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Need to know

Free vision seminar

In recognition of Save Your Vision Month this February, Florida Eye Institute will host a free seminar.

On Friday Feb.28, Dr. Val Zudans, Cataract and Refractive Surgeon, will review the latest options in Cataract Surgery. Titled "Nervous About Cataract Surgery?" the seminar will detail how No-Needle No-Stitch No-Laser custom cataract surgery has become known as the most common & effective procedure in all of medicine.

All seminars will be held at Florida Eye Institute 2750 Indian River Blvd., in Vero Beach. Registration begins at noon with programs scheduled from 1-2 p.m. Seminars are free to the public but seating is limited. *Call to reserve seating at (772)569-9500 or visit* fleye.com *for more information.*

The Source opens as cold weather shelter

The Source will open for cold night shelter when temperatures are forecasted to drop below 35 degrees Fahrenheit or 40 degrees with rain. Decision for action is usually made by noon of a shelter day.

The Source will provide cold night shelter at its facility located at 1015 Commerce Ave., in Vero Beach. Dinner is served at 5 p.m. on shelter days. Guests must arrive no later than 9 pm. Breakfast will be provided the following morning.

The Source is the only drop-in outreach ministry

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POOL PARTY!

Rec. Dept. holds party to show off programs

GARDENING B5

VEGGIE PLANTING

Tips to guide y ou through the warm weather veggies

WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday: Overcast in morning, then clear; high: 72; low: 55; high tide: 7:24 a.m.; low tide: 1:21 p.m.
Saturday: Partly cloudy; high: 73; low: 57; high tide: 8:12 a.m.; low tide: 2:10 p.m.
Sunday: Partly cloudy; high: 75; low: 63; high tide: 8:59 a.m.; low tide: 2:59 p.m.
***Weather courtesy of* www.weather.com**

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Hometown singer represents in nationally televised competition

By Jessica Creagan
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SEBASTIAN — A Sebastian woman is reaching millions of Americans by the strength of her voice and the power of reality television.

Last week, Kristen O'Connor, 24, was announced as a Top 13 finalist in the televised music competition, American Idol, and depending on this week's viewer votes, Ms. O'Connor could progress even further in the competition.

At press time, votes in the competition had not yet been cast or tallied to determine who would advance another week on FOX's live show and be among the elite Top 12 contestants.

Ms. O'Connor is a licensed registered nurse with a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Central Florida.

Her Facebook page has dozens of comments from fans, friends and family members showing their support for her musical journey.

Andrea Coy, a member of the Sebastian City Council, wrote that her hometown city is behind her 100 percent.

"Your name is showing up on billboards and banners all over town,"
Ms. Coy wrote.

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Art in Bloom, adding life to the art

The Vero Beach Museum of Art held its annual Art in Bloom Feb. 21-23. Inspired by works in the museum's permanent collection, floral designers created 12 arrangements that mirror the feel of the masterpieces on display throughout the museum. Nearly 600 ladies toured the museum and judged the designs for, best use of color, texture, interpretation and best in show. Additonal photos on B5.

Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
Sue Sharpe, a Vero Beach Museum of Art docent, explains the Art in Bloom to Kai-Ana King, 4, Saturday. The piece by Elaine Sigler was inspired by the work of Ray Ellis, 'Church Reflection, 1989.

Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
Nancy Edwards admires the arrangement by Marty Van Allen of the Garden Club of Grass River Naples Garden Club inspired by the work of Andrew Wyeth, (1917-2009) 'Melting Snow on the Brandywine,' 1952.

Longtime director to retire from learning center

File photo
Holly Dill, the Environmental Learning Center executive director, sticks her hand in the mouth of a manatee, part of the new diorama installed in the center's wet lab in April 2010 called Discovery Station.

By Jessica Creagan
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WABASSO — A national search is underway for a new Environmental Learning Center leader as co-founder and executive director Holly Dill has announced her decision to retire later this year.

She will continue to hold her position until someone else can be found to take over the position, but the shoes she leaves are going to be very big to fill, said Carl Miller, chairman of the

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School board votes to build new admin center

By Jessica Creagan
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Construction of a new Indian River County school district administration center will begin this summer at a district-owned parcel near Storm Grove Middle School.

The question, "to build or not to build," has been on the table for some years as the Indian River County school board has tried to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, but now the board has decided a new facility is the best choice.

The estimated cost of the new building is $7.3 million, which will be funded through sales of unused district property, a net balance of funds leftover from the construction of Storm Grove Middle School and budgeted capital dollars.

Board member Matthew Morrison said from a purely financial point of view, building a new building just makes sense.

The school district currently leases its administration building from Indian River County, yet it is responsible for maintenance and upkeep. The building is old and requires extensive repairs to get it back in good working order, but putting capital dollars into a building that is rented should be "avoided at all costs," Mr. McCain said.

The rent money comes from the school district's operating budget, and once the district's own building is built, the operating dollars can go back to being effective in other operating expenses, such as textbooks or teacher

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Singer

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"We are so proud to have a young lady with your talent, poise and killer smile representing us. You have the total package to be the next American Idol. Keep up the great job and know that your hometown loves you," she said.

Supporters also showered her with encouraging notes on her Twitter account. During the week, Ms. O'Connor posted photos of parts of the competition process, including a photo shoot, allowing fans an insider's perspective.

Ms. O'Connor was one of three "wild card" contestants chosen to advance by the show's judges, Harry Connick Jr., Jennifer Lopez and Keith Urban.

To watch the show, tune into American Idol on FOX at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Should Ms. O'Connor continue in the competition, voting instructions can be found online at *www.americanidol.com/vote. For updates from Ms. O'Connor or to post messages to her, visit* www.facebook.com/kristenoconnormusic *or* www.twitter.com/imkristeno.

Center

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nonprofit's communication committee.

"I have worked with Holly for the past 25 years; she is the backbone of the Environmental Learning Center. We are absolutely going to miss her, but she has definitely earned her retirement status," Mr. Miller said.

Ms. Dill has held the position of executive director since the environmental education nature center was created 25 years ago, playing a major role in bringing the nonprofit organization to life on its 64-acre campus on Wabasso Island, a press release said.

Under her leadership, the learning center has provided hands-on, environmental education experiences to more than 400,000 people, including 60,000 first, third, and fourth grade students, as part of the Indian River County School District curriculum, the release said.

During those 25 years, some of the challenges she faced were fairly substantial, Mr. Miller said.

"Aside from getting the center started, the 2004 hurricanes caused a lot of damage to the facility. But the biggest hurdle was probably when they lost a major building to a lightning strike in 2008," Mr. Miller said.

"They had to rebuild from there, and what they have now is excellent," he said.

In a press release, Ms. Dill said she will be staying close to home during retirement.

"I'm looking forward to having more personal time to explore the environment I've been working to protect for year," Ms. Dill said.

"A relaxing ride on the St. Sebastian River in my jon boat, a walk in a nearby park, or a stroll on the ELC's boardwalks. It will be a pleasure to play in nature," she said.

For more information about the Environmental Learning Center, call (772) 589-5050 or visit www.discoverelc.com.

Know

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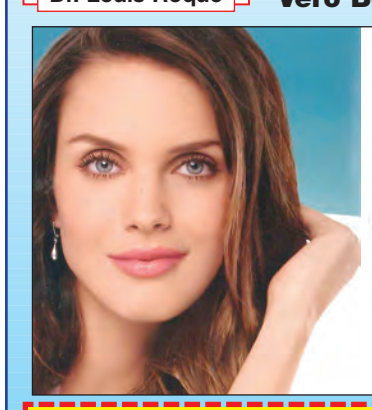
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To educate and enforce

Staff hired to oversee county fertilizer ordinance adherence

By Jessica Creagan
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Photo provided by Alexis Thomas

As part of training for her new role as storm water educator and fertilizer enforcement officer, Alexis Thomas visited county-run Egret Marsh to assist with algae harvesting. She will be tasked with educating the public on lagoon-safe practices and enforcing fertilizer ordinance violations. Ms. Thomas, 23, is lifelong resident of Indian River County and a recent University of South Florida graduate.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — For the past few weeks, Alexis Thomas, 23, has been pinching herself to make sure her new job as Indian River County storm water educator and fertilizer enforcement officer isn't a dream.

