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Up & coming

Business summit for minorities, women

Indian River State College is hosting the 2013 Minorities and Women in Business Summit Feb. 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Tickets are \$59 per person. The price includes breakfast.

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Man threatens deputy with shotgun

By Meagan Perle
For Hometown News

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — An Indian River County man faces two counts of attempted murder and one count of attempted murder on a law enforcement officer for threatening two occupants of a home and a deputy with a shotgun.

Christopher Berk was released from Lawnwood Regional Medical Center in Fort Pierce on Jan. 26. He

was shot three times by an Indian River County Sheriff's deputy who answered a domestic violence call in the 400 block of 20th Place SW in south Indian River County on Jan. 21.

At press time, he remained in the medical unit of the Indian River County Jail. No bond has been set.

The deputy, whose name has not yet been released, was on the scene of the disturbance interviewing the complainant and witnesses when

Mr. Berk, 26, approached them carrying a shotgun.

"The suspect was in a physical altercation with his wife and another person at the residence and left when police were called," said Thomas Raulen, sheriff's public

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Coach of Year is from Sebastian

Terri Amy, girl's basketball coach, takes honor

By Meagan Perle
For Hometown News

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Terri Amy, Sebastian River High School girl's basketball coach was recently named the National Federation of State High School Association's 2012 Coach of the Year in the state for girl's basketball.

Ms. Amy was nominated for the award by her athletic director, Michael Stutzke, who said Ms. Amy has brought much more than basketball trophies to the school district.

"She has brought to Sebastian River High School and the district of Indian River County success at the highest level," Mr. Stutzke said. "This award represents years of hard work on her part and is richly deserved."

The NFHS was founded in 1920 and is based in Indianapolis. Its focus is interscholastic sports and activities that aid students in succeeding in their lives.

Ms. Amy, originally from Dumont, N.J., said she decided to get into coaching because of the influence some of her coaches had on her growing up. She played soccer and ran track.

"I have had amazing coaches and they have molded me into who I am," Ms. Amy said.

Before moving to Florida, Ms. Amy was teaching at the May Academy in Jersey City. She served as junior varsity head coach of the girl's basketball team at her old high school, and also served one year as the assistant basketball coach at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Ms. Amy said she wants her coaching work to go far beyond the basketball court. She wants to help kids succeed in life as well.

"Basketball is a way to

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A tiny enticement



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Aidan O'Brien and Cody Berni of Sebastian try and coax a seagull to a corn chip on the docks at Riverview Park during the Sebastian River Fine Art & Music Festival Jan. 19. The boys' families manned the food tent to help the Sebastian Soccer Association raise money to help with field maintenance and purchase new equipment and uniforms. For more information, go to sebastiansoccer.com.

First essential tremor conference slated

By Meagan Perle
For Hometown News

VERO BEACH — The Alzheimer & Parkinson Association of Indian River County will host its first essential tremor awareness conference on Feb. 7 from 2-5 p.m. at Northern Trust, 755 Beachland Blvd. in Vero Beach.

Peggy Cunningham, executive director of the Alzheimer & Parkinson Association, said the need for education on essential tremor is evident.

"We learned the statistics on this condition: 10 million Americans are estimated to have ET and that is a huge number," Ms. Cunningham said.

Essential tremor, also

called family tremor, occurs during movements, which makes it very hard for those affected to do everyday tasks, such as eating with utensils.

Joan Marie Berringer runs the association's ET support group. In 2010 Ms. Berringer went to Congress to help deem March essential tremor awareness month.

"The day Joan Marie held her first ET support group we had 35-40 people walked in the door," Ms. Cunningham said.

The conference will feature multiple speakers including Dr. Fatta B. Nahab from the University of Miami; neurologist Dr. Roberta S. Rose and Ms. Berringer.

Drs. Nahab and Rose

and Ms. Berringer will educate the audience on aspects of ET, how to diagnose it, the treatments available for it and informed strategies to help those with ET maximize their quality of life.

"Doctors generally aren't aware of the emotional effect or the severity of the essential tremor," Ms. Berringer said. "I want this to be a day of awareness because the more we share what we have the more accepting people are."

The Alzheimer & Parkinson Association is an independent, non-profit organization that functions on donations.

While attendance is

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Lecture to focus on lagoon, humans

By Meagan Perle
For Hometown News

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — On Feb. 6 the dean of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies will present a free lecture



Peter Crane

at the Waxlax Auditorium on the campus of Saint Edward's School on the interconnectedness of natural and human systems.

The lecture, "The Interconnectedness of Natural and Human Systems: From Global Change to the Indian River Lagoon," will focus on the impact of human-induced changes to the environment. It is being underwritten by the Yale Club of the Treasure Coast and is part of the Florida Atlantic University Harbor Branch ocean science lecture series.

The idea of interconnectedness among natural and human systems basically means that humans have an impact on nature, just as nature has an impact on human beings.

In addition to being dean, Sir Peter Crane is also a professor of botany at Yale. He previously served as the director at the Field Museum in Chicago.

"In the lecture I will discuss human impacts on natural systems at multiple scales, from the level of the Amazon Basin, the watersheds of New Hampshire and Panama, to the Chesapeake Bay and the Indian River Lagoon," Sir Crane said.

The Yale Club selected the Waxlax Auditorium to host the lecture because they needed a venue that would hold up to 500 people.

Sir Crane is the only formal speaker however, seven local organizations will be present in the lobby available to discuss their individual missions and efforts to return the lagoon

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Jacques Pepin to speak at the Vero Beach Museum of Art on Feb. 11

WEEKEND WEATHER



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Saturday: Partly cloudy; high: 73; low: 50; high tide: 12:23 a.m.; low tide: 6:14 a.m.
Sunday: Clear; high: 73; low: 52; high tide: 1:22 a.m.; low tide: 7:15 a.m.
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Coming

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Open house planned for Feb. 3

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RSVP to (772) 563-4463.

Library to host Valentine's Day event

Harp & Harmony returns to the main library on Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. to celebrate Valentine's Day with all new songs. Harp & Harmony provides a mix of music ranging from American folk, classical, bluegrass, oriental, Celtic and Native American.

Tea & Chi will provide tea for this afternoon event.

Feel free to bring a teacup and some cookies or treats to share.

The library is located at 1600 21st St. in Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 770-5060, Ext. 4121.

Spay, neuter event taking place

The St. Lucie/Indian River County Chapter of the United Humanitarians will sponsor another two-day spay/neuter event at Dr. Dan's Animal Clinic in Vero Beach on Feb. 5.

This event will be open to all in Indian River and St. Lucie counties.

The rates will be \$40 for cats and \$60 for dogs. Pets should be at least 4 months old.

For more information, call (772) 467-6709 or email wcare4animals@gmail.com.

Hospital care unit, recovery room open house planned for Feb. 3

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Ice cream social taking place Feb. 2

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Cancer survivors, friends and family are invited to join Indian River Medical Center for an afternoon of ice cream sundaes, uplifting speakers and an entertaining celebration of life.

The event takes place Feb. 2, from 2-4 p.m. at Oak Harbor Country Club, 4755 S. Harbor Drive, in Vero Beach.

Dr. Heather Nagel, a board-certified radiologist, will serve as moderator. Special guest speakers are:

- Lin Reading of Vero Beach. Ms. Reading, a breast cancer survivor, saw

a need and created the popular Friends After Diagnosis support group.

- Marieke Dam of Sebastian. Ms. Dam is a physical therapist at IRMC who was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma two years ago. She has documented her journey through a collection of photographs that she will share.

- Cindy Frye of Palm Beach Gardens. Ms. Frye is a brain tumor survivor who successfully completed a very aggressive trial program at Duke University Hospital in Durham, N.C.

Seating is limited. To RSVP, call (772) 563-4459.

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Museum hosts art event



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Friday's opening reception of the 25th annual Art by the Sea drew huge crowd of art lovers. Co-chairwomen Judith Ragusa, left and Julianne Martinsen, second from right, were joined by Alice Ferguson, second from left and Dawn Mill during Friday evening's opening reception.

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Coach

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connect with kids and help them reach their goals and become amazing adults," she said.

Ultimately, Ms. Amy credits this accomplishment to the hard work of the girls on her team and the assistant coaches.

"It isn't about just one person," she said. "It's a testament to what they've accomplished and how much they sacrificed, as well."



