction of the bridge and has decades of community work under her belt.

The bridge dedication ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. Parking will be available at the Vero Beach Power Plant and overflow parking will be available at the Citrus Bank Building.

Gov. Rick Scott signed the legislative action by the state house and senate into  
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## Mom takes teething terrors to task

Invention aims to calm babies

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VERO BEACH — Necessity is said to be the mother of invention and sometimes inventions come from mothers.

Devin Reed of Vero Beach is the mother of two young children, but also has quite an entrepreneurial mind. When her crying  
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# Postal workers help 'stamp' out hunger with food drive

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TREASURE COAST — About 1,300 letter carriers, including 300 retirees, will join forces on a project to benefit Martin, Indian River and St. Lucie county agencies that feed the poor.

On May 12, Treasure Coast postal workers will participate in Stamp Out Hunger, a national drive that has them collect food from donors on

their routes to benefit the Treasure Coast Food Bank and other charities.

"We offer a vehicle to get the food to the food banks," said Rick Abbarno, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 1690, which covers Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast.

For 20 years, area letter carriers have joined the nationwide effort that has accumulated 1.1 billion

pounds of food. Local workers from 30 post offices in five counties last year collected 500,000 pounds along their routes.

"(On that day) letter carriers not only deliver the mail, but they also pick up and deliver bags of food to drop-off points, where trucks from the Treasure Coast Food Bank receive them," said Angie Franchalancia, a public relations specialist promoting the

event. In the weeks before the drive, carriers place donation bags in mail boxes along their routes, soliciting contributions of canned food and other nonperishable items. They also distributed 300 yard signs throughout several cities. Across the country, the national effort has resulted in collection of about 70 million pounds of food for each Stamp Out Hunger

campaign. It's a worthwhile cause, the local group says, because statistics from area nonprofits show that one out of every five children goes to bed hungry, and nationwide, 16 percent of all Americans are not sure if they'll be able to afford their next meal. Members of the local letter carriers association rally behind the cause, with hundreds of retirees revisiting

old routes and several current employees using personal time to help with pickups. "Some retirees go out in their own cars picking up on their routes, bringing it back to the post office," said Mr. Abbarno, who has been part of the annual effort for 20 years. "We also have letter carriers come in on their day off with their trailers and vehicles to take food to drop points."

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Vicki Zuckert, a senior at Indian River Charter High School, won second place for her artwork, 'Melting Cone,' a pencil drawing with the theme patriotism in Rep. Bill Posey's third annual congressional art competition for District 15. The various faces represent the different cultures, personalities and backgrounds that pull the U.S. together and make it stronger.

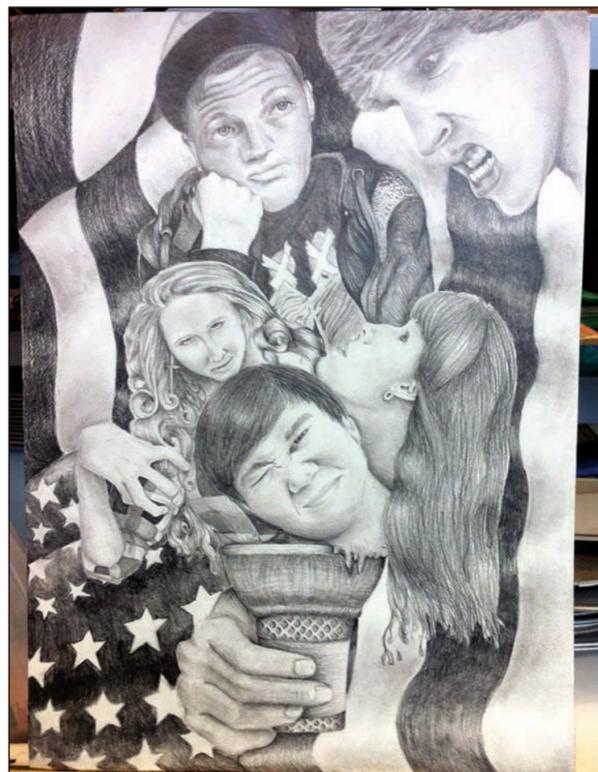


Photo courtesy of Vicki Zuckert

## Students

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area and I enjoyed viewing all of their work," Congressman Posey said in a press release.

More than 40 students in District 15 participated in the art competition. District 15 currently covers most of Brevard County south of Cocoa, Indian River County, most of Osceola County and a small portion of northern Polk County.

Vicki said her artwork has been interpreted in a few different ways; some people see a resemblance to the Statue of Liberty torch, other see the ice cream idea and correlate the dessert with fun Independence Day festivities.

"I think it's like a melting pot, all the faces are different cultures, different backgrounds," Vicki said.

First place in the congress-

sional art contest for students in District 15 was awarded to Kelly Thomas, a student at Merritt Island High School. Third place and one of four honorable mentions went to two other students from Indian River Charter High School.

Amber O'Dell, a senior, demonstrated her interpretation of patriotism in the form of a pencil drawing of two brothers saying goodbye to their mother on their way to war.

Her vision of patriotism, "Brothers of War," did more than show willingness for personal sacrifice. The brothers, who stood on either side of their mother, were dressed in Union and Confederate uniforms. With a few simple pencil lines, the mother's pain was made evident, from her bowed head to her furrowed brow.

"What is more patriotic than being willing to fight for what you believe in, even if it's against your family?" Amber asked.

Marcella Debrito, a junior, got the attention of the judges with her ink representation of patriotism, "The Presidents of the United States," and received an honorable mention.

Faces of the presidents completely dominated the work in an angular cartoonish sense, and the dark and light contrasts made the piece pop out of the frame.

"When I think of patriotism, I think of the presidents. I had to do research for all the presidents. Lincoln was hard because I had a hard time finding a picture of him straight on," Marcella said.

The student's teacher, Harvey Kornicks, said he was proud of their finished work, especially because he was able to see the thought behind each of their interpretations of patriotism.

The second- and third-place winning drawings are currently on display in the congressman's office in Tallahassee.

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# Teething

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and teething child could find no solace in conventional baby teethers, she took matters into her own hands.

When her son, Brandon, now 4, was much younger, baby teethers she purchased only helped when the teeth were coming in the front of his mouth. When the sturdy back teeth, or molars, started to make their appearance, nothing would soothe his pain, Ms. Reed said.

"I couldn't find something he could chew on safely, I felt," she said.

At that time, she began sketching out solutions and making small clay models of what she thought would work better, and the Molar Munchers™ product was conceived.

Molar Munchers™ is a new product that combines the necessary features of a baby teether into a hands-free, single-piece construction. The teether looks like a pacifier, but has a soft, U-shaped tab that will reach to the back of a child's mouth, Ms. Reed said. She designed the prototype in Vero Beach and the product is crafted and has been sold in the U.S. since

December 2011.

"It was a lot of trial and error," Ms. Reed said.

The Molar Muncher™ is made with a single mold injection of medical food-grade, BPA-free silicone, leaving no joints or cracks for bacteria to accumulate, a press release said.

