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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.

## Falling orange

The case of the falling orange has come to a close. The state attorney's office has decided not to pursue a possible charge of aggravated assault against Bill Wink, a South Hutchinson Island resident, who unsuccessfully sought to become St. Lucie County property appraiser in 2010. The state attorney's office dropped the case.

Authorities arrested Mr. Wink earlier this year, after a man working on the road project involving Highway A1A reported someone attempted to attack him with an orange.

Mr. Wink said he decided to dispose of an orange that was about to spoil by throwing it off the patio into the grassy area for squirrels or other animals to eat.

A neighbor of Mr. Wink said it was ludicrous for anyone to think Mr. Wink was attempting to attack someone else.

In fact, he said he conducted his own test and determined it would have been impossible for Mr. Wink to hit the employee with the orange, even if it had been his intent.

"You could get Roger Clemens over here and Clemens couldn't do it," he said of the famed baseball pitcher.

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### ANY HONEY?



Winnie the Pooh searches for honey in this classic coming to Vero

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### ATHLETE OF YEAR



Brad Tandy, an IRSC student and swimmer, receives honor

## WEEKEND WEATHER

**Friday:** Scattered storms; high: 84; low: 71; high tide: 6:54 a.m.; low tide: 1:03 p.m.  
**Saturday:** Scattered storms; high: 88; low: 72; high tide: 7:51 a.m.; low tide: 1:57 a.m.  
**Sunday:** Scattered storms; high: 88; low: 72; high tide: 8:47 a.m.; low tide: 2:51 p.m.  
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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## FCAT results have district questioning value of test

Superintendent: There are no answers

By Jessica Tuggle  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The dramatic drop in passing student scores for the FCAT writing test is a big concern, said area school district leaders.

An average of a 60 percent drop in the passing rate for writing scores for the FCAT test sent shockwaves around the state. Indian River County School Dis-

trict officials are still waiting on answers from the state board of education.

Superintendent Fran Adams said changes had been made to all the FCAT tests over the last year, and educators knew to expect a drop in scores during the debut year, but the actual numbers show something went terribly wrong with the scoring system.

"I do feel that it has been a year of many changes for the test, but

of all the testing I have the most concern about the validity and reliability of the FCAT Writes," Superintendent Adams said.

"It was a dramatic drop. There's a lot of questions about the process," she said.

FCAT Writes is taken by fourth-, eighth- and 10th-graders, and does not affect graduation.



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In response to the test scores, the Florida Board of Education decided in a 4-3 vote to lower the passing score on the See **RESULTS, A8**

## Candidate to donate part of salary to charity

By Jessica Tuggle  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Barry Barnard has never held public office, but he's fired up about certain issues and is ready to take on the Republican nominee for tax collector in the November general election.

Mr. Barnard, a retired certified public accountant, is running for tax collector under no party affiliation and will face off with the winner of the August Republican primary, either incumbent Carole Jean Jordan or former county commissioner and business owner, Tom Lowther.

The yearly salary of the tax collector, about \$117,000, is one of the items Mr. Barnard would change if elected.

"I saw the salary for tax collector and I thought it was

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## Honoring the Four Chaplains



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Rick McElfresh of AmeriGas Propane of Vero Beach spent much of Friday installing the eternal flame torch on the Four Chaplains monument in Sebastian's Riverview Park in time for its dedication Memorial Day, Monday, May 28. AmeriGas Propane donated a 1,000-gallon tank, propane, lines and torch for the monument. Neil Hartman, AmeriGas district manager and a retired Navy veteran said AmeriGas would supply propane for the flame, 'As long as the monument is here.'

## Volunteers needed to package meals

Minster returns from cross-country ride for hunger

By Jessica Tuggle  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — A truckload of food ready to be packaged and sent to Haiti will arrive at the Gifford Youth Activity Center on June 9, and volunteers are needed to help make it happen.

The Rev. Scott Alexander of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Vero Beach returned to his hometown on May 22 after a cross-country bicycle ride to raise money for charities that help feed the hungry. His efforts raised nearly \$50,000 and 50 percent of the proceeds will be used to purchase

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## Area businesses invited to measure up

Best Places To Work competition is on

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Employers and business leaders from Indian River County gathered at Riverside Theatre last week to hear how they can improve their workplace culture.

The Indian River County Best Places to Work program by Workforce Solutions held a networking breakfast and guest speaker on May 24.

Mayda Sotomayor-Kirk, CEO of Vero Beach-based Seald Sweet International, encouraged her peers to be the example of what they want from their employees.

"I worked alongside them, and I wouldn't ask them to do anything I wouldn't do," Ms. Sotomayor-Kirk said of how she helped transition the produce company from a non-profit citrus co-op to a pri-



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Mayda Sotomayor-Kirk, left, CEO of Seald Sweet International, talks with Vicki Soulé, CEO of Treasure Coast Community Health, during the Best Places to Work kickoff event last Thursday at Riverside Theatre.

ivate, for-profit entity.

She cited her parents, political refugees from Cuba, as the ones who built a strong work ethic within her, an ethic that has taken her from an invoice-stuffer to the CEO of an international business.

"Never give up and never be afraid of failure or hard work," Ms. Sotomayor-Kirk said.

Best Places to Work is a national program developed to provide a confidential forum for local employers to participate in an

evaluation of various local workplace best practices and programs, according to a press release.

Participating in the program is free for all Indian River County employers.

The standards are useful See **BUSINESSES, A2**

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Gerry Hoeffner, of Personnel Dynamics Consulting, spoke to the 75 or so human resource professionals about the Best Places to Work event last Thursday.



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## Businesses

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for employers to compare themselves to other area businesses of similar size, but the best use for the data collected during the process is in the human resources department, said Gerry Hoeffner, president of Personnel Dynamics Consulting Group, who developed the company evaluation tool used in the program.

The application process includes a questionnaire employers fill out with 37 different measurements of business practices. Employers answer questions about orientation, employee benefits, profit sharing, retirement programs, turnover rate, growth, training and promotions.

The answers are weighted by a computer program and the top best places to work

are chosen, Mr. Hoeffner said.

Applications are due Aug. 3 and an awards luncheon will be held on Oct. 11.

Setting high standards creates an environment where every business is striving to be the best they can be, which is good for the company, the clients and the competition, Mr. Hoeffner said.

Data gathered from the application can show a business where they are doing well, and where they can improve, he said.

"It's not about perfection, it is about progression," Mr. Hoeffner said.

Melody Ipolito of Kmetz, Nuttall, Elwell, Graham, a bookkeeping, accounting and tax preparation company in Vero Beach, submitted an application last year for her company and was one of four companies highlighted in the awards ceremony.

One of the items the winners receive is a banner to

display on their place of business, announcing their accolade to clients and prospective clients, Ms. Ipolito said.

