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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.

### A rough day

Probably not many people will have too much sympathy for Jordan Helfrich, 23, 12020 S.W. Elsinor Drive, Port St. Lucie, who told Martin County deputies he was "having a rough day," when he was arrested on June 16.

His day probably got rougher when they found a purse on the floor of his car that was identified as belonging to a 61-year-old who had been robbed minutes earlier in a parking lot.

The robber not only stole her purse, but also knocked her to the ground.

The woman identified Mr. Helfrich as the robber and he was charged with robbery and battery.

No doubt in jail, Mr. Helfrich met others who were having a rough day when they were arrested.

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Visitors will be able to see a variety of butterflies at LaPorte Farms

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Some ideas for kicking off your celebration

### WEEKEND WEATHER

**Friday:** Overcast, scattered storms; high: 88; low: 75; high tide: 4:28 a.m.; low tide: 10:48 a.m.  
**Saturday:** Overcast, scattered storms; high: 90; low: 75; high tide: 5:33 a.m.; low tide: 11:48 a.m.  
**Sunday:** Overcast, scattered storms; high: 88; low: 75; high tide: 12:22 a.m.; low tide: 6:36 a.m.  
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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## County still wooing ammunition manufacturer

By Jessica Tuggle  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Indian River County enterprise zone in Gifford near the Vero Beach Municipal airport could have a lot more firepower should an ammunitions manufacturer come to town.

The yet-unnamed company has been offered a jobs grant by county commissioners of up to \$294,800 paid over the next three

years, provided it meets certain employment benchmarks.

The company is proposing to bring 52 new positions to the county by the end of 2014, with an average annual wage of \$35,000.

Helene Caseltine, economic development director for the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce, has worked closely with the interested company for the past year and said it is close to a decision.

"This equates to an additional \$2 million in added paychecks to our local economy," Ms. Caseltine said in an email.

The name of the company has not yet been released to avoid a breach in their immediate business plans by potential competitors, a chamber press release said.



Confidentiality is a special provision in state law for eco-  
See **AMMUNITION, A8**

## A handful of lovin'



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Zoe McKinney, 13, of Sebastian, makes friends with Sissy, a 3-week-old miniature pony, at LaPorte Farms last Thursday. Sissy is the newest family member at LaPorte Farms, which is home to a wide variety of birds and animals.

## Budding scientist gets \$100K scholarship

By Jessica Tuggle  
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VERO BEACH — After filling out dozens of scholarship applications, researching colleges and classes and after storing the graduation cap in a box in the closet as a keepsake, then it's finally time to slow down for the summer before leaving home for the next level of academic achievement.

For one Saint Edward's School graduate, summer fun will take place in a classroom far away from home, paid for, in part, by a \$100,000 scholarship from Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Emily Salvador, 18, of Vero Beach, was selected as one of four nationwide recipients of the \$100,000 Ronald McDonald House Charities Hispanic American Commitment to Edu-



Emily Salvador, a graduate of Saint Edward's School in Vero Beach, was one of four nationwide recipients of the \$100,000 scholarship from Ronald McDonald House Charities HACER program. Miss Salvador will study biology at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Photo courtesy of Ronald McDonald House Charities

national Resources, or HACER, scholarship. She left last week to begin her college coursework at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"I'm very excited to leave for the summer program. I tell my mom, 'I'm

in love with MIT,' but she says you can't be in love with a school," Miss Salvador said in an interview. Applicants for the HACER scholarship undergo an interview process and in May, Miss Salvador was presented

with her check, much to her surprise.

"I filled out so many scholarship applications. It was routine. I didn't really remember the scholarship. I do remember say-

See **SCHOLARSHIP, A3**

## Banned snapper may open for short season

By Jessica Tuggle  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — A decision on whether to modify a moratorium on red snapper is expected within the next 60 days.

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council sent a request to the U.S. secretary of commerce two weeks ago proposing an emergency rule to provide recreational and commercial fishermen the opportunity to harvest a limited number of red snapper later this fall in federal waters from North Carolina to Key West.

The proposal is to allow recreational fishermen to harvest around 9,000 fish total during several three-day weekends, with a daily

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## Two vying for property appraiser position

By Jessica Tuggle  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The race for property appraiser is heating up as the election date approaches.

David Nolte, current Indian River County property appraiser is being challenged by Thomas Dehn, a private sector property appraiser.

The two candidates, both registered Republicans, will

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# Lock-up helps organization raise funds



Verna Wright, executive director of the Dasie Hope Center, reacts after telling the person she called, 'I've been arrested' during the 'Behind Bars For Good' MDA lock-up last Thursday at Jack Baker's Lobster Shanty. Nearly 100 people set out to help the Muscular Dystrophy Association reach this year's goal of \$78,000. All the money raised in Indian River County stays there. For more information call, (561) 742-3748.

Cliff Partlow  
staff photographer

Karen Mechling of The Club at Pointe West smiles as she tries to make bail during the 'Behind Bars For Good' MDA lock-up at Jack Baker's Lobster Shanty last Thursday. This is the fourth year the Lobster Shanty has provided the location for the fundraiser. If you would like to help call, (561) 742-3748.

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Cliff Partlow/staff photographer City of Vero Beach Councilmember Tracy Carroll certainly did her part to help raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association during the 'Behind Bars For Good' MDA lock-up at Jack Baker's Lobster Shanty last Thursday. Nearly 100 area residents and business people stepped up for a good cause. This year's goal was \$78,000 and all funds raised in Indian River County stay in Indian River County. For more information call, (561) 742-3748.



## College to offer security officer training

For Hometown News  
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TREASURE COAST — Make the most out of summer and consider taking a two-week night course to earn valuable security officer training. Indian River State College is offering quick job training at the Gifford Youth Activity Center this July for anyone who has ever thought about employment as a security officer.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment growth and the need for security officers is expected to grow in the U.S. with 175,000 new security jobs expected before 2016.

Classes are July 9-20, from 6-10 p.m. at the Gifford Youth Activity Center located at 4875 43rd Ave., Gifford.

For more information on this and other programs available at the Gifford Youth Activity Center and the IRSC Muller Campus, email knall@irsc.edu or call (772) 226-2525.

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## Golf club sponsors home for family

For Hometown News  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — It had been a busy time for Alfredo and Alicia Espinoza de Arce since they were first accepted into Indian River Habitat for Humanity's program. But, all the hours of sweat equity, the many classes and other requirements had been successfully com-

pleted and the Arces' journey to homeownership came to an end with a dedication ceremony in Habitat's Fellsmere neighborhood, Grace Meadows.

As volunteers, Habitat staff, Orchid Golf and Beach Club supporters, sponsors and other friends watched, family members stood on the porch of the couple's new home, with Mr. Acres poised

to cut the red ribbon that rippled across the front door.

Standing beside them was Rob Tench, general manager of the golf club. The club provided not only financial sponsorship of the Arce home, but also volunteer sponsorship and a business partnership.

Following the ribbon-cutting, everyone gathered inside for refreshments and

informal tours of the home.

Making the day even more meaningful for the family, the Arces' son, Alfredo Jr., wife, Maria and new baby son, Jeriel, will soon have their own Habitat home, right next door, and had their wall-raising ceremony the same morning.

For more information, call (772) 562-9860, Ext. 209 or visit [www.irchabitat.org](http://www.irchabitat.org).

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## Scholarship

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ing I was never going to get a \$100,000," Miss Salvador said.

The excitement in her voice was contagious as she spoke of the specialized programs for aspiring biologists she will take over the next few years at MIT.