The recent University of South Florida graduate beat out all other applicants for the new position created by the county specifically to address lagoon impact from nutrients found in fertilizer, said Chris Mora, Indian River County public works director.

"Alexis had the best combination of education, background and experience, the best credentials out of all of them. And she's a lifelong resident so she's familiar with the lagoon," Mr. Mora said.

Ms. Thomas was raised in Indian River County, attending Osceola Magnet School, Sebastian River Middle School and graduated from Sebastian River High School.

As early as elementary school, Ms. Thomas took an interest in environmental concerns and that interest blossomed into volunteering at the Environmental Learning Center in Wabasso during high school and then obtaining a bachelor's degree in environmental science.

As is the case with many college graduates these days, after graduation in 2013, none of the jobs she applied for came through so she kept busy working at a local law office until almost a year later she heard of the new position in her own backyard.

"I was really lucky. God just lined everything up for me," Ms. Thomas said.

One of the elements that gave Ms. Thomas an edge over her competitors was her internship with the storm water division in Hillsborough County. Her experience there will translate well to her new position in Indian River County, Mr. Mora said.

"We're very excited to have her. She's young and enthusiastic and has already jumped in with both feet," he said.

Last week, Ms. Thomas traveled to all of the sites where Indian River County is already working on projects to benefit the lagoon, including Egret Marsh, where she participated in harvesting algae.

She is also spending quite a bit of time familiarizing herself with the actual provisions in the ordinance document so that she can clearly communicate to the public what is and isn't permissible.

"What I've found is that everyone has been talking about the fertilizer ordinance for the past year, but many people have no idea what is in it, or they have read a few things, but they are still confused," Ms. Thomas said.

Some of her first steps to educate the public on the standards of the ordinance have been to film an education video that will be played on the government channel in the near future.

"I hope that the visual aspect will help people understand the ordinance better," Ms. Thomas said.

For more information about the fertilizer ordinance, visit www.ircgov.com/lagoon/fertilizer/index.html.

For more information about storm water maintenance and best practices, visit www.ircstormwater.com.

Celebrate Spring: We want your event listings

Attention, organizations, churches, theatres, galleries, museums, nonprofits, clubs and businesses:

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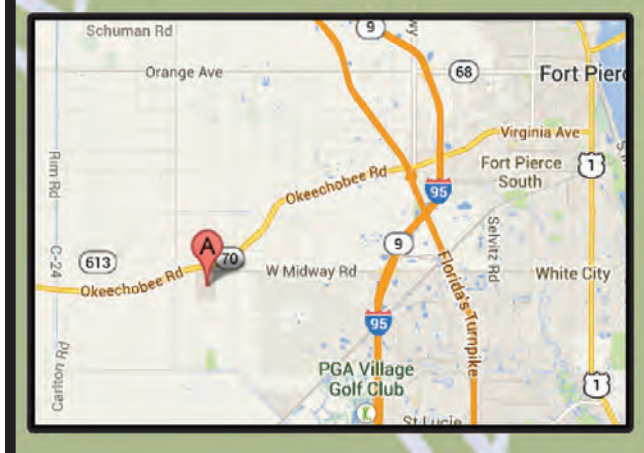

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Police report

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.

Arrests listed were made from Feb. 12 to Feb. 18, 2014

Sebastian Police Department

• Darriel Antione Reason, 31, 3200 43rd Ave., No. 6, Vero Beach, was charged with three counts of violation of probation. He was on probation for sale or delivery of oxycodone and carrying a concealed firearm.

Fellsmere Police Department

• Jose Andres Andrade, 20, 127 N. Oleander St., Fellsmere, was charged with possession of cocaine.

• April Marie Kirouac, 39, 75 02 Citrus Park Blvd., Fort Pierce, was charged with third-degree grand theft and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and trespass of a structure or conveyance.

Vero Beach Police Department

• James Wayne Gates, 42, 7950 12th St., Vero Beach, was charged with giving false information to a pawn broker, dealing in stolen property and a misdemeanor charge of second-degree petit theft.

• Patrick Ortiz, 30, 2050 11th Ave., Apt. 2, Vero Beach, was charged with being a fugitive from justice.

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

• Leon Eugene Brown, 48, 841 Old Dixie Highway, Vero Beach, was charged with three counts each of sale and possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a church and misdemeanor charges of fleeing and eluding a police officer and possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis.

• Erik James Carney, 29, 2830 58th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation and a misdemeanor charge of second-degree petit theft. He was on probation for organized fraud and dealing in stolen property.

• Matthew Oneal Williams, 27, 2606 44th St., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of oxycodone and a controlled substance, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, failure to appear in court, three counts of driving while license suspended, habitual offender and misdemeanor charges of possession of cannabis, resisting arrest without violence and fleeing and eluding a police officer.

• Joseph Alan Bishop, 25, 248 27th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for carrying a concealed firearm.

• William James Boyer, 52, 555 63rd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft.

• Frank Lashawn Brown, 38, 5265 66th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged possession of a controlled substance and possession and sale of cocaine

• Glenn Henry Brown, 4510 30th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for burglary of a dwelling and possession of burglary tools.

• Tiffany Lynn Flores, 21, 7955 96th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine and misdemeanor charges of driving while license suspended with knowledge and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Roderick Quinn Jones, 41, 4316 28th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with fraudulent use of a credit card, criminal use of personal identification information and a misdemeanor charge of first-degree petit theft.

• Shayne Eric Lavery, 43, no address given, was charged with burglary of a dwelling with assault and battery, third-degree grand theft, robbery, criminal mischief and possession of and manufacturing methamphetamine.

• John Vargas Luehrsen, 36, 4141 16th St., Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of violation of probation and grand theft.

• Melissa Lynn Shirey, 35, 2050 11th Ave. No. 9, Vero Beach, was charged with three counts of violation of probation. She was on probation for felony petit theft and dealing in stolen property.

• Jake Ryan Smith, 25, homeless, Vero Beach, was charged with robbery of a purse by sudden snatching and a misdemeanor charge of battery.

• Sean Dalenor Aikens, 36, 1825 14th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of controlled substance and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest without violence and criminal mischief and violation of local ordinance for possession of consuming alcohol in public.

• Roderick A. Grandison, 52, 111 Aldea Drive, Sebastian, was charged with attempted murder.

• Clifford Lamar Jamison, 51, 112 Cardinal Drive, Sebastian, was charged with aggravated battery and a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest without violence.

• Nicole Lynne McDonagh, 29, 537 Royal Palm Blvd., No. 3, Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for third-degree grand theft.

• Deanna L. Neely, 27, 10502 S.W. 12th St., Bristol, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for possession of cocaine.

• Charla Jeanine Romano, 33, 997 Devon Ave., Sebastian, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• David Scott Walker, 33, 1555 14th Ave., No. 215, Vero Beach, was charged with fleeing and eluding and a misdemeanor charge of shoplifting/retail theft.

• Blake Michael Zich, 27, 5885 Orangewood Lane, Vero Beach, was charged with domestic violence battery by strangulation.

• Liam Christian Cavanaugh, 18, 1055 Royal Palm Blvd., Vero Beach, was charged with lewd solicitation of a child by a computer and traveling or attempting to travel to meet a minor for a criminal act.

• Steven William Yusschuk, 23, 993 Osprey Drive, Melbourne, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Jordan Riley Croft, 25, 1460 31 Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with giving false information to a pawn broker and dealing in stolen property.

• Joshua Clint Walker, 33, 510 61st Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation.