Having the banner proclaiming your business as the best is excellent marketing and makes a difference in who chooses to work with the company and who seeks to employ her company, she said.

Their office is located beachside and their banner has been battered by the weather, making it difficult to be seen, but that's not going to stop anything, she said.

"We're getting a new sign," Ms. Ipolito said, drawing laughs and applause from the crowd.

For more information about the program, visit [www.yourworkforcesolutions.com/employers/irbptw](http://www.yourworkforcesolutions.com/employers/irbptw)

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The Rev. Scott W. Alexander, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach, returned May 22 from his demanding, month-long, 3,300-mile bike ride across America. He arrived to a welcoming group of 350 people at Waldo's inside the historic Driftwood Resort to learn that his fundraising goal of \$50,000 had been reached.

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## Meals

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chase and ship meals to Haitian children and working mothers.

The meals are being sent through Stop Hunger Now, an international hunger relief organization.

"We have estimated that it will take nearly upwards of 350 volunteers for our meal packaging event," said Maureen Labadie, a packing day coordinator and member of the Rotary Club of Vero Beach Oceanside, in a press release.

"We are encouraging ages 12 and up to come forward and join us. In the end, it will be a very rewarding, feel-good day for all involved," she said.

The volunteers will be split into two groups, one team working at 9 a.m. and another at 12:30 p.m.

The Rev. Alexander's ride into Vero Beach was met with cheers of "welcome home" and "way to go" at an energetic celebration at the historic Driftwood Resort in Vero Beach on May 22.

He began his 3,300-mile trek on April 22 and the crowd, including members of his own congregation, was bursting with pride as he rode up the street toward the resort.

Richard and Myra Greenfield said they were ecstatic their minister was able to complete his goal, just one year after knee surgery.

"We knew he could do it, he's done it before and we've seen him train, but our concern was that his knee would hold up. And guess what? It did!" Mr. Greenfield said.

"We travel a lot and wherever we go we see hunger. We want to be right with him to take care of hunger," Mrs. Greenfield said.

The Rev. Alexander's goal to ride to beat hunger isn't just for international hunger, she said.

The other 50 percent of the money he raised on his trip will go to Harvest Food and Outreach Center, a local nonprofit that distributes low-cost food to those in need, as well as providing educational programs to help families save money, find employment, get on their feet and thrive.

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# Workers step it up for dedication



**Cliff Partlow**/staff photographer  
It was all hands on deck last Friday as workers with the AmeriGas Propane and the city of Sebastian went into high-speed mode Friday to finish the Four Chaplains monument in time for its dedication Memorial Day Monday, May 28. Bucky Gerber, city of Sebastian roads and maintenance supervisor, cuts one of the 3,200 paver-bricks to fit the walkway by the monument in Riverview Park.

**Cliff Partlow**/staff photographer  
Tim Walker, city of Sebastian public works storm water supervisor, cuts some of the 3,200 paver-bricks that will fill the walkway to and around the Four Chaplains monument in Riverview Park last Friday. Both workers with the city of Sebastian and AmeriGas Propane were in high gear to finish the monument in time for Monday's Memorial Day dedication.



**Cliff Partlow**/staff photographer  
Bucky Gerber, city of Sebastian roads and maintenance supervisor, lays some of the 3,200 paver-bricks used in the walkways of the Four Chaplains monument in Riverview Park in Sebastian last Friday. Workers with AmeriGas Propane and the city of Sebastian put the final touches on the monument for its dedication on Memorial Day.

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# Free breakfast seminar to focus on home, health

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Indian River County Health Department wants men and their families to build up their health and strengthen their home lives. The health department and the Indian River County HIV/AIDS Awareness Network are sponsoring a free “Man Up and SOS Family Matters: Come As You Are” summit on Father’s Day weekend. On June 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Gifford Youth Activity Center in Vero Beach, men and their families are invited to a free breakfast and seminar focusing on men stepping up and taking charge of their health care needs and being there for their family, said John May, patient care outreach rep-

resentative for the health department. In addition to a free breakfast and several guest speakers, the health department will offer free health screenings and a Fort Pierce-based organization will offer rapid-response testing for HIV and STDs. “With this event, we are trying to get people of all races to take responsibility on health issues,” he said. “It’s important to get our Indian River County area to understand that HIV is on the rise. Education is a powerful tool and testing is important,” Mr. May said. In 2011, the health department recorded 14 reported HIV infection cases and eight reported AIDS cases. Since HIV/AIDS cases began to be reported in 1997, there have been 381 adults and five children

who have been tested and were found positive for AIDS in Indian River County. Of those numbers, 50 percent of those diagnosed have died. Mr. May said the number may sound very small in comparison to the 2010 population of 138,028, but the fact is, very few people get tested for the disease. “People say they don’t want to take the test because they don’t want to know if they have it, they’re scared of needles or they don’t know how they are going to deal with it after they know,” Mr. May said. A 2008 report by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s national HIV surveillance database said every 9 minutes and 30 seconds someone in the U.S. is infected with HIV. The report estimated that 230,000 people are living

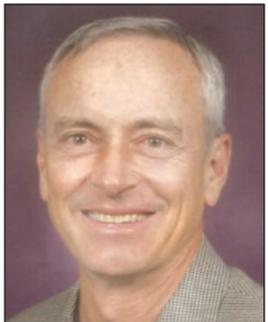
with HIV in the U.S. who don’t even know it, equivalent to one in five people being unaware they are HIV positive. According to CDC information, about one in three Americans diagnosed HIV don’t learn of their infection until they are already in the most advanced stage of the disease. “People should be tested to know their status,” Mr. May said. For those with a fear of needles, a swab test can be provided, he said. “If you have it, then we can deal with it, so you can go on with your life. There is no cure, but there are treatments to keep the virus under control,” he said. For more information about the event, call Mr. May at (772) 794-7477.

**Candidate**  
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absolutely ridiculous, absurd. This is a time where we’re scaling back on teachers and first responders and politicians aren’t doing us any favors by not cutting their salaries,” Mr. Barnard said. “It’s getting to the point where public servants are really not servants anymore,”

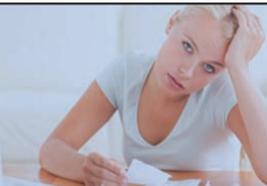
he said. Mr. Barnard said he would take \$20,000 of the salary and give it to the county government and give another \$20,000 to charities. Since the devastating Haiti earthquakes in 2010, Mr. Barnard has volunteered a combined total of 10 months on the island helping with various relief and humanitarian efforts. Charities that work with children, such as Haitian

orphanages, or bringing it closer to home, the Guardian ad Litem program, would be the types of programs he’d distribute the money toward. Mr. Barnard has volunteered with the Guardian ad Litem program for several years. Volunteers for the program act as representatives of abused and neglected children going through the court system. He and his wife, Frances, are in the process of adopting a 6-year-old girl from Haiti. Mr. Barnard has two adult children living elsewhere in the U.S.