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The design eliminates the potential for children to develop protruding, or "buck teeth," that often follows repeated suction on a normal pacifier, Ms. Reed said. The product may not have been finished in time for her son, Brandon, but her 2-year-old daughter, Ella, is happily chewing away on her own Molar Muncher™, Ms. Reed said.

Since brainstorming, designing and developing the unique teether, all the while attending to her mothering duties and those at her banking job, Ms. Reed's life has gotten quite a



Devin Reed



The Molar Muncher™ in action.

Photo courtesy of Devin Reed

bit busier, but her long-term goals are in sight.

"Ultimately, I want to be there when there are after school activities, dance, soccer. I want to be there for them. Without a full-time job, this is going to allow me to spend time with my kids," Ms. Reed said.

She encourages other moms with innovative ideas to get them on paper and start developing them into reality.

"You never know until

you try. You don't have to know everything yourself. There are people out there with other great ideas that can help," Ms. Reed said.

Her children's pediatrician was a big help to her during the design phase, she said.

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# Project

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Adams said.

Fisherman's Landing Sebastian is a nonprofit co-op of fishermen partnering with the city to bring the working waterfront project to fruition. The co-op has put up both money and labor for the project and brought phase one, the former Hurricane Harbor site, to working order.

"Crab-E" Bill's Indian River Seafood Market has flourished in the renovated facility on Indian River Drive, owner Bill Tiedge said.

"The city has been good

to us and we have great customers," he said.

He has regular customers that come from the north in Brevard County and south from West Palm Beach.

"The community has responded well to us and the season has done wonderfully," Mr. Tiedge said.

The response Mr. Tiedge has experienced has not been all the response Fisherman's Landing Sebastian has received, however.

Mr. Adams said the co-op has held up their end of the agreement by putting in their own funds and countless hours into the renovations.

"It has been a disappointment to me. We thought we

had something there as a benefit for the community and that people would accept it wholeheartedly, but that hasn't happened as of yet," Mr. Adams said.

Late last year, there were unfortunate compliance issues with a restaurant in the facility that had to be worked out with the state, which snowballed into a major community controversy, he said.

The question now is where to go from here, Mr. Adams said.

Before the nonprofit proceeds with anything, certain questions about the vision and goals the city has for the site, as well as their involvement in the process,

must be answered, he said.

When the restaurant closed last year, Mr. Tiedge said he would like to open a small eatery in its place.

Now that the season has begun winding down, Mr. Tiedge said he would be able to focus on opening the eatery and hopes something will be up and running by October.

He said the eatery would just be a counter service with a small, but delicious menu and the meals would be served on disposable serving platters.

"We're very excited about it. Every day people ask us when it's going to be open," Mr. Tiedge said.

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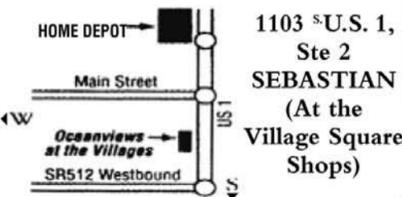
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# Students perform before a packed house

Chauncey Jones, left, spurs the audience to give it up for the exceptional student education students as they all gathered on stage after last Friday's music inclusion program at Sebastian River High School. Mr. Jones is a member of the Vero Beach High School ESE program and he and four other classmates were invited to join Sebastian's ESE students for the end-of-the-year program.



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Greg White, left, and exceptional student education teacher Kathy Pfeffer watch, as other ESE students perform on stage during a music inclusion program at the Sebastian River High School auditorium last Friday morning. For the first time, ESE students from Vero Beach High School were invited to attend.

# Bus services move to new transit facility

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Indian River County's GoLine and Community Coach bus services moved into its new administrative and bus parking facility on April 23 at the Indian River County complex at 4385 43rd Ave., Vero Beach.

"The GoLine and Community Coach services are an example of how a public-private partnership can cost-effectively and efficiently deliver services to our community," said Karen B. Rose Deigl, president & CEO of the Senior Resource Association.

The Senior Resource Association, a nonprofit organization, is contracted by the county to operate the transit system, which has increased the number of trips provided within the community by 250 percent since 2007.

Comprised of 61 buses, GoLine provided 978,861 trips running 15 routes, six days a week, during 2011.

Community Coach, a door-to-door service made by appointment for eligible county residents, provided 45,000 trips on weekdays during the same period.

In July 2009, the Federal Transit Administration awarded Indian River County an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant for \$2,281,044 to design and

construct a new transit administration and bus parking facility.

The facility is the first green-certified building constructed by the county. Florida law requires all government buildings constructed after July 1, 2008, to be of an energy-efficient and sustainable design.

To achieve green certification, the transit facility was designed to the energy efficiency and sustainability standards established by the Florida Green Building Coalition.

In addition to using energy efficient systems for heating, cooling and lighting, the new facility was also constructed mostly from recycled and recyclable materials.

In addition to operating

the county's transit system, the Senior Resource Association provides recreational, cultural and educational programs for active older adults, assists seniors and their families in finding resources and delivers quality, professional services that meet seniors' needs. The nonprofit organization is recognized as the lead agency in Indian River County for home and community based services for older adults.

For more information about Senior Resource Association or learn how to schedule a Community Coach trip, visit www.seniorresourceassociation.org. For information about GoLine routes, visit www.golineir.com.

# Consumers warned about misleading postcard

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TREASURE COAST — Jeff Atwater, Florida's chief financial officer, warned consumers about a scam that involves misleading postcards sent to seniors about an annuity they may have that has reached the end of its surrender period.

An unlicensed company named Unlimited Fulfillment Services, has been allegedly contacting senior consumers with these postcards advising them to contact the company's "scheduling department" to discuss options.

The Florida Department of Financial Services has filed a notice of intent to issue a cease and desist order against the company.

"This company's illegal

marketing strategy is aimed at our state's most vulnerable citizens," said Mr. Atwater.

"My department will continue to take action against these types of misleading solicitations, and I urge all consumers to be on high alert for this and other such attempts to get their hard-earned money."

Unlimited, of Medina, Ohio, is not licensed in Florida as an insurance agency. The cease and desist order alleges it engaged in the unlicensed, and therefore illegal, business of insurance by soliciting annuity products to elderly Florida consumers.

The notice also alleges the solicitations contained false or misleading information directed to elderly consumers.

As referenced in the notice, Unlimited sent

Florida seniors postcards indicating they were from Unlimited's insurance and annuity services department.

The postcard stated consumers might possess of an annuity that had reached the end of its surrender period. The postcard provided a toll-free telephone number and directed the recipient to contact an Unlimited representative to discuss options.

The postcard was intended to mislead consumers into believing a phone call was necessary and action was required regarding investments about which Unlimited had no knowledge.

Instead of possessing actual and relevant information regarding the con-

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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

•Tina M. Batres, 40, 65 Sonrise Square, Apt. 207, Fellsmere, was arrested April 27 and charged with uttering a forged instrument and second-degree petit theft.