• Timothy Wayne Carver, 31, 2587 S.W. 63rd Ave., Okeechobee, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for felony petit theft.

• Randi Nichell Warner, 32, 2617 44th St., Vero Beach, was charged with domestic violence aggravated battery.

• Jorge Banuchi, 46, 1910 Woodland Circle, Apt. 203, Vero Beach, was charged with failure to redeliver a hired vehicle.

• Charity Nasha Boatwright, 23, 4003 Avenue P, Fort Pierce, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, burglary of an automobile and two counts of criminal mischief.

• Jorge Luis Oquendo, 43, 1106 29th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender.

• Jessica Rose Pizzingrillo, 21, no address given, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for possession of cocaine and clonazepam.

• Russell Earl Sparkes, 51, 385 Harp Terrace, Sebastian, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for driving while license suspended and leaving the scene of an accident with a fatality.

• Kenric A. Wesley, 22, 2443 Second Court, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor charges of giving a false name while detained and possession of marijuana.

• Lacrystal Renee Woolfork, 28, 4875 34th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for sale of cocaine.

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College to host degree information session

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TREASURE COAST — Indian River State College now offers 23 Bachelor's Degree programs that can be completed locally at IRSC campuses and online. Information about program options, application procedures, financial aid and more will be provided at a Bachelor's Degree Information Session on Wednesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. in Room W-227 in the Student Services Building on the corner of 35th Street and Virginia Avenue at the Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

"IRSC students benefit from a quality education at affordable cost, with small classes and personal attention from faculty," said Dr. Ian Neuhard, IRSC Director of Baccalaureate Programs. "We invite you to attend the information session to learn how you can continue your education to the Bachelor's level at IRSC."

Recognizing the time management challenges of students who are working, IRSC has expanded its online Bachelor's Degree offerings. Students can now complete three Baccalaureate programs entirely online, including degrees in organizational management, business administration and nursing.

IRSC Bachelor's Degree programs all focus on fields with demonstrated workforce demand.

Area residents prepare for teaching positions armed with education degrees in elementary education, exceptional student education, and secondary and middle grades math and science.

The Human Services degree programs are among the most popular, with specializations in youth and family studies, addictions studies and human services generalist. Two concentrations are available in public administration, with emphasis on emergency planning and management and public policy and leadership, preparing students for employment in various levels of government. The degree provides a firm foundation for law school and other graduate level degrees. IRSC also offers a Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice.

The Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology/cyber Security prepares students for a well-paying career in information technology and cyber security, one of the nation's most rapidly growing fields impacting business, government and the military.

Students can also focus on digital media with degree concentrations in graphic design and visual communications and animation, gaming and modeling.

In the health care field, IRSC offers the Bachelor's Degree in health care management and nursing. Students in the biology program benefit from opportunities for paid internships at Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies and laboratory experiences working with scientists at other research institutes.

In the business arena, the Organizational Management Degree program attracts many working students who apply what they have learned on-the-job for career advancement. The business administration degree offers students the competitive advantage in the business world with knowledge and skills in management, finance, strategic planning, human resources and entrepreneurship. The Accounting degree is among the newest additions to the IRSC menu of four-year programs, preparing students for a career that is consistently at the top of the list for job openings.

For more information, call (866) 792-4772 or visit www.irsc.edu.

School

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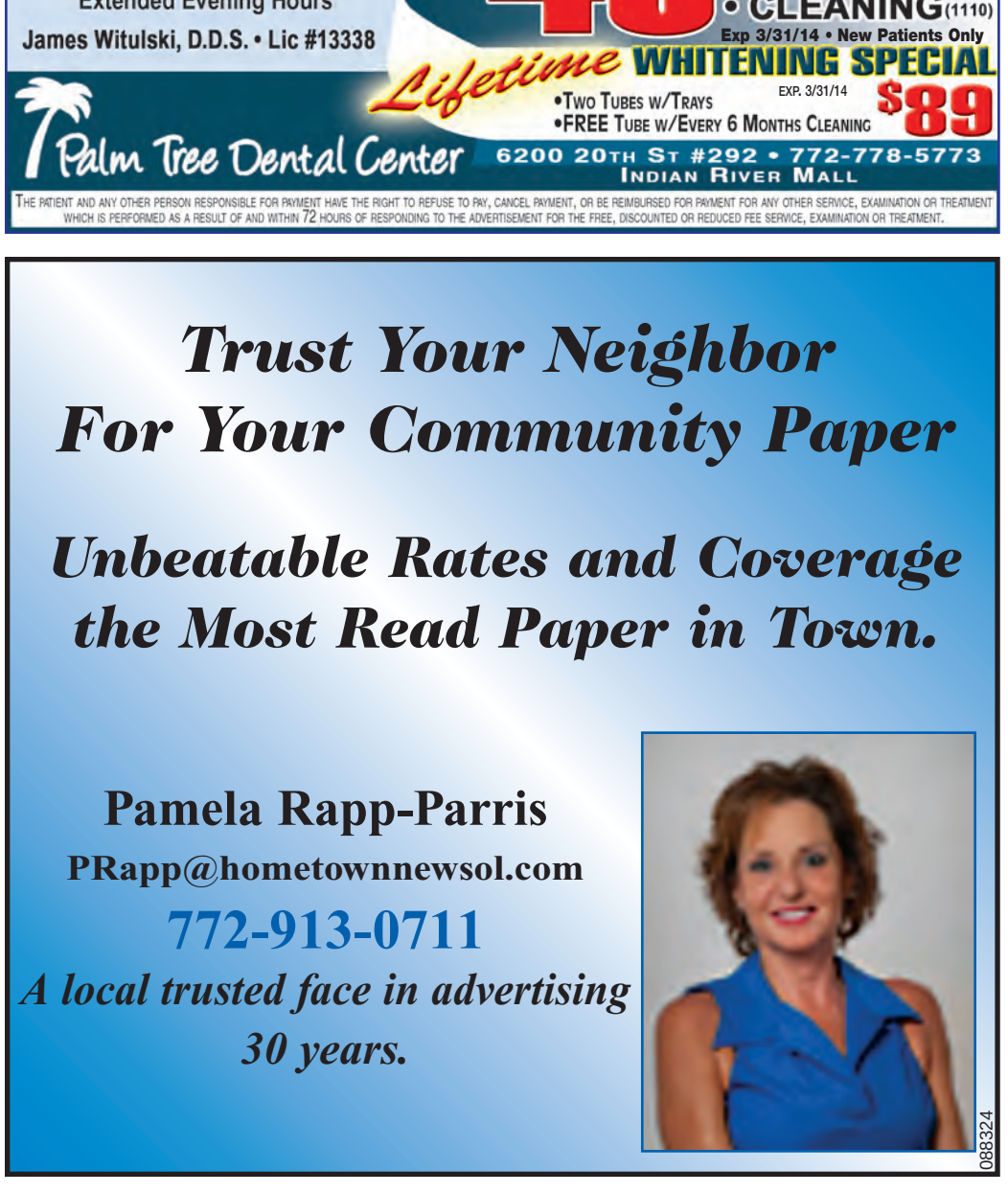
salaries, he said.