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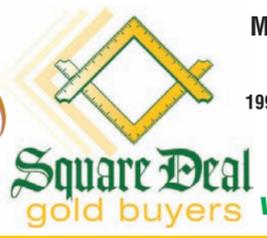
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He spent more than 20 years as a CPA and said his experience in money management will serve him well as tax collector. He also served as the chief financial officer of one of the largest drywall companies based in Houston. He hopes to use his experi-

ence and make the office more efficient, by streamlining in-house procedures and increasing online services to the public. He is also interested in seeing if there is a way to integrate the ability to make appointments at the tax collector’s office, so people don’t always have to wait in lines. “I’m willing to do the job for less and maybe bring some fresh ideas to the table,” Mr. Barnard said. Contact Mr. Barnard at barry.barnard1@gmail.com. For more the August primary election or the November general election, visit www.voteindianriver.com.

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tion will help the nonprofit continue offering their services and helping local families come out of a crisis situation, said Kristin Sposato, director of donor relations for Harvest Food and Outreach Center. To read about the Rev. Alexander’s trip or sign up to package meals visit www.ridetobeathunger.org. Pre-registration for the event can also be handled by contacting Ms. Labadie at (772) 473-1036.

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# Police report

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

## Sebastian Police Department

•Diane C. Marshall, 48, 1662 Addie St., Sebastian, was arrested May 22 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for third-degree grand theft and child neglect.

•Ronald Robert Parker, 51, 1206 U.S. 1, Sebastian, was arrested May 22 and charged with driving while license suspended and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

## Indian River County Sheriff's Office

•Lionel Ferrin, 17, 485 14th St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested May 17 and charged with battery on a school board employee.

•Daniel James Mock, 27, 1155 38th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 17 and charged with organized fraud, dealing in stolen property and third-degree grand theft.

•Randy Lee Brown, 25, 3981 Lincoln Drive, Vero Beach, was arrested May 20 and charged with battery and hindering, delaying or preventing the use of 911.

•David L. Baer, 27, 217 S.W. Starfish Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested May 20 and charged with being a habitual traffic offender.

•Henry Chambliss, 35, 5790 59th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 20 and

charged with organized fraud.

•Ashley Amber McCabe, 27, 1906 71st Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 19 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for owning or leasing premises to traffic or sell a controlled substance.

•Dean A. Kwek, 57, 8680 104th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 19 and charged with possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Charles Edward Stokes, 25, 4855 32nd Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 19 and charged with shooting or throwing a deadly missile into an occupied structure and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

•Robert Michael Boysel, 29, no address given, was arrested May 19 and charged with child abuse and video voyeurism.

•Allison Irene Price, 39,

365 S. Wimbrow Drive, Apt. A, Sebastian, was arrested May 18 and charged with obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.

•Roshawn Antwan Helms, 29, 1566 Emerson Lane, Sebastian, was arrested May 18 and charged with tampering with evidence and possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana.

•Shannon N. Schwing, 21, 741 Rosebush Terrace, Sebastian, was arrested May 18 and charged with organized fraud and dealing in stolen property.

•Matthew O'Neal Williams, 26, 3991 46th Place, Vero Beach, was arrested May 21 and charged with felony driving while license suspended.

•Lisa Mae Grant, 24, 302 Northeast 366th Trail, Okeechobee, was arrested May 22 and charged with two counts of communication

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fraud.

•Christopher P. Askins, 29, 990 N.W. Palm Lake Drive, Unit 2, Stuart, was arrested May 22 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for being a habitual traffic offender.

•Delroy Ezekiel Gibb, 47, 103 North Mulberry St., Fellsmere, was arrested May 22 and charged with felony driving under the influence.

•Katrina Ann Marshall, 36, 1565 18th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested May 21 and charged with felony petit theft.

•Sheila Shaunte Cothorn, 27, 1708 Avenue E, Apt. C., Fort Pierce, was arrested May 21 and charged with scheme to defraud a financial institution.

## Nursing assistant training available

For Hometown News  
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

TREASURE COAST — Those looking for quick job training to get started in the healthcare field should consider registering for the nursing assistant course at Indian River State College.

IRSC is accepting applications for nursing assistant classes. Most nursing assistants help with patient care activities such as bathing and feeding.

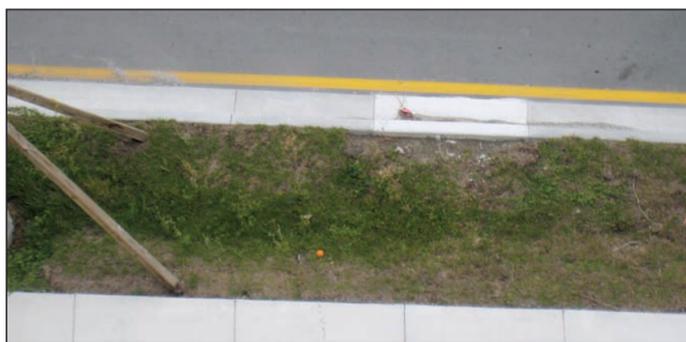
Nursing assistants work under the supervision of nursing or medical staff to provide basic care in hospitals, nursing homes, physicians' offices, clinics and in-home care. This

nursing assistant course is the first step to becoming a licensed practical nurse.

The course takes about seven weeks to complete. In the program, students attend class approximately 20 hours per week. Day and night classes are available at IRSC campuses and locations in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties.

In addition to associates and bachelor's degrees, IRSC offers many quick job training programs that enable students to gain job skills in less than a year.

For more information, call (772) 462-7570, email info@irsc.edu or visit www.irsc.edu.



After his neighbor, Bill Wink, was arrested for throwing an orange off a seventh-story patio, Ken Smith conducted an experiment and threw the orange from the same patio. He said it landed nowhere near where a man was working the day Mr. Wink threw his orange. The orange, as shown in the photo, landed in a grassy area. The worker's complaint that Mr. Wink had targeted him led to Mr. Wink being arrested.

Photo courtesy of Ken Smith

## Blotter

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### It's not who you know

Apparently, knowing State Rep. William Snyder is not a get-out-of-jail free ticket in Martin County.

In one incident last week, a Martin County deputy arrested a man who caused a disturbance at a business.

The man told the deputy he knows Rep. Snyder, but that didn't stop the arrest.

In another unrelated incident last week, an onlooker at a serious accident was asked to return to his vehicle.

Instead, the man told the deputy he knows Rep. Snyder and he didn't like the way the deputy was treating him.

But that didn't stop the man from being arrested on a charge of resisting an

officer without violence.

Rep. Snyder was a former major in the Martin County Sheriff's Office and is currently running for sheriff.

### Too young to be a father?

Vero Beach cops were probably incredulous when a man told them he was 73 years old and his father is 83.