## Sebastian Police Department

•Robbie H. James, 45, 4220 13th Place, Vero Beach, was arrested April 28 and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Jessica L. Ferrucci, 19, 2419 Second St., Fort Pierce, was arrested April 28 and charged with possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Donald Wayne Spaulding, 23, 849 Wentworth Ave., Sebastian, was arrested April 30 and charged with lewd battery.

## Indian River County Sheriff's Office

•Kunal D. Bartot, 25, 1355 37th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested April 27 and charged with violation of community control. He was on community control for possession of a controlled substance and possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana.

•Jean Marie King, 46, 1380 32nd Ave Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested April 26 and charged with burglary and petit theft.

•James Edward McElhaney, 47, 986 35th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested April 26 and charged with burglary and petit theft.

•Cora Marie Savage, 24, no address given, was arrested April 26 and charged with child neglect.

•Antone Jermaine Taylor, 19, 4755 33rd Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested April 26 and charged with attempted second-degree murder and shooting or throwing a deadly missile at or within a vehicle.

•Shannon Nicole Whitaker, 32, no address given, was arrested April 26 and charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of drug paraphernalia and vio-

lation of probation. She was on probation for grand theft.

•Michele Renee Vergho, 33, no address given, was arrested April 26 and charged with petit retail theft and child neglect.

•Cazory Henry, 14, 4364 45th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested March 30 and charged with burglary of a dwelling and grand theft.

•Jimmy Thomas, 15, 535 13th Place, Vero Beach, was arrested March 30 and charged with burglary of a dwelling and grand theft.

•Marvin Jerome Cunningham, 32, 781 Jordan Ave., Sebastian, was arrested April 29 and charged with home invasion robbery and aggravated battery.

•Jenith Rakiel Walker, 30, 6466 86th Lane, Wabasso, was arrested April 29 and charged with aggravated assault.

•John Walter Livesay, 45, 6481 North U.S. 1, Fort Pierce, was arrested April 29 and charged with felony battery.

•Troy Cadale Chance, 22, 4779 Washington Terrace, Vero Beach, was arrested April 29 and charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, tampering with evidence, two counts of resisting an officer without violence and aggravated battery on a pregnant woman.

•Nicholas L. Chandler, 24, 541 Quarry Lane, Sebastian,

was arrested April 29 and charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and theft.

•Robert W. Graves, 26, 850 Eighth Manor, Unit 202, Vero Beach, was arrested April 29 and charged with grand theft.

•Alaina M. Karsonovich, 32, no address given, was arrested April 28 and charged with child neglect.

•Kevin Raymon Ross, 47, 2790 71st Circle, Unit 107, Vero Beach, was arrested April 27 and charged with dealing in stolen property.

•Kenneth Jerome Godwin, 32, 733 Fifth St. S.W., Vero Beach, was arrested April 27 and charged with being a habitual traffic offender.

•Josephine Lockridge Bowers, 28, 3215 45th St., Vero Beach, was arrested April 27 and charged with aggravated battery and resisting an officer without violence.

•Darius Austin, 30, 3215 45th St., Vero Beach, was arrested April 27 and charged with aggravated battery.

•Paul V. Cummings, 20, 1475 21st Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested April 30 and charged with failure to a sex offender to report to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, violation of a sexual offender residence restriction requirement and violation of

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Indian River County ordinance sexual offender residency requirements.

•Christopher Stuart Nelson, 25, 1966 14th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested April 30 and charged with organized fraud and dealing in stolen property.

•Clavero Yanier Espinosa, 31, 4306 N.W. Fifth St., Miami, was arrested May 1 and charged with credit card fraud and first-degree petit theft.

•Cornelius Deleon James King, 22, 4655 38th Court, Vero Beach, was arrested May 1 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for giving false verification of ownership or identification information to a secondhand dealer and dealing in stolen property.

•Joseph Kuzminski, 42, 2142 S.W. Quarry St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested May 1 and charged with burglary of a structure and dealing in stolen property.

•Hartman James Collie Jr., 30, 4235 26th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 2 and charged with grand theft and trespass.

•Nicholas Footman, 28, 4251 25th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 2 and charged with grand theft and trespass.

•Anna Stasia Martin, 26, 2006 36th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 2 and charged with third-degree grand theft, two counts of giving false information to a secondhand dealer and two counts of dealing in stolen property.

## Crime

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weak economy.

But in Indian River County, Sheriff Deryl Loar attributed much of the decrease to a slight improvement in the economy.

In Indian River County, the total crime index decreased by 6.1 percent based on reports from law enforcement agencies.

There also were decreases in the number of crimes reported by the Fellsmere and Sebastian police departments and the Indian River County Sheriff's Office, but a 6.7 per-

cent increase reported by Vero Beach.

"I think the crime rate is directly associated with the economy," Sheriff Loar said.

White noting a slight improvement in the economy, the sheriff also attributed the improvement to improved crime prevention efforts and educating the public.

During 2010, the Indian River County Sheriff's Office reported 3,266 crimes. That dropped to 3,079 in 2011.

Thefts dropped from 2,030 to 1,869 and burglaries decreased from 818 to 778.

However, slight increases in violent crime were reported.

Murders were up from zero

to three; rapes increased from 17 to 25; robberies were up from 55 to 62 and aggravated assaults were up from 241 to 261.

While Indian River County had the only decrease in crime of the three counties, St. Lucie County had the largest increase.

The total increase reported by all law enforcement agencies was 12 percent.

St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara said he wasn't surprised.

"The main factors for the increase were the struggling economy with people out of work or employed at less-than-expected wage," he said.

"In addition, the increase in prices to precious metals made burglaries/and or thefts involving jewelry, copper other precious metals very attractive.

"This past year we even experienced thefts of catalytic converters (which contain precious metals), which, to my recollection, was the first time we experienced such thefts since I've been sheriff," he said.

Sheriff Mascara said his office will continue to work in the community to help people prevent crime.

"In this economy, please lock your valuables and possessions or risk losing them to criminals," he added.

As for crimes reported by the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, the total number increased from 2,000 in 2010 to 2,188 in 2011.

In numbers of major property crimes, burglaries increased from 570 to 637; thefts went up from 1,087 to 1,191 and motor vehicles thefts were up from 86 to 92.

As for violent crimes, murders decreased from six to two; rapes were down from 28 to 20; robberies were up from 42 to 50 and aggravated assaults were up from 181 to 196.

The Fort Pierce Police Department reported a 6.7 percent increase in crime.

The department reported 2,878 crimes in 2010 and 3,071 in 2011.

Fort Pierce Police Chief Sean Baldwin said the increases are a reverse from recent years.

"Generally, over the last few years, we have seen decreases in crime," he said. "To see it go the other way is frustrating for

us. However slight, the increase it is disappointing."

Chief Baldwin attributed the increase to an economy that's been in recession for years "and that is driving people to commit crimes."

He said the police department will continue to fight crime by partnering with the community and educating people about the necessity to lock car and house doors to deter criminals who are looking for easy crimes of opportunity.

