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## Bid ends to annex into city

ANGELA DAUGHTRY  
News-Leader

The Sandpiper Beach Homes Association will not apply again for 53 county properties to be annexed into the city of Fernandina Beach, according to the group's president, Thomas Gambino.

Gambino said the decision not to seek annexation was based on an article in the *News-Leader* about a city resolution seeking a change in state law. The amendment, if passed by the Florida Legislature, would preserve beach driving in the area between Peters Point and the city limits even if the properties were annexed into the city.

The resolution, which was approved by city commissioners 4-1 in December, indicated to Gambino that "the city really didn't want us. ... After a while, you feel you're not welcome."

"Once we saw it was a 4-1 vote (for the resolution), we knew it was over," he said.

The area in question, which is in Nassau County, is one of the last places on the island to allow vehicles on the beach. The city does not allow vehicles on its beaches except in limited circumstances.

Gambino said that a "large part" of Sandpiper group's desire for the county properties to be annexed into the city was because Fernandina Beach does not allow beach driving.

Other reasons outlined in the application for annexation included better representation from elected officials, improved public safety, trash and public utility services and access to city recreational facilities.

"We were willing to pay the price to get the benefits," he said, of being within city limits. The city would have seen an additional \$154,000 in yearly property taxes if the properties were located in the city. Gambino said in August that the combined assessed value of the properties was nearly \$35 million.

The controversial annexation effort, which Gambino says took four years of hard work, was approved 3-2 by city commissioners in August but suffered a setback in September because of procedural defects. There was also a problem with the ballot language of the annexation, which was too long to upload into touch-screen voting machines. As a result, the

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## 'POOL DANCERS'



HEATHER A. PERRY/NEWS-LEADER

Instructor Kym Dunton leads a water aerobics class at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center pool. Ann Mattayaw was inspired to join the class by a friend: "She was in excellent health for 80 years old and she told me it was because of the water aerobics." Story, more photos, 14A

## County to close landfill Sept. 30

RYAN SMITH  
News-Leader

The Nassau County Commission voted unanimously Monday to close the West Nassau Landfill effective Sept. 30, ending years of controversy over the embattled site but leaving unanswered questions about staffing and trash removal in the wake of the closure.

The commissioners all agreed the county needed to move ahead with the closure.

"This has been an ongoing issue in our county for many, many years, and I think it's gotten to the point where this landfill is a big black hole that we keep pouring money into without getting a return on the taxpayers' investment," Commission Chairman Barry Holloway said.

"I think the bottom line we're approaching this evening is that we need to close this landfill," Commissioner Mike Boyle said.

"If we're going to do this for environmental reasons we need to move forward, because it takes nine or 10 months just to process the paperwork," Commissioner Walter Boatright said.

Commissioner Danny Leeper expressed concern that the landfill's employees would find themselves out of work. However, Holloway said the county would form a plan to help them. "I think we definitely need to protect the employees," Holloway said. "Maybe there's other places we can put them in the county."

Questions were also raised about whether the landfill could possibly turn a profit. However, its operating costs have consistently exceeded its profits - and the situation may get worse, according to County Coordinator Ed Sealover. "It's amazing when you think that tipping fees are going down - people still have garbage," Sealover said. "But with the current economic climate, sometimes less is being bought, and if less is being bought, less is going into the garbage can."

Clerk of Courts John Crawford also urged the commission to move forward, citing increased expense each year closure was delayed. "We're pro-

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## County to appeal ruling on Crane Island development

RYAN SMITH  
News-Leader

The Nassau County Commission voted at its Monday meeting to appeal a recent court decision regarding its role in a proposed Crane Island development.

A group of citizens had sued the county after the commission voted in 2006 to create a planned unit development on the island, which is designated as conservation wetlands in the county's comprehensive plan.

The Amelia Island Co., on behalf of a developer attempting to build on Crane Island, had lobbied the county to amend its comprehensive plan and change the island's designation. The conservation designation allows for only one dwelling every five acres - a maximum of 49 potential houses on the disputed property.

The county commission voted in

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COMMISSIONER MIKE BOYLE



2006 to change the designation of part of the island from conservation to residential - a move that would have allowed up to 169 houses on the property.

The lawsuit, brought by Nassau County residents Eric Titcomb, Robert Weintraub and Julie Ferriera, alleged that the county did not have the authority to amend the comprehensive plan in that way.

Nassau County Circuit Court Judge Brian J. Davis' Dec. 22 ruling agreed with that position, and vacated the county's order approving the

PUD. However, the commission decided to appeal on the grounds that the court misinterpreted and overlooked evidence.

"I can live with either decision if this case is appealed," said Commissioner Mike Boyle. "I just want to make sure the right decision is reached. ... I know there's a lot of people out there on both sides who consider this issue to be very important, very emotional and very controversial - and it is. ... But I think

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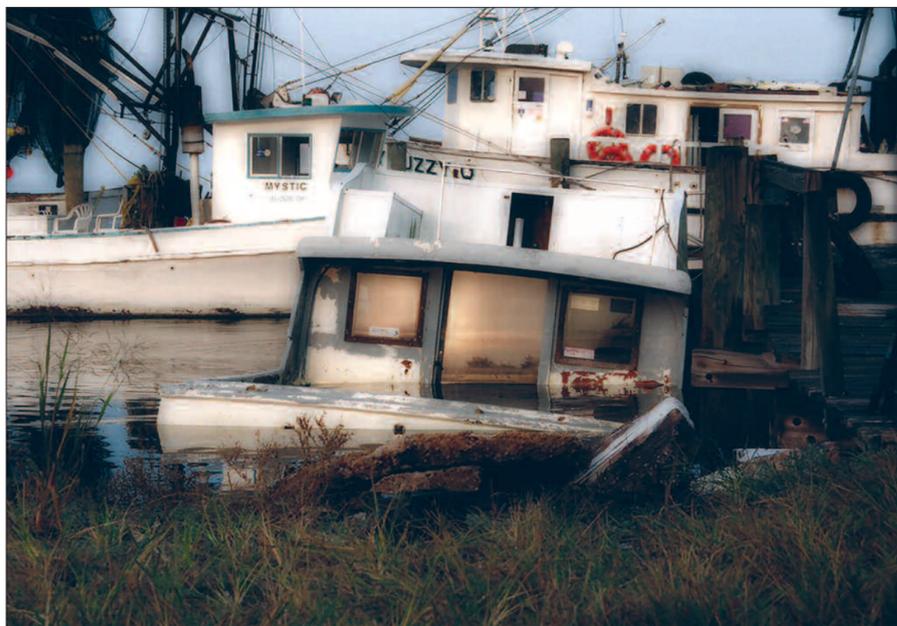


PHOTO COURTESY OF HOLT WEBB

Holt Webb is traveling across the country to record fine-art photographic images of America's vanishing ways of life, including this image of Fernandina Beach's commercial shrimp industry.

## Shrimpers part of 'Vanishing America'

ANGELA DAUGHTRY  
News-Leader

It's a romantic American tradition to light out and take to the open road, to experience first-hand the vast span between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Thousands have come away with impressions of American culture, but many aspects of that culture are fast disappearing along with the memories.

Holt Webb wants to help keep alive those memories of America's vanishing ways of life.

Webb is taking a cross-country road trip to make a fine-art photographic and written record of those fragile aspects of America that will be gone in a couple of generations. And he believes Fernandina Beach's shrimping industry is a perfect example of "Vanishing America," the name of his project.

Webb says he first came to



Webb

Fernandina Beach in 2005 with a friend whose mother lived here. At that time, Webb took photographs of the area including Cumberland Island.

It was last year, he says, while doing research on the area, that he became aware that Fernandina was the birthplace of the commercial shrimping industry, and that the industry was in serious decline. It is because of this, he says, that Fernandina Beach is the ideal subject for his project.

"Fernandina Beach fits perfectly into my project," he says, "because the lifestyle and culture are dying."

Webb, who was born in Atlanta, began the "Vanishing America" project

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LOOKING BACK

50 YEARS AGO

Fishermen Richard Gowen Jr. and Joseph Pinckney died after their shrimp boat hit a reef in a storm off war-torn Cuba. January 15, 1958

25 YEARS AGO

A survey showed Circuit Court Judge John Cox was

the county's highest paid public official, at \$58,247 a year. January 13, 1983

10 YEARS AGO

Homeowners from Plantation Pointe and Florence Pointe joined forces in an effort to prevent commercial development near their homes. January 11, 1998

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Table with 5 columns: Day (Wed 1/14, Thu 1/15, Fri 1/16, Sat 1/17, Sun 1/18), High/Low, and weather conditions. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

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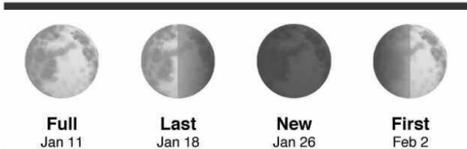
Area Cities

Table listing weather for various Florida cities including Clearwater, Crestview, Daytona Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Gainesville, Hollywood, Jacksonville, Key West, Lady Lake, Lake City, Madison, Melbourne, Miami, and N Smyrna Beach.

National Cities

Table listing weather for various national cities including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, and Miami.

Moon Phases



UV Index

Table showing UV Index for Wed 1/14, Thu 1/15, Fri 1/16, Sat 1/17, and Sun 1/18, all at a level of 4 (Moderate).

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Lifelong learning is center's goal

Registration is open for The Center for Lifelong Learning in Nassau County spring classes. Classes scheduled at the Golf Club of Amelia Island, beginning the week of Feb. 9, are Shakespeare's Othello: A Modern Classic, taught by Bernie McCabe on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon; and Understanding Modern Sports: An Economic, Political and Historical Race, taught by Chuck Zsolnai on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Classes offered at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Fernandina Beach are Shakespeare's Othello: A Modern Classic, taught by McCabe on Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon beginning the week



of Feb. 9, and Sing at First Sight!, taught by Jane Lindberg on Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. This class will meet for four weeks beginning on Feb. 4.

Classes beginning the week of Feb. 9 at the Florida Community College Betty P. Cook Nassau Center are: The Art of Photography: Examinations of the Photographic Image, taught by Richard Olderman on Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m.; China: Life, Myth, and Art, taught by Jim Kemp on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30

a.m.; and two Tuesday classes taught by Bill Raser, Image Editing for Digital Photographers, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and How to Use a Digital Camera, a three-week course from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

If you would like to be added to the Center for Lifelong Learning's e-mail distribution list, please send your name and e-mail to dhughes@fccj.edu. The Betty P. Cook Nassau Center is located at 76346 William Burgess Blvd. in Yulee. Please call FCCJ at 548-4432 for an informational flyer, course costs and registration information, or go to www.fccj.edu/cfl to enroll online or for a detailed description of the classes.

OBITUARIES

Martin Larence Blacksins

Martin Larence Blacksins, age 91, of Fernandina Beach passed away Jan. 6, 2009.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., of Russian descent, he was one of 11 children born to the late Israel and Fannie Spiegel Blacksins. He was a Golden Gloves boxer in his youth, was a veteran of World War II, worked for the Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C., and operated Tri-State Trucking until retirement.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 68 years, Pearl Blacksins; three daughters, Constance Dee Campbell, Ojai, Calif., June Carole Blacksins, Santa Cruz, Calif., and Victoria Gale Blacksins, Fernandina Beach; his brother, Jack Blacksins (Miriam), Boston, Mass.; grandchildren Jafe, Justin and Alyssa Campbell; brother-in-law, Harry Ginden; cats, Shadow and Mitzy; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends residing throughout the world.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, from 2-5 p.m. at the home of his daughter, Victoria Blacksins, in Fernandina Beach.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders.

Please share your memories of Martin at www.martin.blacksins.name/ or www.oxleyheard.com.

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Larry W. Dinkens



Larry W. Dinkens of Yulee died Jan. 6, 2009 in hospital in Macon, Ga.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m. at the Church of God Sanctuary of Praise, 5755 Soutel Drive, Jacksonville. Viewing will be at 11 a.m. until the time of service.

Richardson Funeral Home, Warner Robins, Ga.

Marjorie W. MacGregor

Marjorie W. MacGregor, age 94, of Fernandina Beach passed away Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009 at Quality Health of Fernandina Beach.

She was born on March 8, 1914, in Syracuse, N.Y., the daughter of the late Minna and Herman MacGregor graduated from White Plains High School in White Plains, N.Y., and attended Lesley College in Boston, Mass. After graduation, she began her career as a buyer for Macy's and Hudson Catalogue, where she worked for many years.

Mrs. MacGregor was an avid golfer and bridge player. Along with her husband, Kent, they enjoyed a life of extensive travel. They had a home in Ponte Vedra at Sawgrass years ago and summered in Cashiers, N.C. They once had a home in Coral Gables, just off the Intracoastal, where they enjoyed their boat, taking trips to Nassau and the Bahamas. She loved her pet poodles and her schnauzer, Precious. She was Presbyterian by faith.

Mrs. MacGregor leaves behind her two nieces, Lynn (Tom) Unkenholz of Fernandina Beach and Gail McElDowney of Woonsocket, R.I.; 11 grand nieces and nephews and many great-grand nieces and nephews in New York, South Carolina, Rhode Island and California.

She will be laid to rest beside her hus-

band, Kent MacGregor, in Sunset Hills Cemetery in Flint, Mich. A local memorial service will be held at a later date.

Please share her life story at www.oxleyheard.com.

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Juanita K. Marcum

Juanita K. Marcum, 85, passed away Friday evening, Jan. 9, 2009. She was born Jan. 18, 1923, in Waycross, Ga., and moved to Fernandina Beach when she was 16 years old and went to work for Nell's Kitchen at Five Points.

She met and married Grady Marcum, to whom she was married for 36 years before he passed away. Mrs. Marcum was a member of Springhill Baptist Church and the Joy Sunday School Class. She loved gardening, fishing and enjoyed life - she was a free spirit. She enjoyed her family and was a devoted mother, grandmother and friend.

Mrs. Marcum was predeceased by her husband, Grady Marcum Sr., her son, Grady Marcum Jr., and two daughters, Juanett Marcum and Joyce Holloway.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Patricia M. and Mark Haddock of Fernandina Beach; a granddaughter, Beth Kenney and her husband, Alan; three grandchildren, Jessica, Franky and Alan Jr.; several nieces and nephews; her lifelong friend, Elizabeth Sutton of Yulee, and her cat, "Kitty."