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Lagoon

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to its natural beauty. These organizations include, the Environmental Learning Center, Florida Atlantic University Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program, Indian River Land Trust Indian River-Keeper, Ocean Research & Conservation Association, and the Pelican Island Audubon Society.

Marty Baum, of the Indian RiverKeeper said he will have a table set up before and after the lecture and looks forward to the big kickoff of the Harbor Branch weekend.

"I want to get people involved and join my program or someone's program and just learn," Mr. Baum said. "I think if citizens understood what was going on in the lagoon they might be more proactive about fixing it," Mr. Baum said.

The topic of interconnectedness originated from the Yale Club's focus on the deteriorating condition of the lagoon. The subject matter will illustrate broader themes of importance and how issues the lagoon faces are similar to those elsewhere in the world.

The lecture starts at 6:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.



Photo courtesy of Indian River Medical Center

From left: Karen Miller, director of critical care services; George Mitchell, medical director of critical care medicine; Lula Thomas, director of perioperative services; Dr. Geoffrey Wolf, medical director of anesthesiology services; and Heidi Schlepp, nurse manager of perioperative services, invite the community to tour IRMC's new Sheridan intensive care unit and Waxlax recovery room.

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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.

Arrests listed were made from Jan. 16 to Jan. 22, 2013

Sebastian Police Department

- Richard Carl Keefer, 33, 1026 Indian River Drive, Sebastian, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of violation of an injunction for a protection.

Fellsmere Police Department

- Alfonso Lopez, 38, 5 S. Elm St., Fellsmere, was charged with aggravated assault and attempted murder.
- Jose Luis Almanza, 29, 1515 20th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest without violence and possession of marijuana. He was also charged with a civil penalty for failure to pay child support.

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

- Francis Marion Bell, 29, 131 N. Second St., Fort Pierce, was charged with third-degree grand theft.
- Christopher Dean Fultz, 39, 2665 11th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with grand theft, dealing in stolen property, burglary of a dwelling and third-degree grand theft.
- Robert Lee Griffin, 39, 4508 38th St. North, Tampa, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for communications fraud, uttering a forged bill, check or draft and third-degree grand theft.
- Brenda S. Hayes, 58, 2665 11th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with dealing in stolen property and third-degree grand theft.
- Jeffrey Richardo Jackson, 34, 1355 13th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- Tyler Chase Ofner, 21, 4803 Sunset Drive, Vero Beach, was charged with lewd or lascivious molestation, offender older than 18, victim between 12-16.
- Melissa Lynn Shirey, 33, 2665 11th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with dealing in stolen property and grand theft.
- John Anthony Clark, 35, 1416 25th Ave., Vero Beach,

was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for fleeing or eluding.

- Justin Martin Weatherford, 30, 811 Williamson Ave., Sebastian, was charged with child abuse and misdemeanor charges of domestic violence battery and criminal mischief.
- Filiberto Bedolla, 32, 456 54th Circle, Apt. 7, Vero Beach, was charged with armed burglary of a dwelling, structure or conveyance and misdemeanor charges of carrying a concealed weapon and giving a false name while detained. He was also charged with a civil penalty for failure to pay a fine.
- Melissa Faye Espinoza, 25, 8800 20th St., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
- Pedro Gonzales, 32, 1875 Bridgepointe Circle, Apt. 34, Vero Beach, was charged with burglary of an occupied dwelling, possession of a controlled substance and two charges of misdemeanor trespass.
- Karl Alonzo Newton, 57, 4625 37th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with being a fugitive from justice.
- Tiffany Nicole Smith, 27, 3320 58th Ave., Vero Beach,

was charged with three counts of violation of probation. She was on probation for felony petit theft, third-degree grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

- Kim Michelle Stovall, 47, 4210 27th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for corruption by threat.
- James Hartman Collie, 57, 4355 28th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with introduction of contraband into a detention facility, possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and resisting arrest without violence.
- Kristopher Anthony Ruszczyk, 22, 2143 First Place S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance.
- Antonio Carlos York, 61, 2870 41st St., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine and tampering with or destroying evidence.
- James Donald Childers, 41, 6590 Fourth St., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of alprazolam and trafficking in a controlled substance.
- Crman Eugene Hinton, 30, 4041 41st Square, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of ecstasy, two counts

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of violation of probation, and misdemeanor charges of battery and possession of marijuana.

- Shi Anne Marie Brashear, 18, 428 Gana Ave., Orange Park, was charged with child abuse.
- Larry Brown, 18, 421 Gano Ave., Jacksonville, was charged with transfer or displaying an obscenity to a minor and a misdemeanor charge of child neglect.
- Steven Lee Dandrea, 24, 564 Silver Stream Circle, Fort Pierce, was charged with unlawful acts relating to HIV.
- Jose Miguel Ramos, 32, 1446 19th St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant woman.
- Chelsea Janee Young, 22, 3085 Willow Bend Blvd., Orlando, was charged with aggravated battery.
- Daniell Janette Cole, 22, 16200 Orange Ave., Fort

Pierce, was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of controlled substances, amitriptyline, morphine sulfate and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Mark Edward Comenzo, 52, 4055 41st Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of violation of probation. He was on probation for a lewd, lascivious or indecent act.
- Dale Albert Maine, 30, 118 Fourth Road, Leesburg, Ga., was charged with child abuse, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and a misdemeanor charge of willful wanton reckless driving.
- Frederick Scott Sapp, 43, 636 N.E. Second Ave., Cape Coral, was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance, amitriptyline and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

If you have information about a crime, call Treasure Coast Crimestoppers at (800) 273-TIPS.

Shotgun

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information officer.

The deputy ordered Mr. Berk to drop the weapon, but he stood behind a car and raised the gun toward the deputy and bystanders.

The officer fired six shots at Mr. Berk and ended up striking him three times: once in the upper leg, once in the abdomen and once in the arm.

After the scene was deemed secure, back-up deputies provided first aid to Mr. Berk and he was transported to the med-

ical center in Fort Pierce where he underwent surgery for his injuries.

The deputy is on non-disciplinary administrative leave while the case is being investigated, which is customary.

Mr. Berk, who was also carrying a backpack with 50 rounds of shotgun ammunition, was also charged with one count of domestic violence battery and one county of battery.

He is being held without bond and will be transported to the Indian River County jail upon release from the hospital.

This is Indian River County's first deputy-involved shooting in more than a year.

Tremor

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free of charge, reservations are required to attend the conference, as seating is limited. Healthcare professionals and those affected by essential tremor are encouraged to attend. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

"It is so important that those with ET have the tools to manage their lives," Ms.

Cunningham said.

"That's what our organization is all about: empowering those challenged with memory and motion disorders."

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Nip problems in bud by joining computer club

This column ran back in June. I'm running it again this month because of the number of people who have asked me to run it again.

Computer repair is a tricky business. You never know what kind of problems you are going to be asked to solve and there is always the pressure to get it done quickly. Every call is a different challenge and most of the time it can take a half hour or more just looking around trying to get a handle on what's going on before the actual repairs even start.

Virus and malware cleanup calls usually always involve running one or more scans to "sweep" the computer for infected files and these scans can really run up the clock. There is nothing more frustrating than having to wait for a scan to complete and watching as the progress bar inches its way across the screen. The temptation to do other things while a scan is running is high, but doing other things while a scan is running on an already sick machine can just makes matters worse. It's best to tackle additional tasks after an infection is cleaned.

Let's face it, computer maintenance is expensive. At the typical hourly rate, one unexpected glitch such as a virus infection or registry problem can quickly add up to hundreds of dollars. And who's to say that next month it won't be something different?

And to add insult to injury, most of the issues that I regularly clean up wouldn't be an issue if people would just take the time to keep their machines properly maintained.

But what steps should people take? "Everyone" knows that they should have their system backed up and their antivirus up to date, but hardly anyone takes the time to learn how to do it properly let alone do it every month.



COMPUTE THIS
SEAN MCCARTHY

Most computer manufacturers assume everyone already knows what they need to do to keep their new machine maintained properly but that can be an unreasonable assumption to make, especially if the new computer owner has little or no experience.

And with computers as inexpensive as they are today more people who have never used one before are coming home with powerful systems that can confound even the most seasoned computer user.

Without proper maintenance it's only a matter of time before something goes wrong and the repair bill can approach the price of a new machine.

There's got to be a better way.

Wouldn't it be smarter to have an expert set up your machine and then maintain it every month and avoid costly repairs that could have been avoided with regular maintenance? Doesn't it make sense to have someone who knows what they're doing keep regular tabs on things and nip problems in the bud rather than letting them grow to the point where an expensive service call is inevitable?