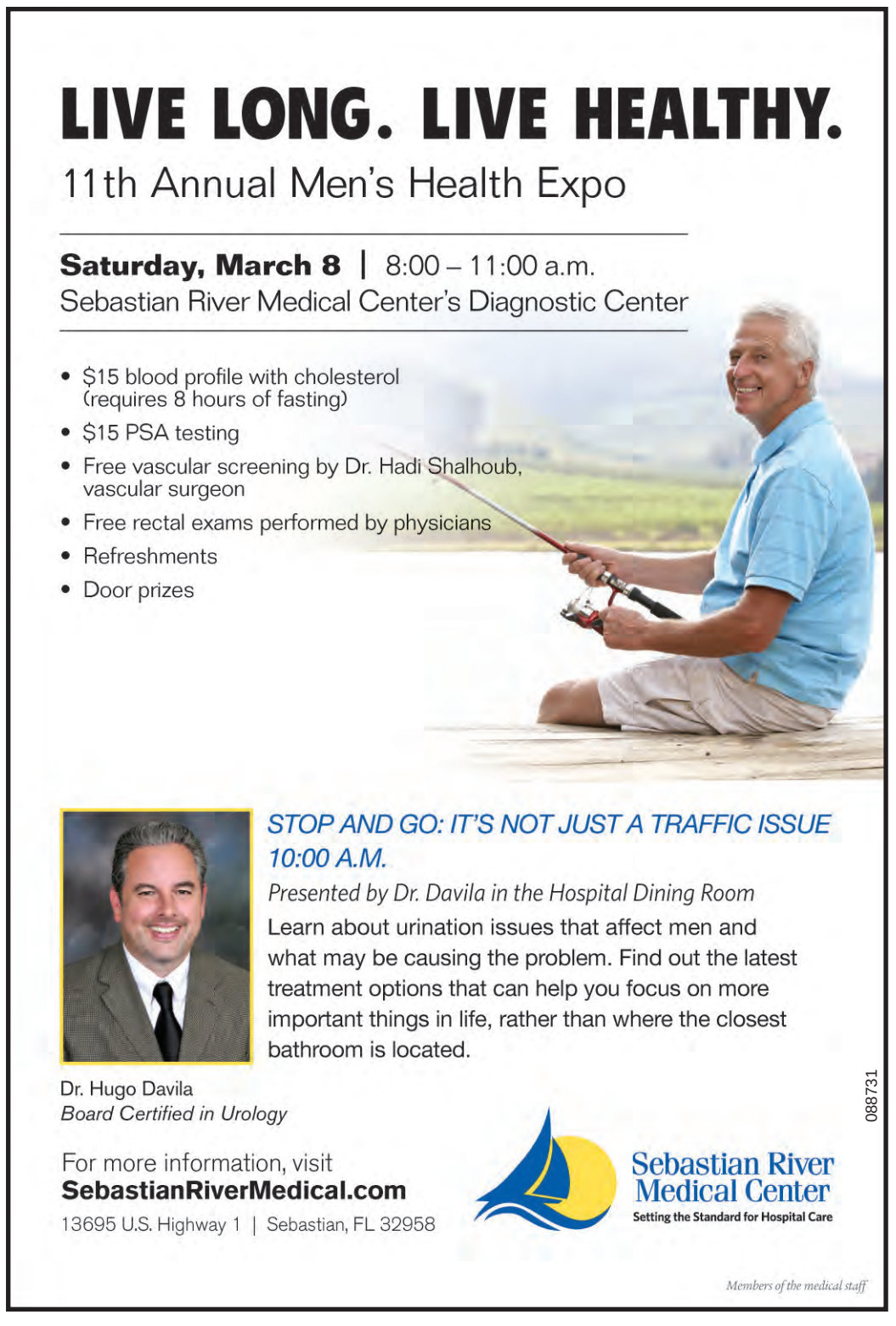
Board member Claudia Jimenez said she was glad to see the project finally get legs and be completely funded without asking taxpayers for more money.

"We can't continue using tax dollars to fund an unhealthy building," Ms. Jimenez said.

According to district staff, the updated air conditioning units often run extremely cold, leading some staff members to bring in portable heaters. Heavy rains have been known to cause leaks in the building, and small rodents have been spotted in the buildings as well.

For more information about the Indian River County school district or to view meeting agendas, visit www.indianriverschools.org.





VIEWPOINT

Which is which?

Identifying programs which should be installed on your computer

COMPUTE THIS
SEAN MCCARTHY

Many people are surprised when they get their new machine home and someone sends them email with a Word or XL document attached and they cannot open it.

"Isn't this thing supposed to be able to handle these files already?" I often hear.

The assumption people make is, if they get a machine with enough horsepower, RAM and hard drive space that it ought to do anything they need it to and, to a degree that is true. But the one thing that's missing is the software (or program) to do the job.

Programs that are installed after Windows are loaded enhance the system and allow the computer to run at its full potential. What programs we need installed depends on the files that we are trying to open and work with.

A lot of the files that we work with on the Internet, such as .jpg, .html and .txt files all will open with the built in Windows applications (called "applets") but other files, such as .xls, .doc, .pdf and .ppt need programs that specifically handle those kinds of files.

The three-letter extension is what identifies to the computer what kind of file it is, what icon to display for it and what program to use to open it.

If the program that is required to open a file is not installed on the machine, then the file will be displayed with a generic Windows icon. When you try to open it, the computer will open a screen listing all the installed applications asking what program you want to use to open it. The computer takes a look at the file, doesn't recognize it so it lists all the programs installed and lets you pick what program to open it with because it doesn't have a clue.

Unfortunately, when we see that program list, usually we don't have a clue what to open it with either, for the same reason the computer got stumped: there is no program installed for that type of file.

So, that brings us back to the beginning with the question of what programs does a typical computer need installed, on top of Windows, in order to be able to handle most of the file formats that everyone else in the world is using?

Why is it that some machines can already handle certain files and some machines cannot? And, when you buy a computer, what should you look for as far as "bundled" software goes?

Let's take the last question first and talk about "bundled" software. Some computer manufacturers have made deals with software vendors to "bundle" their software with every computer they sell. They, of course, get some sort of commission for including the software in with the price of the machine, but where things get tricky is every computer manufacturer has a different bundling agreement (or none at all) so every computer comes with different software loaded on top of Windows.

What that means is one computer bought from one manufacturer will usually have different software installed than what may be installed in another computer of the same hardware specs (horsepower) from another manufacturer. Whew. Say that one three times fast!

OK, so you've decided to get a new computer. What bundled software should you look for (above and beyond Windows) that will allow you to do some of the more common tasks without getting the dreaded "unknown file type message?"

Well, the most common bundle that ought to be installed is some level of Office Suite.

An office suite, (such as MS Office, Open Office or even Works Office), is a package of software to handle Word processing, spreadsheets, databases, etc.; a must-have for productivity.

For things such as .pdf files (adobe portable document) the Acrobat reader can be installed. Adobe Reader and Open Office are free and can sometimes be found bundled with other software or easily downloaded from the Internet.

But that is the subject of another column altogether.

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A bird's eye view

Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Aviation enthusiasts all across the Treasure Coast came to Vero Beach Municipal Airport last week to see and maybe even ride in a 1929 Ford Tri-Motor. The first all metal aircraft changed the history of aviation. James O'Connor, Vero Beach City Manager, right, had a front row seat in the co-pilot seat next to retired airline pilot Colin Soucy during his tour of the city. *See more photos, page B3*.

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Dogs over kids?

You said you have reported child abuse to the Department of Children and Families and they do nothing about it?

The next time you see or know of a child being abused, call DCF and the police and tell them a dog is being abused and you will see them turn up in a rush to save that dog, It seems people don't give a crap about children anymore .It's the poor, abused dogs. I think people have really gone nuts. They seem to think more of dogs then they do kids, and to think the taxpayers are paying the people that work at DCF to sit on their butts and do nothing about the abuse of children. They need to be investigated.

Don't extend benefits

If the left gets its way, unemployment compensation will go on forever. The number of job seekers dwarfs the number of jobs available. Therefore, extended benefits do much more harm than they do good. Paying people not to work incentivizes them not to look for work.

Extending payments, as suggested by President Obama, increases the likelihood that they will have a much more difficult time reentering the workforce.

He believes recipients will vote for him. He should be much more concerned about America's financial well-being as well as America's future.

Leave your dogs at home

I have noticed that many people bring their dogs into grocery stores. I would think that is a violation of the health codes. These people put their dogs in the grocery carts, many times in the child seat.

Do they realize that dogs do not wear depends or use toilet paper and that the next person is going to put their food in the cart the dog just got out of?