The professor teaching her freshman biology class is involved in various DNA and genetics projects she has studied about and is looking forward to learning more about new science studies.

"It will be neat to work with people I've read about

in my textbooks," Miss Salvador said.

Originally, Miss Salvador was thinking Yale University would be the best place to study biology, which would lead her to her dream job of working in the new field of personalized medicine.

She started participating in science fairs in elementary school and her interest deepened as she progressed through high school.

Once MIT began wooing her with their programs and high research standards and practices and topped it off with a Valentine's Day card decorated with the elemental breakdown of chocolate, she knew it was the one for her.

Personalized medicine, or genetic medicine, involves studying a person's genetic code to learn what medications will be most helpful in both healing and preventing disease, Miss Salvador said.

Biology is Miss Salvador's academic passion, but her interests also extend to singing and arranging music.

"I love music, everything about it," Miss Salvador said.

Besides singing in choral groups at school and playing the piano, she recently had the opportunity to arrange a cappella music for a local cappella ensemble. Leading people could be

one of the reasons she won the HACER scholarship, Miss Salvador said.

Miss Salvador organized an entire tutoring club from the ground up at Saint Edward's Upper School for younger students at Saint Edward's Lower School. The club tutored in math, reading and music, and involved 40 out of 200 upper school students.

Other community service projects brought her volunteer hours to more than 500 for her high school career.

"Out of all these people, they picked me. I think (community service) is a big part of why they were interested in me for my scholarship," Miss Salvador said.

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**Season**

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limit of one person per person per day. There would be no size limit instituted.

Commercial fishermen would get their shot at the red snapper during week-long "mini-seasons," up until the quota of 3,668, fish, or 20,818 pounds, gutted weight. Commercial fishermen would be allowed 50 pounds per trip and would also have no size limitations on the fish.

For fishermen such as Harold Adams, owner of Capt'n Butcher's in Sebastian, the ban on red snapper and other fish that populate the reefs, including sea bass, has drastically reduced his business.

Capt'n Butcher's offers fishing charters on the Sebastian Lady. Limits and bans on the three main fish they catch, grouper, sea bass and snapper, have made it more difficult for fishing parties to enjoy themselves.

If a fish, such as a red snapper, is caught, the fish must be released back into the water, Mr. Adams said.

Once the fish is released however, it's hard to predict its survivability, he said.

He said the proposed modification to the moratorium does little to help him out.

"It's a joke really. The closings have taken away from my business about 75 percent, I'd say. Almost a shut-down," said Mr. Adams.

Red snapper fishing in

South Atlantic federal waters has been closed since Jan. 4, 2010 to rebuild the stock of the species, a press release from the fishery management council said.

"I'm not a scientist, so I don't know why they are saying the red snapper are overfished. The species is flourishing. There's probably 100 times more red snapper now than there was 30 years ago when I came here," Mr. Adams said.

The NOAA Fisheries Service would monitor the opening, and also conduct data collection during the short season.

Amanda Nalley, Florida Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman said her agency has heard from stakeholders in the marine industry that

federal closures have negatively impacted their business.

"These comments come from business owner along the coast that sell marine fisheries related gear such as bait, tackle and gas," Ms. Nalley said in an email.

"Comments on how the closure has affected their business have also come from commercial fishermen and charter/headboats with federal permits who must abide by the federal closure even in state waters," she said.

"We believe this opening may help lessen any economic impact felt by the fishing industry in the Atlantic Ocean," she said.

For more information, visit www.safmc.net.

**Incumbent**

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face off during the August primary.

Mr. Nolte has more than 31 years of experience as the county's property appraiser, and has earned an accredited senior appraiser designation from the American Society of Appraisers, an international society of professional valuers, and a CFA, or a senior mass appraisal designation, from the state.

"I feel I'm not young enough to retire," Mr. Nolte

said. "I truly enjoy working with the people and coming into the office every day and dealing with the challenges," he said.

Mr. Nolte holds the distinction of being the first Republican to be elected as a constitutional officer in Indian River County, and is currently the longest-serving elected official in the county.

Each year, he and other staff members at the property appraiser's office complete 24 hours of continuous education to stay on top of new regulations, mandates and

technology.

Yearly legislative rule changes bring changes to the software system used to prepare and document appraised properties. Keeping up with what will best serve the community and be stable, trustworthy programs is difficult, but not impossible, Mr. Nolte said.

Because of his length of service so far, Mr. Nolte believes his institutional knowledge is a valuable asset. His willingness to track and bring new ideas to the office provides balance and makes for a good property appraisal system that has served the county well, he said.

"I think what makes us different from a lot of other agencies is that we care about your concerns," Mr. Nolte said.

Serving the public is the highest priority with Mr. Nolte at the helm. There is no pride of authorship or reticence to re-evaluate something a member of the public thinks is incorrect.

"If it isn't right, we'll fix it. We're here to get it right, not here to be right," Mr. Nolte said.

Mr. Nolte is a strong believer in fiscal conser-



David Nolte

atism and though budget cuts have meant cutting back on excess staff, he is proud at what the remaining staff has been able to accomplish.

The property appraiser's office was recognized by county budget director Jason Brown as having the best budget out of the county's departments, Mr. Nolte said.

"We've had the smallest decreases in good times and the largest decreases in bad times," he said.

For more information about Mr. Nolte's campaign, contact him at dcnolte@earthlink.net. For more information about the August primary ballot, visit www.voteindianriver.com.

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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

•Juan Manuel Jimenez Jr., 29, 56 South Bay St., Fellsmere, was arrested June 18 and charged with being a habitual traffic offender and having no motor vehicle registration.

## Sebastian Police Department

•Nicholas Alexander Moore, 30, 143 Coconut St., Sebastian, was arrested June 17 and charged with possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Robert Stephen Mesaros, 29, 550 Belfast Terrace, Sebastian, was arrested June 18 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for driving while license suspended and tampering with evidence.

•Crystal D. Moorehead, 35, 2026 12th St., Vero Beach, was arrested June 20 and charged with obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.

## Indian River County Sheriff's Office

•John Eric Thompson, 36, 2485 88th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested June 14 and charged with failure to appear in court on charges of felony petit theft and resisting an officer without violence.

•Ashley R. Mcelroy, 28, 1741 Pointe West Way, Vero Beach, was arrested June 14 and charged with

scheme to defraud and retail theft.

•Joseph Allen Perkins, 36, 2210 18th St., Vero Beach, was arrested June 14 and charged with scheme to defraud and petit retail theft.

•Alphonso Anderson, 52, 4410 26th Ave., Apt. 10, Vero Beach, was arrested June 14 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for armed robbery.

•Jayme Lynne Wessell, 49, 8170 Pineridge Trail, Micco, was arrested June 17 and charged with failure to appear in court on a charge of third-degree grand theft.

•Kenneth Green Sr., 51, 2429 Second Ave. S.E., Vero Beach, was arrested June 17 and charged with aggravated burglary.

•Brian Anthony Presto, 29, 36 First Court S.W., Vero Beach, was arrested June 17 and charged with violation of community control. He was on community control for failure to redeliver hired personal property.

•Carole Ann Little, 65, 325 Tangelo St., Sebastian, was arrested June 16 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for giving false verification ownership to a secondhand dealer.

•Brittany Rochelle Whitely, 24, 2190 55th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested June 16 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for giving false information to a pawnbroker, dealing in stolen property and two counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

•Tracey Ann McCabe, 51, no address given, was arrested June 16 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

•Dennis S. Botsko, 43,

932 E. Winnetka St., Heronando, was arrested June 15 and charged with corruption by threat against a public servant.

•Donald J. Schellinger, 32, 955 24th St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested June 15 and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

•Roseann E. Miller, 24, 421 Pine St., Sebastian, was arrested June 15 and charged with burglary of a dwelling and third-degree grand theft.