Well, I think it is and I've spent some time putting together a program that does just that; gives regular computer users a way to keep their machines maintained on a regular basis at a cost that won't break the bank.

What I've put together here — a computer service club, if you will — is a way to offset the high cost of sudden repairs by performing regular monthly "check-ups" to make sure things are running smoothly. This way we can stop little issues before they become big ones.

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Art on display in Riverview Park



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Terry Pate, an artist with the Sebastian River Art Club, put business cards on her watercolor paintings during the club's show and sale in Riverview Park Saturday.

Rants & Raves

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Enjoying the comments

After returning home from the holidays I picked up this issue of *Hometown News*.

Reading these comments, I realize true Americans are going to fight this socialistic regime that infiltrates our government. I'm also hoping, you print it.

All very good comments on Jan. 18:

1. "Turn commercials down." How true! I think OWN channel is one of the worst. One evening from my back bedroom, I thought I heard two men talking in my living room. It was a loud ad which actually frightened me.

2. "In response to rant" Writer stated, "More than a little confusing, if you ask me, HmMMM. Man, are you right on! Hurricane Sandy was just as devastating, if not more than Katrina, some say. More than confusing. Proud of you to care."

3. "Questioning flood insurance." Your statement, "You and I as a result, are the ones who are paying, paying and paying. Enough is enough."

You are right on, especially when it comes to feel-good politicians.

4. "Don't blame teachers." You are so right! It's true there are good, better and best in all professions, but I feel their credentials should be of a high degree. A big problem is, teachers cannot teach and be expected to discipline brats, too. There are too many kids of all ages whose parents are not around to do their jobs, don't know where their kids are, etc. One million kids did not graduate this past year.

5. "Clean up your act, Hollywood." Everything written here is true. Where are the feel-good politicians' here? Same people (like Obama, if it feels good, do it). Hypocrites who condemn smokers as sinners and second-class citizens, set the double standards, as an example. Television can be Satan himself to kids of all ages, and certain adults, as well. I believe your rant here is agreed to by the type of writers here.

6. "My fork made me fat." Too funny! Great analogy. Again, here comes the same do-gooders, trying to disarm Americans. That's how communism/ socialism, government takeovers start. Hitler burned the books, disarmed the people, etc. The people who put Obama in for a second time just don't get it. They will get it, and it won't take four years.

7. "Domestic violence is still problem." Of course, this is an absolute fact. Writer stated, "Please don't judge, please help instead." It's easy for some people to judge things like this when it doesn't happen in their family. It's true, some abused women feel they are to blame, or stay in the situation for one reason or another. It's also true, they hurt more than many can imagine in every way. Education and help for abused women and children (some men) are needed.

8. "Regarding gun control," your comment is right on and an important issue today. Sane people know that gangs and all the wrong people can, and will, always be able to get their hands on any gun, or type of weapon they want.

Obama has always wanted his gun control laws, to take away the right to bare (sp. bear) arms of American citizens. If Obama gets his way, along with many other rights he is working on, it will be part of his complete government control. What is happening to the government of the people, by the people and for the people?

9. "Reviewing driver licenses." I see your point on driver license renewals of the past. However, if you think about the reason(s) for new rules you won't be too upset. Times

have changed drastically and new rules are made for all our good and protection. No one is trying to prevent you from driving. You say, going in person, waiting in line is very inconvenient. Why? Would it be OK with you if driver licenses were given by mail to just anyone?

Think about the criminals, or really bad drivers who should never have a license. A photo I.D. is required, which is a good thing. Having a legitimate driver license in this country is an important card to carry wherever you go. Also, driving is a privilege, which some people abuse, some more than others. It's not too difficult to renew your license. You can even make an appointment at your convenience.

You say, "If you go in person, stand in line, then you are going to hang o to your birth certificate, because if you want to get a passport, you have to mail that." You also stated, it's going to make it very inconvenient for a lot of older people, and they should do something about it.

My dear friend, they are doing something about it. God bless, and good luck.

10. "Government managing our lives." The person who wrote this rant has said it all. Your strong belief that anyone who trusts our government to manage every aspect of our lives is delusional. Everything you mentioned is the logical truth.

I pray the speaker of the house, all Republicans, all real and true Americans, continue to fight hard and stick to their guns.

We're in for some tough times ahead, but God's people are can-do people. We will lose a few battles, but we will meet the enemy, and they will be ours.

Gun control

Stronger gun laws will take guns out of the hands of law-abiding citizens. More government controls will deter the type of people who might have stopped the murders at Sandy Hook. They will have no effect on taking away guns from the deranged.

President Obama's ideas restrict our freedoms but they are meaningless "feel-good" proposals designed for the effect. They solve nothing.

A message from the superintendent

Working late at the office last week, my cell phone lit up with the familiar school district phone number. My son attends one of our public schools. I imagined I would be hearing another automated invitation to some school production.

But this time it was a recording from the superintendent himself, announcing a \$17 million shortfall in next year's budget, and that he had prepared a \$25 million menu of budget cutting options for the board. He talked about the state of Florida having something to do with this turn of events.

Mr. Negron? Mr. Lee? What's going on here? My business has been doing better every year since the crash, and I keep hearing unemployment in the state is slowly coming down. I would rather expect to hear the superintendent saying revenues were up and the surplus would be split between improving schools and reducing taxes.

A quick survey of the district website found that reserves from better times have been balancing the budget, but that those will be running out in the next school year and something needs to be done to stabilize the years ahead.

I propose that we citizens address half the shortfall with an increase in the millage rate, and leave the board and the superintendent to wrestle with the state and/or their budget for the other half.

We are talking about raising revenues from approximately \$261 million to \$270 million, which is a 3.26 percent increase in the school district portion of our property taxes. Surely we can do that.

I went to public schools and our community supported them well beyond what I now see. It's time to stop the cur-mudgeonly thinking and realize our nation will decline with our schools unless we maintain the vision and effort of our American predecessors!

What's going on in D.C.?

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Business

College to host business summit for minorities, women

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TREASURE COAST — The Small Business Development Center at Indian River State College is hosting the 2013 Minorities and Women in Business Summit Feb. 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship just off 35th Street on the Indian River State College main campus located at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce.

The summit is a day-long conference for Treasure Coast minorities and women in the business community that will provide tools and motivation on subjects including diversity, success, empowerment and more.

The summit will provide informative sessions on topics related to doing business and becoming an entrepreneur. It will focus on empowering minorities and women for business growth.

will focus on organizational leadership, with a morning presentation "Responsible for Results" by Patrick Arcement. His presentation will be followed by a working luncheon keynote by award-winning author and host of the "Dr. Empowerment" radio show, Larthenia Howard, who will share her secrets for professional development designed to enrich personal and professional growth.

During the afternoon session, there will be a special IRSC minority affairs

department diversity training session, "Ouch! Dealing with Stereotypes & Employee Differences in the Workplace" will be held.

Tickets are \$59 per person. The price includes breakfast, a working luncheon and networking opportunities for local business women and minorities.

For a limited time, those who register can receive two admissions for the price of one.

For more information, call (888) 283-1177 or visit www.irscebiz.com.

State CFO encourages Floridians to search unclaimed accounts

For Hometown News
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TREASURE COAST — Florida's Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater announced 61,271 new unclaimed property accounts, worth more than \$25 million, are being received as part of a settlement with AIG related to unclaimed life insurance benefits.

This represents only the first of what is expected to be additional remittances to be

made by the insurer. "These new accounts represent dollars loved ones set aside to secure financial stability for their families. Holding companies accountable means these dollars will now be returned to their rightful owners across the state," said CFO Atwater.

The practice addressed in the settlement agreement, signed on Oct. 22, 2012, involves life insurance companies determining an insured has died by comparing policyholder records to

the Social Security Administration's death master file.

Many companies have used this method to stop annuity payments, but have not used the same method to issue life insurance payments.

When an insured or beneficiary cannot be located, the insurance company is responsible for reporting and remitting the monetary value of the policy to the insured's state department of unclaimed property.

State unclaimed property programs provide a central

means by which the owners, or their heirs, can find out about and claim the funds.

The agreement with AIG is the fifth agreement that Florida has settled that requires large national insurers to appropriately use the DMF to locate life and annuity beneficiaries, and promptly remit payment to the unclaimed property division of each state for beneficiaries that cannot be located.