The county's new ordinance regarding the sale of recyclable materials should help, he added.

In Martin County, the total number of crimes reported by the sheriff's office, police departments and other agencies increased 3.3 percent.

The Martin County Sheriff's Office reported a 2.3 percent increase in crimes.

Sheriff Robert L. Crowder said much of the crime is a result of the economy.

As a result, he said, thefts and burglaries increased.

Metal thefts have increased due to rising prices and more people out of work.

"When the price for a particular commodity goes up, it becomes a more attractive target," Sheriff Crowder said.

He said the sheriff's office also is seeing more people from outside of Martin County coming to commit crimes.

"We have not been able to add any deputies during the past several years, yet the calls we get have increased," he said.

Sheriff Crowder said he believes it's unrealistic to think the sheriff's office will be

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## Insurance reform passes

This year the legislature took on the challenge of reforming Florida's broken personal injury protection auto insurance system, which has been infiltrated by crooks and enterprising industries driving up costs for all Floridians.

I believe this legislature, with the support of Gov. Rick Scott and many others, passed meaningful PIP reforms that will positively impact Florida's drivers by targeting fraud, reducing costs and making our roads safer for citizens and visitors.

The purpose of this reform was to reduce skyrocketing auto insurance premiums for Florida drivers. But change does not happen overnight. We will not be able to fully analyze the savings these measures will generate for Florida's consumers until late 2013.

Our first opportunity to measure the effectiveness of this legislation will come in July with the creation of a PIP Fraud Strike Force. This strike force, along with the division of insurance fraud, will look for ways to reduce fraud in the system, as well as monitor new fraud scams attempting to circumvent anti-fraud provisions.

The strike force will identify tools to assist in the investigation and prosecution of PIP fraud and seek funding and donations to fund such initiatives.

In September, the Office of Insurance Regulation, overseen by Insurance Commissioner Kevin McCarty, will contract with an independent consultant to calculate the expected savings from the new law. I have instructed Robin Wescott, Florida's insurance



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consumer advocate, to play an active role in selecting the consultant and review of the results to ensure all factors are properly evaluated and consumers are fairly represented in the process.

In October, automobile insurers must make a rate filing showing a reduction in rates of at least 10 percent or provide a detailed explanation as to why they were unable to provide their policyholders with such a reduction.

The bulk of the PIP reforms passed this session go into effect in January 2013. These reforms will allow consumers to get the care they need following an accident while ensuring that only legitimate claims are paid. In short, these new provisions help return PIP to its original mission: to provide emergency care following an auto accident for those who may not have other healthcare options regardless of who is at fault.

These are the reforms that I believe will get at the root of the abuses occurring in the current PIP system and will go a long way in reducing your automobile insurance rates. I am eager to start seeing Floridians auto insurance rates go down and will continue to be a watchdog for Florida's insurance consumers.

*Jeff Atwater, chief financial officer, is a statewide elected official and officer of the Florida cabinet, who oversees the department of financial services.*

## Faithful gather at City Hall



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Jade Flores, left and her mother, Kim, bow their heads as Rabbi Michael Birnholz of the Temple Beth Shalom prays for the nation's moral state and military during the 61st National Day of Prayer and the 21st 'Meet at City Hall' last Thursday in Vero Beach.

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### Beaches should have signs

Beach access points could all have signs stating, "Lifeguards not on duty, swim at your own risk," and schedules where there are lifeguards.

Also, include information, phone number, the web address or a nearby business to inquire where there are lifeguards on duty.

Some businesses might want to be listed and could offset the cost of the signs.

Lifeguards are nice to have, but the cost is a big factor, and there is not a way to pay for them short of charging admission again, which is not effective.

Making beachside residents and business pay for the lifeguards is not fair to them, especially residents (businesses would only pass the cost on to the residents). Just because they live there doesn't mean they swim in the ocean.

Beach access signs could also warn of danger of swimming at times of day when sharks feed.

### Stop being lazy

It really annoys me to see people take advantage of the handicapped only spaces in the front of the parking lot at big stores. I can understand if someone legitimately needs to use the space, but last time I checked, lazy wasn't a medical condition.

### Driving laws are ridiculous

I can't believe what is going on with the driving laws in Florida. The state is giving out awards to cops who are pulling over drunk drivers, when speeders and reckless drivers are just as dangerous. When are laws are going to be done correctly?

### Illegal aliens at school

As I sit here outside the school, waiting to pick up my daughter, I'm amazed at how many aliens there are running around. Somebody needs to close the borders. We need somebody in charge that will take care of things. This guy couldn't if he wanted to. We don't need any more anchor babies. That's why we are so far in the deficit. We are taking care of the other worlds. Shut the borders and stop letting alien kids in the schools. Wake up, people.

### As summer rolls in...

As the months start to heat up, so does the want for kids to get in trouble. With summer camps too expensive and jobs scarce, the youth of today has nothing to do with its time. They will prowl the streets looking for something to occupy their minds. It might be a pick-up game of basketball, or it might be picking a fight with another bored teen. Or, it might be picking the lock to someone's car or home.

Unfortunately, there's nothing else for these kids to do. They can't go to the community pools because some people just don't have the money. They can't go to the library because half of the time they're closed. They can't go anywhere else, because there's no public transportation.

What about the kids in neighborhoods that don't have access to pools and libraries? Nobody wants to give these kids a chance.

And I'm not just talking about poor African-American neighborhoods. There are as many poor white kids and Hispanic kids. What chances do these kids have?

### Disturbing websites

I use an online site to either buy or sell items. It's a great source to find the things you want. However, there are two sections that truly disgust me. One is under the personals section and the other is under services.

The one under personals is "casual encounters." This is where people can find someone else to hook up with. But it's not your basic personal/dating ads. It's for people to find others like themselves for sex. And, from what I've seen, a lot of these people are married. What are these people thinking? What are they telling society? That it's OK to cheat on your spouse? That marriage doesn't mean anything? I think these people should be ashamed of themselves. They should realize what they're doing is morally wrong and that someday they will be caught.

The other one that bothers me (and I'm sure I'm not alone) is the erotic section under services. I thought prostitution was illegal. They're prostitutes soliciting sex.

Why doesn't law enforcement do something about this? Prostitution is illegal, isn't it? And what about our kids? Do we want our children seeing things like this? What is the world coming to? Are we that insensitive and uncaring as a society that we accept things like this?

A lot of people these days have an "I don't care" attitude. As long as it doesn't affect me, so what? This is just another thing that puts all of us deeper in the crapper. And some day, people like those who place those ads will have to answer for what they've done. And don't be fooled. We'll too have to answer for our uncaring attitude.

### Some hope for the youth

We need to save our youth from illegal drugs and pornography. We need to save them from wimps and sneaks. It is better to be a square, so do what's right, not what's wrong.

We need to become more educated and help the youth against those who target them. We can never let them down. Our communities are crying for law and order.

### A warning for consumers

Building materials, such as drywall, coming in from China have been identified as toxic. Children's toys, imported from China, are frequently unsafe.