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the Stephens Chapel at Green Pine Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jackie Hayes officiating. Interment followed in Bosque Bello Cemetery.

Green Pine Funeral Home

Jayden Karoline (Hicken) Patterson

Baby girl Jayden Karoline (Hicken) Patterson passed away Friday, Jan. 9, 2009.

She is survived by her parents, Kristina Hicken and Jason Patterson of Callahan; maternal grandparents, David and Jane Hicken; paternal grandparents, Charles and Susan Patterson; great-grandparents, David and Dody Hicken of Jacksonville; Uncle Davey Hicken, Uncle Charlie (Susan) Patterson, Uncle Kevin (Debra) Page and numerous other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Great-grandparents were the late Walter Lee and Wyleen Brophy. Paternal grandmothers were the late Lois Patterson and Delores Pacetti.

Graveside services were held Monday, Jan. 12, 2009 in Jones Cemetery in Callahan.

Callahan Funeral Home, Inc.

Diean Kessler Pope

Diean Kessler Pope, 64, of Yulee passed away at home on Jan. 10, 2009.

Mrs. Pope was born in Beulah, N.D., and later moved to Great Falls, Mont., where she met her husband of 47 years, Ralph E. Pope. They moved to Jacksonville in 1962 and then to Yulee in 1972. Mrs. Pope was active for 17 years with the Yulee Little League, where she was president of the Ladies Auxiliary. She was also a 15-year member of the square dancing group, Sweet Art Squares, and a member of the Ladies with Red Hattitudes. Mrs. Pope enjoyed sewing, quilting and was also active in the Yulee Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph E. Pope, of Yulee; sons, Tommy (Nancy) Pope and Jeff (Patti) Pope, both of Yulee;

along with grandchildren Damien Carré, Rhiannon Carré, T.J. Pope and Katrina Griffith; two great-grandchildren, Amya and Makayla Jacobs; a sister, Margery Brown, and a brother, Lloyd Kessler, both of Great Falls, Mont.; along with many nieces and nephews as well as special friends.

She was predeceased by her parents, Ted and Eugenia Kessler; brothers Howard Kessler and Jimmy Kessler; mother-in-law, Bea McCammon; and her sister-in-law, Terrelene Raulerson.

The family received friends at the funeral home on Tuesday from 5 until 7 p.m. The funeral service will be held today at 11 a.m. at Yulee United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Mark Stiles officiating.

Please send memorials to Yulee United Methodist Church, SR A1A, Yulee, FL 32097, or the American Diabetes Association, 8384 Baymeadows Road, Suite 10, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Please visit www.oxleyheard.com to view her life story.

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Ellen Wooten Shank

Mrs. Ellen Wooten Shank, age 81, of Fernandina Beach passed away on Sunday morning, Jan. 4, 2009 at Baptist Medical Center Nassau.

Born in Kings Ferry, she was the daughter of the late Nathan Jasper and Alma Russell Wooten. At the age of five, she and her family moved to Fernandina, where she has been a lifelong resident. A graduate of Fernandina High School,



she received her teaching degree from Florida State College for Women. In July of 1945, in the family home at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and 14th Street, she married Lawrence B. Shank. Mrs. Shank taught in the Fernandina Beach Public School System and tutored students for many years.

In 1995, she retired from full-time teaching but continued to tutor until 2005. She was a longtime member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Fernandina Beach.

She is preceded in death by a grandson, Davis Guy.

Mrs. Shank leaves behind, her husband of 63 years, Lawrence B. Shank, Fernandina Beach; a son, Russell, Shank (Linda), Savannah, Ga.; step-granddaughter, Jacky Guy (David), Yulee; step-grandson, Larry Nettles Jr. (Beth), Fernandina Beach; two great-grandsons, Clayton Guy and Garrett Guy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009 from First Presbyterian Church of Fernandina Beach, with Dr. Holton Siegling Jr., and the Rev. Bert Swearingen officiating.

Pallbearers were: Jimmy, Keith and David Johnson, Jimmy May, Larry Nettles Jr. and David Guy.

Honorary pallbearers were: Wayne Johnson, Rodger Perry, Dale Dees, Roger Smith, Tommy Schrantz, John Patterson, Bill Erickson, Jim Long, Linda Erickson, Bob Cole and the Elders, Deacons and men of the church.

She was laid to rest in the family section of Kings Ferry Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Thursday, following the services at the church. Guests and friends visited on Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Please share her life story at www.oxleyheard.com.

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WEEKLY UPDATE

Homeless census

Coalition for the Homeless in Nassau County will be conducting an annual census and survey to measure the number and needs of homeless individuals in the county. The data collected from the count and surveys are analyzed and then utilized to plan services for homeless people and to apply for state and federal grants.

The "count" will be done nationwide on Monday, Jan. 26. Volunteers in Nassau County will be collecting data and doing surveys at homeless shelters and transitional housing facilities as well as on the streets. Volunteers will be sent as part of a team to five

zones in Nassau County. A training session is required before Jan. 26. Please call Dani Gammel at 261-8081 or Sharon Manning at 206-1842 for further information.

Just friends

Just Friends, a social group for singles over age 55, meets once a month for dinner. For more information, call Helene Scott at 321-1116.

U.S. Census jobs

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring workers to help with the 2010 Census in Nassau County. Tests for various positions will be held at WorkSource at 96042 Lofton Square (Winn-Dixie shopping center) in Yulee today and

Jan. 21 at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. and on Jan. 28 at 9:30 a.m. only.

For additional information call 866-861-2010 or visit www.census.gov.

'MLK Unity Celebration'

Be part of history by participating in the first annual MLK Unity Celebration on Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. at the Elm Street MLK Center.

There will be inspiring speakers, informative community organizations and refreshments. Come together and celebrate the life of one of America's great heroes, Martin Luther King Jr. The event is free and open to all.

Retired educators

All retired educators are invited to the Jan. 20 meeting of the NCREA in Room A-22 at the new First Baptist Church on Eighth Street.

The Health Committee will present the program. The Executive Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the same location (enter through the main entrance and turn left), with the general meeting at 10 a.m. For information, contact Stanley Lofton at 225-9365.

Florida writers

The Florida Writers Association will meet Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Florida House Inn, 22 S. Third St. Speaker will be Deborah Barclay, author of Memories of Sad Brown Eyes, a story of a young girl who was forced to witness her mother's tortured existence at the hands of a stalker. Members and the public are invited. Contact, Maggie Carter-de Vries at 321-6180.

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# Pet food bank to help owners keep animals

SIÂN PERRY  
News-Leader

In an effort to help local pet owners struggling to feed their furry family members in these hard economic times, the Nassau Humane Society has opened up a pet food bank at its shelter on Airport Road.

"This is our way of giving back because the people of the community have been more than generous to us," said Nassau Humane Society President Janet Kourie. "It's to help people with pets through hard times" and hopefully save off pet surrenders due solely to financial hardship.

For now, Kourie said the economic downturn has not had too much of an effect locally. "We do see surrenders from people who have lost their homes, but not any more than usual," she said. And with more people spending time at home rather than spending money going out, "adoptions are way up. ... Most people are staying

home more so now they have time for a dog. They can do family things with their pet - it becomes a project the whole family can enjoy at no cost."

Eventually the Nassau Humane Society hopes to partner with Meals on Wheels, said Kourie, delivering pet food along with people food to those in need. "It's in its infancy," she said of the program.

Currently, food is given out on a first come, first served basis during shelter hours. There also is more dog food than cat food available, said Kourie.

Located at 671 Airport Road in Fernandina Beach, the shelter is open to visitors Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1-3 p.m. To learn more about the food bank, or about volunteer opportunities at the Nassau Humane Society, call 321-1647. Also visit [www.nassauhumesociety.com](http://www.nassauhumesociety.com).

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annexation process had to be started over again from the beginning.

Although Gambino said it was unfortunate the community had to make it into a beach-driving issue, he also noted that "if people were driving in the backyards of people in town, it would be unacceptable."

Gambino also said the effort to annex the properties into the city was never a private-property issue. "It wasn't that people weren't welcome to use the beach," he said.

The recent unstable economic climate, said Gambino, was not an issue in homeowners'

*"After a while, you feel you're not welcome."*

**THOMAS GAMBINO**  
PRESIDENT  
SANDPIPER BEACH HOMES ASSOCIATION

decision not to re-apply for annexation.

"All our homeowners really want to do this," said Gambino, but he added that the political landscape in the city would have to change first. "At this point," he said, "we'd have to be invited."

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## New home permits down

New single-family home permits issued in Northeast Florida totaled 5,111 in 2008 - down from 6,829 the year before. The most permits ever issued in the four-county area was 17,753 in 2005.

In Nassau County, 337 permits were issued in 2008, down from 536 the year before. There were 865 permits issued in Nassau in 2006.

Permits issued were higher in Clay, Duval and Nassau counties in December than in November, though down in St. Johns County. For the fourth quarter, permits were down from 966 in 2007 to 718 for all four counties.

The National Association of Home Builders reported Dec. 23 that sales of newly built single-family homes declined 2.9 percent in November to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 407,000 units. "The fact that new-home sales continue to decline even in the face of substantial builder incentives, very favorable mortgage rates and improved housing affordability shows how fearful consumers have become about making a

home purchase in the current economic environment. That's why it is absolutely necessary for the government to take action that will reassure home buyers and stimulate demand in order to help revive home sales and economic growth," said NAHB chairman Sandy Dunn, a home builder from Point Pleasant, W.Va.

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*"I'm not sure my conscience would agree with an appeal."*

**COMMISSIONER STACY JOHNSON**



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there are enough issues raised that the appellate court needs to look at it."

"For all the years I've lived in the county, there's been arguments over the comp plan," Commissioner Walter Boatright said. "I think if we can go ahead and move forward with this, we can finally know what our comp plan means."

Commissioner Stacy Johnson, however, expressed reservations about the appeal. "I'm not sure my conscience would agree with an appeal - but I would respect the board's decision to make an appeal, to respect home rule."

"I look at it as a win-win situation," said Commission Chairman Barry Holloway. "If we appeal and we lose the appeal, it allows us to make some changes in our comprehensive plan to make it better. If we win, then we know our comp plan is in order."

Boyle said one of the biggest issues to him was who had final authority in interpreting a county's comprehensive plan - the county itself, or the Florida Department of Community Affairs. "One of the things that I find troublesome that hopefully the appeal will solve is the issue of home rule," Boyle said. "The more power and the more authority we cede to Tallahassee, the less authority we have."

County Attorney David Hallman stressed that the cost for an appeal would be minimal. "My research is that the county has spent well under

\$1,000 for three years of litigation," Hallman said. "What happens essentially is that the county gets sued, but the property owner is invited to carry the water. The cost (to the county) is negligible."

Hallman added that an appeal of some sort was inevitable, since the Amelia Island Co. was already filing. "The interveners, the property owners, are going to file an appeal, so one way or another the plaintiffs are going to have to defend against an appeal," he said.

The commission voted 4-1 to appeal, with Johnson voting nay.

Following the meeting, Boyle pointed out that the current commission came into office with the Crane Island controversy already brewing. "I fully expected the Crane Island issue would be settled by the time I took office in 2006," he said. "None of the current commissioners had any role in the Crane Island litigation up to this point."

However, Boyle said, he felt the appeal was necessary. "My goal in all of this is to end up with the right legal answer, not necessarily the one that pleases the most people," he said. "... Asking for an appeal is similar to a pro football coach who asks that the referee's call be reviewed on instant replay. Most true sports fans only want to win if the rules are accurately enforced for everyone. That's all we're really asking for with an appeal; an accurate interpretation of the facts."

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jecting ... the cost of closure construction going up by \$1 million every year," Crawford said. "How many millions or tens of millions do we need to lose before we decide to move in a different direction?"

"What I'm hearing is it's a sizable amount that we can save by closing this landfill now," Boyle said.

"You've made some fiscal changes that are very important, but it's time to take this next step," Crawford replied.

"What is the reserve fund that can be used to close this landfill?" Holloway asked.

"The current estimate to close the landfill is \$12.6 million," said Administrative Services Director Ted Selby. "You have \$11.4 million currently. But keep in mind that \$12.6 million is a very rough estimate. ... I think you're in the best shape you're going to get. We're looking at maybe 10 percent inflation for the closure costs each year. You need to move on this, because if this isn't done by Sept. 30, we're going to be in a position where we'll need subsidies to close this."

Jane Scanlan, co-chair of the county's Solid Waste Task Force, commended the commission on its action but cautioned that it must have a plan for protecting its employees. "I think it's very important that you have a personnel plan for every individual who works at the landfill. ... You should start now, not three months from now," she said.

Scanlan said she was also concerned about where the closure would leave trash disposal in the county. "You are going to be able to take a burden off the taxpayers, and that's good, but you have not yet decided the next step," she said. "You have to decide on what is next before those gates close. If you do not, citizens are going to get caught, especially those who don't have trash hauling."

"There are other issues that we need to tackle, and we're going to do so," Holloway said.

"Simply because we're about to close the landfill doesn't mean you're suddenly going to be left trying to figure out what to do with your trash," Boyle added.

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# BUSINESS

## Sign of the times: City closed for business?

Jon Anderson recently bought a commercial building in downtown Fernandina Beach – and then petitioned city officials for a sign.

The sign they gave the owner of a thriving job-placement business was unexpected, and not something you could mount. It was a sign of the times, however: The city of Fernandina Beach is not always open for business.

Let's take a step back. Anderson bought the building within a block of Centre Street to expand and promote his business. In the front of his lot is a short, stout concrete structure. It resembles an austere tombstone. The business that had been there constructed it to attach its sign.

When Anderson bought the building, he figured he could put a sign on the prominent structure similar to his predecessor. He dutifully followed the onerous application procedures. His application was surprisingly denied by a city board, however. It apparently did not meet rigorous historic district standards.

Anderson appealed to the city commission. The reaction there was anything but warm and fuzzy. Four of the five commissioners took Anderson up



**STEVE'S MARKET PLACE**

Steve Nicklas

on his request to visit his property. One declined to even come by.

Anderson figured the commissioners would want to see the problematic signpost – since they would have the final say. In an ironic twist, the commissioners turned down Anderson's request.