To date, the five settlements

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Compute

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We want to start out with a clean system, so when a person joins our club, we connect to their system and do a full tune up and get it running in tip-top shape. Even if it's infected with viruses or malware, we'll

clean it first. We'll even set up the backup system and make sure it's configured properly.

Then, once a month, we reconnect and give the system a once over. We encourage people to use this time to ask any questions they have and we'll address any issues that may have come up over the

previous month. We'll verify the system, the antivirus, the backup and the security settings. And we make sure they are all set for the next month.

So far, all of my "club members" seem pretty satisfied and we have been able to nip a few problems in the bud; just the way I planned.

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Accounts

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have resulted in 73,859 new accounts worth more than \$51.25 million being remitted back to the state Bureau of Unclaimed Property for Floridians to claim.

To search for or claim unclaimed property, visit www.FLTreasureHunt.org or call 1-88-VALUABLE or (850) 413-5555.

During Mr. Atwater's tenure as CFO, the Bureau of Unclaimed Property has seen record returns, reuniting owners, heirs and businesses with more than one-fifth (\$426.78 million) of all money returned since the beginning of the 51-year old program, due largely to aggressive efforts to contact owners.

There is no statute of limitations on unclaimed property and citizens have the right to claim their property, or the proceeds derived from their abandoned property, any time at no cost.

Consumers can access more information about the settlement agreements by accessing the Department of Financial Services Division of Consumer Services' webpage at: www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/consumers/.

Obituaries

Martin E. McDermott

Martin E. McDermott, 86, of Barefoot Bay, died Jan. 9, 2013.

He was born in Newark, N.J.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; three stepchildren, Christine, Mark and Jan; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory, Treasure Coast Chapel.

Leona M. Keller

Leona M. Keller, 88, of Sebastian, died Jan. 17, 2013.

She was born in Flushing, N.Y.

She is survived by two sons, John and Jeffrey; five grandchildren and

one great-grandchild. Arrangements by Strunk Funeral Home and Crematory.

Andrew L. D'Hondt

Andrew L. D'Hondt, 96, of Barefoot Bay, died Jan. 13, 2013.

He was born in Rochester, N.Y., and lived in Barefoot Bay since in 1983.

He served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by a daughter, Barbara (Patrick); a stepdaughter, Elizabeth; a granddaughter, Colleen (Wayne) two step-grandchildren, Autumn and Harley; a granddaughter, Kerry (Michael) and two great-grandchildren, Meaghan and Heather.

Arrangements by Strunk Funeral Home and Crematory.

School information session to be held Feb. 4

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The public is invited to Saint Edward's college night on Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Waxlax Center for the Performing Arts on the Saint Edward's campus in Vero Beach.

Rick Darvis, an expert on strategies for funding k-12 private school and colleges, will appear in a live telecast at the Waxlax Center "A Roadmap to Selecting your Best Strategy to Fund Private School, College and Retirement Without Going Broke."

Mr. Darvis, the author of "Solutions for College," is the go-to teacher for financial planners and certified college planners of the world.

He is a co-founder and director of the National Institute of Certified College Planners and is the developer of a suite of software programs for college financial planning.

Mr. Darvis will take questions from the Waxlax audience in this single-venue telecast.

In addition to parents, college guidance personnel, teachers and counselors are also welcome to attend.

Parents interested in learning how they can afford private school on the k-12 level and/or the college level without sacrificing lifestyle will find Mr. Darvis' strategies helpful.

The younger the family, the more they stand to benefit from early financial planning. In addition to parents, CPAs, financial planners and college professionals are also welcome to attend.

This program is free and open to the public.

For more information visit www.steds.org or call (772) 231-4136.

Nurse takes on new role

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Since coming to Indian River Medical Center almost 20 years ago as a staff nurse, Tonja Tory described her time so far as a journey.

Her journey has encompassed many roles: charge nurse, case manager, nurse manager, clinical nurse liaison and most recently, manager of clinical informatics.

She has now taken on the role of director of applications and informatics. Her journey now includes overseeing the development of Paragon and the much-anticipated computerized provider order entry launch, as well as being responsible for planning and coordinating the processes required to provide user applications and systems necessary for clinical and business operations.

By May 2013, orders will be entered electronically by physicians using a system



Tonja Tory

that uses clinical guidelines, order sets with links to peer-reviewed evidence, safety/quality alerts and special calculators, such as the insulin sliding scale, to automate the ordering process.

Paragon culminates ultimately on Oct. 1, when IRMC demonstrates that it successfully qualifies for meaningful use.

The hospital must qualify for MU in order to receive partial reimbursement from

the government. Paragon will provide a single database platform of most all hospital-based systems for all departments.

"I believe that IRMC has the opportunity to transform healthcare and make improvements to patient safety by leveraging information technology to improve efficiency, accuracy, and the effectiveness of what we do here at IRMC," said Ms. Tory.

Ms. Tory has spent most of her nursing career at IRMC, coming here after working two years as a traveling nurse. She began her career at UNC Chapel Hill Hospital in Chapel Hill, N.C., working as a nurse on the neurology unit.

She is currently working toward a bachelor's degree in nursing at Indian River State College. She received her associate of science degree at Cabarrus Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Concord, N.C.

Rants

From page A6

means get elected to office in Washington and leave being multimillionaires?

President Kennedy took his wealth to Washington, others make it there. Why is the U.S home base for Lamborghini located in Washington, D.C. and why are Italian car owners unhappy because the cars are being paid for in cash and not financed? Why do several lawmakers, Harry Reid is one of the worst, have siblings that are lobbyist and use their relationships for profit at our expense?

Why do the restaurants around Washington serve only the finest food and expensive selections of wine? Why did most of the stimulus money stay in the Washington, D.C. area? Why is the pay rate higher in Washington, D.C. area than other parts of the country?

And lastly, exactly what product is produced in Washington that justifies the salaries and lifestyle? I think we all need to write our congressman, demand answers and drastic changes.

Editor's note: We could find no evidence that Lamborghini is based in Washington, D.C. There are Lamborghini dealers in the Washington, D.C. area. The car manufacturer was acquired by Audi in 1998.

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By Meagan McGone mmcgone@hometownnewsol.com

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

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

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

the same service." In its new location, Square Deal Gold Buyers ensures safety among its customers with the installation of 14 cameras that monitor all transactions made, as well as a secured entrance to the office itself.

To prevent fraud and undervaluing pieces, trained appraisers evaluate karat purities in front of the clients by performing various tests.

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

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

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pressure our clients to sell, but in fact do our best to educate our clients on the value of their items so they can see why we offer what we do," he said.

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

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



Brevard. It's a really good business model."

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International chef to speak in Vero Beach

By Jessica Tuggle
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VERO BEACH — Indian River County residents are invited to come to the table and enjoy the first lecture in the Vero Beach Museum of Art's International Lecture series on Feb. 11.

Award-winning Master Chef Jacques Pepin will present "Chef's Table: Exploring the Intersections of Art and Food," at the Vero Beach Museum of Art Leonard Auditorium at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Feb. 11.

A light wine reception with an opportunity to meet the speaker will be at

5 p.m. in the Laura and Bill Buck Atrium in the Wahlstrom Sculpture Garden.

The international series features intriguing speakers with a background in arts and humanities, said Joe Ellis, museum marketing coordinator.

"We look for contemporary and prominent people and Chef Pepin was chosen because he is a legendary chef," Mr. Ellis said.

Chef Pepin has been cooking professionally for more than 50 years and painting for 35 years. His lecture will cover his experiences in art and food, how



Jacques Pepin

they can be harmonious complements and how they are both a form of self-expression, a press release said.

The chef has published more than 25 cookbooks and hosted 13 highly acclaimed public television shows.

Chef Pepin was born in Bourg-en-Bresse, near Lyon, in France, and began his apprenticeship at the tender age of 13 at the Grand Hotel de L'Europe.

He worked and trained at other locations in France, including Paris, and from 1956 to 1958 he was the personal chef to three French heads of state, including Charles de Gaulle.

He came to the United States in 1959 and worked

at New York's historic Le Pavillon restaurant, and then served for 10 years as the director of research and new development for the Howard Johnson Company.

His career has taken him many places in the world, and his accolades are many, Mr. Ellis said.

Tickets for the lecture are \$65, \$55 for museum members. Attendees may register at the museum, over the telephone or online at the museum's website.

For more information about the exhibits or activities at the Vero Beach Museum of Art, visit www.verobeachmuseum.org.