That would be something

for the Guinness "Book of World Records" if it were true.

But in reality, the man admitted he provided false information because when he was stopped while riding his motorcycle they discovered his driver license was suspended for failure to pay child support.

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## Protect home base this hurricane season

Baseball and hurricane preparedness have a lot in common; you have to cover all your bases to succeed.

As Floridians, we all need to be prepared for hurricane season, and National Hurricane Preparedness week, May 27 through June 2, is a great time to ensure we've covered all our bases insure, secure and prepare to recover.

Protecting your home base isn't just about hardening your home physically. It is just as important to prepare financially for a disaster.

The top three reasons homeowners strike out when it comes to insurance claims are insufficient documentation, lack of adequate insurance coverage and failure to retain proof of damage.

Failing to prepare financially could mean thousands in damage you will have to pay from your own pocket.

With hurricane preparedness, you make it to first base by ensuring you have adequate coverage for your property. Tagging second base means securing important documents and rounding third base is having the ability to recover after a storm. Taking all of these steps will help you protect your home base this hurricane season.

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Score a home run this hurricane season. Take the necessary steps to protect your family, home and business now.

For additional information on hurricane preparedness, visit [www.MyFloridaCFO.com/c](http://www.MyFloridaCFO.com/c) onsumers and click on disaster preparedness, or call (877) My-FL-CFO (693-5236).

Jeff Atwater is Florida's chief financial officer

## Promoting good oral health

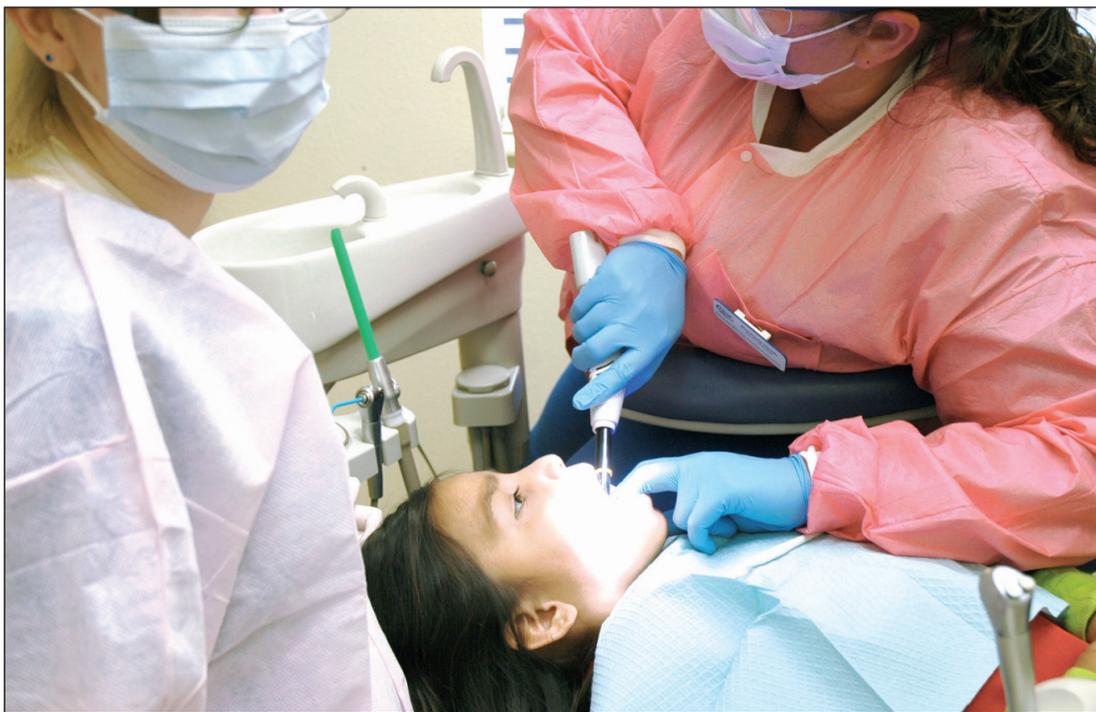


Photo courtesy of Treasure Coast Community Health

Elizabeth Hernandez, center, opens wide as Kimberly Heath, left and Jessica Fischer, both dental assistant students at Indian River State College, prepare to apply sealant to her molars at Treasure Coast Community Health last Monday in Vero Beach. 'It's a nice partnership between IRSC and TCCH,' said Heidi Turk, the dental director at TCCH. 'We do this as part of our partnership with the Indian River School District health program.' Students from the college participated in the event where second-grade students from Dodgertown Elementary School were screened and had sealant applied to their permanent molars at TCCH's Oslo Road facility.



### Got something to say?

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tering every statement, but I digress.

This is typical of the left, and can we really afford another four years of treating the American public as imbeciles? Really?

### Sending kudos

Kudos to the "rant" about drivers not using turn signals for changing lanes, but the writer has one or two mistakes.

One mistake, it's also in turning corners that many don't use their signals and secondly, it isn't just "the rich guys in fancy cars." I've watched this for several years and have driven all over the U.S. through all 48 contiguous states and every time I come "home" I know I'm back in Florida. Why? Signaling for lane changes and turning disappears. I have literally sat at corners waiting for a light to change and counted how many were signaling. I can tell you that 75 percent of the drivers do not signal and that includes our police and sheriff's officers. The latter are not as bad as they used to be, though.

The average driver, regardless of age, sex, old or new model of car does not use signals for lane changing or turning. When are our officers going to clamp down on this? The fines would add great funds to the state or cities.

I've often thought a good "gotcha" impression would do wonders if the first time their fine was \$5. Next time same person caught, it doubled and then doubled the third time. Got the idea? They wouldn't forget after a few stops and tickets.

### In response to a rant

I have just read the most ridiculous statement I have ever seen in Rants and Raves. In this election year there are a lot of ridiculous comments being made by supposedly intelligent people, but this takes the cake.

How does one identify illegal aliens while waiting for their child at school? Are they running around with signs on their backs? How does he or she identify them and know that they are illegal? Did they get on a bus marked illegal aliens?

Oh I get it; they must be of a different color. I hope this writer's children grow up with more sense than they have, or our world is doomed.

### Listen to the pope?

We should listen to Pope Benedict. He recently called huge government budget deficits a moral problem, describing them as "living at the expense of future generations."

Praise God for Pope Benedict. Our big spending politicians should listen intently to him.

### Throw the bums out

Government supplies free school lunches, Pell grants, food stamps, Section 8 housing, Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security and who knows what else.

The average poor person gets \$13,000 in federal aid each and every year.

Pandering politicians are in the business of pleasing as many voters as possible.

No wonder our federal budget deficit and our debt are out of control. Let's throw the bums out.

### Change direction of politics

Is there any wonder why Americans are sick and tired of what we are getting out of the nation's capitol?

We are concerned about jobs, foreclosures, bailouts, taxes, spending, debt and national security.