•Sandra Jones Flood, 56, 612 26th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested June 15 and charged with fraudulent attempt to obtain a duplicate prescription for a controlled substance.

•Robert Gaudreau, 38, no address given, was arrested June 15 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, criminal mischief and battery.

•Timothy Arthur Watts, 30, 8265 99th Court, Vero Beach, was arrested June 15 and charged with uttering a forged instrument.

•Crystal Lee Cardell, 24, 7845 95th Court, Vero Beach, was arrested June 15 and charged with uttering a forged instrument.

•Edward William Volek III, 38, 803 Indian River Drive, Vero Beach, was arrested June 15 and charged with dealing in stolen property.

•Lori Lee Collins, 38, 1848 19th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested June 15 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for a felony not specified in the report.

•Jason Albert Collins, 41, 3314 Northside Drive, Unit 15, Key West, was arrested June 18 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for possession of cocaine.

•Dora Lynn Dent, 26, 635 20th Place S.W., Vero

Beach, was arrested June 18 and charged with robbery by sudden snatching.

•Marilyn L. Green, 65, 7300 20th St., Unit 515, Vero Beach, was arrested June 18 and charged with aggravated assault and domestic battery.

•Allison Irene Price, 39, 301 S. Wimbrow Drive, Sebastian, was arrested June 18 and charged with practice of medicine without a license and criminal use of personal identification.

•Joseph Clayton Cooler, 38, 784 Carnation Drive, Sebastian, was arrested June 18 and charged with two counts of third-degree grand theft.

•Darryl J. Wright, 28, 1517 41st Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested June 19 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for a felony offense, which was not specified in the report.

•Torevio M. Ealy, 26, 8415 59th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested June 19 and charged with trafficking oxycodone and resisting an officer without violence.

•Jamard W. Lee, 24, 8415 59th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested June 19 and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell or distribute and possession of cocaine with intent to sell or distribute.

•Bobbie S. Flores, 28, 5740 59th Drive, Vero Beach, was arrested June 19 and charged with grand theft and resisting an officer without violence.

•Kim Michelle Stovall, 46, 4401 27th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested June 19 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for corruption by threat.

•Gretchen Lynn Nolte, 34, no address given, was arrested June 19 and charged with uttering a forged bill, petit theft and

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possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Walter Alan Morrison, 34, 3130 S.E. Fairmont St., Stuart, was arrested June 19 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for third-degree grand theft.

•Alden Mcleod Lay, 29, 618 Seagull Drive, Barefoot Bay, was arrested June 19 and charged with failure to appear in court on charges of possession of oxycodone without a prescription and possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana.

•Jahquie S. Daniels, 20, 420 Fontana Circle, Apt. 209, Building 7, Oviedo, was arrested June 20 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for felony retail theft in concert with others.

•Jacquie Clinton, 21, 3972 Lincoln Drive, Vero Beach, was arrested June 20 and charged with organized fraud.

•Tyler Andrew Martin, 23, 2420 Desoto Ave., Apt. B, Vero Beach, was arrested June 20 and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver within 1,000 feet of a school and possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver within 1,000 feet of a school.

•Maria Sanjuan, 58, 1028 Martinique Ave., Fort

Pierce, was arrested June 20 and charged with worker compensation fraud.

•Jose S. Garcia, 40, 1905 Seventh Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested June 20 and charged with criminal use of personal identification, third-degree grand theft and fraudulent use of a credit card.

•Garfield Vincent Gardner, 27, 660 25th St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested June 20 and charged with trafficking cocaine and trafficking oxycodone.

•Dionne Marquez-Gerard Barrow, 22, 5885 59th Drive, Vero Beach, was arrested June 20 and charged with fleeing or eluding, reckless driving, resisting an officer without violence, battery on a law enforcement officer and operating a motorcycle without a proper license.

•Valerie Ann Salvati, 25, 643 Roseland Road, Sebastian, was arrested June 20 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for forgery.

## Florida Highway Patrol

•Christopher Tobin Bobbitt, 29, 130 Fifth Ave., Indian River County, was arrested June 15 and charged with being a habitual traffic offender.

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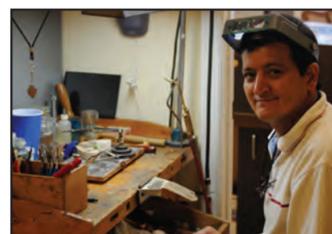
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## E-commerce is gaining momentum

I've never really been very enthusiastic about mail order. Not that there's anything wrong with ordering through the mail, it's just that I've never felt really inclined to go through the bother of sending away for something. If I saw something I wanted advertised somewhere, I would just try to pick one up the next time I went to the mall.

Something about going through the hassle of filling out an order form, getting a stamp and dropping it in the mail box only to have to wait four to six weeks for delivery always turned me off to the whole mail order thing.

But now, things have changed. I find myself ordering things for delivery through the mail (or UPS, FedEx or whatever) all the time lately but I don't seem to be going through any stamps. And the items that I'm ordering are arriving much quicker than the four to six weeks for delivery that was common with "old-fashioned mail order."

So what's changed? The answer probably won't shock you; it's the Internet. I seem to be buying more stuff online than I ever would have using conventional mail order and, so far, I have yet to be disappointed.

It's called e-commerce and it seems to be taking the world by storm. The American Heritage Dictionary defines e-commerce as "Commerce that is transacted electronically, as over the Internet."

In other words, anytime you buy or sell something over the 'net, you are participating in an e-commerce transaction.

Simple enough and the list of things that you can buy or sell online is literally limitless. People come up with new ways to wheel and deal online every day.

Let's take a look at just a couple of ways people can (and do) conduct e-commerce.

One fairly ubiquitous method is the simple online order form. This is probably



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the most basic form of ordering online and is a close cousin to the order forms that you would cut out of a magazine and drop in the mail with a check.

By filling out the online form and clicking a "submit" button, you are instantly transmitting your order to the seller. The seller then fulfills the order (usually within days, not weeks) by sending you whatever it was you were ordering.

Another slightly more sophisticated method of ordering goods over the internet is called a "shopping cart" script. Most websites that act like electronic catalogues allow you to pick out items as you browse their inventory and add items to a "cart" or "basket" whereby, when you are ready to pay for your items, the items in your cart are added up and are given the opportunity to check out. Just like at the supermarket but from the comfort of your own home.

As far as payment goes, even the most basic sites will ask for a credit card number and that brings up the inevitable question: is giving your credit card number over the Internet really safe? I'll answer that with an unreserved yes. That's not to say no one is ever going to get swindled, you are just as likely to become a victim of credit card fraud in the real world as you are online. That doesn't mean it's OK to be nonchalant about giving your credit card information out online. You do want to use prudence and common sense when giving that kind of information online.

Another facet of e-commerce that has taken me a little by surprise is online banking and paying

See **COMPUTE, A8**

## All for a good cause



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

The Muscular Dystrophy Association held its 'Behind Bars For Good,' MDA lock-up at Jack Baker's Lobster Shanty last Thursday. The Rev. Lance Fancher, left, of the First Baptist Church and Amy Wolf, new owner/manager of Curves, spent some time in the pokey raising bail for a good cause.