Week of 2-1-2013

ARIES - March 21-April 20

Aries, planning is going well and you have been following through with your responsibilities. Expect to tweak a few things in the days to come.

TAURUS - April 21-May 21

Taurus, open up to a trusted friend regarding a significant decision you have to make this week. This friend can provide some valuable perspective.

GEMINI - May 22-June 21

A barrage of new ideas makes you a hot item this week, Gemini. Your brain is working overtime and you may be shocked at what you come up with.

CANCER - June 22-July 22

Cancer, expect to see eye-to-eye with your significant other this week. You will be on the same page and this will help to strengthen your relationship.

LEO - July 23-Aug. 23

Leo, embrace the opinions of those closest to you. Those opinions might differ from your own, but they may also provide you with some important perspective.

VIRGO - Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Try something different this week, Virgo. It may mean taking a new route to work or trying a new food. Try something that is out of your element and you may find you like it.

LIBRA - Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You will be full of energy this week and ready to handle anything that comes your way, Libra. When you get on a roll, you may find you have some admirers.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Scorpio, the coming week may try your patience. Relax when the week starts to prove too stressful, and you will make it through the week with your peace of mind intact.

See **SCOPES, B2**

Gamblers bet on Sun Up ARC



The Sun Up ARC Casino Magnifique at the Vero Beach Elks hit the jackpot for fun Friday evening. Nearly 200 people showed up in force to support programs for the nonprofit organization. From left: Marie Zabitosky, Michele and Randy Knight, Nancy and Jose Morrero and dealer Keith B., try their luck a one of the many blackjack tables provided by the Florida Casino Event Company.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Out & about

THROUGH SUNDAY, FEB. 3

• **Riverside Theatre presents "Red,"** Waxlax Stage, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, times vary. The play follows an artist torn between two choices. Cost: \$40. [Website: www.riversidetheatre.com](http://www.riversidetheatre.com).

THROUGH TUESDAY, FEB. 5

• **Film studies course,** Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, Tuesdays 1:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. "Women and Children First: Recent Films from France Belgium and Canada." Supper club tickets available for 7 p.m. classes. Cost: \$60, \$50 for museum members. Dinner

tickets separate. [Website: www.verobeachmuseum.org](http://www.verobeachmuseum.org).

THROUGH THURSDAY, FEB. 28

• **Opera studies,** Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. The five-part course "The Age of Verismo," will study six opera performances. Cost: \$60, \$50 for museum and Vero Beach Opera members. [Website: www.verobeachmuseum.org](http://www.verobeachmuseum.org).

THROUGH APRIL 30

• **Art exhibition,** McKee Botanical Garden, Vero Beach, times vary. The garden presents "Fabel Reimagined," a

collection of 200 glass sculptures by world-famous flamework glass artist Hans Godo Fabel. Cost: garden admission fees apply. [Website: www.mckeeegarden.org](http://www.mckeeegarden.org).

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

• **Library coffee house,** North Indian River County Library, Sebastian, 7 p.m. Concert by The Ashley Gang. Cost: free, donations accepted for coffee and cookies. [Website: www.sebastianlibrary.com](http://www.sebastianlibrary.com).

• **Brevard Symphony Orchestra concert,** Community Church, Vero Beach, 7:30 p.m. Presented by the Indian River Symphonic Association. Guest

vocalist Susan Egan. Cost: \$50. Season tickets available. [Website: www.irsavero.org](http://www.irsavero.org).

FRIDAY, FEB. 1-SUNDAY, FEB. 17

• **Riverside Children's Theatre presents "Schoolhouse Rock Live!"** Anne Morton Theatre, Riverside Children's Theatre, Vero Beach, times vary. Cost: \$10-\$16 for adults, \$5-\$8 for children. [Website: www.riversidetheatre.com](http://www.riversidetheatre.com).

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

• **Craft show,** Riverview Park, Sebastian, 9 a.m. Hosted by the Craft Club of Sebastian. Rain

date: Feb. 3. Cost: free. [Website: www.sebastiancraftclub.com](http://www.sebastiancraftclub.com).

• **World of Opera concert,** Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, Vero Beach, 7 p.m. Vero Beach Opera program featuring international artists. Cost: \$30-\$50. [Website: www.verobeachopera.org](http://www.verobeachopera.org).

• **Celebrated Speaker Series,** The Emerson Center, Vero Beach, 4 p.m., 7 p.m. Guest speaker: Leading U.S. economist Alice M. Rivlin. Cost: \$220 for a subscription. \$65 for a single performance. [Website: www.theemersoncenter.org](http://www.theemersoncenter.org).

• **Sunset Saturday night**
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Scopes

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SAGITTARIUS – Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Keep listening when others around you are talking, Sagittarius. You can learn valuable lessons just by keeping a trained ear on the conversation and use this information later on.

CAPRICORN – Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Capricorn, you may have big plans this week but that doesn't mean you can leave all other responsibilities by the wayside. If you can't get to things yourself, then delegate.

AQUARIUS – Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Aquarius, you crave change this week, even if it is something small and mundane. Figure out something you can do on a small level to incorporate change into your day.

PISCES – Feb. 19-March 20

You may be inclined to help your community this week, Pisces. There are bound to be plenty of places to share your time.

Annual daddy, daughter dance taking place Feb. 23

For Hometown News
 NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Indian River County Recreation Department is offering a chance for girls to take their dads out on a date. Fathers and their little girls are invited to the 12th annual daddy daughter dance. Cost is \$32.10 per couple, which includes

food. Additional children are \$5.35 per person. The event is for children ages 3-9.

The Polish American Social Club will become party central again this year for dancing, music, food, and entertainment. The fun will start at 6 p.m. and will last until 8:30 p.m. Get there early for pictures, which will

begin at 5:30 p.m.

Registration is limited to the first 220 couples and ends on Feb. 15. Register at any of these locations: county administration building, North County Aquatic Center or Gifford Aquatic Center.

For more information, visit www.irrec.com or call (772) 226-1732.

Boutique organizing event for homeless youth

For Hometown News
 NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Bliss Boutique owner Karen Jones has a special fondness for helping homeless youth, ages 18-23, and she wants others to learn of this growing population who needs help.

On Feb. 21, Ms. Jones will donate 15 percent of all sales to Children's Home Society of Florida Treasure Coast Division's transitional living program. Also, from 5-8 p.m., several of the residents will be on hand in Bliss Boutique for the public to meet

them and learn about their struggles and accomplishments firsthand.

The transitional living program serves youth ages 18 to 23 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless by providing services for residential and outreach clients. Each client receives safety-net services as part of their life plan.

These services include: shelter, transportation, job coaching, mental health assessments and counseling, case management and coordination, and most importantly, educational

focus.

These youth need help now more than ever. Statistics prove that if they do not receive help, these youth are more likely to not finish school, remain homeless, become teen parents and be incarcerated.

The public is invited to visit both Baines Hall and the Youth Transition Center to learn more and see firsthand the programs in need of support.

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Sunset Saturday on Ocean Drive to benefit Treasure Coast Community Health Foundation. All of the proceeds from raffles will go to the women's healthcare safety net fund. Ocean Drive in Vero Beach between Flamvine Lane and Dahlia Lane. Event begins at 5:30 p.m. and raffles will be drawn at 8.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2- SUNDAY, FEB. 3

Gardenfest!, Riverside Park, Vero Beach, 9 a.m. The Garden Club of Indian River County's

event includes youth activities, food vendors and plant and garden vendors. Cost: Free admission. [Website: www.gardenclubofirc.org](http://www.gardenclubofirc.org).

SUNDAY, FEB. 3

Art in the Park, Humiston Park, Vero Beach, 10 a.m. Outdoor fine art and craft show by the Vero Beach Art Club. Cost: Free. [Website: www.verobeachartclub.org](http://www.verobeachartclub.org).

MONDAY, FEB. 4

Jazz concert, Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, Vero Beach, 7 p.m. The high school jazz bands and special guests from Oslo and

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Medical center supports literacy



From left: Jeff Susi, president and CEO of Indian River Medical Center; Drs. Susie O'Toole and David Griffin and Bob Michael, director of IRMC facilities services, on a scaffold 30 feet in the air on Jan. 22. They were pasting the last of 50 posters featuring local elementary students on display outside the hospital for the next two weeks. The effort is part of the public art campaign, "FACES: Help me read. It changes who WE become!" aimed at creating community conversations about the widespread impact literacy has in the community. Photo courtesy of Indian River Medical Center

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• **Distinguished Lecturer Series**, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, 4 p.m., 6 p.m. Featuring

former secretary of defense Robert Gates. Cost: \$75, \$65. Website: www.riversidetheatre.com.