The city offered several alternatives, such as to place the sign on the front of the building, or for Anderson to pay hundreds of dollars for special exemptions. But Anderson declined.

He feels the sign should have been grandfathered in from the previous owner. Anyhow, his business is good for the local economy. He employs six workers, and through his job placement services he helps companies such as Smurfit-Stone Container find local employees.

So now he has an attractive building and no sign, except for a plastic "For Sale" placard placed in his front yard. It's

there out of contempt for the city – and its perceived anti-business mindset.

While the final decision was hard enough to digest, Anderson felt city officials were downright hostile toward his plight. Taken from copies of e-mails, here are excerpts from commissioners' responses to Anderson's appeal.

One commissioner sounded confrontational. When Anderson threatened to put up a sign without the city's blessing, the commissioner responded: "FYI Jon. If you draw a line in the sand I am sure to cross it."

A city planning official sounded more conciliatory (if you can call it that). "Jon ... you may appear before the Historic District Council requesting a variance to re-instate the use of that sign base. Yes, that includes the variance fee of \$650, as well as an after-the-fact application fee (of \$500). If granted use of the sign base, you would then direct your sign installer to file for a permit for the installation – again, after-the-fact and subject to a doubling of the base permit fee."

The planner's mindset changed, however, when Anderson put up a temporary sign (at the advice of a commissioner). The planner threatened code-enforcement action and fines if Anderson did not take it down.

This is not the way to do business. While businesses should comply with rigid historic district standards for uniformity's sake, the process should not be overly cumbersome, costly or painstaking. City officials should encourage business activity – and cultivate it.

Judging from the experience of Anderson and others, the city has drawn its own anti-business line in the sand. And businesses may decide not to cross it, and instead go elsewhere.

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## Make that 'Nassau Tradeplex'

The Yulee Tradeplex on A1A, the county's major industrial park, has both a new name and a new look in the New Year.

The initiative was led by husband-and-wife development team Darbin and Debby Skeans of Imperial Realty Management Corp. based on Amelia Island. The corporation acquired the former On Point Visuals/Banner Impressions property at 86395 Gene Lasserre Boulevard last summer.

They approached Nassau County Economic Development Board Executive Director Steve Rieck to talk about ideas that would improve the visual impact of the park's entrance.

In September the couple hosted the first-ever meeting of all the landowners and tenants in the Yulee Tradeplex at their new building. They vol-



unteered the resources needed to underwrite the project and agreed to give a slightly new identity to the Tradeplex by substituting the name "Nassau" for "Yulee."

The signage and landscaping project was completed over

the December holidays.

Major tenants in the Nassau Tradeplex include BlueLinX, Coastline Plastics, Victaulic, Florida Machine Works, the Nassau Commerce Center, Scott Trucking and Florida Petroleum.

### IN BRIEF

#### Sandifer to lead builders

Members of the Northeast Florida Builders Association Nassau Builders Council will install Jamie Sandifer as chair to lead the council in 2009.

J.P. McClellan, 2008 chair and owner of J.P. McClellan Inc., will hand over the gavel of leadership Thursday at Amelia Island Plantation Property Owners Clubhouse.

Sandifer is the director of land acquisition and entitlements at Matovina & Co. and has graduated from the Florida Home Builders Association's Building University for Individual Leadership Development.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. with guest speaker Daniel Davis, executive director for NEFBA. Davis will speak on the building climate and issues affecting builders in Nassau County.

The event sponsor will be Cain & Bultman Inc. Cost is \$20. RSVP to Scott Merritt, smerritt@nefba.com, (904)



Sandifer

725-4355.

The Northeast Florida Builders Association, Florida's largest builders association, provides

education, research, legislative representation, media relations, promotions and programs for its 2,000-plus builder, associate, Commercial Builders Council, Remodelers Council, and Sales and Marketing Council members. The association is celebrating 65 years of service to members and to the community through various charitable efforts.

#### Take Stock in Children

Maria A. Sastre, an officer for Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, has been elected president and chief executive officer of Take Stock in Children, Florida's leading

mentoring and scholarship organization. Sastre joins Take Stock in Children with over 30 years of management and leadership experience in the transportation, tourism and hospitality industries.

Since 1997, Take Stock in Children of Nassau County has awarded 65 college scholarships to graduating seniors; 89 percent attended some college and 74 percent are currently enrolled in college or have received a college degree.

There are currently 148 Take Stock scholars attending the four middle and high schools in Nassau County, working with the help of their volunteer mentors, to earn their college scholarships upon graduation.

Take Stock in Children/Nassau is affiliated with Florida Community College and the FCCJ Foundation, Inc., and is guided by the Take Stock in Children Leadership Council. For more information about Take Stock in Children/Nassau contact Jody Mackle, program director, at 548-4464 or jmackle@fccj.edu.

#### Young Professionals Council

The Young Professionals Council of Nassau County is scheduled to hold a general meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Watson Realty Building on South Fletcher Avenue. Anyone interested in learning more about or becoming involved with the YPC is welcome.

The YPC is an organization for people who live or work in Nassau County, ages 21-40. The goal is to provide networking, professional development and community service opportunities to members, supporting both professional and personal growth. The YPC is presented by the AIFBY Chamber of Commerce.

#### Annual reports due

Jan. 1 was the beginning of the 2009 annual report filing season for corporations. Every business entity (corporation, limited liability company and limited partnership) with "active" status is required to file an annual report each year with the Department of State, Division of Corporations to maintain "active" status.

If the annual report is filed after May 1, a late fee is required to be imposed on profit corporations, limited liability companies and limited partnerships.

The quickest, easiest, and most secure manner is to file the annual report online from the division's website, www.Sunbiz.org. "How to file the annual report" appears on the front page of the website and payment can be with a credit card, prepaid account or check. Filing fees are set by statute and vary by entity type.

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# Florida's recovery to lag 'epic' economic recession

ORLANDO – A new report by Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund, Inc. (The Fund) – which is posted on [www.MyRealEstateStory.com](http://www.MyRealEstateStory.com) – confirms Florida's economy, like the rest of the nation, is suffering through an epic economic recession, with every major economic indicator sharply down.



*Florida is unlikely to experience expanded migration until the middle of 2010 at best.*

**HANK FISHKIND, ECONOMIST  
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Florida lost more than 150,000 jobs during the last 12 months, marking the worst job performance in the nation – a reality that will inevitably continue contributing to the state's crippling foreclosure problem and its depletion of housing starts and prices.

The 2009 Fund Real Estate Forecast shows the depth of the recession in Florida and its impact on the housing market. For instance:

- Housing starts plummeted in 2008 to an estimated 50,000 from its peak of 264,000 in 2005.
- Housing prices retreated under the weight of excess supply, tight credit markets and rising foreclosures.
- New home prices dropped to an average price of \$263,000 in 2008 from its peak at \$325,000 in 2007.
- Average prices for existing homes retreated 9 percent from their 2006 peak of just around \$300,000 and are expected to bottom out in 2009 at just over \$250,000.

The Fund Real Estate Forecast was created by economist Hank Fishkind of Fishkind & Associates, Inc., using The Fund's extensive online system of deed data for more than 30 Florida counties. The report provides a snapshot of the national economic outlook and 33 county-specific forecasts for 2009 through 2012, as well as a section detailing how actual 2008 data compared to projections that were made in last year's 2008 Fund Real Estate Forecast report.

Fishkind has previously been employed for economic forecasting by Nassau County, the school board and the city of Fernandina Beach.

"Both the national and Florida economies are mired in the worst recession since the Great Depression, and The 2009 Fund Real Estate Forecast does not project a national recovery until the end of 2009. Locally, however, recovery will take longer, as there is always a lag between changing national economic conditions and local improvements," said Fishkind. "It will take time for people in the Midwest and Northeast, which are the main sources of Florida's population growth, to recognize and act on changing economic conditions, and as a result, Florida is unlikely to experience expanded migration until the middle of 2010 at best."

Locally, the report shows that while all Florida housing markets will be down through 2009, Orlando will continue to outperform other markets through 2012 because it has experienced less speculative overbuilding, has a relatively better employment market and has comparatively fewer new condominiums than other urban Florida markets. The Fort Myers/Cape

Coral area will be Florida's most depressed single-family marketplace in the coming years, suffering from the effects of severe speculative overbuilding, high foreclosure rates, a high percentage of contracting employment and a historical dependence on the immigration of retirees, who are finding it harder to retire and/or move in the current market. Miami-Dade will continue to have the most overbuilt condominium marketplace in the state.

"On a positive note, some markets – where construction and parts of the housing sector are suffering – are still expected to maintain strong general economies in the coming years due to external factors that balance out the negative trends," Fishkind said. "One such market is Miami, which benefits from being a major trade hub with Latin America, whose economies are still doing reasonably well."

Ultimately, Fishkind concludes from this year's report that Florida's economy will recover by 2011 when he estimates that population growth will hit 275,000, job creation will exceed 100,000 jobs and housing starts will eclipse 125,000. Rising demand will push prices back up to levels last reached in 2006.

# Carrying on a tradition

HEATHER A. PERRY  
News-Leader

As a little girl growing up in Vietnam, one of Rose Didion's jobs was to help her grandmother An Thi Bui cook for the 15 members of her extended family.

As she looked after her infant brother, eight-year-old Didion also carefully watched her grandmother's process, taking note of all the spices and seasonings as well as the chopping and slicing.

"I got to see and learn her trade, knowing every ingredient that went into her famous egg rolls," recalls Didion.

Didion's grandfather, who had been a nurse with the U.S. troops during the Vietnam War, approached one of the physicians there, Dr. Reardon, and asked if he could help the family emigrate to the U.S.

"Because there were so many of us, Dr. Reardon could not do it on his own," explained Didion, "so he went to his church in West Point, Va., and the church sponsored us."

The church provided housing and clothing for the family and helped them get on their feet in their adopted country.

"None of us spoke English but the church got us tutors and within six months, they were off the food stamps and working jobs."

"When we arrived in the U.S. in 1975, there wasn't much money," said Didion. "So to make extra money my grandmother started making and selling egg rolls to friends and neighbors."

After Mass each Sunday while the children were in



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**Rose Didion and her son Michael at the Fernandina Farmers Market, where she sells authentic Vietnamese egg rolls the second and fourth Saturday of each month.**

Sunday school, she would run next door to the house and fry up batches of egg rolls, which the church permitted her to sell in the parking lot.

"We'd sell so many sometimes we had to go home and make more. Even people just driving by would come and buy them," Didion recalled.

"I would even take them to work with me at the beauty shop. People just loved them." It was when Didion moved out on her own that she met her future husband, Chuck Didion, who moved across the street from her after relocating from Pennsylvania to work at the local paper mill.

When her grandmother passed away in 2000, Didion took up the role, sharing egg rolls she calls "An"believable in memory of her beloved culinary instructor.

After moving to Fernandina Beach about 18 months ago,

Didion had grown tired of being a hairdresser.

"But I got bored being a stay-at-home mom, so I asked Jan Smith about setting up a booth at the farmers' market." Smith recruits and organizes vendors and handles publicity for the Fernandina Farmers Market, held each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Seventh and Centre streets in downtown Fernandina Beach.

Didion now sells her authentic Vietnamese egg rolls the second and fourth Saturday of each month. "My grandmother would be proud," she said.

Didion shares her Fernandina Beach home with her husband and her two sons, Josh, 13, and Michael, 17. Their four-footed companion is Harley-Davidson.

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That would be great. "OK, Dr. Applebaum, it will be there in 20 minutes and we'll charge it to your credit card on file?" Sure, thank you, goodbye.

Every day we interact with sales or service organizations that have an enormous amount of information about us in their computers. They use this information to provide accurate, efficient and timely service. We've come to expect this and get frustrated when we deal with companies who are "still in the stone age" — like your doctor, perhaps?

Most physicians have computer systems to manage the billing for their practices, but less than 10 percent of America's primary care physicians use computers to manage their patients' medical information.

Several studies have measured the percent of patients who get appropriate care for common medical problems. Results vary, but are mostly in the 50-70 percent range (i.e., blood pressure control). Imagine if you got the right pizza on 60 percent of your orders, or FedEx delivered 30 percent of their packages to the

*Imagine if you got the right pizza on just 60 percent of your orders.*

wrong home or if your bank's ATM only gave you cash 50 percent of the time.

Obviously, these companies would be out of business in short order. All of these industries are motivated to satisfy their customers.

Our health care industry, in contrast, is paid to take care of sick people, not keep people healthy. For the most part, the "medical industrial complex" is more profitable when more people are sick, not healthy. Hence in America, we have sick care, not health care.

We would all appreciate not having to go over our entire medical history every time we meet another provider. We would also feel a lot safer if we knew that any emergency department could retrieve information about the medications we take, the allergies we have, and the tests we've recently endured. This would save huge sums of money and minimize redundant, uncomfortable and potentially dangerous procedures.

So how can we get American medicine on par with the trucking industry and pizza parlors? If we wait for major health care system

reform we will continue to cut down thousands of trees creating millions of incomplete, inaccurate, illegible un-searchable medical records.

Rather, we should trust that a national system of comprehensive medical records will lead to improved outcomes and decreased costs. While the political landscape for health care system reform is a minefield, who can argue against improved information at your doctor's fingertips?

Clearly the country that put a man on the moon and won a world war is capable of building a database to manage all of its citizens' medical information in a safe, secure, privacy insured system.

The federal government could stage several competitive design and management competitions and develop a plan in less than two years. It could be implemented in less than another two.

The only thing needed to digitize and thereby revolutionize American health care is leadership. So next time your congressman asks your opinion on health care reform or a politician asks you for a contribution, ask them if they will help you control your blood pressure — or just promise you onions on you pizza.

Gary Applebaum, M.D., is a senior fellow at the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest.

EDITORIAL

## Mr. Jacobs goes to Washington

Arthur (Buddy) Jacobs, the esteemed lobbyist for the city of Fernandina Beach and Nassau County, will be off to Washington next week to join in the wining and dining that will mark the inauguration of Barack Obama as president of the United States. This is not just about honoring our nation's new president, it is about currying favor.

Mr. Obama has promised hundreds of billions of dollars, perhaps even a trillion, will be spent on an economic stimulus plan to help lift America out of this brutal economic recession. We are not alone in our desire to sup at this trough; there are tens of thousands of spending proposals before the new administration.