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thrilled. Many veterans risked their lives to guarantee for us our liberties. We've enjoyed more than 200 years of liberty. Let's make sure that their sacrifices are remembered.

### Celebrating the fourth

There are many ways to commemorate the fourth of July and demonstrate patriotism. Philadelphia will lead off as descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence will gently tap the Liberty Bell signaling simultaneous bell ringing throughout the land. We should recognize that the Founding Fathers gave us a unique form of government.

### Imagine no electricity

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### Frivolous spending

Wake Forest University in North Carolina has been awarded \$147,694 to study the prevention of hot flashes through yoga. Looking through the Constitution, we do not see any justification for spending the taxpayers' money for such frivolities.

Democrats in Washington, including President Obama and our own Sen. Bill Nelson, however, agreed to this outrage when they supported the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Those who agree to such a waste of our money should be turned out of office.

*Editor's note: This item was found on Politico.com and was from Aug. 2010.*

### No amnesty

The president should not be allowed to circumvent immigration laws passed by Congress. However, he is now pushing for administrative amnesty for hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens. Immigration authorities in Washington have directed federal agents to stop doing their job, which is to enforce our immigration laws.

### Public schools are failing us

Public schools have become an impediment to learning, especially in the poorest neighborhoods, which have our worst schools. It is not lack of funding. Washington, D.C., for instance, where levels of achievement are appallingly low, has annual expenditure per pupil among the highest in the nation. Even most pupils who manage to graduate fail basic standards in reading and writing and are not prepared for the world of work, except for the most menial jobs.

### What's happening in schools?

What is wrong with this picture? Public school teachers are rated 97.6 percent above average. At the same time, student achievement declines year after year. Large cities are the worst, but even in our best schools, assessments indicate one third of American students fall below basic understanding in math and science.

The U.S. is now below our peers around the globe. Worse, we are falling even farther behind. Teachers unions doggedly resist teacher evaluations but bad teachers are a disaster for an entire generation.

### Remember the veterans

We enjoy seeing the American flag flying on the 4th of July. However, it is the American veteran who is especially

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# Nonprofit named Affiliate of Year for fifth time

For Hometown News  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Indian River Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating poverty housing, was recently honored as Affiliate of the Year for 2011 by Habitat for Humanity International.

IRHFH was chosen from a field of nearly 600 nominees from across the U.S., based on outstanding service within its population category (50,000-250,000).

The local Habitat affiliate was recognized through the "Pioneers in Excellence" award program, which honors Habitat affiliates that demonstrate creativity, innovation and productivity in their efforts to eliminate substandard housing.

"Their creativity and innovation remind us all that there are still new paths to take, new ideas to consider, new methods to explore, as we continue toward our goal of decent, affordable shelter for all people," said Jonathan



Photo courtesy of Indian River Habitat for Humanity  
J. Earl Morgan, Indian River Habitat for Humanity board chairman, with the five Affiliate of the Year awards the local affiliate has received since 2005.

Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International.

"We are honored to receive this award on behalf of the community," said Andy Bowler, IRHFH executive director.

"With the help of our volunteers, donors and staff, we are making a difference

in the lives of families in need of decent, affordable housing. We are very excited about the many opportunities we have this year to continue our efforts."

For two decades, Indian River Habitat has helped make homeownership possible for more than 285

families. The affiliate was chosen for the award due to its rehabilitation and new construction efforts and consistent commitment to tithing.

For more information, call (772) 562-9860 or visit [www.irchabitat.org](http://www.irchabitat.org).

## Blotter

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### She got her shower, well sort of

A female inmate at the St. Lucie County jail was upset she couldn't take a shower when she wanted to do so.

She threatened to damage the fire sprinkler

system head and was told she would be charged if she did.

A few minutes later, apparently she did that and was seen standing on the toilet underneath the sprinkler head, which was expelling water.

She may have gotten a partial shower from this, but the upshot is she will likely spend more time in jail, living in an environment where she cannot

take a shower whenever she wants to do so.

### Multi-millionaire

At least in his mind, a Hollywood, Fla., man, who showed up at a Port St. Lucie bank, is a multi-millionaire.

He entered the bank after having been issued a no-trespass order and started yelling that he wanted his

\$88 million the bank was holding.

When confronted by a police officer, he claimed the bank was illegally holding his money and federal agents were assisting him.

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## Obituaries

### Herbert F. Greenhalgh

Herbert F. Greenhalgh, 89, of Sebastian, died June 13, 2012.  
Arrangements by Forest Hills Funeral Homes.

### Heather Nicole Oliva

Heather Nicole Oliva, 22, of Fellsmere, died June 7, 2012.  
Arrangements by Strunk Funeral Home.

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## Ammunition

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conomic development cases, said Bob Keating, county community development director.

The company is an out-of-state manufacturer considering moving its assembly, shipping research and development to Indian River County.

Holden Kriss, manager of the Indian River County public shooting range, said he is curious to know the name of the manufacturer, but welcomes a business that can bring more jobs into the county.

"I think it's great and I welcome them to come out and use the range if they need it for testing," Mr. Kriss said.

Since 2009, the county has pledged \$2.3 million in jobs grants to various new and existing businesses in Indian River County, Commissioner Peter O'Bryan said.



Photo courtesy of Maureen Nicolace

John's Island Community Service League awarded \$18,700 to Harvest Food & Outreach's Passport to Prosperity program. Front row, from left: class participants, Nikita McGriff, Alla Davidian, Marquiseanna Williamson and Jenny Barnes. Back row, from left: Kathy Albany, education coordinator; Ashley Dawkins, Anne Melanson, JISCL representatives and Austin Hunt, Harvest Food founder.

## Nonprofit receives grant from service league

For Hometown News  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — In recognition of the innovative, results-driven "Passport to Prosperity" program, the John's Island Community Service League has awarded Harvest Food & Outreach

Center a grant for \$18,700.

"We really appreciated the application of the old proverb 'if you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day, but if you teach him to fish, you feed him for a lifetime,'" said Anne Melanson, co-chairwoman of the JISCSL philanthropy committee.

"We really see this proverb at work in Harvest's Passport to Prosperity program and are delighted to support its effort."

The program, which

began in 2011, provides on-the-job training for low-income families, not only helps clients achieve and maintain food security and financial self-sufficiency, but also prepares them for the workplace.

In 2012, Harvest Food anticipates more than 200 people will graduate from the 12-week program after having completed 16 core classes and four choice classes.

The John's Island Community Service League is a nonprofit, member-driv-

en organization involved in raising funds for distribution to charitable agencies in Indian River County concerned with the health, education and human services primarily of women, children and families in need. Since 1995 JISCSL has awarded more than \$5.7 million in grants to local charitable agencies.

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Before I began doing it over the Internet I would have to balance my check-book manually every month. Needless to say, this chore was often neglected and things would get missed. Now, I download my account balance directly from the bank into my computer and can reconcile my account automatically every day. Now I see each transaction as soon as it comes in and catch any accounting errors before they become problems.  
I wonder if the guys on Wall Street have ever considered online banking.

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

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### Out & about

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

• **Main Street presents Downtown Friday, "Tropical Nights"** from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Vero Beach band Tightrope will entertain from dancing in the streets. Main Street will also be offering frozen drinks to keep guests cool and refreshed and complement tropical themed food. Budweiser products, wine, soda and water will also be available. Main Street invites vendors from business and community groups to call now to book booths for the street party. The Main Street office phone number is (772) 480-8353. Vendor applications are also available at [www.mainstreetverobeach.org](http://www.mainstreetverobeach.org).