Products made from Chinese milk are also dangerous and have caused illnesses. Now, Chinese medicines have been seized because they had inaccurate labels and contained contaminants and can prove toxic.

When will American consumers learn?

### In order to advance

If Americans want to advance, if we want our children and grandchildren to live better lives than we had, we'd better pay attention to the rapid growth of government in Washington. Too many big spenders in our nation's capitol buy votes and they buy them using our money. They claim to be helping the downtrodden but these programs keep people oppressed.

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# Trustworthy business is worth its weight in gold

## Square Deal Gold Buyers has new location, same great service

By Meagan McGone  
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Stan Goldfarb grew tired of witnessing individuals receive less than they deserved when selling their prized possessions.

"Quite frankly, people were getting ripped off," said Mr. Goldfarb, who owns Square Deal Gold Buyers with his partner, JR Bott. "There was a need for a trustworthy gold-buying business in the area."

So three years ago, Square Deal Gold Buyers began building its business on trust in the Melbourne Square Mall.

"Based on that, we've grown our business tremendously," Mr. Goldfarb said. "All of the trust that we've built over two and a half years has led us to be the No. 1 gold buyer in Brevard County."

Though many recall the granite countertops and central mall location when thinking of Square Deal Gold Buyers, the business relocated to a nearby suite that offers more privacy and comfort to its clientele.

Now it is located in the Chase building adjacent to the mall, in Suite 102 West of 1990 W. New Haven Ave.

"Our concern is some people think we're out of business right now," Mr. Goldfarb said. "We are here with the same great people and the same service."

In its new location, Square Deal Gold Buyers ensures safety among its customers with the installation of 14 cameras that monitor all transactions made, as well as a secured entrance to the office itself. To prevent fraud and undervaluing pieces, trained appraisers evaluate karat purities in front of the clients by performing various tests.

"We talk to people about their jewelry and its worth," Mr. Goldfarb said. "We will check the exact karat purities and current spot market price. We will explain how the market and process works, what types of equipment we use for testing and answer any questions they may have."

And when it's decision time, Mr. Goldfarb said there is no pressure.

"We do not attempt to pressure our clients to sell, but in fact do our best to educate our clients on the value of their items so they can see why we offer what we do," he said.

He said when offering cash for a client's gold, Square Deal Gold Buyers can offer up to 30 percent higher than other, similar businesses. On one occasion, he offered a woman \$1,400 for a piece that she was going to sell for \$250 to a mail-away cash-for-gold company.

"You have some people that try to rip people off



Staff photo by Meagan McGone

Stan Goldfarb of Square Deal Gold Buyers examines a ring to determine its karat purity.

and make a living," he said. "Our plan is a cumulative thing. We'd rather have many customers who contribute a little bit each."

"We're a for-profit business, but we're local guys," He said. "The money stays in Brevard. We're not mailing it away. All our employees are from Brevard. It's a really good business model."

For the local guys, the next step is called Metalum, a company that buys and sells precious metals, bullion, coins and dia-

monds for exclusive clientele. The business should open within a couple of months, Mr. Goldfarb said.

"This is a professional atmosphere for gold buyers, and we want to expand on that," he said.

Square Deal Gold Buyers is open from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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She gave the officer two wrong names.

Then as if by a miracle, she remembered her real name.

It turned out she was caught driving with a suspended license for the third time, making it a felony. And inside the vehicle, the police officer discovered cocaine and prescription pills, for which she did not have a prescription.

It may have not been a good day for her in terms of being arrested, but at least she got her memory back.

## The right against self-incrimination

St. Lucie County deputies were called to a domestic disturbance that began

when a husband found evidence his wife was unfaithful.

He told deputies he threw their wedding pictures in the garbage can and that apparently, in response, his

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The wife refused to write a statement and told a deputy that "I do not want to write anything incriminating."

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# Crime

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able to add more deputies in the near future.

In numbers reported by the sheriff's office, overall the number of crimes reported increased from 3,149 to 3,222.

As for major property crimes, burglaries increased from 679 to 690; thefts increased from 2,009 to 2,140, while motor vehicle thefts were down from 99 to 92.

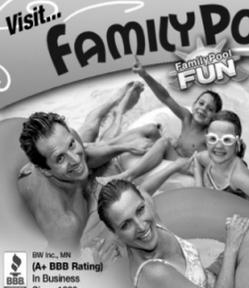
For violent crimes, murders dropped from two to 1; rapes increased from 11 to 16; robberies dropped from 103 to 84 and aggravated assaults decreased from 246 to 199.

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# Governor 'gets to work' picking Florida oranges

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Continuing his focus on job creation and promoting Florida's world-famous citrus industry, Gov. Rick Scott picked and processed oranges at IMG Citrus in Indian River County for his ninth "Let's Get to Work" day last week.

He took part in every step of getting oranges to market, including picking, sorting and packing the fruit. Florida's citrus industry has an economic impact of \$9.3 billion annually and accounts for nearly 80,000 Florida jobs.

"Florida's citrus industry represents about two-thirds of the U.S. citrus market," said Gov. Scott.

"That's why people think of oranges when they think of Florida, in addition to our great beaches and sunshine."

The governor spent the morning in the orange grove, picking citrus that was loaded onto a truck and taken to the packinghouse. He also used a tractor to mow the grass between the

citrus trees.

Later, he arrived at the packing plant with the citrus he and the other citrus workers picked during the morning. After lunch with packinghouse employees, he assisted with sorting the fruit by color, size and quality. After the oranges have passed the rigorous grading process, he packed them into either boxes or bags for shipping to markets throughout the United States and around the world.

"Our goal is to create the best business climate so businesses, like the ones in Florida's citrus industry, can expand and grow," he said.

Because Florida's citrus industry is so important, the need for continued research is paramount. To help protect the industry, the 2012-13 budget the governor signed last month includes \$2 million to supplement Department of Citrus funds for citrus disease research.

Last year, Gov. Scott started working at jobs that mirror the tasks he performed on his journey from public housing to the governor's mansion.



Photo courtesy of governor's office  
Gov. Rick Scott at IMG Citrus grove in Indian River County last week.

Floridians can suggest jobs for the governor's work-days by visiting [www.FLGov.com](http://www.FLGov.com) and click-

ing on "Let's Get to Work Days" or emailing [Rick.Scott@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:Rick.Scott@eog.myflorida.com).

# Computer classes offered, fall registration begins

For Hometown News  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — An unarmed security officer D class will begin May 28 and will run through June 8. Students will attend class from 6-10 p.m., Monday to Friday for two weeks. Cost is \$138. A security officer G (armed) class will follow in late June.

A home health aide class will be offered from July 17 to Aug. 18. Students will attend class Monday, Tues-

day and Thursday evenings from 5-9:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$459 and students are encouraged to register now as space is limited for this program.

An intermediate Word class will be offered May 26. Students will attend class from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$33. Other computer classes available include: organizing your Windows 7 computer on June 7 and intermediate Excel on June 9.