I have a friend that has a child that is severely allergic to dog hair. They put their child in a cart and the child started to have a hard time breathing. They then noticed that the child seat was covered with dog hair.

I have owned dogs all my life, they were a family member, but if we were going somewhere the dog should not the dog stayed home.

Don't vote for Hillary

We made a terrible mistake when we voted for the first black president, ignoring his lack of credentials for the office. Let's not make a similar mistake by electing an unqualified woman, just because she is a female. As Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton cheapened the lives of four brave Americans who were killed in Benghazi.

We should be certain the first woman president is qualified but, above all else, honest and truthful.

Fed up with the system?

Kudos to another person who is fed up with the welfare system as it is. You want to fix it? Then vote out every freaking liberal politician you can. Those up in Washington have the thoughts that by upping the minim wage will fix the problem. No, there are those who are poverty stricken by no fault of their own, but there are some by choice, mainly because they want that government check. The liberals miss the mark in our country. We have an education system that is paid for by the working class. It's called the public school system. Then we have another system, also paid by the working class and their tax payer dollars… it's called the public library system. The library does a free reading class for toddlers. How many single mothers bring the kids to this? I know a few people who have daughters on the system and have more than one kid. These people are great manipulators and they'll twist the truth to fit their needs. They make great actors as well. Mid-term elections are approaching, and now is the time to clean house and senate. For those who dislike these types of rants, well bottom line, you don't want to hear the truth.

Two ideas for Sebastian

I just read that the city Of Sebastian has a budget surplus of $5.5 million dollars and that the budget director said now is the time to spend some of it, I agree. I have two suggestions. First, I suggest that the citywide drainage problem be fixed. I have lived here for four years, my neighbor, a lot longer, and the problem remains the same. Why doesn't a member of council take the bull by the horns and get it fixed? Second, it is time to get rid of the septic tanks and get a sewer system. I know this is an expensive project, but with federal and state funding, it can be done. The remaining costs for the project could be financed by the city and repaid in installments by property owners. I believe these two completed projects would increase property values and also help to save the Lagoon.

News for toll road users

For the toll patrons that still stop and get a ticket from the automatic dispenser, you will note that the tickets are stamped with the time that you received the tickets . . . and they expire 12 hours later. When they are expired, the collector is required to charge you the maximum distance from that particular plaza.

As long as you aren't planning to be gone, from the plaza that you entered, more than 11 hours and 59 minutes the following will save you money: (1) If, when you stop and pick up your ticket, there are no cars behind you, you can back up (safely) about 20 feet and then pull back up to the ticket machine it will dispense another ticket. This second ticket can be used, as long as you exit at the same plaza that you entered, as a U-turn priced ticket. U-turn costs at every plaza are different but if you entered the toll road at the Port St. Lucie plaza and returned 11 hours later, for example, the collector would charge you 40 cents even though you got your ticket from Lantana an hour earlier . . . just don't use the Lantana ticket at exit plaza. And, if you commute back and forth to work every day, you can do this every day.

The deputy director of tolls knows that the machines don't always dispense a ticket when a vehicle pulls up but if you leave without a ticket, she has directed that the collectors, when you get off at your exit plaza to charge you the maximum distance unless you can produce proof of where you entered earlier and didn't get a ticket. The collectors don't have a choice in what they are required to do. Collectors have been directed, through a memo posted at the plazas to make these unreasonable charges.

Business

Local company receives certification

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Southern Fulfillment Services was certified a Center of Excellence by BenchmarkPortal. Prior to this distinction, SFS was named a Top 10 Call Center for Medium Centers (101-250 agents) by BenchmarkPortal in April 2013.

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The annual certification process is comprehensive with BenchmarkPortal referencing all established company performance goals to their best practice database that includes thousands of North America contact centers. Certification is only awarded when a Center has met and/or surpassed rigorous standards of efficiency and effectiveness, and is one of the most prestigious awards in the customer service and support industry.

"The certification of Southern Fulfillment Services is a direct result of its leadership's commitment to balancing cost-effective service solutions with best-in-class service performance," said Bruce Belfiore, BenchmarkPortal CEO. "It is an achievement of distinction."

BenchmarkPortal began activities in 1995, and is now a global leader in the contact center industry, providing benchmarking, certification, training, consulting, and research. The BenchmarkPortal team of professionals has gained international recognition for its innovative approach to best practices for contact centers. BenchmarkPortal hosts the world's largest database of contact center metrics, which is constantly refreshed with new data. The mission is to provide contact center managers with the tools and information that will help them optimize their efficiency and effectiveness in their customer communication.

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African-American 'pioneers' recognized

By Jessica Creagan
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Three African-American men were recognized by the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners for their impact to the community last week.

In a proclamation honoring African-American Pioneer Day, Willie Griffieth, Joseph Brown and Alvin R. Thomas were commended for paving the way for future generations in business, public and elected arenas.

Indian River County Sheriff's Deputy Teddy Floyd and Gifford community leader Freddie Woolfork sought out potential candidates for the recognition and brought the final nominees to the board's attention.

"February is African-American history month, so this was a great time to recognize some of our own history, not just in Gifford, but all over Indian River County," Deputy Floyd said.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Brown both appeared in the chambers on Feb. 18 to thank commissioners for their recognition.

"Thank you for considering me for my contribution to Fellsmere," Mr. Thomas said.

Mr. Thomas, originally from Jamaica West Indies was the first black man to serve on the Fellsmere City Council after his appointment in 1978. He served on the council through 1982 and subsequently ran for and won election to council and was named interim mayor that year.

He was elected mayor in 1983 and served in that capacity through 1985. He was reappointed to city council in 1989 to fill the unexpired term of Joe Washington, another African-American who died in 1989. In 1990, he was again elected as a councilmember and was selected to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem and served until 1992, the proclamation said.

During the meeting, Mr. Thomas said he was grateful that the county commission continued to recognize God in their meetings.

Though he originally came to Fellsmere and found work at what is now known as Fellsmere Farms, he remembers his years on council with fondness.

"I took my responsibility and obligations very seriously. I have never forgotten my oath of office," Mr. Thomas said.

A1984 St. Petersburg Times article records that in 1978 the city of Fellsmere was near bankruptcy and while three members of the city council quit in an attempt to dissolve the city, Mr. Thomas and a few others in the community decided to take drastic measures to pay off the city's debt.

An auction was held to raise the funds needed to pay back the state department of natural resources.

"I remember when staff was being paid with IOUs, but I never gave up," Mr. Thomas said during the commission meeting.

Mr. Brown, a Wabasso resident, is a contemporary "pioneer," currently holding the position of criminal justice academy coordinator for the Indian River State College's law enforcement academy.

He thanked commissioners for recognizing him in such a way.

A former deputy with Indian River County Sheriff's Office, Mr. Brown began teaching at the college as an adjunct in the 2001-02 year.

From both his experience as a deputy and now working at the college as the first African-American criminal justice coordinator, Mr. Brown has seen and touched the lives of many in the community, including youth that have grown up and sought a career in law enforcement.

"That's how I met Teddy (Floyd). He would come and go on ride-alongs with me," Mr. Brown said.

"At the end of the day, and I've had 27 plus years in law enforcement, I can't think of a better way to give back to the community than to have this job," Mr. Brown said.

"And he's still making an impact on the community today," Deputy Floyd said.

The third honoree, Mr. Griffieth, now resides in Georgia, but was represented at the meeting by cousins Sharon and Karen Griffieth.

In 1983, Mr. Griffieth was the first African-American to be employed as a law enforcement officer in the Indian River Shores Police Department. After the city decided to consolidate its police and fire departments into a public safety division, Mr. Griffieth was promoted to traffic and general crime investigator, again as the first black man to hold that position, the proclamation said.

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March 6 at 2:15 p.m.
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Out & about

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

• **Movie Under the Stars:** 7-9 p.m., Coconut Point, Sebastian Inlet State Park, 9700 S. A1A, Melbourne Beach. Family-friendly movie under the stars on the lawn. Bring lawn chairs or towels/blankets. Park admission fee is $8 per vehicle (containing up to eight people), or $4 per person. *Website:* http://www.floridastateparks.org/sebastianinlet/events.cfm.