TUESDAY, JULY 3

• **Free workshop: anxiety and depression, chase your blues away**, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Learn why stress is one of the leading underlying causes of many health problems and natural solutions to chase those blues away. Signs and symptoms: worry, dread, negative thoughts, fatigue, irritability, OCD, panic attacks, social anxiety, and more. Alternative Medicine Family Care Center is located at 3408 Aviation Blvd., Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 778-8877 or visit [www.AMFCC.info](http://www.AMFCC.info)

• The public is invited to hear **Dave Botto of the Marine Resources Council speak about the nutrient pollution that is destroying the lagoon fishery.** The natural resources board meeting will take place at Sebastian City Hall, 1225 Main St., Sebastian, beginning at 6 p.m. For more information, call (772) 589-3201.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

• **Skydive Sebastian will teach children about skydiving** from 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the North Indian River County Library. The children will be able to see the actual equipment used and view a DVD of an actual skydiving experience. Free tickets are available for this program, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The library is located at 1001 Sebastian Blvd., midway between U.S. 1 and I-95 in Sebastian. For more information call (772) 589-1355.

• **Rainy day is a rescheduling of June's First Friday Gallery Stroll in historic downtown Vero Beach** due

See **OUT, B2**

## Farm to be a'flutter with butterflies



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Laura LaPorte, owner of LaPorte Farms, stands among the hundreds of flowers she will use to fill the new butterfly house being built on the farm.

### Butterfly house being built

By Jessica Tuggle  
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SEBASTIAN — A new "z" named animal will join a zebra and three zebu at a local farm this fall.

LaPorte Farms announced it will construct a new butterfly house on the property in Sebastian, which will initially host Florida's state butterfly, the zebra longwing.

The grand opening of the butterfly house will not be until Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., but visitors to the farm will be able to watch the construction and preparations being made for the colorful flying insects.

Laura LaPorte, owner, said butterflies have always intrigued her and she has traveled to butterfly gardens and butterfly houses around the state just to observe them.

"What better way to have more people enjoy them than to have them here at my farm?" she said.

The screens and misters were installed on the structure last week, and the workers began building on the indoor waterfall, Ms. LaPorte said.

"People will be able to

walk in and sit down and read a book. There will be a little walking trail and the waterfall and all the plants," she said.

The butterfly house will need to have approximately 500 new plants each month, Ms. LaPorte estimated.

The plants will have to be changed each month because of butterfly reproduction and eating cycles. In different stages of their life cycles, the butterflies require different parts of the plants, the nectar, the pollen, the leaves and of course, the plant itself when the chrysalis is attached and the butterfly is developing.

Ms. LaPorte has partnered with Camp Chrysalis, a bereavement camp for children, a couple of times to incorporate butterfly releases and enjoyed it so much she wanted to bring that experience to more people on her farm.

At the grand opening, visitors will be able to purchase dormant or hibernating butterflies at cost and can witness the full experience of watching the butterflies wake up and fly around as they slowly warm up, Ms. LaPorte said.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

The newest edition to LaPorte Farms is a gigantic butterfly house that will house hundreds, if not thousands, soon. Wendell English, left, and Rene McKenzie spent last Thursday putting the finishing touches on the outside of the butterfly house. The grand opening is Sept. 8.

The butterflies will arrive on dry ice and remain in a comatose state until they are warmed up by the sun, she said.

"And I will tell everyone the Indian legend. If you want a wish to come true, catch a butterfly and tell it your wish. Then set it free and your dream will come true," she said.

The butterflies brought into the LaPorte butterfly house will be contained

in the house because outside butterflies could carry disease into the purchased, or newly hatched butterflies inside the house, Ms. LaPorte said.

She hopes children will enjoy the new house on their field trips.

Educating the public about butterflies and other animals on the farm is a big goal, Ms.

See **FARM, B2**



Week of 6-29-2012

**ARIES - March 21-April 20**

Aries, the week may begin a little off-kilter, but you'll find that by Wednesday or Thursday, things turn around significantly. A couple of opportunities for socialization arise.

**TAURUS - April 21-May 21**

Take inventory of your life this week, Taurus, and make the necessary tweaks to align you with your primary goals. Take a cue from someone organized.

**GEMINI - May 22-June 21**

Gemini, you're inspired to do something creative. Narrow down the possibilities. Maybe you want to paint indoors or take on a new craft hobby. Either way you'll find success.

**CANCER - June 22-July 22**

Even the most organized people can get tripped up once in a while, Cancer. This week you may be unable to keep track of things. Keep your cool, and you will get it under control.

**LEO - July 23-Aug. 23**

Take control of a situation that arises, Leo, because right now it seems no one else is capable of handling the situation. You may prove to be an excellent leader.

**VIRGO - Aug. 24-Sept. 22**

Influential people will be moving in your social circles, Virgo. Failure to introduce yourself and network could lead to setbacks in your employment goals.

**LIBRA - Sept. 23-Oct. 23**

Once the excitement of an event wears off, Libra, you may be left floundering for a little while. Don't wallow in boredom. Get started on a new project.

**SCORPIO - Oct. 24-Nov. 22**

Sometimes much more can be said by remaining quiet than actually speaking, Scorpio. Keep this in mind when you are socializing with new people.

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# Farm

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LaPorte said.

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many other activities.

LaPorte Farms operates on donations and donation boxes can be found in various places around the farm.

LaPorte Farms is located at 7700 129th St., Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 633-0813 or visit [www.laportefarms.com](http://www.laportefarms.com).

# Nonprofit to receive proclamations

By Jessica Tuggle  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Representatives from Dogs For Life, a local nonprofit organization that trains assistance dogs for hearing and mobility challenged individuals, will be receiving proclamations by the Indian River County Commissioners on July 17, at 9 a.m. and then by the Vero Beach City Council at

9:30 a.m., recognizing Aug. 5 to 12 as International Assistance Dog Week.

International Assistance Dog Week was created to recognize all the devoted, hardworking assistance dogs helping individuals mitigate their disability-related limitations.

In addition to honoring assistance dogs during a special week, one of the goals is to raise awareness about these special and

highly trained animals.

Additional goals are to recognize and honor the hardworking assistance dogs as well as their owners and trainers, while raising awareness and educating the public about how these specially trained animals aid so many people in the community.

Assistance dogs transform the lives of their human partners with debilitating physical and

mental disabilities by serving as their companions, helpers, aides, best friends and close member of the family.

Members of the community are invited to join the celebration of love and devotion these dogs provide by attending the meetings.

For more information, call (772) 567-8969 or visit [www.dogsforlifevb.org](http://www.dogsforlifevb.org).

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# June is 'flood awareness month'

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TREASURE COAST — The South Florida Water Management District governing board is recognizing June as flood awareness month to raise awareness about the risk of flooding in South Florida and encourage residents to help reduce that risk.

"Living and working in South Florida comes with the inherent risk of heavy rainfall and potential flooding," said Joe Collins, SFWMD governing board chairman.

"While the district works diligently to maintain the flood control system and to quickly move water away from communities after storms, we encourage residents to be prepared as well."

Due to the region's weather extremes, the district's extensive flood control system of canals, levels, berms and water control structures is sometimes challenged, from Hurricane Andrew in 1992 to Hurricane Wilma in 2005, and

then again recently with record rainfall in the Kissimmee Valley in October 2011 and heavy rainfall in Miami-Dade County in May 2012. At the district, preparing for these extreme events is a year-round effort.