Obama said the allocation of these billions would not be done "the old Washington way." Vice President-elect Joe Biden has said no earmarks will be allowed to the appropriations bills.

We shall see. On the one hand, a new way of doing business might be helpful to us. Why else would a Democratic administration dole funds out to a county in which more than 70 percent of the voters cast their ballots for his Republican opponent?

On the other, Mr. Jacobs was selected by his city and county masters precisely because he is adept at the old ways of doing business. He has a long history of aiding his party and his community whenever there were mutual benefits to be realized.

Unfortunately, we are not really prepared for this feeding frenzy. East Side advocates think widening of A1A to six lanes is just the ticket; in fact, the Florida Department of Transportation has put at the top of its Nassau priority list widening A1A to four lanes from Callahan to the Duval line. The East Side portion of A1A is not shovel-ready; the right of way has yet to be purchased.

Likewise, futuristic hopes for a new city hall in the old post office, a new library, a new performing arts center — none of these is far enough along in the planning to provide short-term economic stimulus. We might be able to wring the dough for fixing up the old post office before Obama's term is through, given that is a decrepit federal building, but the siren song of federal largesse likely will cease well before all our musical chairs are filled.

We hope Mr. Jacobs will push for a stormwater project in the Southside neighborhood; that is one project that is ready to be undertaken now.

We expect he will push ideas for the city's Amelia River waterfront, though we wonder if even he is persuasive enough to actually get our city government to spend any money he secures. You'll recall the Big P federal grant the city received years ago for waterfront improvements, including a welcome center at the marina. How many times have we begged for an extension since we can't make up our minds how best to spend that grant?

No, if the intent is to quickly put people to work, then we expect the feds to more likely favor supplicants such as the city of Jacksonville, which has thick volumes prepared to show how they'd quickly spend the money.

But perhaps change is not coming to Washington. Perhaps "the old Washington way" will prevail. Perhaps U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson can affix an earmark or two to the bill for our benefit.

We shall see.

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### Different approach

I want to wholeheartedly endorse Lou Goldman's unique and innovative call to Nassau County to acquire and develop the former Down Under restaurant site. His letter Jan. 7 makes a compelling case for doing something "different" with a desirable property.

As a combination park, boat ramp and limited retail space it would be a major attraction for a variety of locals and visitors. These times call for a unique approach and this seems like one of them. Perhaps this is something that our newly hired "lobbyist" could scout stimulus funds for as well while working K Street and Congress.

Steve Shap  
Fernandina Beach

### Come together

No one is more optimistic and hopeful for the success of President-elect Barack Obama than the entire nation, especially this overwhelming Republican county.

He won the election. Why such a letter would appear ("Story of the century," Jan. 7) is reason for me to wonder if the Democratic Party thinks they are alone in these most trying times. Everyone is wishing success for the new president-elect.

You won, we acknowledged this after the election and are fully behind this endeavor. This has nothing to do with apologizing for anything, especially anything racial. Come together with all and forget about sides. This will take unity from all.

I certainly hope you are not sidetracking and are united as an amazing nation that will pull together only as a strong United States.

Paul Brungard  
Fernandina Beach

### Impact fees

The Dec. 24 issue of the News-Leader carried a story about how the Nassau County Commission had decided to extend the moratorium on impact fees for new development. Now that the holidays are behind us, I think it's important to really focus on what happens with that extension.

Here are the facts, as I see them:

1. We know that every house or commercial structure that is built will be occupied by people, and they will be using the roads, schools and other infrastructure that is already strained by too many people for what's in place now in Nassau County.

2. We know that if we don't charge an impact fee on new development, the costs of the additional roads, schools and other infrastructure still have to be paid. They don't just evaporate. So without impact fees, who pays? The current residents of Nassau County. That means that when a new subdivision is built, you and I have to subsidize those new arrivals by increased taxes to pay for the roads, schools, sewers that we'll need because of their new house, etc.

3. We know that if we do charge an impact fee on new development, then that fee will pay for at least part of the additional costs of having the new houses and new residents, and that cost will be paid for by the new homeowners themselves because the developers and builders will simply pass that impact fee along as part of the cost of building that new house.

The conclusion I draw is that when the county commission made the decision to not enforce the impact fee for another six months, it clearly said "OK, developers, builders and new homebuyers, we'll let the current residents of Nassau County pay for the extra costs associated with you coming here. We won't ask you to pay for it!"

One of two things happen when the impact fee is waived for six months. Either (1) the price of the new house will drop by the amount that the builder would have had to charge to cover the impact fee, or (2) the builder sells the house at the same price it would if an impact fee were in place and the builder pockets that money that doesn't have to be paid on impact fees, as additional profit.

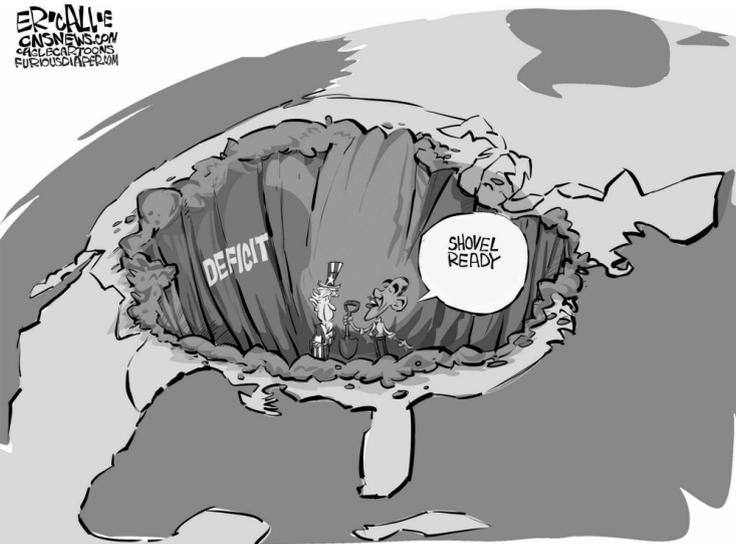
I'm all for responsible growth in Nassau County. I think that responsible growth means that the cost of new growth is paid by those who cause that growth — the new homebuyers. It's unfair for commissioners to unilaterally decide that you and I have to pay the costs of the additional roads and schools and don't let that cost be passed along to the new homeowners who are creating that extra cost. Every new home should pay its own way. We shouldn't have to subsidize them.

Harvey Slentz, Director  
Amelia Island Association

### Destruction of mailboxes

I have lived in Fernandina my whole life and I have lived at my present address in Nassauville for 12 years. I have had to replace my mailbox six times within that time, and recently within a two-week period someone without anything better to do has decided to run over my mailbox two times! I hope whoever is doing this is enjoying their selves.

## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE



ERIC ALLIE/CAGLE CARTOONS

It is sad when people move into a somewhat nice neighborhood and decide to destroy other people's property and make that neighborhood a nasty place to live! We have had it with those types of people that have moved into our neighborhood and we are moving out!

I am sure we are not the only ones that are having these problems. We have reported it to the local police each time but nothing has come of it and last night it happened again. We keep doctoring up that old beat-up mailbox and keep putting it back in the ground. I hope whoever is doing this reads this letter! And I hope you are having fun destroying my property. That costs me money each time you do it.

But the type person that does these things has no morals or concerns about other people or their stuff. I am glad I don't know you because I would hate to be connected to you in any way whatsoever! Grow up! What if everyone started doing the same thing to you? Would you be happy?

Thank you for destroying my mailbox! Oh, I also forgot to mention that my mailbox is a hand-painted Georgia Bulldog mailbox. Go Dawgs! You can't keep a good Dawg down!

There has to some way this can be stopped. What if we had mail in the box when it was destroyed? What can we do? Why do people do these things?

Brenda Harden  
Fernandina Beach

### Egypt good

Re: "Even exotic Egypt is no match for home sweet home," Jan. 7.

I am writing this letter to let your readers know about our experiences in Egypt, arranged by the Travel Agency. We were in Cairo for a total of five days, and in Egypt a total of 10 days in December 2008.

What a wonderful trip we had! People in Egypt are so friendly. Taxi drivers, once they understood we were Americans, told us, with big smiles, "USA good!" Little schoolgirls blew us kisses. Egypt depends on tourism, and they are dedicated to your safety when you visit there. As a result, armed police are widely seen, especially in Cairo (not so much in Luxor or Abu Simbel).

We were on our own for a day or so before our tour started. We walked over to the Nile River, behind our hotel, and saw many young couples, obviously in love, sitting and talking on benches along the Nile. We walked by ourselves for several blocks before finally walking back to our hotel. It was lovely to see all the young couples, oblivious to all except each other.

Our tour was interesting — we had 10 schoolchildren in a group of 30 people (all Americans), divided into two groups. Each group had an armed security guard. Those guards really take security seriously: one day, I was not paying attention and walking on a street that was rather empty of cars. A car was coming toward me on the road. The security guard assigned to our group came running up, wedged himself in between me and the oncoming car. The oncoming car was no danger — it was just that he was just making sure I was safe.

I just want to let your readers know that Egypt is a wonderful country, with so much history, so much we can learn from visiting there. People care about tourism, care about tourists' safety and can't wait to tell you how "USA good!"

Rae Scott  
Amelia Island

### Blessings

How refreshing it was to read "Count our many blessings in 2009" by Steve Nicklas (Jan. 7). Thank you, Steve, for writing it and thank you

News-Leader for publishing it. Yes, times are tough right now and some folks are all doom and gloom and say it's going to get worse before it gets better. I am of the opinion that our liberal news media talked us right into this recession and only they can "bail us out." They wanted Obama; they got him, now let's all support him and do our part to clean up the mess we all created.

May God bless President Bush and his family as he leaves office. Counting your blessings starts with respecting one another, including the outgoing and incoming presidents!

It is a blessing to live in the USA and more specifically here in beautiful Nassau County.

I'm thankful to live here and appreciate everything I've been blessed with.

Stephanie Kramer  
Yulee

### Food for thought

What a great idea Gil Langley and the marketing team of the Amelia Island Convention and Visitors Bureau are promoting: Restaurant Week!

There have been several letters to the editor recently about our struggling restaurants. This marketing plan, with wonderful dining "specials," addresses those concerns and supports our many unique, distinctive and fabulous local eateries. The visitors bureau promotion is obviously aimed at bringing people in from the outside to dine on the island, but if we locals want our restaurants to survive, we need to participate — not just this one week (Jan. 25 to Feb. 1) but all year long.

Cheers for Gil Langley and this innovative idea. I'm making my reservations. How about you?

Jan Davis  
Amelia Island

### Anonymous venom

A business-sized envelope arrived in the mail today. It was addressed to my husband. The letter did not have a return address. We find that these type of mailings either contain unwanted solicitations or other forms of drivel.

Inside the envelope was an "Alert!" to the neighborhood. The alert consisted of copies of court documents, photocopies of an online article and e-mail responses to author. All the attachments dated back to 2005 and 2006. Our "concerned neighbor" warned us to be aware of the "scumbag" living in our Yulee neighborhood.

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the anonymous mailer. We know about the incident cited in the mailing. None of us are the judge or jury in this case and neither are you. If the accused individual is guilty, then he should and will be punished by the legal system, as he rightly deserves. If found innocent, then you have wasted our time and yours by this ridiculous mailing with its vituperate remarks.

I wonder, what was your goal? Did you expect the neighbors to take up torches, march to his home, tar and feather or draw and quarter him? If so, perhaps you have been watching too many old-time Frankenstein movies. Let our judicial system take the appropriate action warranted by their assessment of his motives and infractions.

You referred to this individual as a "scumbag." Perhaps you should glance in the mirror when using this word. I find that anonymous mailings of this nature are usually the work of someone who has too much time on their hands and little in the way of spine. Perhaps you could better utilize your time by volunteering at the local hospital or hospice or working to help those in need in our community instead of wasting our time with your hate mail.

L. Hanko Rosenblad  
Yulee

## POLITICS IN BRIEF

### Transportation

Denise Bunnewith, executive director of the North East Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), formerly the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization, will be the speaker at today's meeting of the Amelia Island Association.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Police Department Community Room on Lime Street. The meeting is free and open to the public.

### Johnson to speak

Nassau County Commissioner Stacy Johnson will participate in "Commissioners & Conservation Coffee" sponsored by the Nassau Sierra Club, from 9-10 a.m. Thursday at the Kofé Haus on Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach. For further information, contact Bob Weintraub at 491-6817.

### Inauguration party

A community potluck inauguration party is scheduled from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday at The Palace Saloon. There will be dancing to the music of Hupp & Rob and a replay of President-elect Obama's inauguration speech.

Please bring a dish to share. Plates and cutlery will be provided. There is a cash bar.

Admission is \$5 per person. Tickets should be purchased in advance through Audrey Milley at 556-6816 or

audrey.milley@yahoo.com or Chris Platel at 491-8676 or cplatel@bellsouth.net

### Republicans to meet

The Republican Party of Nassau County Executive Committee will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 22. The guest speaker is State Rep. Janet Adkins.

The meeting will be held at the County Building on Pages Dairy Road. If you are a registered Republican and wish to be a member of the Executive Committee, please attend the meeting. All

Republicans are invited.

Visit [www.nassaugop.org](http://www.nassaugop.org) for additional information.

### Open house

Newly elected Republican State Rep. Janet Adkins will hold an open house from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 27 at her Fernandina Beach office, 905 S. Eighth St.

There will also be an open house from 5-7 p.m. Jan. 29 at her Starke office located at 945 North Temple Ave. in the Bradford County Courthouse.

The public is invited.

## Legislative delegation to meet on Tuesday

The Nassau County Legislative Delegation organizational meeting and general legislative hearing is scheduled at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Commission Chambers, James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee. The delegation will hear public testimony on general issues and appropriations. To be placed on the agenda of the meeting contact the office of State Rep. Janet H. Adkins, chair of the Nassau County Legislative Delegation, at 491-3664, prior to Thursday. Any material or handouts for this meeting should be in Adkins' office no later than Thursday.

All Nassau County Legislative Delegation meetings are open to the public.

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## Apply for property tax exemptions

Property owners may apply for homestead and other property tax exemptions now through March 1 at offices of the Nassau County Property Appraiser.

Those offices and hours are:

- James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place #4, Yulee, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Nassau County Courthouse, 416 Centre St., Fernandina Beach, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- County Building, Mickler Street, Callahan, Monday and Wednesday (except Monday holidays), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed for lunch 1-2).