• **Downtown Friday:** 5:30-8:30 p.m. along 14th Avenue in downtown Vero Beach. Theme is Spring Break 'Glow in the Dark'. Music by The Jacks Band, street merchants, food vendors, entertainment during band breaks and more. Featured charity is the Indian River State College Foundation. *For details, call (772) 643-6782 or visit* www.mainstreetverobeach.org.

FRIDAY, FEB. 28 – SUNDAY, MARCH 2

• **Treasure Coast BBQ and Blues Festival:** Weekend of good food and music. Nationally acclaimed barbeque vendors will offer up ribs, pulled pork, chicken, cornbread and more at Indian RiverSide Park in Jensen Beach from Friday to Sunday. While hungry festivalgoers chow down at the park they can enjoy the sweet sounds of local and regional favorite musicians and more widely acclaimed bands. Part of the proceeds from ticket sales will benefit local causes. The Rivers Coalition and the Blues Alliance of the Treasure Coast are both beneficiaries of the event. The festival runs from 4-10 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are $10 per day. *For tickets or the lineup of performers each day, visit* www.bbqbluesfestivals.com.

THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 9

• **Riverside Theatre presents "South Pacific,"** Stark Stage, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, times vary. The popular Broadway musical tells the romantic story of two couples as they search for happiness through trying times and differing backgrounds. Cost: $45-$70 per person. *Website:* www.riversidetheatre.com.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 – SUNDAY, MARCH 2

• **Grant Seafood Festival**, Grant, 9 a.m. Live entertain-

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Party by the pool

Free open house to highlight Leisure Square programs

By Jessica Creagan
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VERO BEACH — Leisure Square, the city's sports facility, will be bustling with activities this weekend and the community is invited to take part.

Dubbed the "Community Day Open House at Leisure Square," visitors will get to experience a free day of activities and exhibitions demonstrating the wide variety of programming available at Leisure Square, and witness a groundbreaking ceremony for a poolside pavilion.

Jeff Matthews, facility director, said he is excited to host the event and get the word out about all Leisure Square has to offer.

As a recreation facility, there isn't just one activity or program going on, and it isn't just for a particular age group, Mr. Matthews said.

"We have things for kids all the way up to senior adults," he said.

The open house will begin on March 1 at 8:30 a.m. with a pancake breakfast by the Vero Beach Lions Club, which will be followed by a groundbreaking ceremony for the poolside pavilion at 9 a.m., Mr. Matthews said.

All through the day until 3 p.m., there will be exhibits and demonstrations of all the programming available at the facility, including "fun swim" time, Ultimate Frisbee, yoga and kettleball, water workouts, ballet, gymnastics and fitness testing and assessments for seniors.

The assessments will be done by Leisure Square fitness trainer and class instructor John Sammartano, Mr. Matthews said.

"It's a free assessment, similar to how people get free blood pressure checks at different places," he said.

"John will evaluate what they can do, what more they can do for their physical health," Mr. Matthews said.

Children can enjoy a bounce house, play with the Chick-fil-A cow mascot, meet with Ronald McDonald during a special 10:30 a.m. visit, and walk and talk with animals from Busch Wildlife Sanctuary from noon to 1:30 p.m., a press release said.

Also during the day there will be free drawing for classes at Leisure Square and free coupons to McDonald's and Chick-fil-A.

The day's events are free of charge, thanks to a host of local businesses as spon-

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Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
Lauren Frampton, 9, practices with Aerial Gymnastics Group at Leisure Square for the upcoming shows at the Firefighters Indian River County Fair March 15 and 17 and Leisure Square will hold a free Community Day March 1.

Band brings familiar songs to Sunrise

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

FORT PIERCE —Collective Soul, celebrating their 20th music anniversary of seven number one rock hits, a double platinum album, a triple platinum album and more than 10 million albums sold across the world, will rock the Sunrise Theatre on Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.

Opening act is Ed Kowalczk, former lead singer of Live who helped define alternative rock into what it is today. Kowalczk kicked off the next chapter in his career by releasing a new solo album and revisiting his complete body of work with the I Alone – Acoustic Tour.

Hailing from Atlanta, Collective Soul shot to international fame with their 1993 release Hints, Allegations and Things Left Unsaid, and their mega, No. 1 hit, Shine. The self-titled Collective Soul, released in March of 1995, the album that helped define their sound of catchy melodies and guitar driven songs. Containing four outstanding singles (three of which reached No.1), December, The World I Know, Where The River Flows and Gel, it became Collective Soul's highest selling album to date. The album went Triple-Platinum and spent 76 weeks on the Billboard Top 200 charts.

Other songs they are known for include: Precious Declaration, Listen, Heavy, Why, Part 2, Vent, Better Now, and Perfect Day, a duet with Sir Elton John. Tremble For My Beloved found Collective Soul on the soundtrack to the 2008 Twilight movie.

The long awaited ninth studio album, See What You Started By Continuing, to be released in summer of 2014, fully embodies the journey that Collective Soul has taken musically and personally throughout the last two decades.

"As a band we have experienced and developed so much as musicians and people in the last twenty years," said Ed Roland Collective Soul front man. "This album represents a full circle, coming back to the roots of Collective Soul, and continuing to build on the music that we started making from the beginning."

The Sunrise Theatre is located at 117 South Second Street, Fort Pierce. Tickets are priced at $65 and $55 and are available at the Box Office at (772) 461-4775 or visit us online at www.SunriseTheatre.com.

VNA Hospice, Velde Ford to hold event

For Hometown News
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SEBASTIAN — On Saturday, March 1, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., head out on the highway with VNA Hospice and Velde Ford as they team up to bring Ford's "Drive 4 UR Community" event to the VNA's Hidden Treasures thrift store in Sebastian.

"Drive 4 UR Community" is an initiative intended to connect Ford dealers with local community organizations in need of funding and support.

Velde will have 10 different Ford vehicles on-site for test drives, and will donate $20 to VNA Hospice for each test drive, up to $6,000. All drivers must be 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license to participate.

"We are so excited to be hosting a Drive 4 UR Com-

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Week of 2-28-2014

ARIES - March 21/April 20

Romance is on your mind, Aries. That's because you met a wonderful person and are interested in seeing where this relationship may go.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

You feel artistically inspired this week, Taurus. Use this inspiration to pursue an array of projects, whether you want to dabble in photography or make home improvements.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Seeing a happy couple together inspires thoughts of a romantic nature, Gemini. Consider taking a budding relationship to a new level.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, you aspire to learn a new skill or take on a new project this week. Forge ahead with this idea, which allows you to meet new people and learn some interesting things.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Love, romance and marriage are on your mind, Leo. Work on strengthening an existing relationship or heighten your efforts to find a special someone.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Virgo, you may have an unexpected visitor to contend with this week. This could mean a complete overhaul of your schedule and living space. It's time to get to work.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Your mindset is intense this week, Libra. Others will find it very difficult to change your opinion on certain things, but that does not mean you should not listen to their ideas.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Scorpio, be prepared for a busy week that gives your bank account a boost. Expect to begin a new work assignment that requires a lot of creative energy.

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DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

St. Lucie County fair opens Feb. 28

Fair enters 49th year with impressive list of action-packed events

By Anna-Marie Menhenott
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — It's that time of year again… Cotton candy and elephant ears, Ferris wheels and giant swings and let's not forget steers, climbing goats, concerts and hypnotists.

All of this, and more, will be making its way to St. Lucie County as the fair takes over Feb. 28- March 9.

"This year is going to be so much fun," said Jeanne Keaton, general manager of the St. Lucie County Fair. "One thing that's new and is quickly become one of my favorites is Goat Mountain. There's a slide and tires and things for them to climb on. You'll be amazed how these creatures can balance and climb. They're so entertaining."