The district has an extensive program of structural maintenance and upgrades — carried out primarily during the dry season — that is critical to ensuring the regional flood control system operates at optimal capacity. During the past five years, the district has invested approximately \$240 million in essential maintenance work, including:

- Hardening and overhauling pump stations.
- Overhauling gated spillways.
- Replacing project culverts.
- Dredging canals.
- Stabilizing canal banks.
- Enhancing storm water treatment areas.

In the middle of the summer rain and hurricane season, many canals and lakes from Orlando to the Florida

Keys are lowered, creating additional capacity to store storm water and provide flood protection.

District crews also regularly inspect the approximately 1,300 water control structures and 64 pump stations. Flood control in south Florida is a shared responsibility. Residents are encouraged to do their part by:

- Keeping ditches, swales, drainage gates and retention lakes clear of debris, trash and other discarded material.
- Knowing whether a nearby canal is a primary canal maintained by the district or a secondary canal maintained by a municipality or drainage district.
- Reporting the location and condition of any clogged or damaged facilities to the proper authority.
- Making sure trees or other vegetation do not encroach on canal maintenance right-of-way.

More tips on how residents can prepare for the rainy season are available on the district's rainy season readiness website.

For updates from the district in case of an emergency, follow the district's Twitter feed: @SFWMD.

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# Out

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## FRIDAY, JULY 13

• **Jaime Porter will present a magic show at the library in Sebastian** from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Children and their caretakers can pick up free tickets at the children's service desk two weeks in advance of the program. The North Indian River County Library is located at 1001 Sebastian Blvd., midway between U.S. 1 and I-95 in Sebastian. For more information call (772) 589-1355.

## SATURDAY, JULY 14

• **The Humanists at Barefoot Bay** will meet at noon at the South Mainland Library, 7921 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco to delve into "The Theory of Evolution: A History of Controversy" as taught by Professor Edward J. Larson, while at the University of Georgia. 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).

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# Celebrate the Fourth with great chilies, taco dip

Hello, smart shoppers, can you believe the Fourth of July is here again?

You can resort to the usual: hot dogs, burgers and salads, but foods that can be made ahead make life so much easier. Suddenly, everywhere I turn a new vegetarian enters the picture.

When my granddaughter, Christy, raved about the vegetarian chili she created, I knew she was saying, "put it in the column."

Let's go with chili both ways (hers and mine) and a seven-layer salad. I think her chili is better than any regular chili I've ever had.

With chili, you must have cheese. Unfortunately, the biggest culprit when it comes to high fat and cholesterol are dairy products. Kraft, however, makes fat-free cheeses in many varieties and they melt and taste like the real thing.

When using products such as sour cream, you can't tell the difference when they are mixed with other ingredients, I promise!

## CHRISTY'S VEGETARIAN CHILI (NIB) Serves 4 Low fat and cholesterol free

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1-1/4 cups chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 tablespoons chili powder, divided
- 1 teaspoon each of ground cumin, dried oregano and basil
- 2 cups coarsely chopped zucchini
- 1 cup coarsely chopped carrots
- 2 pounds fresh tomatoes (cut in eighths)
- One 14-1/2 to 16-ounce can chick peas (drained)
- One 16-ounce can kidney beans, any color, undrained
- 1 cup water



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Scrub zucchini, do not peel, set aside.

Heat oil on high; add next 6 ingredients using only 1 tablespoon chili powder. Cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add zucchini and carrots; cook 2 minutes.

Add remaining ingredients, cover, reduce heat to medium and cook for 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

NOTE: After 30 minutes, taste and add remaining chili powder, salt and pepper if you choose.

Served with rice (preferably brown) and grated cheddar cheese, this is a complete, delicious, good-for-you dinner.

## KYSO CHILI (NIB) (KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF) Serves 4-6

This is my own version; change it at will.

- 2 pounds ground chuck
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3 large cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/4-teaspoon oregano
- 1-1/2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 2-1/2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon parsley flakes
- One 15-1/2 ounce can stewed tomatoes
- One 8-ounce can tomato sauce
- Approximately 2 cups water
- One 15-1/2 ounce can pinto or kidney beans with liquid (optional)

Chili should be made with a high-fat meat, but I use a low-fat cut, have it defatted

and ground, then add 2 tablespoons olive oil and brown in a large, heavy skillet. Add veggies; cook until meat has no pink and vegetables are golden. Add remaining ingredients except beans; simmer, covered, for 1 hour. Adjust seasonings as needed. Add beans with liquid and cook 1/2-hour more. Stir occasionally. Add more water if necessary.

For thicker chili, stir in some instant potatoes.

Serve with chopped onions and grated cheddar cheese. Cornbread on the side is a great addition.

## 7 LAYER TACO DIP (NIB)

Add or subtract any ingredients you choose.

- 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups plain yogurt or sour cream
- 1/2-package taco seasoning mix
- 8-ounce jar of salsa, taco sauce or picante sauce
- 1/2-head lettuce and 2 tomatoes, both coarsely chopped
- 1 small can sliced black olives
- 1/2-cup finely sliced scallions
- 1 cup (4-ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese

Beat cream cheese until smooth, blend in yogurt or sour cream and taco seasoning. Chill for 1 hour.

Spread mixture in the bottom of a 9X12 baking dish. Spread on the salsa.

Layer with remaining ingredients, ending with the Cheddar. Serve with tortilla or taco chips.

Add refried beans, chili, and mashed avocado if you choose.

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• **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 See **OUT, B5**

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# Clubs promote Internet safety

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — June is Internet safety month, and the topic couldn't be timelier. The days of summer provide idle time for many youth, with the Internet among the most popular outlets for entertainment.

Ninety five percent of teens are online, with 80 percent of them being users of social media. Fifty one percent report giving personal information online to strangers and 33 percent report being victims of cyber bullying.

More than 5 million users of social media sites are under age 10. Only 7 percent of parents report being concerned about it.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Sprint have launched an inter-

active campaign aimed to raise cyber safety awareness among parents and guardians.

"Cyber Safe Futures" will focus on key issues including cyber bullying, social networking, online privacy and mobile safety.

Free program materials can be found online at [www.cybersafefutures.org](http://www.cybersafefutures.org) and are designed to get parents and children talking.

Teaching kids to be safe online is a top priority of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County, not just during Internet safety month, but each and every time club members turn on their computers.

In addition to Cyber Safe Futures, they use the NetSmartz interactive web program to teach children about online safety. Upon entry to the

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# Storms can be tricky; don't let guard down

Hi everybody. The 2012 hurricane season is almost a month in the making and we have already seen four named storms, the most recent being Debby. The irony of it is that two of the storms, Alberto and Beryl, formed before the season officially started.

Does this mean we are going to see a severe season? The answer to that question is a definite no. For a tropical system to form, there are many complex factors that must come into place. Things such as the Bermuda High, sea-surface temperatures and upper-level winds all have to be just so in order for one of these mighty weather engines to get started.

In all cases, a tropical system forms from a simple cluster of thunderstorms. Once the above conditions come together in perfect harmony, the earth's rotation begins to "spin" the system and soon a new tropical cyclone is born. Once the rotation of the clouds form a closed circle, the storm will be named and advisories will be issued.

Once a storm is named and advisories are issued computer models will start



**STORM UPDATE**  
JOE ZELENACK

to generate forecast models and wind intensity forecasts. The National Hurricane Center has really done an excellent job at making landfall predictions but intensity forecasts are another story. There have been numerous times where locations have been caught off guard because a storm intensified more than expected. Here is one instance that sticks clearly in my mind.