• **VNA Hidden Treasures Hospice** thrift store in Vero Beach will be hosting a **volunteer open house** from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. for those who are interested in donating their time and talents to the VNA. VNA Hidden Treasures is located at 656 21st St. in Vero Beach. For

more information, call (772) 978-5565.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

• **Jazz concert**, Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, Vero Beach, 7 p.m. The high school jazz bands and special guests from Oslo and Storm Grove middle schools will

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They came to play, Sun Up ARC wins

Pat Flowers of Vero Beach tries her luck at the slot machines during the Sun Up ARC Casino Magnifique at the Vero Beach Elks Club Friday evening. About 200 people came to play Las Vegas-type casino games in the name of charity.



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Bill Moulton of the Florida Casino Event Company from left, deals to Mike and Merian Burns, Sun Up ARC board member Dick Pippert and Cheryl and Paul Kelley during Casino Magnifique at the Vero Beach Elks Club Friday evening. The organization helps those with disabilities.

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From left, Sun Up ARC executive director Chuck Bradley, his wife, Brenda, Adria Espich, Eric Hunter, Deborah Agnello and Noel Hoover were among those on hand at the Vero Beach Elks Club for Casino Magnifique Friday evening. The event drew nearly 200 people who came in support of programs at Sun Up ARC.

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Friday evening's Casino Magnifique at the Vero Beach Elks Club drew quite a crowd. From left, Karl Zimmerman, his wife, Marsha Littlejohn and Karl Steene were among the nearly 200 guests who came to try to beat the house in support of Sun Up ARC.

Art by the Sea draws record crowd



The Vero Beach Art Club's 25th annual Art by the Sea at the Vero Beach Museum of Art last weekend drew a huge crowd. Friday evening's reception was literally standing room only. Alice Ferguson took first place for her oil 'Heirloom.'

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Artists Dorinda Walker and her mom, Alicia Callander, joined the estimated 235 artists at the Vero Beach Art Club's 25th annual Art by the Sea at the Vero Beach Museum of Art last weekend.



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From left, artists Judy Burgarella, Christine Thomas and Marie Morrow were among the nearly 250 artists displaying their work at the 25th annual Art by the Sea last weekend at the Vero Beach Museum of Art.



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Local sculptor George Beckman assembles his stainless sculpture 'Charade' Thursday Jan. 24 for Friday's opening reception of the 25th annual Art by the Sea at the Vero Beach Museum of Art. The Vero Beach Art Club's three-day event was considered a major success.

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present "Big Band Bash." Cost: \$10, \$12. *Website:* <http://sites.indianriverschools.org/vbhs/PAC/index.html>.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

• **New Vision Eye Center** and scientists from the Schepens Eye Research Institute, Massachusetts Eye and Ear, will present a **symposium on age-related macular degeneration and other blinding eye diseases.** The event begins at 9 a.m. with a complimentary breakfast and display of low-vision aids, followed by the program from 10 a.m. to noon at the Majestic 11 Theatre. The symposium is free as a community service and the public is invited. More information on the 2013 research symposia may be obtained online at www.MassEyeAndEar.org/symposium. For registration, call (866) 946-6824.

• **The Schubert Ensemble of London concert,** Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, 7 p.m. The ensemble is the United Kingdom's leading chamber ensemble specializing in piano and strings. A catered dinner immediately preceding the concert is also available. Cost: \$50, \$40 for museum members. Dinner tickets are \$50. *Website:* www.verobeach-museum.org.

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

• **Library film series,** North Indian River County Library, Sebastian, 3 p.m. Films: "Stockholm" and "Northern Spain and the Camino de Santiago." Cost: free. *Website:* www.sebastianlibrary.com.

• **Bubbles, bangles and bingo luncheon,** Oak Harbor, Vero Beach, 11:30 a.m. Presented by the Senior Resource Association of Indian River County. Cost: to be announced. *Website:* www.seniorresourceassociation.org.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

• **Museum seminar,** Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, 10 a.m. In-depth examinations of topics in a small group setting. Topic: "The World of Downton Abbey" with Judy M. Pittenger. Cost: \$95, \$85 for museum members. *Website:* www.verobeachmuseum.org.

• **Health fair,** Treasure Coast Community Health on Oslo Road, Vero Beach, 10 a.m. "Wear Red Women's Heart Health Fair." Cost: Not available. *Website:* www.tchinc.org.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8- SATURDAY FEB. 9

• **Riverside Theatre presents "The Comedy Zone,"** Waxlax Stage, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. Comedians to be announced.

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Helping plants survive cold snaps, freezes

With the heart of our Florida winter coming into play, cold snaps and possible freezing temperatures will be possible for the next several weeks, even though our temperatures have been above normal so far this season.

Many of our Florida plants will withstand the cold temperatures with grace, while others will struggle and wilt at the first sign of a chill. Since many of us do some serious planting during the cooler winter months, the cold weather may pose some serious challenges for our precious plants.

One of the best ways to offer protection for the root base of your plants is to use mulching material around the base. You can recycle many of the products you already have around your home.

You can use bark from trees you might have cut down or bark that has come loose from your pine trees. Straw also can make an excellent mulching material. If you live in a rural area, straw may be available from some local farmers that are in your area.

Sawdust can also be used as mulching material. If you are a wood worker or do a lot of remodeling, save that sawdust you vacuum up and recycle it in your yard!

Peat moss also makes a great mulching material that is readily available at



GARDEN NOOK
JOE ZELENAK

most lawn and garden centers. If you have oak trees or live in a heavily wooded area, you can use leaves as protective barriers around the base of your plants. You can even use your old grass clippings as mulching material around your plants. By using the mentioned materials for protecting you plants, you are helping to recycle our natural resources and are saving more cypress trees that are rapidly being depleted by the widespread use of commercial products, such as cypress mulch.

In addition, all the above-named materials will slowly degrade in the soil and add natural nutrients that will be beneficial to the plants.

In order for the mulching material to be effective in the event of a low temperature or freeze scenario, the material should be at least 2 to 3 inches thick, but you should keep a margin of about an inch from the main part of the plant trunk.

There are some exceptions to this rule such as citrus trees. You should never mulch around citrus plants, as this can actually cause harm to the tree.

Be sure the areas are

heavily mulched. It is extremely important that your garden be moist prior to a cold snap. The combination of dry soil and cold temperatures can cause serious damage to tender plants.

If our area should come under a freeze watch or warning you will need to take some extra precautions to minimize the damage to your plants.

Covering your plants will be the next step you need to take. Be sure to use cloth and not plastic when protecting your plants. Plastic can act like a greenhouse and when the sun comes up, the drastic temperature change can be fatal to your plants. Even when using cloth, be sure to use stakes if possible so that the material does not come in direct contact with the plant. After the cold weather or freeze event is over, be sure to remove the covering material promptly.

Fortunately, Florida enjoys seasonal temperatures through most of the winter and mild freezes do not happen often. In fact, this year so far to date has been unseasonably warm.

It is important to remember that many of our tropical plants can start to have cold damage with temperatures as low as 39 degrees. Hibiscus plants can wilt and shiver at around 35, as well as many flowering annuals. Orchids, along with some other specialty plants, do not like temperatures much below 45 or 50.

The main thing is to be ready if a cold snap or freeze heads our way and you will reap the rewards of healthy plants throughout the winter.

Joe Zelenak has more than 30 years experience in gardening and landscape. Send emails to hometowngarden@gmail.com or visit his website www.hometowngarden.com.

Annual golf merchandise show gets off to good start

My week at the PGA Merchandise Show has come to a close. What is always one of the best weeks of the year was every bit that this year. I spent the past six days with my colleagues in Orlando covering the show, playing golf, eating a few nice meals, seeing old friends and testing out new golf clubs and accessories.

I always travel to the show with two of my closest friends and media colleagues, Dan Shube and Mike Murphy. We spend our days chasing stories and checking out the latest in golf. Our evenings are filled with a bit of fun, including a tour of the Golf Channel.

Our host was James Murphy, Mike's son, who works in production at the Golf Channel. We got a special treat when we became the first people outside of Golf Channel employees to see the newest sets.

As in many years past, we licked off our week with the Tour Edge multi-manufacturer media golf outing. This event has become a great start to our week.