For more information on the types of exemptions available visit [www.nassaupla.com](http://www.nassaupla.com) or call the property appraiser's office at 491-7300 or 1-888-615-4398.

## Solid Waste Task Force set to meet

The Nassau County Solid Waste Task Force is scheduled to meet on a monthly basis on the second Thursday of each month, with the exception of January. The meeting dates for 2009 are as follows:

Jan. 15, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

The group will meet from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at the James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee.

The group works to identify and explore ways to reduce the amount of solid waste going into landfills and increase the volume of material recycled in the county.

The public is invited to be present.

## Sisters Creek Bridge to be closed some

The Sisters Creek Bridge on Heckscher Drive in Duval County will regularly close for 20-minute intervals during non-rush hours beginning next week for a bridge repair project.

Starting Monday, the bridge will be open to vehicular traffic for 20-minute time periods and closed to vehicular traffic for 20-minute time periods from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every day except Wednesdays.

The bridge thus could be closed to vehicles twice each hour during the allowable times.

These closings will occur for about a month.

The 20-minute closings to vehicular traffic are necessary to open the bridge to allow room for construction equipment to complete work on repairs to the fender system (water level crash protection barriers) at the Sisters Creek Bridge. Drivers may want to consider taking alternative routes to avoid possible delays.

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# Prescription plan free for county residents

RYAN SMITH  
News-Leader

Nassau County's participation in a National Association of Counties prescription discount plan has been quite successful so far, according to the county coordinator. The plan, which the county has participated in since May, is free to county residents.

"Basically, NACo a couple years ago got into an arrangement with (pharmaceutical and biotech provider) Caremark," Nassau County

Coordinator Ed Sealover. "They made arrangements that they would distribute cards out to all member counties, and the counties in turn would distribute them out to folks. There's a list of drug stores throughout the county where you can take your card in and get a discount. ... It's for folks who don't have prescription coverage through their insurance program."

Andrew Goldschmidt, spokesman for NACo, said there were several reasons for choosing Caremark's discount plan. "Number one was the

price. ... Number two was the number of participating pharmacies. Nine out of 10 pharmacies participate in the program," he said. "Number three was ease of use: there's no need to apply, you don't have to give your name - it's simply a tear-off card."

Goldschmidt added that the cards have many possible uses. "It's really good for people who don't have insurance, people who have insurance with certain exclusions, like seniors," he said. "... We are seeing quite a bit of uses with pet owners.

About 70 percent of pet prescriptions overlap with human prescriptions. It's the same base medication, just a different level of dosage."

Sealover said the program was simple to implement. "We made the cards available in a whole bunch of county offices. We shipped them off to a bunch of non-profits and as you can see we've had a fairly decent response. ... We actually ordered some additional cards because they all got used up," he said. "... It was kind of easy lifting for us. We just took them

around and did a couple of press releases initially."

Sealover added that participants in the program see significant cost reductions in their prescriptions. "We get a monthly report from NACo about how many people have participated and what their dollar savings and percentage savings have been," he said. In November, for example, 375 county residents used their cards to fill 925 prescriptions. They saved an average of 26.3 percent of the prescription cost. Since the program's inception in May,

more than 4,300 prescriptions have been filled using the card, with an average savings of \$11.94, or 24.8 percent of the prescription cost, according to a press release from the county coordinator's office.

The program costs taxpayers nothing, Sealover said - it is available to all dues-paying member counties of NACo. "The only cost that we had was if we were driving around in one of the county cars to take the material to different facilities," he said. "We only pay about \$1,000 a year in NACo dues."

Sealover said the prescription program has been a big success. "It's had a pretty good reception throughout the county," he said.

"This is really win-win for all," Goldschmidt said. "The counties are able to get their assistance out to residents, and that's really our responsibility - to help counties help their residents."

For more information about the program, call the county coordinator's office at 491-7380. [rsmith@fbnewsleader.com](mailto:rsmith@fbnewsleader.com)

## Campaign on teen drinking underway

This month the Nassau Alcohol, Crime and Drug Abatement Coalition (NAC-DAC) is launching a multimedia campaign to encourage and support parents, retailers and community members in their efforts to keep teens from drinking.

Over the next year, NAC-DAC, in partnership with Nassau County Public Schools, Nassau County Sheriff's Office, Fernandina Beach Police Department, Sutton Place Behavioral Health, Nassau County Health Department and others, will ask community members to "Be the Wall" between teens and alcohol.

The simply stated campaign is based on the premise that underage drinking is the single most preventable at-risk behavior among our teenagers.

Susan Woodford, chairman of the coalition, said, "Underage drinking is about access - if our teens cannot get their hands on it, they cannot use it. We are asking all community members to help us limit access to alcohol once and for all."

In Nassau County, the 2008 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey reports that most teens are not drinking. However, 35.2 percent of the high school students who responded to the survey reported drinking within the last month - of whom 22.1 percent are self-reported binge drinkers.

Current research indicates that the teen brain continues to develop until the mid-20s or later. The introduction of alcohol, particularly in large quantities, may impair brain development - with serious implications for future education and employment. The developing teen brain also makes teens more impulsive and less likely to consider consequences of their behavior. For this reason, the campaign encourages all adults to be firm, clear, and consistent when talking to teens about alcohol.

The multi media campaign is part of a statewide partnership between participating counties, the Florida Department of Children and Families and the Florida Office of Drug Control. Its components include an interactive website ([www.bethe-wall.com](http://www.bethe-wall.com)) where parents can text their teen, humorous posters about natural communication gaps between teens and parents, community displays, guerilla marketing strategies and more.

Local agencies and businesses wishing to participate in the campaign by displaying images or posters should contact Jean Bardes at 753-2551. Information for parents and additional options for supporting the campaign in Nassau County will be coming soon. Questions about the statewide campaign should be directed to Amity Chandler at (941) 815-7743.



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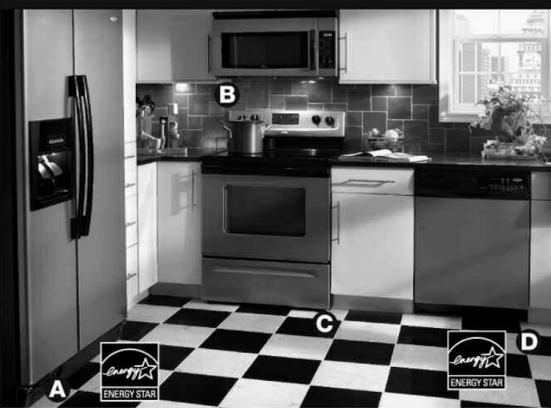
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# 'Go Green' in 2009

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) encourages New Year's resolutions that have a positive impact on the state's environment. Here is a month-by-month list of simple "green" resolutions for 2009:

**JANUARY:** With the holidays came many new electronics under the tree but it is important not to dispose of the old gadgets in your garbage. Instead consider recycling - recycling unwanted electronics to recover and reuse the product itself or materials like copper, steel, glass that the product contains. Other tips include keeping old televisions for games, videos or DVDs; donating working televisions to a charitable organization or giving them to a friend; or offering televisions through a local "freecycle" group at [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org). Nearly two million tons of used electronics, including computers and televisions, are discarded each year, and an estimated 128 million cell phones are retired from use annually. For tips on recycling electronics visit [www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/electronics/default.htm](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/electronics/default.htm).

**FEBRUARY:** February is

hiking and trails month. So why not plan an environmentally friendly outing, like a family bike ride on one of Florida's award-winning trails? DEP's Office of Greenways & Trails manages eight state trails, which were recently named Best State Trails by American Trails. OGT also maintains five rail-trails, which are railroad tracks restored and converted to recreational trails for hiking, biking and skating. To find a trail near you visit [www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/).

**MARCH:** March is a great time to make changes at home that conserve water. By replacing a typical 3.5-gallon toilet with a 1.6-gallon model, a family of four will save more than 11,000 gallons of water per year. Also, take shorter showers and replace showerheads with an ultra-low-flow version. Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers - one drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water per year. For water conservation tips visit [www.dep.state.fl.us/drought/tips.htm](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/drought/tips.htm).

**APRIL:** April 22 is the 39th anniversary of Earth Day. This year take a moment to look at how to reduce waste at home by recycling. In 2008, Gov. Charlie Crist signed the Energy, Climate Change, and Economic Security Act of 2008 that establishes new statewide recycling goals of 75 percent to be achieved by the year 2020. To learn more visit [www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/recyclinggoal75](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/recyclinggoal75).

**MAY:** May is Clean Air Awareness month, and it is a perfect time to switch to green cleaners that help the environment as well as the air we breathe. Consumers can create home-mixed cleaners that are equally as effective as traditional products, and safer for people and the environment. For those who don't have time to make their own cleaners, there are now hundreds of environmentally friendly products widely available through stores and the Internet. Important safety and

environmental features of these products include being non-toxic, biodegradable, made from renewable resources and petroleum-free. DEP offers Green Cleaning tips and recipes at [www.dep.state.fl.us/pollution-prevention/green\\_cleaning.htm](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/pollution-prevention/green_cleaning.htm).

**JUNE:** National Boating and Fishing Week takes place every June. This is a perfect time to implement eco-friendly maritime practices such as using phosphate-free, biodegradable and non-toxic cleaners; using oil absorbent material to catch drips from the fuel intake and the vent overflow; and using marina pumpout stations and rinsing holding tanks regularly. Florida's Clean Marina Program provides boaters and marinas more tips on environmentally friendly practices at [www.dep.state.fl.us/cleanmarina/](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/cleanmarina/).

**JULY:** Leaving home doesn't mean travelers should stop being environmentally conscientious. Florida has nearly 400 hotels, motels and bed and

breakfasts that are designated members of DEP's Florida Green Lodging Program. Learn how to be a green guest by visiting [www.dep.state.fl.us/green/travel.htm](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/green/travel.htm).

**AUGUST:** With a downturn in the economy and families trying to save money, the term "staycation" became a new addition to the American vocabulary. The perfect staycation can be found at any of Florida's 160 state parks. From mermaids at Weeki Wachee Springs State Park to manatees at Blue Springs State Park, from the lush gardens of Maclay State Park to the beaches of Caladesi Island State Park - Florida's state parks have something for everyone's interest, and the regular entrance fee for most state parks is \$4 per carload of two-to-eight people, \$3 for one person in a car and \$1 per pedestrian or bicyclist. To find a state park visit [www.dep.state.fl.us/](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/).

**SEPTEMBER:** Every September thousands of Floridians take part in International Coastal Cleanup Day. It is estimated that litter and debris harm more than one million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals and turtles every year. Help by participating

in a coastal cleanup effort near you. Some of the most dangerous items to sea life during the cleanup include: monofilament fishing line, fishing nets, bags, balloons, traps (crab/lobster/fish) plastic sheeting/tarps, rope, six pack holders, strapping bands and syringes. For information on coastal cleanup go to [www.dep.state.fl.us/cmp](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/cmp).

**OCTOBER:** October is energy awareness month, a month where consumers are reminded to make wise energy choices. The easiest way to save energy is to switch from traditional incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs that reduce energy consumption, generate less air pollution and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. If every household in Florida changed just one light to an Energy Star product, savings would total more than \$37 million in energy costs annually. In addition, Florida could save up to 351 million kilowatt-hours of electricity per year, which is enough energy to light all the households in Tallahassee for nearly three years, and prevent almost 540 million pounds of

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# How to reduce your 'carbon footprint'

Dear EarthTalk: How can I measure – and then improve – my overall “carbon footprint?” What are the major areas of one’s daily life that one measures?

Andy Fusco, Passaic, N.J.  
With global warming dominating so many headlines today, it’s no surprise that many of us are looking to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases our activities produce.

By assessing how much pollution each of your individual actions generates – be it setting your thermostat, shopping for groceries, commuting to work or flying somewhere for vacation – you can begin to see how changing a few habits here and there can significantly reduce your overall carbon footprint. Luckily for those of us who want to see how we measure up, there are a number of free online carbon footprint calculators to help figure out just where to start changing.

One of the best is the University of California at Berkeley’s Cool Climate Calculator. The free web-based tool takes into account daily driving mileage and grocery and electricity expenses, among other factors, to assign a carbon score, which users can compare to similar households across the 28 largest urban areas in the U.S. Some of the results are surprising. For example, residents of eco-aware San Francisco tend to have bigger carbon footprints than those in more conservative Tampa. The reason: San Francisco has a higher cost of living and colder, wetter

winters (requiring more fossil-fuel derived heat).

Another great carbon footprint calculator is available at EarthLab.com, an online “climate crisis community” that has partnered with Al Gore’s Alliance for Climate Protection and other high-profile groups, companies and celebrities to spread the word that individual actions can make a difference in the fight against global warming. Users just take a three-minute survey and get back a carbon footprint score, which they can save and update as they work to reduce their impact.

“Our calculator is an important first step in educating people about where they are, then raising their awareness about what they can do to make easy, simple changes that will lower their score and positively impact the planet,” says Anna Rising, EarthLab’s executive director.

Other websites, green groups and corporations, including CarbonFootprint.com, CarbonCounter.org, Conservation International, The Nature Conservancy and British oil giant BP, among others, also offer carbon calculators on their websites. And CarbonFund.org even allows you to assess your carbon footprint – and then offers you the ability to offset such emissions by investing in clean energy initiatives.

Send questions to: EarthTalk, c/o E/The Environmental Magazine, P.O. Box 5098, Westport, CT 06881; submit it at: www.emagazine.com/earth-talk/thisweek/, or e-mail: earthtalk@emagazine.com.

# Buzzards tongues, vulture palates

The scenic view of the historic lighthouse from Fort Clinch State Park really stinks. It’s not the marsh that it overlooks, spartina grass in wintry shades of gold. No, that’s fine. It’s not the lighthouse itself, standing tall on a wooded hill across the way. No, nothing stinky about that.

What stinks right now is the parking lot. Phew, you’ve got to smell it. If you have never encountered stinkhorn mushrooms before, now’s your chance. Now in winter, the m u l c h brought in when the parking area was finished a year or so ago has come to life with these odd smelly fungi.