Other favorites will return to the fair, including the exciting midway full of rides. A kid's area for smaller children, beer tents, steer shows, a petting zoo, a livestock area with a vast array of animals, 4-H exhibits and the school building which is full of exhibits from many of the local elementary, middle and high schools.

"We have an amazing tiger show this year," Ms. Keaton said. "What's extra special is that the trainer is only 17-years old. It truly is spectacular."

This year's headlining musical act is the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band which will entertain crowds on Saturday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is included in gate admission, but reserved seats, which include admission, are only $25.

"Normally we open with a concert; however this year will have the PRCA Pro-Rodeo kicking off the fair."

The rodeo will take place Friday, Feb. 28 and on Saturday, March 1 starting at 7:30 p.m. each night. Bleacher seats at this event are free with gate admission.

Returning this year is the demolition derby on March 8 at 4 p.m. This exciting car-ramming show is fun for the whole family.

Each day of the fair is action packed with national concerts, livestock shows, midway rides and the very best in entertainment, with acts performing every day.

Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer
The 49th Annual St. Lucie County Fair begins in Fort Pierce on Feb. 28 and will run through March 9.

Admission is $10 at the gate, $6 in advance for adults, Veterans and seniors over 50 are $5 everyday, children 6-12 are $3 at the gate and $1 in advance, children under 6 are free. Parking is $3.

There are daily specials which include $2 night on Tuesday evening where admission, rides and parking all cost $2 each. There are also ride specials, admission specials taking place every evening. Midnight Madness takes place both Friday evenings beginning at 9:30 p.m. Admission and arm band for rides cost $25.

For a complete list of events, specials, daily entertainment, directions and all other fair information, visit www.stluciecountyfair.org.

Party

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sors, with the exception of food and drink purchases.

Proceeds from the day will assist in expanding facility hours, underwriting summer camp scholarship and defraying costs associated with the building of the new poolside pavilion, a press release said.

Food vendors will be on hand with lunch, novelty food items and cold drinks.

"Recreation has attacked from all sides, budgetary-wise, the past few years," Mr. Matthews said.

Recently, interested community members formed committees through the city of Vero Beach to brainstorm ideas on how to keep signature Vero Beach events, activities and facilities open on such tight budgets. One idea that has already been carried out with great success was the Holiday Rec Run, held in December at Royal Palm Pointe in Vero Beach.

This weekend's event is similar as it will benefit Leisure Square activities, Mr. Matthews said.

Leisure Square is located at 3705 16th St., Vero Beach. For more information about the open house or about programs call (772) 770-6500 or visit www.covb.org.

Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
Alexa Delgado, 16, a member of the Performing Arts Company, practices moves on the perch last Friday afternoon.

Scopes

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SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Sagittarius, you're interested in promoting personal health this week. Your research may extend into holistic treatments as well as more traditional alternatives.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Vist some bookstores this week, Capricorn. This will indulge your need to absorb information this week. Don't overlook the value of the library on your quest.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, an encounter with someone new piques your intellectual curiosity. Take some time to gather some information, and give yourself time to digest this information.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Thoughts of a career change are more prominent this week, Pisces. It may be a good time to finally act on those ideas.

Out

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ment, exhibits, arts and crafts and plenty of seafood. Proceeds go toward community projects. Free admission. *Website:* www.grantseafood-festival.com

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

• **Animal/Handler Look-alike Contest and Pet Blessing:** Free contest runs from 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the church, located at 611 Schumann Drive (just off U.S. 1), Sebastian. Prizes will be awarded. From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pastor Ron Thomas will

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Up, up and away Ford takes to the skies

A piece of aviation history landed in Vero Beach last Friday to 'barnstorm' so to speak and give rides in a completely restored1929 Ford Tri-Motor owned by the Experimental Aircraft Association. The three-engine aircraft was the first all-metal airliner flown by Eastern Air Transport later Eastern Airlines.

Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Flying at a blistering speed of 90-mph, the Ford Tri-Motor lumbered around Vero Beach giving its passengers a birds-eye-view of our coastal town.

Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Cindy Goetz of Idea Garden gets her ticket punched by EAA volunteer Ed Crouse before Friday's flight.

Nine passengers and a passenger in the co-pilot seat had plenty of legroom and wide windows from which to shoot photographs.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Out

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officiate at a pet blessing service. Sebastian's HALO animal rescue shelter will have a tent on site with furry creatures that are ready for adoption into loving homes. The church will have a Little Disciples Lemonade Stand to raise money for these rescued animals, along with an animal food drive. *For more information, call (772) 388-3828.*

• **Book signing event:** 2 p.m., Vero Beach Book Center, 392 21st Street, Vero Beach. Harriet Hill and H'Yoanh Buonya will be available to sign copies of their book, "Escaping Viet Nam - H'Yoanh's Story." *For more information, visit* www.verobeachbookcenter.com.

• **Grand Ole Opry Review benefit concert:** 6-9 p.m., Sebastian Elks Lodge, 731 S. Fleming Street, Sebastian. Music performed by Debbi Hanford ('Lil' Debbi') and friends, as a benefit to raise money to fight ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease. Snacks will be provided, along with a raffle for a basket of cheer and a 50/50 drawing. *Tickets are $15 per person at the Lodge; call the Lodge at (772) 589-1516.*

• **Read Across America:** Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and meet the Cat in the Hat from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Vero Beach Book Center, 392

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Crafting beautiful works of art

Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
Joe Lehr talks with Karly Culligan about his 'Trip around the Rainbow' quilt. Mr. Lehr picked up quilting nine-months ago after being diagnosed with cancer.

Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
Barbara Glab, of Vero Beach, stands with her 'Blue Heaven' and 'Home Sweet Home' quilts.

The first ever Quilt: Beach was held Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church Saturday. The event organized by the Treasure Coast Modern Quilt Guild drew hundreds of quilters and quilt lovers to the event. The newly formed quilt guild has a dozen members and everyone is welcom. For more information visit *quilt-beach.com.*

Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
Vicky Redman, right, smiles as she masters the free-hand design on a Baby Lock Crescendo sewing, quilting and embroidering machine as Hilga King, left and Roberta McCullough look on.

Rock

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munity Event," said Theresa Ooley, who oversees operation of the VNA's thrift stores in both Sebastian and Vero Beach. "The event will provide much needed awareness of and support for the VNA's hospice services."

Best of all, Ms. Ooley said, the timing of the event coincides with the Sebastian thrift store's second anniversary. To thank the Sebastian community for its support, VNA Hidden Treasures will be offering discount sales all day long. VNA representatives will also be on site to answer questions about VNA's hospice and home health services. Also, VNA nurses will be providing no-cost blood pressure screenings.

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GARDEN NOOK
JOE ZELENAK

As you already know, gardening offers you lots of benefits over and beyond the joy of picking your own veggies or looking at the glorious colors of your flower garden. Gardening offers exercise, lots of fresh air, mental therapy and the savings you reap when you pick veggies from your own garden. This week, I am going to discuss some tips on getting your garden ready for planting and offer some tips on what to plant.

When planning a vegetable garden, it is important to choose a location that is well drained and near your structure. The location needs to be in an area where you have a readily available source of water. The garden should also be in an area where the plants will receive at least five hours of sunlight. Areas with too much shade or sun all day long will cause problems with the growth of your plants. Too little sun can lead to fungus diseases and low crop yields. Too much sun can cause burning of the plants and a reduced crop yield. Remember that you should not plant your garden in the same location year after year. The soil will get depleted of vital nutrients so it is best to rotate your locations each year.

In Florida, our soil is very sandy so it is essential to add organic nutrients to the soil. If you have a compost pile, use the organic matter from it and spread it throughout the area you plant to plant in. You can also buy pre-mixed top soils that contain organic material to mix throughout your garden area.