What we have is an unprecedented left-wing, old-school, top-down, bureaucratic, ever-expanding government.

Is it any wonder why people want a change in direction?

### Plagiarism?

I must address a rant that I read in this week's Hometown News titled: "Be careful who's in charge."

First it is a plagiarized statement without a cite or a preamble indicating that. This a manipulated quote, originally attributed by a statement made by the Rev. Martin Niemöller titled "First They Came..."

This is obviously written by a member of the DNC, because it is typical of the liberals to use unsubstantiated scare tactics, and believe that everyone is as ignorant as they want to believe.

The implication is that the Republican Party is a party of Nazis, which couldn't be further from the truth. After all, wasn't it the Democrat sheriffs in the deep south during the civil rights movement that sprayed down those fighting for civil rights?

Wasn't it the Eisenhower administration that in 1957 started the civil rights movement? Isn't it this current president that has pushed Israel aside, creating the worst diplomatic relations between the two countries since Israel's inception? Isn't it this administration that has the worst relationship with American Jews than ever before?

The writer amusingly implies that the Democrats supports the Catholic Church, but attacks this entity on everything that the church was founded on and practices today.

The Republicans are coming after poor people? That's laughable. The Republicans are only there to speak up for the wealthy and corporations? Sorry there bub, I'm Jewish who grew up in the projects and worked my rear off as a cop, which enabled me to retire and give to the local economy. You say that the Republicans come and say "show me your papers" Hmm. What about the words "illegal alien" don't you understand? Why not survey the U.S. military and see what the demos are for political affiliation?

According to the Navy Times in 2010, 73 percent are either Republicans, or Independents. That leaves the rest at 27 percent to be other. Most firefighters and law enforcement officers are Republican/conservative/independents.

Now, those of anything like Bill Ayers, Jeremiah Wright, Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson, ACLU, Black Panthers, those criminals allowed to retain their right to vote and the like are Democrats.

My point is clear. If you want big government, higher taxes, Obamacare, more rights for the criminals, not the victims, supported by race baiters without any condemnation against them, more anarchy with less civility, want this president to borrow another 5 trillion, gamble with another Solyndra, and blame it on his predecessor? Then certainly vote Democrat.

Why not bring those that created the housing market crash back into power? You know, Frank, Pelosi, Reid and company. That worked out before, didn't it? No!

After all, as the writer of last week's rant didn't have a single original thought, including copying a statement without crediting the original writer, I can go on and on coun-

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# Graduating clients recognized



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The Mental Health Association celebrated the successful graduation of 15 clients who completed their treatment plans with a ceremony April 20. From left, guest speakers Alma Lee Loy, Michael Kint, CEO, United Way of IRC, Sheriff Deryl Loar and Kristine Sarkauskas, MHA President & CEO. The graduates, now alumni, will continue in an aftercare program, which includes follow up treatment as well as working with other clients to provide support, understanding and mentorship. 'We are so proud of our graduates,' said Mrs. Sarkauskas. 'Not only did they make the decision to get help, but now they want to be there for others who are facing the same emotional and behavioral challenges they did.'

# Volunteer becomes outreach coordinator

For Hometown News  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Cindy Hejlik has been promoted to Indian River County community relations coordinator for Harvest Food & Outreach Center.

In her new role, Ms. Hejlik will represent the nonprofit in the community at speaking engagements, along with organizing food and

clothing drives, fundraising efforts and partnering with location businesses and organizations.

Ms. Hejlik began volunteering at Harvest Food in September 2010 because of her belief in their mission to offer a hand up to individuals wanting to break the cycle of poverty.

In December 2010, she took on the position of volunteer services coordinator and has carefully matched

task with talent since that time.

"I have enjoyed being the volunteer coordinator for the past year and a half, because there are just so many people waiting to give back to the community, and I could help them do just that," said Ms. Hejlik.

"Now I get to go out and pro-actively share with others how we can help them make a change for the better."

Harvest Food's mission is to provide a hand up for those in need, helping them to break free from poverty by offering hunger relief, crisis care, transformative education and employment training opportunities. They have two campuses in Vero Beach, which serve more than 350 families a day.

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### Doris Arnold

Doris Arnold, 82, of Wabasso, died May 18, 2012.  
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### Theodore E. Gottry

Theodore E. Gottry, 74, of Fellsmere, died May 15, 2012.  
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From left: Harbor retirement associates representatives Marc Vorkapich, president, and Tim Smick, owner, join Pilar Turner, Vero Beach mayor, and her husband, Al Turner, at the Dining to Make a Difference benefit, held April 26 at HarborChase of Vero Beach. The event raised funds for the Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Association of Indian River County.

## Event raises money for nonprofit association

**For Hometown News**  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — "Dining to Make a Difference," held on April 26 at HarborChase of Vero Beach, provided an evening of fun and food for 65 guests.

More than \$3,300 raised during the event will support the Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Association of Indian River County, in its 27th year of serving the community with disorders affecting memory and movement by promoting quality of life and choice through advocacy, support, empowerment, education and research connections.

Led by Kara Anderson, executive director, the staff at HarborChase of Vero Beach is comprised of the volunteer committee

including Todd Bartlett, Sheree Gough, director of sales; Trish Kelly, director of memory care and life enrichment; Tom Rockwood, director of maintenance and Liz Barr, director of resident care.

Vendor sponsors who donated and discounted food and linens were Downtown Produce, Erneston Produce, U.S. Foods and Alsco.

"We are very appreciative for the gifts of time, talent and treasure from the staff at HarborChase of Vero Beach and their vendors for this donation," said Peggy Cunningham, executive director, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Association of Indian River County.

"They have truly impacted the residents of Indian River County whose lives

have been challenged by disorders affecting memory and movement."

Services provided by Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Association of Indian River County include: support groups, a lending library resource center, monthly program meetings, caregiver training, Project Lifesaver tracking bracelets, respite care, an activity center, weekly exercise classes and memory screening.

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## Results

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essay exam for this year until a further investigation on the test can be completed.

The essay is graded on a scale of 1 to 6, with 6 being the highest. A score of 4 is considered a passing grade.

Before the state board lowered the passing rate to 3 for this testing cycle, in Indian River County, only

28 percent of area fourth-graders earned a passing score of 4, compared to 85 percent in 2011.

According to records, 35 percent of eighth graders passed with a grade of 4, compared to 82 percent last year, and 32 percent of 10th graders passed, compared to 78 percent last year.

With the state's decision to lower the passing standard, the passing rate for fourth grade changed to 81 percent, eighth grade 77 percent and 10th grade 79 percent.

This year's test, known as FCAT 2.0, included higher standards for punctuation, spelling and grammar.

Superintendent Adams stressed the test scores do not show less learning took place in the classroom, rather

State education Commissioner Gerard Robinson said in his blog on May 16 that he supported the new, higher standards.