An EBay workshop will be

offered May 12, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost is \$49.

Registration for fall career programs will be begin in May. Programs that will be offered include: pharmacy technician, medical assisting, medical coding/billing, nursing assisting, home health aide, security officer, phlebotomy and culinary arts.

The Adult and Community Education School is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education and all programs offer either

a state license or national certification.

For assistance call (772) 564-4998 for an appointment.

Consult a full-course schedule for times, dates and course fees. The course schedule is available at the office, at area libraries and on the web at [indianriver-schools.org](http://indianriver-schools.org). Gift certificates are available. Adult Education, a division of the Indian River County School District, is at 1426 19th St., Vero Beach.

# Bridge

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law on April 6 to rename the bridge, said Rep. Debbie Mayfield, R-Vero Beach.

"Alma Lee Loy has truly earned her place in local history," said Rep. Mayfield in an email interview.

"Her leadership on issues impacting our county and our residents has always been in the forefront of her selfless service and efforts. I can think of one more deserving of this honor for her dedication and service

to all of the people of our community," she said.

The gracious woman of the hour has been extremely humble and unassuming about her recognition.

"It's kind of mind boggling," Ms. Loy said.

"It's very humbling to realize that you are being honored for doing things that you wanted to do and enjoyed doing with so many wonderful people," she said.

The 4,730-foot-long bridge was completed and opened to traffic on Dec. 19, 1979, but the efforts to



Alma Lee Loy

get a second bridge to the barrier island began several years prior to that, Ms. Loy said.

"It all started about 10 years before it became a reality," she said.

As she described the process of working with Florida Department of Transportation and advocating for the bridge, her eyes were bright and her voice animated.

Ms. Loy was the first female county commissioner and served from 1968-80, just long enough to see the bridge project from start to finish.

"The board of county commissioners did their best to ensure all questions were answered, allay the

fears. It took almost four years before DOT could let a contract on that bridge. And that bridge ended up costing \$9.4 million," Ms. Loy said.

"It's the only bridge that I know of that was built under budget and completed ahead of schedule. I love to brag on that bridge," Ms. Loy said with a laugh.

And now, the bridge will brag on her and her accomplishments in the community, said Penny Chandler, executive director of the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber of commerce building was dedicated and named after Ms. Loy in 2010, also to honor her long years of service in the community, including 42 years as a business owner.

"Alma Lee has decades-long history of community leadership in Indian River County," Ms. Chandler said.

"She's very deserving of this. This is a way the community can give back to her," she said.

For more about the ceremony, call Ann Bolduc at (772) 778-5077.

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### Out & about

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

• Sebastian River Junior Woman's Club 13th annual "Mother of All Fishing Tournaments," from 6 a.m.-3 p.m. This catch and release tournament is for trout, redfish and snook. Weigh-in will be at Captain Butcher's, 1732 Indian River Drive, Sebastian. A children's division will be included. A free T-shirt is included with the payment of early registration. Cash prizes will be given for first, second, and third Place. Rules and information can be found at [www.gfwcsebastianjrs.org](http://www.gfwcsebastianjrs.org).

• 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](mailto: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 See OUT, B2

## Students to perform magnificent movie music



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Second violins Lisa Perlstein, right, and Hannah Binford, practice last Thursday for their upcoming concert in the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center called 'A Night at the Movies.'

By Jessica Tuggle  
[juggle@hometownnewsol.com](mailto:juggle@hometownnewsol.com)

VERO BEACH — Grand, sweeping numbers, fast and furious playing and lively, energetic melodies will all be part of the Vero Pops Orchestra concert later this month.

The Vero Beach High School and Gifford Middle School orchestras, under the direction of Matt Stott, will perform a concert at 7 p.m. on May 17 at the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center.

During rehearsals, students are challenged to make their music resemble lightning-fast laser beams, mist coming off of murky waters or shiny precious metals. Though the analogies may seem odd, the results glisten like pure gold.

The concert, "Night at the Movies," will feature the high school symphony orchestra, the philharmonic orchestra and all the middle school orchestras performing tunes from the cinema, including "Harry Potter," "Aladdin," "Indiana Jones," "Chariots of Fire," "Avatar" and "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

The symphony orchestra has been diligently practicing their challenging classical pieces, Ludwig Van Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5 Finale" and Johann Sebastian Bach's "Toccatina and Fugue in D minor," both of which are included in

Disney's "Fantasia."

"If you're not tired you didn't work hard enough," Mr. Stott told his students after an hour's worth of string rehearsal.

Carly Howe, a junior, has played cello for six years and looks at each end-of-the-year concert as a challenge to prove she improved on her skills over the past year.

Jon Guy, a ninth grader who plays among the second violins, said practicing his runs will help him boost his performance level to the very best.

Jon also plays piano and will use his keyboarding talents elsewhere in the program with the philharmonic orchestra.

The advanced orchestra will perform the "Adagio" from Mahler's fifth symphony and other classical pieces.

"I think the audience will really enjoy the waltz, because that's one I enjoy myself," Jon said.

When the students practice together, the room buzzes with electricity and fiery passion for music and the sound the group makes together is strong and powerful.

Tenth-grader Sam Miller joined the orchestra two years ago and has played violin for 10 years. He joined the orchestra as a homeschooled student and has enjoyed playing in a group setting.

He and other students have been honing their



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Matt Stott, Vero Beach High School orchestra teacher smiles at his students as they pull a piece of work together by Ludwig von Beethoven together at last Thursday's practice. The students are working on a production called 'A Night at the Movies.'

technique for all of the challenging pieces and hope their performance will illustrate the great direction their instructor gives.

Tickets are \$12 for lower-level seating, upper-level seating is \$10. Proceeds will benefit the

education of Indian River County students by providing musical instruments and sheet music.

For tickets or more information, call (772) 564-5537 or visit [www.veroachorchestra.com](http://www.veroachorchestra.com).



Week of 5-11-2012

ARIES – March 21-April 20

It's easy for your mind to wander and get caught daydreaming, Aries. That's because you are feeling a little restless and in need of a change. A vacation may just do it.

TAURUS – April 21- May 21

Taurus, though you're intent on saving money, some situations arise that will require you to open your wallet. But you can handle these unforeseen expenses.

GEMINI – May 22-June 21

Gemini, sometimes you are misunderstood and that can leave you feeling frustrated. It's best not to change a thing, though, because you want friends who appreciate you for you.

CANCER – June 22-July 22

Exciting prospects are on the horizon, Cancer. This is something you have been looking forward to for quite some time, and you can only count the days until you get news.

LEO – July 23-Aug. 23

Leo, you have to fight for what you believe in, even if that means being unpopular with some friends and family members. Stick with it and you'll like the results.

VIRGO – Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Virgo, though it seems like you are caught between a rock and a hard place, there is a way out. It just may mean swallowing your pride -- something you may not find easy.

LIBRA – Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Libra, accept help on an important project and things will go swimmingly. Just be sure to reciprocate that assistance down the line to show appreciation.