It is always a good idea to test the pH value of your soil. These meters can be purchased at many home and garden centers. The ph value of your soil should lie somewhere between 5.6 and 7.0. If the pH of your soil is low, add some lime to your soil before planting. A pH that is too high is actually difficult to change but adding the organic matter will relax it a bit.

Once your garden is plowed, composted and checked for pH, it's time to get started. It is always a good idea to get some good quality vegetable fertilizer and all-purpose insect spray designed for vegetables and fruits. You will need both in the not too distant future.

Now that your plot is ready, it's time to populate it with seeds or liners. You might want to start with some of your old favorites such as tomatoes, carrots, radishes or peppers. These are some of the easier plants to grow, especially if you are going to start from seed. You might want to take the challenge, however, and try some more challenging choices such as squash, watermelon, southern peas or eggplant.

It is important to remember that if you live in a location that does not allow you to plant in the yard such as an apartment, you can always resort to planting your seeds in large containers with excellent results. This has the added benefit of being able to move your garden in the event of severe weather events.

In the coming weeks I will address some specific plants such as tomatoes, lettuce and other garden varieties.

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

When art blossomed

Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
From left, Marilyn Beck, Judy Long and Valerie Kalmbach admire the work of Helena Pearson, of the Garden Club of Indian River County inspired by 'The Outer Harbour,' 1909 by Frederick Childe Hassam (1835-1935).

Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
Hundreds of ladies moved from one arrangement to the next as they judged the floral works designers during Art in Bloom Feb. 21-23.

Out

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Fishing the lakes is producing lots of bites

FISHING TALES
JOE KUBIK

The rumor has it there are a couple of lakes, besides Okeechobee, that are on fire. Keenenville Lake is one of them. From the reports I've had there are a lot of fish being caught there. In fact, Roland Martin was seen there making a film for his TV show. Also Garcia Lake was doing well if you can get through all the heavy dead Lilly pads and Hyacens in the canals.

I was out there a week or so ago and really had a tough time getting to the fishing grounds because of all the stuff in the water. My partner was talking to a wildlife officer and was told it would be cleaned up in a couple of weeks. The south was by no means open, but you could get through.

Lake Jackson has reported some good to excellent fishing. I was talking with John Picardi of Sebastian this past week and he told me the Stick Marsh is also doing better than it has been. The BIG O is still doing well, so take your pick.

Lure wise you can't go wrong with the spinner bait. Use gold blades for sunny days and silver blades for cloudy days. I find using a trailer of some sort seems to create more bites. That doesn't happen all the time, so add a trailer and see what happens.

We also have been getting some really good bites early in the morning on buzz baits with a chartreuse skirt as with the spinner baits, and don't forget to bring your Senkos. Try your skinny dippers also.

This past Sunday my partner, Dave, and I went and fished the The Big O in and around Horse Island. The bite was slow, but there were quality fish. Unfortunately, I couldn't get to where I wanted to fish as another boat beat me to the punch. We managed to catch three good fish in the 3 / 4- pound range and saw the other boat catch one in the 5-pound range. We caught our fish on Skinny Dippers in heavy hydrilla.

That cold snap we just had put a damper on the bite. Things should get better soon, though.

I'm looking for you anglers that catch a Big'un or some interesting fishing trip to let me know so we can pass the news on, you can email me at the address given.

Joe Kubik is a tournament fisherman and former Charter Captain. Joe can be reached at j.kubik@comcast.net

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• **Craft show**, Riverview Park, Sebastian, 10 a.m. Hosted by the Craft Club of Sebastian. Rain date: March 2. Free. *Website:* www.sebastiancraftclub.com.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

• **EcoFest Extravaganza**, Environmental Learning Center, Wabasso, noon. The center will host an open house for the community. Free. *Website:* www.discoverelc.org

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

• **'Educate & Celebrate:'** Hosted by Haiti Partners at 5:30 p.m., The Northern Trust Bank, 755 Beachland Blvd., Vero Beach. Enjoy food and wine pairings along with live and silent auctions of paintings, jewelry, wood workings, and more, all made by Haitians. Tickets are $125 ($100 of which is tax deductible and will support education in Haiti). *To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Deborah Girling at (772) 539-8521 or visit* www.haitipartners.org.

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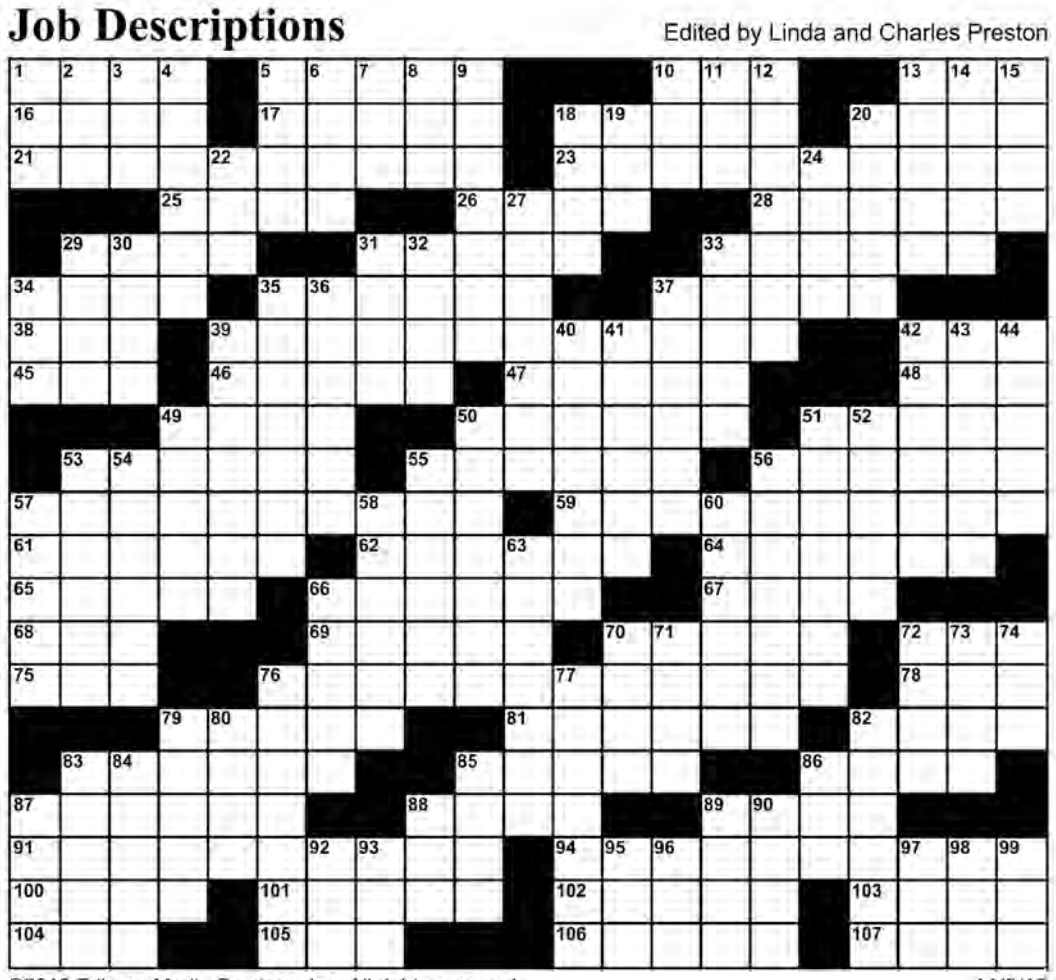

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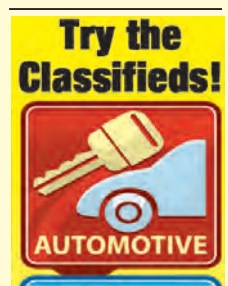

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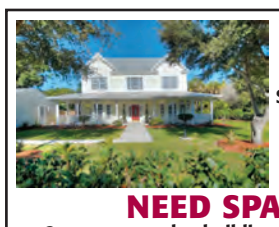

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