Held at the Legacy at Alaqua Lakes, the event lets us kick off the week with a chance to hit all of the latest clubs from Tour Edge (www.TourEdge.com) and its Exotics line, along with testing new golf balls designed specifically to help you hit the ball straight from Polara Golf (www.polaragolf.com), checking out the newest bags and weather apparel from Sun Mountain (www.sunmountain.com), slipping into the new Swing Jacket (www.swing-jacket.com) to see if it really does help train your swing and more.



GOLF
JAMES STAMMER

I'm here to tell you that the latest equipment from Tour Edge and Exotics can improve anyone's game.

The new XCG6 driver is hot, hitting the ball very long and pretty straight. The company's fairway woods have, for years, been the best and hottest on the market. They are used by many touring professionals without any financial backing by the company. In fact, the new Exotics 3-wood is so hot that Maurice Allen set a new world record for ball speed with one. The ball speed on his shot was clocked at 211 mph, resulting in a 347-yard drive with a 3-wood!

Tour Edge's best selling JMAX Iron Wood continues to impress. You can pick up a 6-iron wood from \$39.99, hit it for 30 days and then decide if it's earned a spot in your bag. If not, send it back for a refund. If it has, and likely it will, you can fill out the rest of your set as you choose. Every club Tour Edge has ever made also comes with a life-time warranty.

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At the event, we were encouraged to play the front nine using our regular ball then play the

back nine using the Polara. We were amazed time and time again as shots that I know would have normally spun into the trees or worse, stopped slicing and simply straightened out and instead found the rough.

While my score for the back nine was three shots higher, it would have been far worse had the Polara not saved some of my bad shots from being truly ugly shots.

The second day of our adventure took us to Orange County National and the PGA Merchandise Show demo day. Here we spent the entire morning walking the perimeter of the 1-mile-in-circumference practice range. We tried out new swing aids, new equipment from all the big names and a few small ones, as well as looked at new tee designs and sunglass technology.

One thing I know is the need to get the younger generation excited about golf and to find it "hip" is here to stay. Puma Golf is all about them and it's "in your face" look had young people flocking to its station at the range. The look is fresh, young, colorful and very loud.

All this happened before the actual trade show began on Thursday. Over the next several weeks, with a break thrown in every once in a while, I'll try to let you know all about the new and the intriguing in our sport. The show was upbeat. People were buying and people were filling orders. It was a good sign and marked the second year in a row that things were much brighter than the year before.

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 stammergolf@yahoo.com.

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For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

TREASURE COAST — Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone who joins the foundation in February will receive 10 free Eastern redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warmer.

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munity forestry throughout the country for more than 35 years.

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To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Redbud Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 28 or visit arborday.org/february.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 9

- **Motorcar exhibition**, McKee Botanical Garden, Vero Beach, 10 a.m. The garden presents "Celebrating 60 years of the Corvette," the fourth annual motorcar exhibition. Cost: \$5. Website: www.mckee-garden.org.

SUNDAY, FEB. 10

- **Art in the Park**, Humiston Park, Vero Beach, 10 a.m. Outdoor fine art and craft show by the Vero Beach Art Club.

Cost: free. Website: www.vero-beachartclub.org.

MONDAY, FEB. 11

- **International lecture series**, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, 4 p.m., 6 p.m. "Chef's Table: Exploring the Intersections of Art and Food," featuring Jacques Pepin, master chef, author and educator. Cost: \$65, \$55 for museum members. Website: www.vero-beachmuseum.org.

- **Passport to wine and dine**, Vero Beach Yacht Club, Vero Beach, 5:30 p.m. This fundraiser for the Hibiscus Children's Center will include food and wine tastings at different country-themed stations. Cost: \$75. Website: www.hibiscuschildrencenter.org.

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All you need is love

One of my favorite quotes since I was young has been the classic, "All you need is love" as sung by Beatle the late John Lennon.

In some shape or form, I think everyone should be loved. It is a defining force in nature. It can be as essential as air, food or water.

There is no real definition of love. It is different for everyone.

When I was younger, my definition of love was a knight in shining armor

coming to save me and take me away,



WRITER/PRODUCTION
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like all the Disney movies show.

As I grew older, I looked at my parents who have been married for 30 years.

There have been ups and downs in those years, sure, but I have watched each time they patched up holes to keep the love intact.

There are also friends who stayed by me and watched me stumble over heartbreak and gave me their love to help me back up.

Love is different for everyone and we experience it in

different ways.

This month, we celebrate love in all its different forms.

For those who are married or in relationships, we hope you enjoy the ideas and planning we've put into this issue to help you with gifts and where to go on Valentine's Day with your special someone.

We've highlighted some of the best local shops to pick up gifts or flowers and locally owned restaurants to share dinner .

If you're single, we've created a Valentine's Day tips sheet for you and ideas on how to spend the day, including going out with some friends for dinner or a enjoying a fancy day of pampering.

One of my favorite Valentine's Days was spent with my mom.

My father, an airline pilot, was

gone for the day and instead of us sitting at home, we booked a reservation for two at a hibachi-style grill and had an amazing night.

We were able to have fun, even with the couples who surrounded us, and those who had the same idea as we did.

The interactive setting of the hibachi made it easy for us to all feel like we were sharing the Valentine's Day experience together.

Celebrate the month, and use it as an excuse to shower a little love on yourself and others.

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LOVE STORIES

From fries to family



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Connie and Ross Cotherman will celebrate 28 years of marriage in June. The couple is standing in front of a Humane Society building where Mrs. Cotherman works. Mr. Cotherman is a local CPA.

By Brittany Llorente
Writer/production coordinator

When they first met, they were flipping burgers and filling up sodas in harmony at a Venice McDonald's.

In June, Ross and Connie Cotherman will celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary.

"He was the sweetest, kindest guy I had ever met," Mrs. Cotherman said about the first time she met Mr. Cotherman. "I loved his smile and we just hit it off. We even used to go into work on our days off and work for free because we just had fun doing it."

Six years later they were married and after Mr. Cotherman graduated from Stetson University, they made

Vero Beach home.

Mrs. Cotherman is the current assistant director of development for the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County. Mr. Cotherman is the vice president and treasurer of the Boys and Girls Club of Indian River County.

They have two children, Courtney and Daniel, who were raised in Vero Beach.

With full plates from work, school functions and all other aspects of life, Mrs. Cotherman said the most important thing in a relationship is to be flexible.

"You also have to be patient and

understanding," she said. "It does get hectic and you just have to work together as a team and stick together as a team. When you're making decisions, you all need to be on board and on the same page with everything."

Throughout their relationship, Mrs. Cotherman said they have grown as a couple and learning from their mistakes helped.

"We've worked well together and we've learned to be there for each other through mistakes," she said. "You really learn what your priorities are in love and family and your values in the relationship. We made

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-Connie Cotherman

a commitment and we have to fulfill that."

Though one of her favorite vacations with the whole family was a weeklong tour of the Virgin Islands on a catamaran, Mrs. Cotherman said that it's important to get away as a couple.

"It's important to take time as a couple," she said. "To make sure that we do date night or a little weekend get-away is important. When you get wrapped up in life, the next thing you know you don't have time for yourselves. Getting away gives you time to reconnect and remember each other."

GIFTS

Special treats for someone special

By **Brittany Llorente**

Writer/production coordinator

There is a certain type of panic that ensues as Valentine's Day approaches. What do I get? What do I do?

The county is bursting with local vendors and shops to satisfy anyone's Valentine's Day wish list.

"Every woman loves chocolate," said Judy Pinkman, owner of How Sweet It Is chocolate. "What better gift could there be? Everything we have is made here and is hand dipped."

With more than 200 varieties of hand-dipped chocolates, there is no end to the truffles, turtles, nut clusters, chocolate-dipped strawberries and even chocolate-covered potato chips, in the store.

On Valentine's Day, the shop will offer a heart-shaped box made of chocolate that is made to be filled with more chocolate.

"They were very popular last year," Mrs. Pinkman said.

Another local business that can satisfy a sweet tooth is Classy Cupcakes, which features gourmet styled cupcakes and will feature a box of chocolate on Valentine's Day including 12 mini-cupcakes in different flavors.

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A dozen cupcake roses from Classy Cupcakes.

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SINGLES GUIDE

Cures for Valentine's Day blues

By **Brittany Llorente**

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Valentine's Day is usually associated with the colors pink and red, but rarely blue.

For single people, Feb. 14 can seem like a day set up as a reminder to tell them they are single.