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## Out & about

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

• Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller are coming to Vero Beach to present their **live parenting seminar** about developing the conscience in kids. This is a seminar filled with practical, biblical ideas for helping kids be internally-motivated to do what's right. The event will take place at Christ Church Vero Beach from 8:45 a.m. - noon. Cost: \$10 per adult (spouse is free) \$4 per child (\$12 maximum). For more information, visit [www.biblicalpharenting.org/sc](http://www.biblicalpharenting.org/sc) hedule.asp

• **Indian River Rowing Club and Sebastian River Crew will be hosting national Learn to Row Day** from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the C-54 canal located just north of downtown Fellsmere. Participants will try out ergs (rowing machines), receive coaching on land and in the water. Members will be on hand to answer your questions. Wear sunscreen and water shoes. Buggy clothing is not recommended. Refreshments will be available and the event is free to the public.

• The Samaritan Center for Homeless Families is hosting the **fourth annual bounce tacular family fun day** at Riverside Park from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome to bounce and enjoy the day's activities which will include face painting, games, and more than 15 giant inflatable bounce houses and water slides. Admission is \$10 per child, children under 2 are free. All event proceeds benefit the Samaritan Center for Homeless Families.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

• **Spoil Islands talk** with Marc Virgilio of the Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserves. Talk will cover the general status and enhancement of our spoil islands. Event will take place at the natural resources board meeting at Sebastian City Hall on Main Street. The public is invited. Event starts at 6 p.m. For more information, call (772) 589-3201.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

• The Sebastian River Art Club is hosting an **opening reception and gallery tour** from 4-7 p.m. Light snacks and punch will be served. Spotlighted will be the "Little Jewels" in the Picasso Gallery. The gallery is located at 1245 Main St., Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 388-

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## 'Silly old bear' comes to Vero Beach stage

By Jessica Tuggle  
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VERO BEACH — Whether it's having a craving for "hunny" or bouncing around with friends, the stories of Winnie the Pooh bear have captivated children for years.

This month, Riverside Children's Theatre will bring some of those stories to life.

For the first time, Disney has released a licensed children's stage production about the tubby little cubby all stuffed with fluff, "Winnie the Pooh Kids."

Riverside Children's Theatre is among the first theaters in the nation to debut the new musical, and the second in Florida.

The show will run June 8-10 and June 15-17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Anne Morton Theatre.

Forty children will participate in the production, with 18 students alternating the lead roles of the main cast, Winnie the Pooh, Tigger, Piglet, Rabbit, Owl, Kanga, Roo, Eeyore and Christopher

Robin. Director Kevin Quillinan said by double casting the roles, more students have the opportunity to shine in the spotlight and gain experience on the stage.

The Hef-

pher Robin, the animals become worried a fearsome creature "The Backson" captured him.

As the audience and the characters onstage learn about "The Backson" from Owl, like any good musical, it leads to a song.

"The Backson" is

dom, he said.

"It also has really fun choreography done by Angelo Cerniglia," Mr. Quillinan said.

Mr. Cerniglia is co-director of the production and gives all the students feedback on their stage presence and performance and encourages them to be their best.

The stage sets create a whimsical, storybook setting just as generations of children have imagined the Hundred-Acre Wood to look like.

The children will scamper along the top of small hills, included the famous "Rabbit's Howse" burrow, and a taller hill is set up perfectly as a slide.

The set was designed by Katie Andrew, Riverside Theatre's props assistant, and built by the theater production staff, Mr. Quillinan said.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students.

For tickets or more information, call (772) 231-6990 or visit [www.riversidetheatre.com](http://www.riversidetheatre.com).



falump cast is led by Patrick Schlitt as Winnie the Pooh. His portrayal of the character during rehearsals is full of fun, youthful and enthusiastic energy.

The Woozle cast is led by Tahlia Lauren Cisneros. Her acting shows more of the bashful, sweet and caring Winnie the Pooh.

In the show, Winnie the Pooh goes in search of honey and along the way meets his friends. When they cannot find Christo-

Mr. Quillinan's favorite number of the approximately 35-minute performance.

"It's a fun, silly number that Owl sings about these imagined creatures that scares the others," said Mr. Quillinan in an email interview.

The song is similar in vein to other Disney songs that are simultaneously frightening and silly, such as "Grim Grinning Ghosts," played during the Haunted Mansion ride at Disney's Magic King-

## Garden celebration calls for flower photos

By Jessica Tuggle  
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VERO BEACH — A veritable rainbow will be blooming on the ponds in McKee Botanical Garden this summer.

The tropical paradise Vero Beach is known to be will be on full and vibrant display at the garden. Capturing its beauty and winning a family pass to see it year round for free is just a button push away.

McKee Botanical Garden will hold its eighth annual water lily celebration on June 16, and the public is invited to showcase their best photos of the floral blooms in an art contest.

Back by popular demand, McKee patrons can submit a photo entry of a waterlily taken at the garden in 2011 or 2012 with film or digital cameras. Photos must be 8 inches by 10 inches mounted on foam board and mat-

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Cliff Partlow/staff photographer  
Arlene Brooks, a member of the Treasure Coast Photography Club, photographs lilies at McKee Botanical Garden's waterlily celebration last year. The garden is holding a photo contest for amateur and professional photographers that will be held June 16.



Week of 6-1-2012

ARIES - March 21-April 20

Aries, your ambition will take you to new places this week. Channel your energy in a constructive method to make the most of this renewed vigor.

TAURUS - Apr 21-May 21

Taurus, now is the time to do slow and steady work, rather than experimenting with new methods. You'll have time for fun and some trial and error later on.

GEMINI - May 22-June 21

Gemini, for some reason you feel compelled to get started on something new in the next few days. This may be a job or a relationship — only time will unveil the secrets.

CANCER - June 22-July 22

Cancer, you will need to take an intellectual approach to solving what has been troubling you recently. Lists and careful consideration might be necessary.

LEO - July 23-Aug. 23

You have to approach someone who hasn't been doing his or her share of the work, Leo. Tread gently because there could be a very good reason why this person has been floundering.

VIRGO - Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Open yourself up to a new line of thinking, Virgo. There are many different possibilities that you may have overlooked before now. Try to expand your horizons.

LIBRA - Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Embrace spontaneity this week, Libra. It could turn out to be something exciting and fun, which is just what you need at this time in your life.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Scorpio, take a step back and allow an upset family

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Members of The Edden Family Impact play for those in attendance at the AT&T A day of fun and support for Indian River County at the Gifford Youth Activities Center. Organizers hope to make this an annual event. From left: Unique, Beautiful, Roscoe Jr. and Roscoe Sr.

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Christine Kelly-Begazo, University of Florida/Indian River County extension director/agriculture agent, visits with 3-month-old Eva Fowler during the AT&T day of fun and support for Indian River County at the Gifford Youth Activities Center last Thursday. More than a dozen area businesses specializing in support for seniors were on hand.