There are a number of types of stinkhorns in Florida, but the ones in the Lighthouse viewpoint parking lot in Fort Clinch appear to be *Clathrus columnatus*, the columnar stinkhorn. Around these parts, though, these common mushrooms have a more descriptive vernacular name, “buzzard’s tongue.” Look at the photos and you can easily see why. The red mushrooms look like long skinny tongues erupting from round egg-like white masses, which carpet the forest floor. Then, close your eyes and think about the most vile, rotten, decaying animal carcass you can image, a sensory overload not carried by photographs. And, if you are like many of us, soon vultures (aka buzzards) come to mind. Buzzards’ tongue. Ah, yes, it does make sense.

The smell is there for a purpose, drawing in flies and ants that consume the mature mushrooms and spread the spores in a continuing cycle of life. Vultures don’t eat mushrooms. They’ve got better things to look for. In our automobile driven society, there are many road kills to be had, with enough variety in taste for even the most discerning vulture.

And apparently on Amelia Island, vultures may be among the most picky to be found. We’ve got both turkey vultures, with their reddish heads, and black vultures too. It’s a normal sight to see a flock of vultures roosting on trees all around the island. One particular group of black vultures has been hanging out on a bare tree overlooking the marsh on Pogy

Plant Road near the north end boat ramp, for months now.

So it was a surprise to me when I first noticed the dead hog carcass on the side of Pogy Plant Road. This hog had been skinned and beheaded by some hunters no doubt, and the head and skin dumped at the side of the road for the vultures. Oh, what a Christmas feast the vultures would have, maybe somebody thought. Or, maybe the somebodies were just thoughtless, just dumping evidence of an illegal trophy. But for whatever reason, there it was, right in black vulture territory, a feast for the taking.

But this carcass had no takers. When I first noticed it, a freshly cut hog head newly severed and a clean skinned pelt, two black vultures were perched on a tree above it. With their acute vision, sense of smell and intelligence, I have no doubt that they had spotted it well before I did, driving by on the road.

Vultures don’t eat fresh flesh, or so the story goes. It needs to rot a bit to be soft enough to be torn by their relatively weak beaks. So every day for a week, as the hog remains got riper and riper, I drove by the hog carcass looking for vultures. To my surprise none ever showed up to eat it. The flies certainly had and were having their own feast, but why no vultures?

Admittedly, the carcass was low on flesh, consisting mostly of skin and fat and head, but I’ve many times seen vultures dining on even less of substance.

I’ve mentioned this episode to a number of people, but no one has any other answers for me, either.

During the holiday season, one friend ventured a guess. Maybe the vultures have dietary restrictions against pork!

All kidding aside, sometimes vultures do shun dogs, cats or coyotes, those carnivorous animals that eat meat themselves and presumably taste different than herbivores like deer and rabbits. But hogs, they eat a diversity of food, just like raccoons, opossums and armadillos, and I see that vultures everywhere have no problem consuming these delectable road kills.

All I can say for sure is that buzzards’ tongues are smelly mushrooms, and vulture palates are discriminatory in their taste preferences. And, that’s interesting enough for me.

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Buzzards tongues are stinkhorn mushrooms that look and smell like their name suggests, above. They have cropped up in the mulch at the Lighthouse Viewpoint in Fort Clinch State Park, left.

PAT FOSTER-TURLEY FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

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greenhouse gas emissions a year. For more energy tips visit www.dep.state.fl.us/green/tips/tips.htm#home.

NOVEMBER: – Thanksgiving is a holiday steeped with tradition, but why not start a new tradition by having a green celebration? Reducing impact on the environment is something for which everyone can be thankful. Here are a few tips on giving thanks to the environment: use homemade decorations; carry reusable bags when you go grocery shopping; at dinner, use cloth

napkins that can be washed and used again; and shop online on Black Friday in the comfort of your home and save on gas emissions.

DECEMBER: Instead of buying plastic and glass holiday decorations, try making your own ornaments that can be reused or recycled. Create ornaments made from old greeting cards or cookie dough, garlands made from strung popcorn or cranberries, and potpourri made from kitchen spices such as cinnamon and cloves.

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## POLICE REPORT

This was written by Shannon Malcom of the News-Leader from oral and written reports by the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, the city of Fernandina Beach Police Department and other agencies. Arrest indicates suspicion of a crime, not guilt.

Anyone with information about criminal activity can contact the Fernandina Beach Police Department at 277-7342 or the Nassau County Sheriff's Office anonymously by calling 225-0147 in Yulee and Fernandina Beach or 879-2136 in Callahan, Hilliard and Bryceville. The "We Tip" program - 1-800-78CRIME - also allows callers to leave anonymous tips.

### Meth arrests

Two Fernandina Beach men were arrested Friday for allegedly cooking methamphetamine in the East Oak Street home of one of the suspects.

According to Nassau County Sheriff Tommy Seagraves, police were tipped off to the activities of Kenneth Shane Strickland, 38, of 408 Stanley Drive and Richard Oliver Lee, 46, of 1448 East Oak St. by a confidential informant.

Seagraves said deputies considered the source credible and began surveillance on Lee's home. They "observed several signs indicative of manufacturing methamphetamine," Seagraves said in a written statement. Seagraves said deputies actually witnessed the two men cooking "crystal meth."

Lee and Strickland were detained in Lee's backyard, where they reportedly saw evidence of a "methamphetamine laboratory" in plain view.

Methamphetamine valued at \$600 was seized, along with 44.9 grams of pseudoephedrine tablets and 32 grams of marijuana.

Lee and Strickland were arrested for manufacturing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine and possession of chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine. Lee faces an additional charge of possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana.

Both men are in custody at the Nassau County Jail, and bond for each has been set at \$50,002.

A company that handles removing and cleaning hazardous materials was used to decontaminate the home.

### Restaurant theft

The manager of the Burger King restaurant in Fernandina Beach was arrested and charged with grand theft for allegedly stealing more than \$25,000.

Shikima Green, 30, was arrested Dec. 31 after the restaurant's owner reported 17 deposits from October through December missing. The Fernandina Beach woman reportedly told investigators she "borrowed" the money after she fell behind on her bills. She was arrested and booked into the Nassau County Jail. She posted \$10,002 bond.

### Man robbed

A 73-year-old Fernandina Beach man was reportedly robbed Jan. 10 while walking near his home on South Eighth Street. His daughter called police after he told her about the attack; the man said he was at the AIA Gas Station at 816 S. Eighth St. when he first saw the man who would attack him. He said he recognized the man, having seen him at the gas station before, but did not know him personally.

The victim said he started walking behind the gas station, looking for discarded cans to recycle, when the suspect confronted him and demanded money for coffee.

The victim said the suspect had done that before; he refused to give the suspect money and tried to move away, but the suspect pushed him in the chest, then kicked him and threw an empty bottle at the victim but did not hit him.

The victim left the area and told his daughter about the attack.

Police were unable to locate the suspect, who was described as a thin white male between the ages of 25 and 30, with a "scruffy beard," dark hair and wearing a blue, hooded sweatshirt and jeans and carrying a blue backpack.

The suspect was seen riding a bicycle. The cashier at the store told police she did see someone matching that description in the area.

### Felony arrests

■ Michael Duane Andrews, 24, 85582 Alene Road, Yulee, Jan. 11, sale and delivery of marijuana, \$10,002 bond.

■ Ronald Paul Antolik, 24, 85139 Radio Ave., Yulee, Jan. 11, burglary and grand theft.

■ Natalie Catrice Harvey, 23, Folkston, Ga., Jan. 11, battery on a law enforcement officer, battery and affray.

■ Lin Shawn Peacock, 38, Jacksonville, Jan. 10, fraud and theft.

■ Romal Chambers, 59, 715 Vernon St., Fernandina Beach, Jan. 10, writ of attachment.

■ Carlynn Ossie Robinson, 55, 27017 North Kristie Circle, Hilliard, Jan. 9, fraudulently attempting to obtain a controlled substance, \$10,002 bond.

■ James Gray Cunningham III, 21, 17267 Cross Branch Road, Hilliard, Jan. 9, sale of synthetic narcotics, burglary of a firearm, grand theft of a firearm and possession of synthetic narcotics.

■ Rose Marie White, 20, 2744 First Ave., Fernandina Beach, Jan. 9, robbery and aggravated battery.

■ Utonia Keith Rice, 501, 85133 Ashley Ave., Yulee, Jan. 9, grand theft and dealing in stolen property, \$20,004 bond.

■ Jimmie Lee Baldwin, 23, Jacksonville, Jan. 9, sale of hydrocodone, \$25,002 bond.

■ Brandy Danielle Trouille, 28, 27039 Flagstaff Loop, Hilliard, Jan. 7, felony battery, \$5,002 bond.

■ Scott Dwayne Driggers, 38, 13790 Yellow Bluff Road, Yulee, Jan. 6, habitual driving with a license that has been suspended or revoked.

■ Ronald Lerner Donaldson III, 20, 624 S. Fifth St., Fernandina Beach, Jan. 7, sale of marijuana, \$10,002 bond.

■ Cedric Valier Barnes, 35, Valdosta, Ga., Jan. 7, grand theft of an automobile, resisting arrest with violence, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and fraud or impersonation.

■ Roosevelt Sylvester Nelson, 24, Jacksonville, Jan. 7, possession of cocaine and sale or delivery of cocaine, \$75,004 bond.

■ David Michael Claypool III, 19, Jacksonville, Jan. 7, possession of burglarious tools.

■ Ryan Scott Lylo, 23, 105 Drury Road, Fernandina Beach, Jan. 7, violating probation for a conviction of uttering forged bills.

■ James Leo Monney, 59, 86278 Callaway Drive, Yulee, Jan. 7, sale of hydrocodone, \$25,002 bond.

■ Lori Michele Barber, 44, 77219 Hance Pkwy., Yulee, Jan. 7, sale or delivery of a controlled substance, \$25,002 bond.

■ Adam Peter Beil, 23, 1132

A Natures Walk Court, Fernandina Beach, Jan. 7, sale of a controlled substance, \$50,002 bond.

■ Jessica Erin Rodgers, 29, 28326 Bowtie Alley, Yulee, Jan. 6, violating probation for a conviction of writing worthless checks.

■ Terri Lynn Hughes, 24, 85360 Dick King Road, Yulee, Jan. 6, child neglect without great bodily harm.

■ Paul Brodie Phillips, 31, 86154 Graham Court, Yulee, Jan. 6, concealing information to obtain a prescription.

■ Tina Steil Phillips, 28, 86154 Graham Court, Yulee, Jan. 6, concealing information to obtain a prescription.

■ Roger Eugene Townsend, 43, 1433 Robin Hood Drive, Fernandina Beach, Jan. 6, burglary to a residence, domestic assault and assault.

■ Keith Eugene Williams, 57, 1305 S. Sixth St., Fernandina Beach, Jan. 6, burglary to a residence, domestic assault and assault.

■ Raymond Leamond Wilson Jr., 34, 87585 Roses Bluff Road, Yulee, Jan. 5, burglary and battery.

■ Brandon Ryan Miller, 25, 45043 Bismark Road, Callahan, Jan. 4, burglary with assault or battery, aggravated battery, criminal mischief and battery.

■ Richard David Mason, 53, 3580 First Ave., Fernandina Beach, Jan. 4, aggravated battery.

■ John David Hatch, 42, 86493 Harry Green Road, Yulee, Jan. 4, felony battery.

■ David Anthony Smith, 48, 33607 Woods Lane, Callahan, Jan. 4, possession of crack cocaine.

■ Carrie Joanne Tadlock, 30, 277039 Ohio St., Hilliard, Jan. 5, Duval County warrant for concealing information to obtain a prescription.

■ Michael Raulerson, 50, 32306 CR 121, Hilliard, Jan. 4, writ of attachment.

■ Justin Krulak, 23, 86074 Peoples Road, Yulee, Jan. 4, possession of a controlled substance and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.

■ William Glen McKiver, 47, Jacksonville, Jan. 2, burglary to a structure or conveyance and larceny.

■ Letroy Lamar Doles, 20, Jacksonville, Jan. 2, burglary to a structure or conveyance and larceny.

■ Nicholas Adam Taylor, 29, 29620 Nick Bay Lane, Hilliard, Dec. 31, felony criminal mischief.

## New hotline offers rewards for tips on dogfighting

SHANNON MALCOM  
News-Leader

A statewide hotline has been set up to allow citizens to report animal fighting; tipsters that lead to arrest and prosecution may be eligible for rewards of up to \$5,000.

Dogfighting, while not rampant, does exist in Nassau County. Just last month, a Callahan man was arrested for animal cruelty and using dogs for fighting after police and animal control officers allegedly found 28 malnourished and injured dogs on his property.

"I don't think it's extremely common, but we do have some people that participate in that," Nassau County Sheriff Tommy Seagraves said.

He said many Nassau County residents are animal lovers who will report any signs of animal abuse.

"I feel like we have a lot of citizens who won't tolerate or allow that, so they're actually going to call and complain," he said. "People are going to contact law enforcement."

Taking advantage of the increased public awareness about animal fighting, the toll-free tip line, 1-877-TIP-HSUS (874-4787), initially was established in Georgia by the Humane Society of the United States in the wake of the Michael Vick case.

Vick, a former quarterback for the Atlanta Falcons, was convicted in August 2007 of criminal conspiracy after investigators discovered an elaborate dog-fighting complex, owned by Vick, in Surry County, Va. He is currently serving a 23-month jail sentence.

Dogfighting and cockfighting are the most prevalent forms of animal fighting in the Southeast United States, according to HSUS.

This month, the hotline was expanded to include Florida.

Seagraves said the Nassau County Sheriff's Department handles investigations into local animal fighting, and residents generally are quick to report suspicious activity. Now that Floridians can get in on the HSUS hotline and possibly even earn a reward for tipping off authorities to illegal animal fighting, it provides another

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er avenue, and extra motivation, for citizens to call.

The HSUS Florida animal fighting tip line is manned by investigators with Norred & Associates and the HSUS. Once tips are authenticated, investigators work with law enforcement agencies to inspect, arrest and prosecute animal fighters. Callers can remain anonymous.

Seagraves said the practice of animal fighting is limited to rural areas, but observant neighbors or acquaintances can often spot signs of animal abuse related to fighting.

"It's somebody that's typically got a lot of dogs tied up behind the property, and they're not there as a pet," Seagraves said. "You'll see them coming and going, maybe a large crowd around at times ... there will be a lot of dogs tied up separately in the woods. ... If I want to get a pet, I'm not going to put him way out tied up by himself."

