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Josh Hamilton and Michael Young lifted sacrifice flies in the ninth as Texas startled the Cardinals 2-1 on Thursday night to even the Series at 1-1.

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### BIG CHALLENGE FOR COBRAS ON FRIDAY

A preview of the matchup between 4-1 Fort Pierce Central High and 5-2 Martin County High in Stuart.

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### REACTOR SHUT DOWN

One of Florida Power & Light Co.'s two nuclear reactors on Hutchinson Island is shut down because a malfunctioning part caused pressure to rise in a cooling system.

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“Like so many people, in so many countries, who started out to ‘spread the wealth,’ Barack Obama has ended up spreading poverty.”

Thomas Sowell  
COMMENTARY, 7A

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## NEWS TRIBUNE INVESTIGATION

# Gunfire at earlier Fenn Center event

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## ABOUT THIS STORY

While reporting on allegations involving Joe and Heather Smith's wedding reception at the Fenn Center, Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers investigative reporter Alexi Howk discovered information about this previous incident. To suggest topics for our investigative team, email [watchdog@scripps.com](mailto:watchdog@scripps.com).

ST. LUCIE COUNTY — The wedding reception for St. Lucie County Clerk of the Circuit Court Joe Smith and Assistant County Attorney Heather Smith isn't the first event to raise questions about the management of the Havert L. Fenn Center.

A Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers investigation found gunfire broke out at the Virginia Avenue facility on March 13 of last year during a party for a

county staffer's twin teenage daughters.

County records show former Recreation Manager Yenta Webb rented the building for four hours. The initial cost estimate was \$300. But according to a receipt Webb prepared for herself, she only paid \$200.

Webb was fired March 19. A letter from Webb's supervisor Mark DiMascio, dated the same day, doesn't specify a reason for her termination. The Fenn Center's coordinator, Anthony Allen, was reprimanded for giving Webb a

discount.

Some county commissioners did not find out about the gunfire or the facility rental discount until questioned by Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers this month.

Now, Commissioner

Chris Dzadovsky said he's pushing for policies requiring the county administrator to notify commissioners anytime a violent incident occurs at a public county building.

“We should have absolutely been notified immediately after that happened,” Dzadovsky said.

About 200 teenagers attended the “Sweet 16” birthday party, at which a small crowd of boys started fighting, according to a police report and a county incident report obtained

See FENN, 5A

## Bathtub Reef Beach reopens



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Vincent Giglio, a new resident of Stuart from New York, stands below a recently replenished sand dune while overlooking the surf of Bathtub Reef Beach off McArthur Boulevard in Stuart on Thursday. The beach, which reopened Thursday, had been closed because of erosion from the Columbus Day weekend storm and the restoration project that followed. “I like it down here. It's beautiful,” Giglio said.

## PORT ST. LUCIE

# Council talks term limits

Subject comes up at Oct. 10 City Council meeting

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PORT ST. LUCIE — As Councilman Jack Kelly approaches the end of his third term on the city council, some on the dais have questioned whether council members should have term limits.

Kelly is currently the longest-serving council member on the board, approaching 12 years of service next year.

The city charter doesn't list term limits on members of the council. Each term equals four years.

Term limits on elected officials came up at an Oct. 10 meeting when council members were discussing proposed term limits for city committee and board members.

Councilwoman Michelle Berger, who is reaching the third year of her second term, proposed at the meeting elected officials serve a maximum of three terms equaling 12 years. “It's just a consistency issue.”

Current and former city officials have various opinions about term limits, many thinking voters should have a say in how long someone stays in office.

Kelly was first voted in as District 4 councilman in 1998.

Although Kelly has said

See LIMITS, 3A

## Archie's Seabreeze plans huge expansion

Landmark bar and eatery to get outside stage, more seats, 2nd kitchen

By Paul Ivce  
Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers

FORT PIERCE — Archie's Seabreeze, the landmark bar and restaurant in one of South Hutchinson Island's oldest buildings, is expanding by adding a large outdoor stage, more outdoor seating, a second kitchen, more bathrooms and a parking lot.

Patty McGee, who has owned Archie's since 1994, has over the past few months acquired six parcels totaling almost an acre behind the restaurant bar at 401 S. Ocean Drive.

The Archie's renovations will include construction of a 30-foot by 30-foot outdoor stage with a pirate ship facade and the

addition of more outdoor seating.

General Manager Mike Monti said the restaurant seats 75 indoors and another 275 outdoors.

McGee said she wants to expand the restaurant so she won't have to turn away so many potential customers during the winter tourist season.

McGee said the city is requiring her to comply with building codes by paving over much of that land for parking, though she added she and some environmentalists think there's already too much land on the island covered with asphalt and concrete.

Once a \$400,000 Small Business Administration loan is finalized, the shack

in the back, which over the years has been used for storing things like long-time owner Archie Summerlin's guitar collection, is being remodeled to add a kitchen that can be used to help the staff keep up with overflow crowds during peak times.

The renovated shack will also have new bathrooms, said Monti, who joined Archie's staff in April.

Monti said he came to work for Archie's after his previous employer, ATX Inc., was purchased and moved to Kennesaw, Ga.

Monti, who was a tax software programmer, said he was invited to move with the company, but “I didn't want to leave the island,” where he has

lived since 1995, he said.

Archie's first opened in 1947, when its customers were almost exclusively male and mostly military personnel.

McGee first came to Archie's in 1990, leasing the restaurant section from Summerlin's daughter. She eventually bought the place in 1994.

She said she spent about \$500,000 to rebuild Archie's after it was damaged by hurricanes in 2004-05.

Archie's currently has about 40 full-time employees and doubles that during season. Monti said that after the renovations are completed he expects to offer full-time positions to about 10 of those seasonal employees.

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