Tropical storm Irene hit the East Coast of Florida in October 1999. The system was forecast to be a minor tropical storm and most people did not prepare for anything more than what was forecast. When the storm struck, it brought blinding rain and high winds that far exceeded what I would have expected. It was the one time I did not put up my shutters and boy was that a mistake. Irene hit the East Coast that night with a vengeance and it taught many of us a valuable lesson. Most people were not prepared for

hurricane- force winds and in light of the forecast; the winds exceeded hurricane force in many coastal locations. Irene is just one example of why we need to be fully prepared for the worst-case scenario regardless of the forecast.

Another good example is Hurricane Charley in August 2004. For days, Charley was forecast to hit Tampa Bay. Most people were focusing on the exact track but few were looking at the cone of error. The right side of the cone put southwest Florida at some risk. On August 14, 2004, the unthinkable happened. Charley made a sudden right turn and began rapid intensification. Since many ignored the cone, many were left directly in the path with no time to leave. Charley hit the southwest coast of Florida as a devastating Category 4 hurricane. The system became an inland hurricane event and traveled up the spine of Florida exiting near Jacksonville. Many were caught off guard. Charley was another instance where we learned that if you are in the cone, you must be prepared for the worst even if the official track takes the system away from your exact location.

Most recently, Tropical Storm Debby formed from an upper level low off the Yucatan Peninsula on June 23. Since the steering currents in the gulf were very weak, forecasting the track of Debby was far from perfect.

The first forecast models had Debby going almost due west into Texas. That was far from the case. Debby made up her own mind and went north hitting the Florida Panhandle with flooding rains and gusty winds. This is yet another example of how unpredictable a storm can be, especially in the Gulf of Mexico.

As you can see by some of the above stories, we must be prepared and be prepared early in the season. Get your supplies, generators and canned foods now when there is no storm threatening. These supplies will never go to waste and even if we have the forecasted "quiet" season, your supplies will not go to waste. If a storm threatens and you are in the cone of error, prepare as if the storm was heading to your doorstep.

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## Scopes

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**SAGITTARIUS – Nov. 23-Dec. 21**

It can sometimes feel lonely at the top, Sagittarius. Now that you've acquired many of the things you wanted, the resulting feelings may not be what you thought.

**CAPRICORN – Dec. 22-Jan. 20**

Now may be the time to get serious about your efforts to find a new job, Capricorn. Start doing the legwork and

get your name out to new people as much as you can.

**AQUARIUS – Jan. 21-Feb. 18**

Although you're a do-it-yourself person by nature, Aquarius, sometimes letting someone get the job done frees you up for more important projects. You also get a needed break.

**PISCES – Feb. 19-March 20**

Pisces, you can't seem to keep your mind on the thing at hand. Your wandering thoughts may put you in tune with a better idea.

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## Classes offered for adults

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The next practical nursing program is scheduled to begin in January 2013. Those interested in applying for this full-time program can attend an informational session on July 18 at 5 p.m. in the cafeteria at the Adult Education School, Gifford campus, at 4680 28th Court in Vero Beach.

Attendance at one of the informational sessions is mandatory for those who wish to apply. Students must be at least 18 upon completing the program to sit for the practical nursing exam. Applicants must have a current CNA license.

A full-time pharmacy technician program will begin Aug. 21 and will continue through Dec. 20. Students will attend class Tuesday to Friday from 8 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Cost is

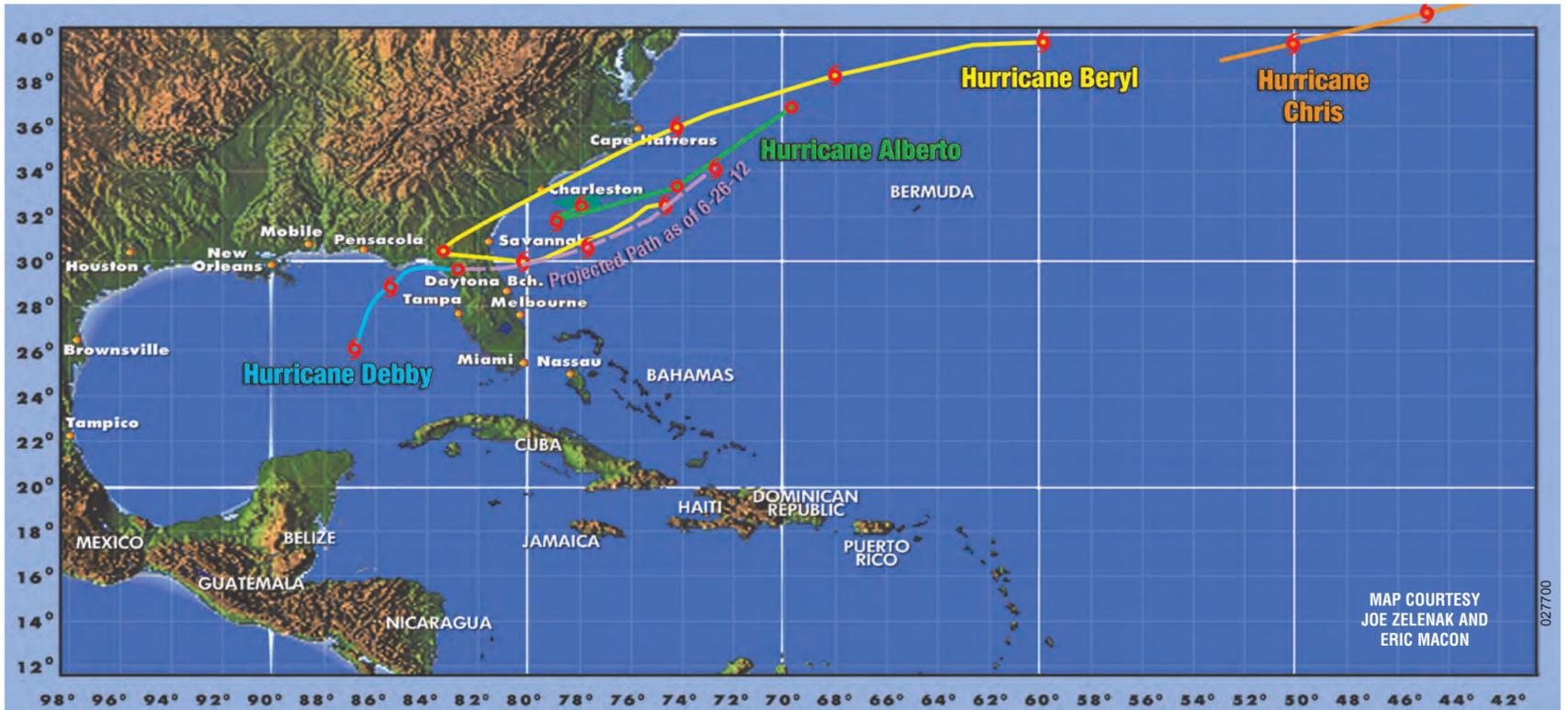
\$1,676 for Florida residents and students are encouraged to register as soon as possible as space is limited.

Students who complete this program and pass the national exam will be able to register with the state of Florida as a registered pharmacy technician as well as given the designation as a nationally certified pharmacy technician.

A medical coder/biller class will be held Monday to Thursday from 3:15-8:30 p.m. beginning Aug. 20 and running through Dec. 20. This is a fast-paced class that will require much time and commitment. Cost is \$1,779.

All students who successfully pass the course and have a high-school diploma are eligible to sit for AAPC's national coding exam and billing exam; the exams are not included in the cost of the course.