Seagraves said people who are raising dogs to fight will use various techniques to make the dogs - typically pit bulls - as aggressive as possible, such as restraining one dog in what is called a "rape rack" while another dog is encouraged to act aggressively toward it. That is one of the reasons, in addition to hiding the animals, the dogs are often kept alone, tied up away from each other - the solitude makes them more likely to be aggressive.

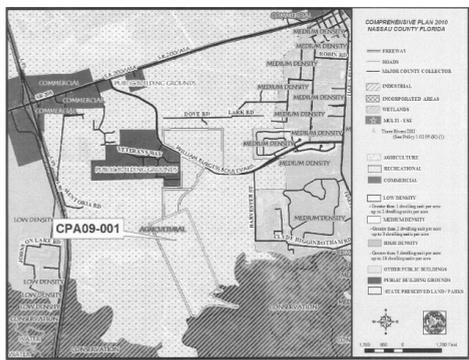
"It's a terrible situation," Seagraves said. "It's sad some people get pets to do that to them."

Seagraves said not only is it illegal to raise the dogs for fighting and to gamble on the dogs - even attending a dogfight is against the law.

For more information, contact the hotline at 1-877-4787, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office at 225-0331 or visit the HSUS website at <http://humanesociety.org>. [smalcom@newsleader.com](mailto:smalcom@newsleader.com)

### NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO FUTURE LAND USE MAP

Nassau County proposes to consider an amendment to the Future Land Use Map of Nassau County Comprehensive Plan by changing the designation of approximately 319.41 acres from Agricultural (AG) to Medium Density Residential (MDR) 230.51 acres and Conservation (CON) 88.90 acres, Application No. CPA09-001. The subject property is vacant land located on the north and south side of William Burgess Boulevard in the Yulee area and is shown graphically in the map below.



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board will conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment on Tuesday, and 3rd day of February 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida 32097. Also, be advised a Workshop will be held at the above location on Tuesday, the 27th day of January 2009 at 7:00 p.m. concerning item mentioned above.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and to be heard. Copies of the Application and supporting information are available for inspection in the office of the Nassau County Growth Management Department, 96161 Nassau Place, Yulee, FL 32097. Comments may also be directed in writing to the Growth Management Department, e-mailed to [agregory@nassaucountyfl.com](mailto:agregory@nassaucountyfl.com), or received by telephone at (904) 491-7328. All comments will become part of the record in this matter.

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The Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of County Commissioners may continue hearings on these matters.

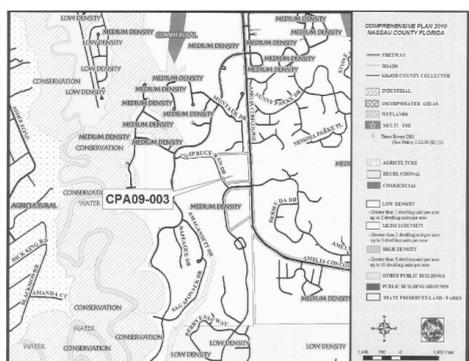
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Nassau County proposes to consider an amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Nassau County Comprehensive Plan by changing the designation of approximately 44.8 acres from Medium Density Residential (MDR) to High Density Residential (HDR) 40.8 acres and Conservation I (CON I) 4.0 acres, application No. CPA09-003. The subject property is vacant land located on the west side of Amelia Concourse and the east side of Spruce Run Drive and southeast of Majestic Walk Boulevard in the Fernandina Beach area and is shown graphically in the map below.



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- Nassau County Recreation Committee
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- Nassau County Economic Development Board
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If you are a Nassau County resident and interested in serving on any of these county boards or committees, please forward or hand deliver your resumé to Edward L. Sealover, County Coordinator, 96160 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida 32097.

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**COURT REPORT**

The following report was compiled by Shannon Malcom, News-Leader staff, from the Jan. 8 court docket of Circuit Court Judge Robert Foster.

■ Andrew Scott Aytes pleaded not guilty to molestation of a victim under the age of 12.

■ Andy Ricky Brown was adjudicated guilty for a conviction of grand theft. He was sentenced to 90 days in the Nassau County Jail and ordered to pay \$900 in restitution.

■ Jamie Ryan Crowther denied violating probation for a conviction of fraudulent use of a credit card.

■ Michael Nathaniel Dunbar pleaded guilty to uttering forged bills. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 13 months in a state prison and ordered to pay \$348 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office, a \$150 public defender's lien and \$2,578.79 in restitution. Dunbar will not be prosecuted on an additional charge of uttering forged bills.

■ Justin Lee Garrett pleaded guilty to burglary to a structure or conveyance and grand theft. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to time served in the Nassau County Jail and ordered to pay \$348 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and a \$150 public defender's lien.

■ David Alan Grant II pleaded guilty to burglary of an unoccupied building and admitted to violating probation for a conviction of possession of a controlled substance. Grant was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to two years in a state prison. He was ordered to pay \$348 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and a \$150 public defender's lien.

■ Joseph Lee Lunsford pleaded guilty to battery by an inmate. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 13 months in a state prison and ordered to pay \$348 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and a \$150 public defender's lien.

Grant will not be prosecuted on charges of dealing in stolen property and obstructing or opposing a police officer.

■ Gregory Martin Henry pleaded guilty to grand theft. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to time served in the Nassau County Jail and six months of probation. Henry is to have no contact with his victim and was ordered to pay \$348 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office, a \$150 public defender's lien and an undetermined amount of restitution.

■ A trial date of May 11 was set for John Robert Hernandez on charges of sale or delivery of marijuana, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, tampering with a witness and armed robbery.

■ Cynthia Marie Hubbard pleaded not guilty to cruelty to animals and child neglect.

■ Richard Alan Hutchinson pleaded guilty to grand theft. Adjudication was withheld, and Hutchinson was sentenced to five years of probation and ordered to pay \$74,121 in restitution.

■ Otis Lee Jones pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. Jones was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to time served in the Nassau County Jail and ordered to pay \$448 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and a \$150 public defender's lien.

■ Joseph Lee Lunsford pleaded guilty to battery by an inmate. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 13 months in a state prison and ordered to pay \$348 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and a \$150 public defender's lien.

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■ Michelle Leigh Mobley pleaded guilty to aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Adjudication was withheld and Mobley was sentenced to one year of community control and ordered to serve 100 hours of community service, undergo a drug and alcohol evaluation and complete recommended treatment. She was ordered to have no contact with her victim other than a letter of apology she was ordered to write. Mobley was also ordered to pay \$348 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office, a \$150 public defender's lien and \$352 in fines.

■ Christopher Leah Parker pleaded guilty to burglary to a dwelling. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 15 months in a state prison and ordered to pay \$105 in restitution, \$348 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and a \$150 public defender's lien.

■ Paul Wallace Remar pleaded guilty to aggravated battery and possession of cocaine. Adjudication was withheld and he was sentenced to time served in the Nassau County Jail and 18 months of probation. He was ordered to

pay \$796 in court costs, \$200 to the State Attorney's Office and \$352 in fines.

■ Wendy Renee Pickett pleaded guilty to two charges of forging bank bills or promissory notes and three charges of uttering forged bills. She was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 15 months in a state prison with credit for time served and ordered to pay \$348 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and a \$150 public defender's lien. Pickett will not be prosecuted for three additional charges of forging bank bills or promissory notes and two additional charges of uttering forged bills.

■ A trial date of Feb. 9 was set for Leroy Patrick Thomas on a charge of felony battery.

■ Michael Vrabley admitted to violating probation for a conviction of possession of heroin. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to time served in the Nassau County Jail and his probation was revoked and terminated.

■ Steven Marcus Woods admitted to violating probation for a conviction of possession of a controlled substance. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to six months in the Nassau County Jail.



SHANNON MALCOM/NEWS-LEADER

Assistant State Attorney Stephen Bledsoe, left, and Assistant State Attorney Wesley White, new director of the Nassau County State Attorney's Office, look on as the murder trial of David Eugene Johnson begins Monday. Johnson, below, is flanked by his attorneys Ross Haine, left, and Russ Smith.



**Act 2 begins in murder trial**

SHANNON MALCOM  
News-Leader

Nearly three years after the murder trial of David Eugene Johnson ended with a hung jury, a new trial on the same case, same charges, started again Monday morning.

The players were, for the most part, different – the prosecutors and defense attorneys are different this time around, and of course a new jury has been chosen. But the opening arguments largely remained the same.

Assistant State Attorney Wesley White, having been named director of the Nassau County State Attorney's Office, gave the prosecution's opening statements as Assistant State Attorney Stephen Bledsoe, Assistant State Attorney Robert Lippelman and presiding Circuit Court Judge Robert M. Foster, looked on at the Nassau County Judicial Annex in Yulee.

Johnson is charged with the June 2001 murder of 64-year-old Fernandina Beach woman Antonia Gerald. She was found dead in her Seventh Street home on June 16, 2001, by her landlord. She had been "brutally" stabbed to death.

Prosecutors believe Johnson, who was 17 at the time, stabbed Gerald to death, in the process cutting his own hand badly enough to require a visit to the emergency room at Baptist Medical Center Nassau.

Johnson's attorneys agree Johnson was at Gerald's house the day she was murdered, but they say Johnson witnessed his uncle, Alfonso Williams, murder Gerald after she refused to give him money. Johnson was cut, they say, when he tried to intervene and stop Williams from attacking the woman.

"Mr. Johnson attempted to intervene ... he tried to get in the middle of it ... his hand got cut in the process ... and he had no option but to try to save himself," said Ross Haine, one of Johnson's defense attorneys. "There was nothing he could do to stop his uncle."

White pointed out to the jury that Johnson changed his story several times while talking to emergency room staff and, later, police. He also claims Johnson told his girlfriend that Gerald was dead and that she had been stabbed to death, although he did not mention her by name, before her body had been found.

"He tells his girlfriend and her sister details that only the killer could know," White said. "He told them, 'A white woman is dead in the house ... the air conditioner is on,' ... he told them that her face, head and neck were stabbed and that the knife was still there."

Haine told the jury Johnson changed stories because he was scared.

"Consider the dynamics of the situation," he said. "Johnson is 17 years old ... and what would happen to Mr.

Johnson if he said his uncle did this?"

Johnson, now 25, has been in custody at the Nassau County Jail since his arrest in July 2001. He is also accused of the unrelated August 1998 murder of Romaine Moss and faces several other, unrelated, felony charges including burglary, assault and battery, battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest with violence and violating probation for a conviction in 2000 of shooting or throwing deadly missiles and burglary to a structure.

The trial is expected to conclude by the end of the week.

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# 'Pool dancers' stay vigorous

HEATHER A. PERRY  
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*'It's not your grand-  
ma's water aerobics.'*

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It was almost time for water aerobics class to begin one summer morning when the small group of women waiting to enter the pool heard a little boy say, "We have to get out now because the pool dancing ladies are coming."

That's how the pool dancers got their name.

Rain or shine, summer or winter, you'll find this lively group of women going through their paces at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center pool.

Instructor Audrey Schoninger has a great deal of admiration and respect for her students.

"These ladies are so vigorous! Many of them have arthritis and have said that if it weren't for the pool, they wouldn't be able to walk."

Class members and instructors get a kick out of watching visitors' reactions when they attempt the class.

"It really is fun when the youngsters are coming in and their tongues are hanging out, trying to keep up. They can't believe these grandmothers are doing this so easily."

Despite the inability of some young people to keep up with the senior pool dancers, it is a very safe workout for someone recovering from an injury or surgery and is beneficial to people of any age.

"The deep-water workout is very gentle on the joints because there is no impact at all," explained Schoninger. "You don't have to know how to swim because you wear a belt and you don't have to get your hair wet."

Pool dancer Isabel Gaw has been doing water aerobics since back in the 1960s.

"I started in New Jersey and it followed me to Australia, Ohio, Georgia and finally when we moved here in 1987."

Gaw believes the water aerobics is critical to her health.

"In 2000 I had a heart attack and had a quadruple bypass the next day, so I knew I had to keep up with something," said Gaw,

who will turn 71 on Jan. 23.

Ann Mattayaw was inspired to join the class after attending an 80th birthday party for Jean Hanna four years ago.

"I said she was in excellent health for 80 years old and she told me it was because of the water aerobics."

Kathleen Minor's doctor told her to lose weight and get in the pool. "I came here a year ago and I could barely walk. Now I love it!"

When asked if inclement weather interferes with their workout, Gaw replied, "You're wet anyway, so what's the difference if it rains on you?"

While the pool is heated to 86 degrees, Kentucky native Lee Sipple who moved here in 1979 won't go to water aerobics if the outdoor temperature dips below 50 degrees.

"Above that, I have a wet suit. It keeps the wind off you."

Once the winter class is over, Sipple says the women "run like hell, grab their big fuzzy robes and dash to their cars."

In addition to enjoying each other's company, Schoninger says the women look out for one another.

"If someone doesn't show up, they'll call her and make sure she's all right. Sometimes they go out to lunch or eat lunch by the pool. It's just a great group."

All the pool dancers agree the class is not only beneficial to their health, it's also a wonderful social network.

"This is not just a water aerobics class," said Gaw, "it's more like a family. I'll tell you, when my husband (Ed) died, they saved my life."

Water aerobics instructors include Schoninger, Kym Duntun and Debbie Cotner.

For more information, call the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center at 277-7350.

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The water aerobics class goes through its workout at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center pool, top. "We have a ball. We really enjoy it," said Lee Sipple, above. "We have great instructors and they work your butt off."

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## Pirates top Warriors, Bulldogs to push record to 16-1

BETH JONES  
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The Pirates are now 16-1 and 6-1 in the district with wins against the Warriors and Bulldogs over the weekend.

The Pirates edged the West Nassau Warriors 79-73 Friday.

"This is a prime example of a team that has had some success in that it was going to be an easy game for us," said Matt Schreiber, Fernandina Beach High School boys basketball coach. "West Nassau, a team that we kind of had our way with earlier in the year, came in determined that wasn't going to happen again."

"They played much better than they did earlier in the year and we didn't seem to have the focus we've had."

"Let's hope we learned a lesson from it and

we'll treat each game as a unique situation."