SCORPIO – Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Scorpio, sometimes the things you believe to be a See HOROSCOPES, B2

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# Horoscopes

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big deal really aren't a big deal at all. Simply changing your perception about things can bring on real change.

## SAGITTARIUS – Nov. 23-Dec. 21

The biggest lesson you can learn is how to deal with conflict in a productive way, Sagittarius. If you look at your track record, you just may find that the old way isn't working.

## CAPRICORN – Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Capricorn, you have a full plate but

somehow you always manage to pull through -- even when you are all on your own with the work. Start scheduling a day off.

## AQUARIUS – Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Aquarius, you have to be in the mood to finish some projects around the house. Procrastination won't help, but a plan of attack can help you get everything done.

## PISCES – Feb. 19-March 20

Pisces, think about ideas for the future if what you are doing right now is not very exciting. Having a plan can keep you motivated.

# Event planned to raise money for special needs

For Hometown News  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The autism spectrum disorder and special needs student programs across the Indian River County School District are planning an inaugural 5K run/walk for autism.

The race will be held at

Riverside Park in Vero Beach on May 19 at 7:30 a.m. The run/walk will be a 5K course along the Indian River beginning and ending at Riverside Park in Vero Beach.

The goal is to raise awareness of ASD, as well as raise funds for the classrooms for those students in the county.

Money raised will go directly to the classrooms to help provide supplies and fund educational outings into the community for the ASD community and other students with disabilities. Donations are welcomed.

Registration forms can be downloaded at <https://sites.google.com/site/5krunwalkforautism/>.

# Junior officer training program offered

For Hometown News  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County will conduct junior humane officer training for children ages 8-11.

The program will feature instruction and activities

geared toward teaching children about kindness to animals, spotting animal neglect and abuse and the importance of reporting any situation where an animal may be in jeopardy.

The shelter's training will be held three times during the summer from 9 a.m.-noon. Parents can register their child for the June 22,

June 27 or July 10 class.

The junior humane officer class is \$20 and each participant receives learning materials, a certificate of accomplishment and a special junior humane officer pin upon completion.

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- 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](http://www.meetup.com/spark-of-divine-spirit-unity-reiki-unconditional-love/events/calendar).
- Garden walk with country care roses**, weekends 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

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Grant recipients and Indian River Community Foundation representatives pictured, from left: Kerry Bartlett, executive director of the Indian River Community Foundation; Jan Swink, Children's Home Society; Barbara Hammond, The Learning Alliance; Becky Allen, chairwoman of the Indian River Community Foundation; Earl Morgan, Indian River Habitat for Humanity; Louise Hubbard, Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council; Scott Sanders, Hunters Against Hunger; Cynthia Falardeau, Education Foundation and Austin Hunt, Harvest Food and Outreach Center.

# Foundation awards thousands to nonprofits

For Hometown News  
[NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com](mailto:NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com)

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Indian River Community Foundation board of directors met April 3 to award more than \$200,000 in grants to fund programs for local residents hit hardest by the economic recession.

This is the fourth year the foundation has operated a competitive grant program driven by contributions from local philanthropists interested in addressing time-sensitive community needs.

This year's funding is almost double what was available last year with 29 donors contributing for a combined \$213,780.

A variation in this year's grants program was the addition of a \$5,000 micro-grant program, designed specifically for small organizations that will use the funds within six months. Three \$5,000 micro-grants were awarded to:

The Education Foundation of Indian River County for a community garden at Vero Beach Elementary, a Title I school with a 60 percent minority population and where 89 percent of students qualified for free and reduced lunches.

Hunters Against Hunger for a program to collect and process nuisance and hunted game animals in Indian River County to satisfy hunger needs in this community

Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council to upgrade the homeless management information system hardware the organization uses

to train 65 area homeless organizations.

In addition to the micro-grants, five program grants were awarded to organizations seeking funding for new programs or program expansion.

These one-year awards were made to:

Children's Home Society for the new homeless in high school initiative that will provide safety-net services for youth, ages 16-18, who are still enrolled in high school, homeless and not already involved in the foster care system. The organization has identified approximately 33 Indian River County high-school students who qualify.

Harvest Food and Outreach Center for expanding the organization's community resource and education program. This \$50,000 grant will allow the center to invest new materials and hire additional staff to double the number of family units enrolled in the

Passport to Prosperity program, which offers

training in life skills, relationships, financial education and employment.

Indian River Habitat for Humanity for a neighborhood revitalization initiative, which seeks to eliminate poverty housing by beautifying, repairing and weatherizing homes owned by local low-income residents.

The Learning Alliance for a literacy coaching program. This \$50,000 grant will fund one of four educational consultants needed to support the 13 schools, 150 classrooms and 30 master coaches currently engaged in literacy programs spearheaded by the Learning Alliance

The Salvation Army for the Ride Safe vehicle safety and maintenance program, which provides auto repair services for vulnerable older adults and poverty-stricken families with children in Indian River County. The grant is for \$18,780.

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# Cool music on a warm night



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer  
Jennifer Ferguson, left, and James Archer keep the music cool during 'Warm Nights, Cool Jazz' at the Vero Beach Museum of Art last Thursday evening. More than 150 people filled the front sculpture garden for the concert.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer  
Joan Jarosak, left, and Gail Hilgeson enjoy the sounds of the James Archer Quartet during the 'Warm Nights, Cool Jazz' event last Thursday. The Vero Beach Museum of Art offers the evening concerts complete with drinks and snacks for those in attendance.

Jeanne MacKenzie and about 150 others spent last Thursday evening listening to the smooth jazz sound of the James Archer Quartet at the Vero Beach Museum of Art.



Cliff Partlow staff photographer



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer  
Kenny Clarke, left, on the B3 Hammond organ, and Jeff LoForte on the drums, made up half of the James Archer Quartet during the 'Warm Nights, Cool Jazz' concert at the Vero Beach Museum of Art. For the nearly 150 people on hand, the weather, music and atmosphere couldn't have been nicer.



George and Penny Dann listen to the smooth jazz sounds of the James Archer Quartet last Thursday evening at the Vero Beach Museum of Art. They were among the 150 or so jazz lovers on hand for last week's 'Warm Nights, Cool Jazz' concert at the museum.

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The Community Foundation then takes responsibility for stewarding the results of grants and communicating the impact to each of the donors involved.

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# From gadgets to fashion, gift ideas abound for golfing moms

You are almost out of time! Mother's Day is just around the corner. There is a reason why Mother's Day is a month before Father's Day. If we guys fail in our quest for the right gift for mom, chances are the Father's Day equivalent of "coal in the stocking" is on the way. Most golfers are difficult to buy presents for. Toss in that it's the special female in your life and things can get quite confusing. However, gifts are available for the moms in our lives, and fortunately, it doesn't have to be oven mitts with fuzzy golf balls on them. We all need to protect our eyes from the sun and most do when driving, walking or heading to the beach. Today, manufacturers have entire lines of sunglasses made specifically for women and devoted to helping their golf game.