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# Artist's opening reception draws big crowd



**Cliff Partlow/staff photographer**  
Vero Beach residents showed up in force at the Vero Beach Museum of Art to kick-off the exhibition, 'Form, Color, Light, Cast Glass,' by Rick Beck Friday evening. Nearly 300 people strolled through the Wahlstrom Sculpture Garden and the Laura and Bill Buck Atrium to preview the artists' works. Rick Beck, center, posed with Ancient Art International partners Richard Brockway, left and Lynette MacLeod.

**Cliff Partlow/staff photographer**  
Dwight and Barbara Hoffman were among the guests at last Friday's opening reception of 'Form, Color, Light, Cast Glass,' by Rick Beck. The exhibition will be on display through Oct. 14, in the Wahlstrom Sculpture Garden and the Laura and Bill Buck Atrium.



**Cliff Partlow/staff photographer**  
From left: Lorraine Falcon, Marilyn Koth and Roe Ragusin were among the nearly 300 people who took part in the members opening preview and reception for 'Form, Color, Light, Cast Glass,' by Rick Beck. The trio admired one of the artists' works called 'Indigo Composition' from 2008.



**Cliff Partlow/staff photographer**  
Bob Solari, wife Jackie and Sophie Bentham Wood were among those in attendance at the Vero Beach Museum of Art's members opening preview and reception of 'Form, Color, Light, Cast Glass,' by Rick Beck Friday evening. The exhibit runs through Oct.14.

## Classes

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A home health aide class will be offered during the evening and Saturday from July 17 to Aug. 18. Students will attend class Monday,

Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-9:30 p.m. and on Saturdays 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$459.

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. Gift certificates are available.

*Adult Education, a division of the Indian River County School District, is at 1426 19th St., downtown Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 564-4970.*

## Out

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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 [orzelp@gmail.com](mailto:orzelp@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](http://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 Street 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

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# Sebastian golf course will test any player

Which of the following does not belong on your scorecard: two birdies, six pars, a few bogeys, three airplanes or a dozen sky divers? If you happen to be playing at Sebastian Municipal Golf Course, they all have a spot.

This Charles Ankrom-designed course is built around the local airport, home to many of the nation's best sky divers.

Originally built in 1981, the course was tweaked several years ago to fit with airport improvements. The course also rebuilt all of its greens and a couple new holes were added.

You will find no homes on the course and, except for the occasional plane taking off or landing, there is little to distract you from your game. In a throw-back to golf's older days, every hole has a name, giving the layout a touch of personality.

The par-72 course features four sets of tees, ranging in length from 5308 to 6715 yards, allowing every golfer to find a distance that suits his or her ability. The well-appointed pro shop, practice facilities and the Eagle's Nest Restaurant, famous for its prime rib, are run by a fine staff that you'll find ready, willing and able to assist.

The course starts with a fairly simple par-4 requiring a straight tee shot to a wide fairway, followed by a mid-to-short iron approach. The second hole is a short par-3 that measures in at 152 yards from the very tips.

After a fairly simple start, the course shows some teeth at the par-5 fourth. Reachable with two solid shots, this hole requires you to be very daring. The green is tucked off to the right



**GOLF**  
**JAMES**  
**STAMMER**

behind several bunkers and among trees. If you're laying up, play your second shot to the left and use the room to give yourself a great angle for your approach.

Requiring a mid-to-long iron or hybrid from the tee, the fifth hole is possibly the best par-3 on the course. To have any chance at birdie, your tee shot must stop on the narrow green and avoid the sand and overhanging oaks.

One thing I like about Sebastian is that you have to think before teeing the ball up and letting it rip. The sixth hole exemplifies this requiring a soft draw around the corner to leave you the shortest approach shot. If you can't hit a draw, you'll need to play a shorter, more accurate tee shot or risk running out of fairway down the right side.

The eighth hole is a great par-4. You can tee it up and let it fly on this drivable hole. Just make sure to carry the pond that runs across the fairway and guards the front portion of the green. Of course, you can always play it the simple way with two 7-irons.

Your first nine ends with the best par-4 on the front side. A good drive leaves you with a middle-iron approach to a well-guarded green. Beware of the deep bunkers guarding the putting surface.

The first of the newer holes on the course is the 14th. This beautiful par-3 is considered the course's signature hole. For better golfers, this hole plays a

stout 180 yards across a large pond to a well-bunkered green.

The closing holes are some of the best in Indian River County. Fifteen is a short par-5 where you can make up a stroke or two. However, if you miss the green you may find yourself giving strokes back. The 16th is a long par-4 with a green hidden by bunkers and mounds. Do not miss this green long.

The 17th appears to be a docile par-3, playing a short 156 yards from the very back. The hole's defense lies in its steeply sloped green that will challenge your nerves and putting stroke.

In my opinion, the best hole on the golf course is the final hole. At 430 yards from the back tees, this par-4 will challenge golfers of any ability. A solid drive is a must or it will play like a short par-5. Your approach must avoid the water right, and don't be fooled by the front green-side bunker as it actually sits 20 yards short of the green.

Rates at Sebastian are very competitive. Golfers wishing to play in the afternoon will enjoy a discount and if you prefer to walk, Sebastian accommodates you any time during the week and after 1 pm on weekends.

For additional information or to schedule your round at Sebastian Municipal Golf Course, call (772) 589-6801 or visit the course's website at [www.sebastiangolfcourse.org](http://www.sebastiangolfcourse.org).

*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 [stammegolf@yahoo.com](mailto:stammegolf@yahoo.com).*



Photo courtesy of Seacoast National Bank

Team Seacoast at the 19th annual Blue Water Open included Cyn DeLee Dalton, center, senior vice president/regional manager; Tim Maslin, left, president of Florida Environmental Consulting and Lou Kolbauer, right, owner of Wild Thyme Catering.

## Bank supports fishing tournament

For Hometown News  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Seacoast National Bank was a sponsor for the Sebastian Exchange Club's 19th annual Blue Water Open charity offshore fishing tournament, which was held in Sebastian on June 9.

Fishing for the Seacoast team were Cyn DeLee Dalton, senior vice president/regional manager;

Nicki Maslin, assistant branch manager; Tim Maslin, president of Florida Environmental Consulting and Lou Kolbauer, owner of Wild Thyme Catering.

"Hook a Fish, Help a Child," was the title of the event, which is organized annually by the Sebastian Exchange Club to help fund programs that are focused on preventing child abuse.

"The Blue Water Open is

one of the Sebastian Exchange Club's largest fundraisers," said Ms. Dalton.

"We have continued to support the club through this event because it provides vital funding for essential programs that enrich the lives of children in our community and every penny that is raised will make a difference in those young lives."

For more information, go to [SeacoastNational.com](http://SeacoastNational.com).

## Internet

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site youth are greeted by Clicky the robot, the official host and personality of all things NetSmartz.

Clicky and his friends lead kids through the site with games, songs and activities, all while teaching the importance of being safe online. Parents can log into the site for guidance on how to talk to

their children about online issues, and can download materials and talking points appropriate for all age groups.

The NetSmartz and NetSmartz Kids programs are taught year round at each club facility and education and technology lab directors are present to work with children one-on-one while they are searching the Internet, doing homework or playing games. NetSmartzKids

is designed for children 12 and under, while NetSmartz is appropriate for teens and parents.

To visit the sites and bring their lessons home, visit [www.netsmartzkids.org](http://www.netsmartzkids.org) or [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org).

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club, call (772) 299-7449, email [angelaastrup@bgcirc.org](mailto:angelaastrup@bgcirc.org), or visit [www.BGCIRC.org](http://www.BGCIRC.org).

## Out

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

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

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