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The Gifford Youth Activities Center was home to the inaugural AT&T day of fun and support for Indian River County last Thursday. The event offered residents information on free cell phones and phones for the hard of hearing, services for the vision impaired, free legal advice and information on housing. James Hagan gets his blood pressure checked by Mary Chen, a registered nurse with Treasure Coast Community Health.

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Artist Emily Tremml painted, while Nancy Cloud photographed the stone foot bridge last year during McKee Botanical Garden's waterlily celebration. This year's celebration includes a photo contest open to amateur and professional photographers.



This lotus is among the many flowering water plants that will be in bloom and ready to be photographed during the waterlily celebration June 16 at McKee Botanical Garden.

Cliff Partlow staff photographer

## Photos

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Further entry requirements can be found online at McKee's website. The contest is free to enter, and both amateur and experienced photographers are welcome to enter. Entries will be accepted through June 13. There are more than 300 waterlily plants in the garden, and the lilies can be found in more than 120 varieties, said Kelly Susino, marketing and events manager. "The collection is constantly evolving as our horticulture staff continues to perform research and experiment with new varieties to determine which ones are able to adapt to the garden's unique conditions," Ms. Susino said in an email

interview. The garden will open at 8:30 a.m. on June 16 for the celebration so visitors can see some of the night-blooming waterlily varieties, Ms. Susino said. In addition to walking around the garden, enjoying the environment and seeing the submitted photos, guests at the celebration can educate themselves on waterlily repotting, photography, and shop around for aquatic plants and vintage garden accent pieces. "The photo contest has quickly become a popular addition to our annual waterlily celebration," said Christine Hobart, executive director, in a press release. "Attendees really enjoy seeing the creativity and perspective applied by each of the photographers, as well as having the chance to

choose their own favorite photo," she said. The garden has a natural, picturesque quality that draws artists from all media, especially photographers, Ms. Susino said. Last year there were 82 photos submitted, Ms. Susino said. Waterlilies thrive in the heat, so the waterlily collection will be a part of the summer season's décor for several months. Summer admission rates apply. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$4 for children ages 3-12. Garden members get in free, as do children younger than 3.

For more information about events or activities at McKee Botanical Garden, visit [www.mckee garden.org](http://www.mckee garden.org).

## Food drive deemed a success

For Hometown News  
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SEBASTIAN — The postal workers' 20th annual food drive, Stamp Out Hunger, was held May 12 and was a huge success.

This year's event yielded 27,000 pounds of non-perishable food, with 6,734 pounds going to each of the four contributing charities: The River Fund's Feed Everyone program, the Ecumenical Food Pantry, Lord's Table Soup Kitchen and Abiding Presence International.

These organizations have local missions of feeding people in need in Sebastian and the surrounding areas. More than 150 volunteers met at the Sebastian Post Office and helped unload, sort and pack the groceries to be distributed.

Seniors are also continuing to juggle buying expensive medicines or buying food, as are families suffering from high unemployment and joblessness in the county.

By the River, Sebastian's independent, resi-

dential community for low-income seniors, founded by spiritual teacher the late Ma Jaya, is a beneficiary of The River Fund's Feed Everyone program.

"This is our 11th year for The River Fund's program and everyone knows what to do," said Becky Allan, coordinator of the Sebastian Stamp Out Hunger food drive.

"It's really a well-oiled machine. I'm very grateful for the generosity of our community and the same sponsors who support the volunteers year after year."

The approaching summer months are critical times for these missions because summer is a time when children are not going to school where they are usually fed up to two meals a day. This puts additional strain on families already struggling to meet their food needs. These families then have to rely on food ministries to fill the gap.

For more information, call (724) 816-3242 or visit [www.helpstampouthunger.com](http://www.helpstampouthunger.com).

## Horoscopes

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member a little breathing room this week. It's best not to add fuel to the fire in this particular situation.

**SAGITTARIUS –**  
Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Get out and try to meet some new people, Sagittarius. Constantly add to your collection of networking contacts, because you never know when you'll need to call in a favor.

**CAPRICORN –**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Capricorn, though you can see quite clearly what you need to do this week, you may have to refrain from taking any action for some time. Try to be patient a little longer.

**AQUARIUS – Jan. 21-Feb. 18**

Aquarius, things have been going your way and you are getting more and more excited about the future. This influx of enthusiasm is just what you need.

**PISCES – Feb. 19-March 20**

Your big ideas are highly valued, Pisces. Let others know what you are thinking and don't be surprised if others ask for your advice.

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All classes cost \$7. For more information, call (722) 581-2629 or email namaste52bellsouth.net.

## Tips on disaster planning

The Humane Society of

Vero Beach and Indian River County has published a new brochure on disaster planning for pet owners.

The brochure covers topics including pet identification, determining if you and your pets live in a surge zone, pet supplies needed if someone must evacuate with their animals and how to create a pet first aid kit.

The free brochure can be obtained by visiting the Humane Society at 6230 77th St., Vero Beach, by calling the shelter at (772) 388-3331, Ext. 18

## Try a water class at aquatic center

The North County Aquatics Center is offering Aquanautics, a water fitness class, designed to strengthen and firm muscles,

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## League meetings scheduled

The La Leche League is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help mothers breastfeed through mother-to-mother support.

The La Leche League of the Treasure Coast meets in different locations from

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# Pet first aid, CPR class offered for kids

For Hometown News  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County will host a pet first aid and CPR class for children 8-11 years of age on June 26 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Humane Society's adoption and education building located at 6230 77th St. in Vero Beach

Using the "stop, look, listen and tell" system, children will work with animal mannequins to learn how to alert an

adult if their pet needs help, check their own pet's vital signs, determine when their pet may need medical assistance, help a pet in an emergency and create a pet first-aid kit.

Registration is \$20 and space is limited. Students will receive a certificate of completion and a pet first-aid book written specifically for children.

Registration in advance is required and can be completed by calling (772) 388-3331, Ext. 18.

# Clubs & classes

## CLUBS

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

•Exchange Club of Indian River meets Wednesdays from noon-1 p.m. at Culinary Capers, 737 22nd St., Vero Beach. This civic club is a group of men and women working together to make the community a better place to live.

For more information, call (772) 532-4398, e-mail to bluewateropen@gmail.com, or visit, www.exchangeclubofindianriver.org and www.bluewateropen.org.

•The Sebastian Fishin' Chic's meet the last Thursday of the month, at the Sebastian Entertainment

Center. For more information, call Michelle Barkley, at (772) 473-9462, Kristen Beck, at (772) 794-9900, or Karen Herndon, at (772) 633-2043.

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

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

•Humanists at Barefoot Bay meets the second Sat-

urday of every month at the South Mainland Library, 7921 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco, at 2 p.m. All compassionate and critical thinkers are invited.