Not only do these protect their eyes and make seeing the ball and breaks on the greens easier, they are also a fashion statement. Just about every golfer needs new grips at some point in time. Many of us ignore our grips until they have become a detriment to our game. Stop by your local pro shop or off-course golf store and purchase a certificate to have her grips replaced. Women love fashion and most have several outfits they enjoy wearing and if they are anything like the women in my life, everything must match. Hats are not only fashionable, they are great for protecting us from the weather. Like shoes, one can never have too many hats. If she wishes to make a splash on and off the course, there are plenty of perfect accessories available. Some collections



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allow you to mix and match gloves, belts, bags, totes, visors, caps and even water bottles for a perfectly coordinated look. Most golfers are intimidated with one-on-one lessons. Put these same people with their friends and it can become a fun time. Get in touch with the families of your mom's friends and see if they want to get the bunch of them a group lesson. This can turn out to be much less expensive than you think and it gives the ladies a chance to improve their game while having some fun together. Contact your mom's club and see about getting her a certificate for lunch or

dinner after one of her rounds. Chances are she'd love to hang out with friends and enjoy a few drinks and some food. Better yet, meet her after one of her rounds and treat her to dinner yourself. If the club has a spa, look into treating her to a spa treatment or a massage to kick off her weekend. Every golfer has his or her own personality. Most of us use head covers on our clubs to protect them from the abuse they are subjected to riding around in a cart or being carried along. By finding a head cover resembling your golfer's favorite animal, team or college, you not only help to protect their investment but to show a little of their personality, as well. Golfers tend to need something in which to store all the stuff they bring with them to the course. You can pick up a mono-

grammed tote or bag for your mom to put all her jewelry, keys, wallet, phone and more in while she's on the course. Many come with a handy clip to attach it to her bag so it's easy to access during her round or take off the bag for the ride home. A nicely crafted bag will protect her valuables and be a constant reminder of just how special she is to you. If all you need is a small trinket to complete your gift, how about a divot tool or ball marker? You can always find these with a large selection of colleges, professional sports teams, even flowers or cute sayings to match your golfer's personality. There are lots of golf magazines and subscriptions that can be had at low prices. It's the gift that keeps coming every month, or sometimes every week. Another idea is to

purchase a round of golf for mom at her favorite course. Better yet, treat her to a round at a course she has never played. Golfers love to play new courses. In addition, make it a foursome with yourself, if you play, and a couple of her best golf buddies. Finally, most courses also offer gift certificates that moms can use to tee it up at their leisure or pick up that blouse or skirt they have been thinking about. Whatever you choose, just remember, that it's the thought that counts! However, you're not just pleasing them, you're laying the groundwork for your day, as well. James Stammer has been an avid golfer and golf enthusiast for nearly 40 years. He hosts the Thursday night golf show on WSTU 1450-AM. Contact him at stammeregolf@yahoo.com.

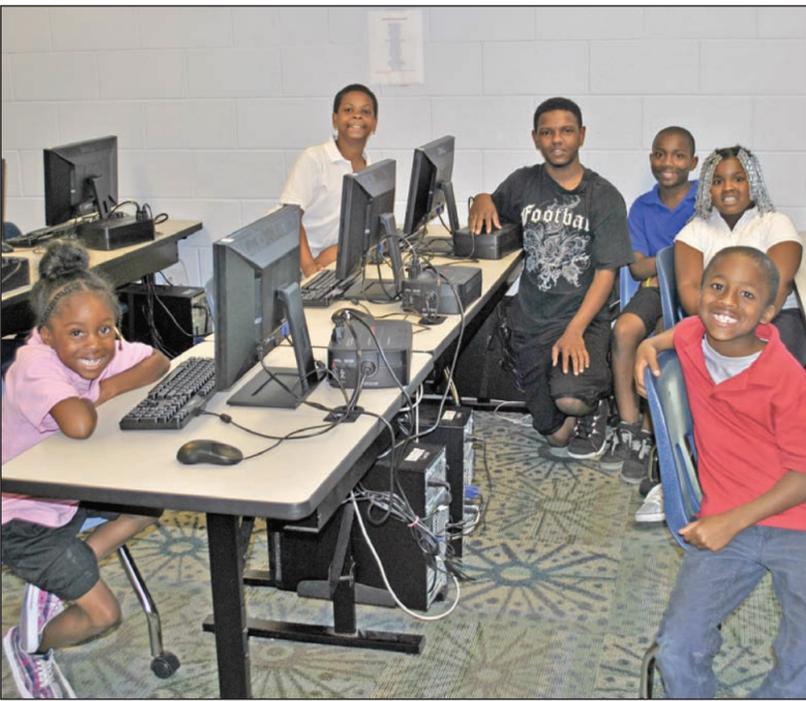


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Habitat homeowner children enjoy computer practice and homework help, as they participate in Habitat's after school program. Clockwise from left: Jatilia Hammond, Antawn Williams, Cody Manning, Terrance Hodges, Marlaja Stinson and Terrel Hodges.

## Grant helps with assistance program

**For Hometown News**  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The John's Island Community Service League has awarded a \$7,500 grant to Indian River Habitat for Humanity for its' after school/summer care assistance program. Since 2008-09, Habitat has provided after school and summer care pro-

grams, as well as scholarship support, for the children of Habitat homeowners, as a vital part of a key Habitat goal: eliminating second-generation Habitat homeownership. Currently, there are 54 children enrolled in the after school program. Sign-ups for the summer program are underway, with approximately 50 children expected to participate, based on pre-

vious years' numbers. The JI Community Service League is dedicated to supporting nonprofit organizations in the county focused on health, education and human service issues that principally affect women, children and families in need. For more information, call (772) 562-9860, Ext. 232 or email dparcher@irchabitat.org.



Photo courtesy of Indian River County VNA

Tracey Kendrick, left, VNA Associate of the Quarter and Joyce Baldrice, VNA president and CEO.

## Associate of Quarter named

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Tracey Kendrick, communications manager, has been named the Visiting Nurse Association's Associate of the Quarter. Ms. Kendrick was selected by her peers for her accountability, integrity, collaboration and excellent customer service. "Tracey has been supportive of the VNA's mission and goals since joining the VNA in 2007," said

Rosalie Webster, VNA's vice president of human resources. "She is quick to volunteer for an event or help a co-worker on any project. She models our VNA core values and continues to be an asset to the VNA team." Ms. Kendrick has been with the VNA for almost five years. She has been vital to the marketing, communications and community relations aspects for the VNA. Recently, Ms. Kendrick was responsible for organ-

izing the VNA's Hustle for Home Health and Hospice 5K run/walk in Sebastian. Ms. Kendrick surpassed nearly all her fundraising goals and the Hustle has been successfully named the largest race in Sebastian to date. Since 1975, the VNA has been committed to bringing skilled, compassionate and cost-effective home-health care to Indian River County patients. For more information, call (772) 567-5551 or visit www.vnatc.com.

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**David Niaves**  
David Niaves, 58, of Sebastian, died April 29, 2012. Arrangements by Cox-Gifford-Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory.

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