This one day of the year does not need to be sad for anyone, as it should be treated as a day of love for everyone.

Want to do something on Valentine's Day? Here are a list of places around town to go to and make it a day of self-loving and loving others.

Make it a girl's day or a guy's day

Ladies, gather up your gal pals and head out to a coffee or tea shop and catch up, talk about everything under the sun and later, get a pedicure.

Tea and Chi at 2044 14th Ave. in Vero Beach is a quaint little tea shop. The at home atmosphere and small lunch options are ideal for a meet up.

Men, go for a round of golf followed by a relaxing time in a cigar shop or a beer at O'Conch's Pub, 715 Eighth St., Vero Beach.

Finish off the day and start off the night with dinner at YNot?, 710 South U.S.1, Vero Beach or a small quiet evening at Sea Jasmine, 971

Sebastian Blvd., Sebastian.

Visit the family

Call parents or the children and set up an at-home meal for the family with everyone invited, couples or not. Don't have the time or space? Head to 14th Avenue Steak House, 2013 14th Ave., Vero Beach. Large portions and the family style restaurant will delight everyone.

Hit the gym

Take a walk on the treadmill or elliptical, spend an hour in the pool or play a mean game of tennis at The Jungle Club, 1060 Sixth Ave., Vero Beach.

Read a great book

The Vero Beach Book Center, 2145 Indian River Blvd., Vero Beach, has a vast assortment of books in its main store, but head up to the second floor of the children's center for bargain books. Cozy up with a cup of coffee and a good book.

Don't fret

The history of Valentine's Day has been very diluted and the solution can be just to chalk it up to a corporate holiday. You can then buy copious amounts of candy the day after for dirt cheap.



Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.

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DINING Restaurant wins for best pizza



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Papa Luchie's Pizzeria in Vero Beach has earned two accolades from *Hometown News* readers: best new restaurant and best pizza. Pictured: Katherine Tharp, 8, owners William Tharp and Arcy Tharp and manager, Sean Pszczola.

By Jessica Tuggle
For Forever Young

VERO BEACH — One of the newest pizzerias in Vero Beach already has won over the hearts and stomachs of *Hometown News* readers, and for good reason.

Papa Luchie's Pizzeria is tucked away in the Plantation Plaza on State Road 60, but with the delightful aroma and delicious taste of the pizza carefully created inside, the restaurant will soon be the most talked about eatery in town.

The casual and intimate dining establishment offers a variety of Italian dishes, including spaghetti and chicken parmesan, filling appetizers such as garlic knots and mozzarella sticks, but the most popular dishes are the hot and fresh New York-style pizzas and the eggplant parmesan.

The large pizza pies are the creation of manager, Sean Pszczola.

The restaurant takes up much of his time, from rising early to prepare

the pizza dough to experimenting to create the most delicious-tasting pizza and marinara sauces with high-quality ingredients, but crafting the best-tasting pizza in town is worth every bit of effort, he said.

A cheese pizza offers the best opportunity to savor the flavors and richness of the pizza ingredients, but any number of the popular ingredients can make a pizza suit the desires of each customer.

The meat lover's pizza could be enough to suit the manliest of taste buds, while a Sicilian pizza might tempt those who like a well-seasoned pie.

But if pizza isn't what a customer craves, the eggplant parmesan just might hit the spot, as it has for many of Papa Luchie's frequent patrons.

The eggplant is tender and dressed with made-from-scratch marinara sauce and complimented with a side

of pasta.

The dinner portion is quite large and filling, but if there is any room left, Papa Luchie's salads and garlic knots will likely hit the spot.

The restaurant has been open since June and is owned by William and Arcy Tharp.

"When we say for our slogan, 'try a better pizza,' we aren't just saying that, we actually feel it's a better pizza," Mr. Tharp said.

Papa Luchie's is open Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Delivery is available with a delivery fee that varies on location.

Papa Luchie's Pizzeria is located at 6690 20th St., Vero Beach in Plantation Plaza. For more information, call (772) 770-6117.

GENEALOGY

Do your own research

My grandchildren think I'm as old as dirt. They ask me about what I did and had at their age. How did I listen to music in a car? A radio, is that all? Where were the tapes, CDs, iPods? How did we record?

I've been doing a lot of genealogy lately and started applying their thinking to my experiences and knowledge.

Technology has come a long way since I started this quest in the early 1970s. I was lucky I lived in Orlando, which had a large public library and wonderful genealogy department. I had microfilm and a hand-cranked reader. Microfilm readers were in short supply, so I would get my children off to school, and be there when the library opened at 9 a.m. in order to get one. If I left it unattended I



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BRENDA K. SMITH

would lose my turn, so I sat there all day, turning that crank, page by page, until it was time to retrieve the children from school.

I traced my family through census records, state by state, county to county, page by page, with no indexes.

In chasing lost relatives the last couple of weeks, I am appreciating that old school of research most of you don't seem to understand. Your people are there, you just don't know how, or want to go to the time and trouble of finding them. Forget those fancy computer-generated indexes, when you are in a tough spot. They are

wonderful and a great help, but are often wrong! Sometimes you just have to get down and dirty and actually do the work for yourself.

Do not take those indexes at face value. Just because your family is not listed, doesn't mean they aren't there, you have to go look for them. What looks like the exact person you are looking for on the index, probably isn't. Go to the actual page and look at each person in the household. Find this person on the census before and after, and every census they are on for their entire life. Document the entire family, age, birth place, etc., year by year.

This is "doing your census work" and should be done for every family in your database. Time consuming? You bet it is! But your work will be documented (remember to add your

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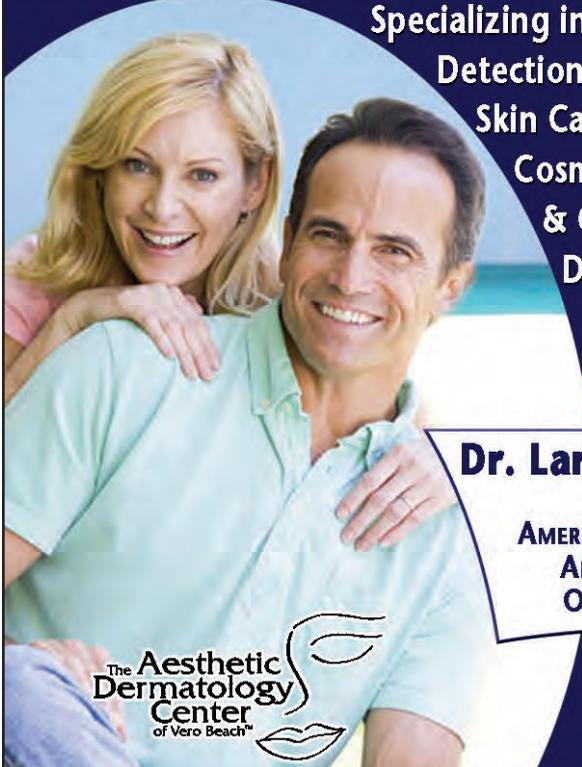
When you start finding these families yourself, and actually looking them up and checking the facts on your own, you will be amazed at how wrong all your Internet copying has been. I've found my relatives listed in families of complete strangers, by someone who had just stuck them where it looked like maybe they should go.

The fact is, one person does poor research, or just gets a few names or facts wrong, and that throws the whole family genealogy into turmoil. Then they throw the whole thing onto the Internet. The next person comes See **GENEALOGY, Page 9**

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along and finds their ancestor listed with the whole genealogy already done. Wow! It's so easy to just copy it and add it to your own database. Dozens of people do this, and so when you type in "Daniel J. Monahan, b. 1849," 50 family trees show up, all with the exact information. It must be true if so many people have it, correct? These are great clues, but just use them as that.

Have you ever considered that the whole family tree you just found online could be the figment of someone's imagination and just put on as a prank? I could do this myself very easily, and it would be copied by everyone who found it and be taken as fact. Scary, isn't it? All that "stuff" you have copied may be wrong.

This is why professional genealogist preach; "document, document,

document and "always site your sources." If you will notice, most Internet family trees have no sources, many have no person to contact and if they do, the contact person has no useful information. They will tell you they just copied it from someone else.

In genealogical research, the rule of thumb is that you need three sources who agree before the fact is proven. That is often tough to do, and at times impossible, but it will stand the test of time when accomplished.

The sayings go, "garbage in, garbage out," and "if you want something done right, do it yourself." These are especially true in genealogy.

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