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

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

•TOPS 470: Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Micco Chapter No. 470 meets every Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the South Mainland Library, 7921 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco, next to Barefoot Bay. New members are always welcome. For more information, call (772) 388-3984.

•Rotary Club of Sebastian meets at 12:15 p.m. every Thursday at Captain Butchers, 1730 Indian River Drive, Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 581-3199.

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

•Personal Computer Users Club meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the

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### SUNDAY, JUNE 10

•Space Coast Jazz Orchestra will present music of the 20s, 30s and 40s at 2:30 p.m. at the Emerson Center, 1590 27th Ave., Vero Beach. Tickets are \$20 general admission; 18 and under are free. For more information, visit www.SpaceCoastSymphony.org

### FRIDAY, JUNE 15

•Katie Adams of Make Believe Theater will present a shadow puppet show of "Star Stories" from Greek mythology for children from 10:30-11:30 a.m., in the North Indian River County Library meeting room. Admission is free and open to children and their caretakers. Free tickets for this special program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, may be picked up two weeks in advance at the Children's Service Desk. The Library is located at 1001 Sebastian Blvd., (CR 512) three miles west of U.S. 1. For more information, call (772) 589-1355 or visit www.sebastianlibrary.com.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 16

•Man Up Summit, breaking the cycle breakfast with the family, featuring local guest speakers, free HIV and STD testing and free health screenings, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Gifford Youth Activity Center, 4875 43rd Ave., Vero Beach. Sponsored by Indian River County Health Department, Indian River County HIV/AIDS Awareness Network and AIDS Health Care Foundation.

### 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, 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 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 cruises: Oceanside Business Association of Vero Beach's sunset Saturday cruises on the second Saturday of the month located on the corner of Ocean Drive and Dahlia Lane. For more information, visit www.VeroBeachOBA.com.

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

•Indian River Civic Association and the Florida Irish-American Society are conducting a food drive to benefit a local veteran's group home. Every Wednesday at noon the Irish Club, located at 1314 20th St. in Vero Beach, invites the public for a home-made lunch and dessert while listening to the big band sound of a local senior musical group. All ages are invited, and the cost is \$7,

no reservation required. Please bring a non-perishable food item. Every month the IRCA distributes this food, along with fresh meat to the veterans. For more information, call (772) 913-1196 or (772) 569-1460.

## ART GALLERIES

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

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

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

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

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

## BARS AND CLUBS

•Capt. Hiram's Resort, 1580 U.S. 1, Sebastian. For a look at the full entertainment lineup, visit www.hirams.com. (772) 589-4345

•Duke's Lounge, every Friday night, alternative night club. 4700 N. A1A, Vero Beach. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Call (772) 231-1600.

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

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

•Kilted Mermaid, 1937 Old Dixie Highway Vero Beach. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Wednesday, open mic jam session; Thursday, trivia with Jason; Friday, live music; Saturday, live music. Call (772) 569-5533.

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

•Marsh Landing, 44 N. Broadway St., Fellsmere: Bluegrass jam every Thursday night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call for other entertainment schedules. (772) 571-8622.

•J.J. Manning's Irish Pub, live music every Saturday night from 8 p.m.-midnight; Wednesday night, wine and bingo night at 7 p.m.; Thursday, pub quiz night at 7 p.m. 740 S. Fleming St., Sebastian. (772) 589-1238. www.jjmanningirishpub.com

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

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We invite children to Decorate Bikes and Ride in parade.

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Contact: **Lion Lloyd Thomas**, Parade Chairman, 981 Lanco Avenue, Sebastian, FL. 32958 (772) 646-0558.

If needs a faster reply: **Lion Tony Anunziato**, 1334 Starboard St., Sebastian, FL. 32958, (772) 581-1389

**Lion Norman Meyer**, 13244 US Hwy 1, Sebastian, FL. (772) 228-9900 Better yet: Email all request to nm210@yahoo.com, Tonya291@aol.com

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# Swimmer named male Athlete of Year

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TREASURE COAST — The Florida College System Activities Association has named Bradley Tandy, Indian River State College men's swim team member, as the 2012 FCSAA athlete of the year.

Mr. Tandy, 20, from South Africa, was an integral part of the IRSC swimming and diving team performance at the 2012 National Junior College Athletic Association championships hosted at IRSC this year, where he gave six record-breaking performances during the meet.

He is currently the record holder in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 19.06, the 100-meter freestyle at 42.76, the 200-meter freestyle relay at 1:17.70, the 400-meter freestyle relay at 2:54.69 and in the 200-meter medley relay coming in at 1:26.65.



Brad Tandy

Mr. Tandy can also claim title to the fastest man in the country in the 50-meter freestyle, with a time of 19.06 achieved during the meet.

"Brad is the real deal, if you give him a couple more years, it's a possibility that he could be the fastest man in the world," said Ryan Mallam, IRSC head swim coach.

"In addition to his amazing performance in the pool he also carried a 3.75 GPA."

# State champions get their rings



Photo courtesy of Sebastian River High School

Sebastian River High School Lady Sharks girl's basketball State 7A Championship team received championship rings donated by Sebastian River Medical Center recently. From left: Michael Studzke, athletic director, Terri Amy, head coach, assistant coaches, Mia Johnson and Chris Jefferson, manager Emily Blondk and players Tayler Smith, Nicole Clark, Latie Taylor, Jordan Marshall, Sam Beigel, K. P. Pound, Merkeyia Jones, Brooke Evans, Miah Shephard, Brittany Jackson, Colleen Ogradowski and SRHS Principal Dan Gilbertson. The rings were presented by Steven Salyer, right, CEO, of Sebastian River Medical Center.

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John Martinelli, Bill Martinelli, Mona Hartley and Jeremy Montgomery represented the Orchid Island Juice Company at the April 28 charity shoot hosted by Windsor at the Gun Club Platt Station to raise money for the Education Foundation of Indian River County.

# Charity shoot raises thousands for nonprofit

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — More than \$12,000 was raised for the Education Foundation of Indian River County at the April 28 charity shoot hosted by Windsor at the Gun Club Platt Station.

Sport shooting enthusiasts participated in spirit of advancing education in the county for students in grades K-12th.

The following guests took top honors for their marksmanship. First place: Dede Welles, Dede Snowden and Karl Auersperg. Second place: Jeff Luther, Pat Welsh and Hazard Campbell. Third place: Bill John, Chris Campione and Bob Fields.

The big-hearted support of participants will enable the EF-IRC to provide backpacks and sneakers for more than 2,000 children this year, \$10,000 in professional

development services and \$450,000 in college scholarships through the Indian River Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

In addition, more than \$272,000 in school and classroom grants will be distributed this year.

For more information, visit [www.edfoundationirc.org](http://www.edfoundationirc.org), call (772) 564-0034 or email [director@edfoundationirc.org](mailto:director@edfoundationirc.org)

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