The Pirates led 40-33 at halftime and 63-53 after three quarters. The Warriors won the fourth quarter, outscoring the host Pirates 20-16.

Zach Rocheleau led the Pirates with 21 points, including five three-pointers. He also had four rebounds and as many steals.

Carlos Holcey added 15 points and had three boards, five assists and three steals. Patrick Garvin and Tai Alford had nine points each. Garvin had eight rebounds, an assist and two steals. Alford had five rebounds, four assists and five steals.

On Saturday, the Pirates hit the road for one of two remaining district games. They played at Bolles and beat the hosts 71-42.

"The score is misleading," Schreiber said. "We only led by two at halftime and by nine at the end of three quarters. We were able to pull away

in the fourth quarter, but the game was much closer than the score would indicate."

The Pirates outscored the Bulldogs 29-9 in the final quarter.

"This was an important district game for us," Schreiber said. "I'm not taking away from our players to get two wins this week, but our focus needs to be on playing as well as we possibly can."

Rocheleau was again the top scorer with 24 points. Holcey scored 22 and had six rebounds, five assists and seven steals. Garvin chipped in nine points to go along with seven rebounds, two assists and two steals. Chris Keffer pulled down nine boards and had two assists and two steals.

The Pirates, who were just out of the top 10 rankings in the state last week, play just one game this week. They travel to Yulee Friday for

a rematch with the Hornets at 7:30 p.m.

"It would take a great effort by all our players to get a win against Yulee," Schreiber said. "Hopefully we learned that this week."

"We poured our heart and soul into the Ribault game. I'm disappointed how we came back from that."

The FBHS Lady Pirates, who could muster just five points in the first half, lost 46-20 to Baldwin Thursday.

"As always, the girls did not give up and had a much better effort in the second half with both their defense and their offense," said Mike Landtroop, head girls basketball coach at FBHS.

Mackenzie McBride led the Lady Pirates with six points.

On Monday, the Lady Pirates fell to Episcopal

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### PIRATES VS. HORNETS



PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER

The Fernandina Beach High School girls soccer team hosted the Yulee Lady Hornets Thursday. The home team won 8-0 early in the second half. Lauren Moule, left, Hope Swan, Sheila Sipes, Joanna Pagel, Rachel Gillespie, Mariah Vos, Michelle Duprey and Sarah Head all scored for the Lady Pirates. Liba Buchanan had a pair of assists and FBHS got one apiece from Mariah Vos, Moule, Emma Feakes and Tara Whitaker, right. Also pictured is Ginny Vos, center. The Lady Pirates improved to 12-6-2 with a 4-0 shutout at Trinity Christian Saturday. Gillespie, Jennifer Stelmach, Moule and Buchanan scored and Savannah Young and Meghan Smith had the assists. The Lady Pirates hosted West Nassau Tuesday, senior night for the Lady Pirates. They host Episcopal Thursday, the regular season finale before the district tournament Jan. 20-23 at Bolles.

## Grapplers win over Senators

BETH JONES  
News-Leader

The Pirate wrestlers opened 2009 with a win Jan. 7. Fernandina defeated host Fletcher 50-25.

"The highlight was the effort of our captains (Ian Muir and Donnie Moore)," said Mark Durr, wrestling coach at Fernandina Beach High School. "They were matched up with Fletcher's two best wrestlers and they came through. We all thought it was Ian's best match of the year."

"This was Donnie's first match after an injury, but he showed no signs of having lost any of his skills or toughness. Donnie epitomizes the attitude we want all of our guys to have on the mat."

"It was also an especially satisfying victory because of how Fletcher really kind of took it to us last year. We of course used that memory as motivation in preparation of this match."

Muir defeated Fletcher's Fong in a 9-6 decision. Moore pinned Harris in 5:28.

Mason Park, 112 pounds, pinned Flores in 58 seconds. John Morrissey (125) pinned Wilkening in 2:43. Garrett Sharpe (130) pinned Cote in 4:28. Tyler York pinned Anderson with 12 seconds left in the first period. Jordan Tudor (140) pinned Harpster in 2:15. At 152, Sean Watkins pinned Billman in 4:52.

Lilly McCloskey (103) picked up a Pirate win by forfeit.

Beau Baxter (119) lost to Chinloy 18-8. Pit LeBrun (145) lost by pin in 4:50 to Richie. Trevor Smith (171) lost by pin with 1:44 left in the first period. Matt Roberts (215) lost to Tillis 16-12. Conner Lawrence (285) lost by pin in 2:15 to Penalba.

"Both Donnie and Ian carried their momentum into the Clay tournament this weekend," Durr said. "Donnie took second place in the most difficult tournament we will be in this year until the state tournament."

Muir also medaled, taking sixth place in his weight class.

FBHS finished 12th of 27 schools, "which we were happy with, but we were more impressed with how well we wrestled, especially on the second day of the tournament," Durr said.

The Pirate grapplers host First Coast High School on Thursday and Sandalwood and Episcopal Jan. 21. The latter will be senior night for the Pirate grapplers.



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Fernandina Beach Middle School's girls and boys basketball teams hosted Yulee Friday and host all the county teams through Thursday, the final day of the county tournament. Left, Yulee's Derrick Henry wins the battle for a rebound with FBMS's Cole Willis. Center, Greg Basnight with a layup for the FBMS Pirates. Right, the girls fight for a rebound.

## Memo to Gator fans: Flaunt it while you got it

The University of Florida's capturing of a second BCS national championship in three years has to feel surreal to fans who have lived and died with their football team since before former head coach Steve Spurrier made them relevant on a national level. Those fans, as well as the newer breed who have been bred on numerous championships, need to stop and smell the roses. Because, as the grammatically incorrect saying goes, "It don't get no better than this."

Prior to 1990, a 6-5 season and a Freedom Bowl invitation made for some giddy Gators who hadn't a clue that former Alabama coach Bear Bryant doubled as a prophet when he called Florida "a sleeping giant."

Eighteen years, eight SEC championships and three national titles later, current head coach Urban Meyer continues to feed the giant that was awakened by the Ol' Ball Coach and is threatening to create a dynasty to mirror Florida's west coast counterpart, USC. Meyer has given no indication that he plans to



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As bright as the future seems, however, Gator fans should take a mental snapshot of this Florida program and file it under, "The Good Ol' Days," because that trip to Miami Gardens last week might someday return full circle to a red-eye to Shreveport and the Independence Bowl. Not saying it will, especially under Meyer's watch, but it could.

Those who don't think so need

slow down on the recruiting trail, which bodes well for Florida's chances to remain a big-time player in the title hunt for the foreseeable future. Florida's coach anticipates the day when he has five star recruits backing up five star recruits at every position and he beats the high school halls hard enough to realize that dream.

not look beyond the SEC East to find a Tennessee team that, outside of what appears now to be a fluke SEC East championship in 2007, has been pretty ordinary. And if that's not convincing enough, ask an FSU fan who held 'Nole allegiance before 2000 if he or she ever envisioned a relationship with mediocrity for the better part of eight years after such a dominating run in the 1990s.

All I'm saying is, Florida fans should bask in the limelight of the Gators' current run, because you never know when your team's last national championship might indeed be its last national championship, if you get my drift. When you feel the need to be humble about Florida's accomplishments, Gator fans, type the term "Roady's Humanitarian Bowl" into Google and take a gander at that hideous blue field in Boise. Then put on your 2008 national championship shirt, your 2008 SEC championship hat, slide your beverage into that 2006 national championship koozie, grab your car keys held together by your trusty 2006 SEC championship key chain, head to the backyard barbecue being



hosted by your Dawg friend and dare him or anyone else to dispute the greatness of the Gators.

As another old (and grammatically flawed) saying goes, "You got to flaunt it while you got it." Well, Gator fans, your team's on a better roll than any program in the country. Now get out there and remind the

rest of the college football world, whose fans are undoubtedly trying very hard to forget about the Florida Gators, where two of the last three crystal balls reside.

John L. Crawford's column appears Wednesdays. E-mail him at jlcrawford727@aol.com.

## PIRATE SOCCER



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The Fernandina Beach High School boys soccer team honored its seniors Thursday night at Pirate Field. They are, from left, Jared DeStefano, Max Shaw, Kinsey Langshaw, Brian Valdes, Drew Deangelo, Maxx McInerney, Nick Misiaszek, William Hunt, Jacob Cavender and Stephen Ardis. Below, the entire Pirate soccer team includes, front row from left, Nathan Shiver, Adam Buechler, Kinsey Langshaw, Jason Olbina, Chris Head, Jazz Tomasetti, Mason Suhr, Connor Nelson, Davis Haney, Chris Castro; back row, Coach Dan Snyder, Landon Kovalick, Jared DeStefano, Max Shaw, Brian Valdes, Maxx McInerney, William Hunt, Nick Misiaszek, Jacob Cavender, Stephen Ardis, Drew Deangelo, Robbie Phillips, Ian Paul, Coach Joshua Dunn. The Pirates hosted the Yulee Hornets and won 11-0 in the first half.



## Lloyd, Shelly overall champions

Conducted by the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour, the JWU Series at Ponte Vedra Inn & Club Lagoon Course is a 36-hole stroke play event. The final round saw fierce winds and cool temperatures making it quite a challenge for the field on Sunday.

Bryan Lloyd of Fernandina Beach captured the overall boys title by carding a three-under-par 67 in the final round. Lloyd made eight birdies on the day, six of which came in a row during the middle of his round. Lloyd's two-day total of 143



Lloyd



Shelly

First-round leader Joshua Lee of Orange Park fell to third place after carding 75 in the final round and a tournament total of 145.

Jacqueline Shelly of Fernandina Beach claimed the overall girls title by carding a final round 77 and a tournament total 153. Shelly was able to hold off fellow playing competitor Irene Jung of Jacksonville. Jung carded 75 in the final round for a two-day total of 156, giving her second place.

For information, visit [www.hjgt.org](http://www.hjgt.org).

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53-34 at home.

"Down the entire game, the Lady Pirates battled back to within 11 with 3:46 left in the game, but could not find the offense to sustain the comeback," Landtroop said. "These girls never quit and kept playing till the buzzer and I am very proud to coach this group of girls."

Ebony Peterson led the Lady Pirates with 11 points. She also had eight rebounds as did Lindsey Young. Sarah Parker scored eight points. She and Symone Mitchell had four rebounds apiece.

The Lady Pirates (3-8) travel to West Nassau Thursday and host Bolles Friday for the final home game of the season. They play at Trinity Jan. 22 and at Yulee Jan. 23.

## Rhinos, Reds play Saturday at UNF

World Champions Leeds Rhinos are back in the U.S. for their pre-season training camp and will take on Super League newcomers Salford City Reds in the Champions Stampede 2009 Challenge match Saturday on the campus of the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

The Rhinos, who played Australian outfit South Sydney Rabbitohs at UNF's Hodges Stadium in Jacksonville last year, return to the Sunshine State for a 10-day training camp, culminating in the challenge match against Salford City Reds. Salford will return to the top flight of European rugby league after being awarded one of just 14 franchises to compete in the Super League competition.

Tickets, which start at \$10, are available on the Jacksonville Axemen's website, [www.jaxaxe.com](http://www.jaxaxe.com). Children 10

and under will be admitted free. Tickets may also be purchased at Bad Ass Coffee, 11925 Beach Blvd.; Walkabout Cafe on Atlantic Boulevard at Hodges Boulevard; and Time Out Sports Grill, 13799 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville (cash or check only).

A media press conference will be held Friday at the Outback Steakhouse on Point Meadows Way near 9A and Baymeadows from 11:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Both teams and officials will be on hand. The conference is open to the general public for player autographs and pictures.

A post-game event will be held at Mavericks at the Jacksonville Landing from 5-8 p.m. Tickets are limited to the first 1,000 fans. Players will be available for autographs and photographs. The event is open to those 18 years old and up. Tickets are \$5.

Parking is in Lot 18 at the north end of the UNF campus. Gates open at 1 p.m. with the Jack Del Rio Football vs. Rugby Challenge starting at 2 p.m. and kickoff for the game at 2:30 p.m. ATMs will be operating on site; all game day transactions are cash only.

There will be live entertainment. The Jacksonville Axe Maiden cheerleaders will be selling \$1 raffle tickets throughout the crowd to raise money for the Jack Del Rio Foundation, The USO and Dream Come True.

Prizes include an American flag that was flown over an Afghanistan Marine base Sept. 11, a signed Greg Norman golf hat, an autographed Jaguar Maurice Jones-Drew jersey, \$100 dinner gift certificates, jerseys from both teams and many other prizes.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Training for Gate River Run

Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are invited to train for the Gate River Run at 8 a.m. Saturdays through March 7 at the Amelia Parkway Medical Plaza, 2416 Lynndale Road. There will be a 30-minute talk on fitness and training, followed by runs or walks of increasing distance. Call 261-0698 or visit [felixortho.com](http://felixortho.com) for information.

### Pirates on the Run

Registration is now open for the 2009 Pirates on the Run 5K/10K and children's runs Feb. 21. This year's race will feature a new headquarters, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in downtown Fernandina Beach; a new route, including a cross-country segment through the Egans Creek Greenway; and a free pancake breakfast for all registered runners (\$5 for non-runners). The race will also feature Champion Chip timing, Fernandina Pirates Club members along the race route, door prizes at the post-race awards ceremony and long-sleeve T-shirts for the first 400 registered runners.

Fees for the 5K/10K will be \$20 through Feb. 15 or \$15 for members of the local running club, Amelia Island Runners. From Feb. 16 through race day, registration will be \$25 for everyone. There will also be half-mile and one-mile fun runs for children 10 and younger, with a \$10 registration. Walkers are also welcome to sign up for the 5K event.

Registration forms are available at various locations, including Nassau Health Foods on T.J. Courson Road, the YMCA on Citrona Drive and Club 14 Fitness on South 14th Street. Forms can also be downloaded from [AmeliaIslandRunners.com](http://AmeliaIslandRunners.com), where online registration is also available. For information, visit the website or call (904) 624-0027.

### Elm Street Little League

Elm Street Little League will hold sign-ups for baseball and softball for the 2009 season from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 17, 24 and 31. Fee is \$40 for the first child with an additional \$10 for siblings. Call President Wayne Peterson at 753-1663 or e-mail him at [pete2305@bellsouth.net](mailto:pete2305@bellsouth.net). Coaches, managers, board members and volunteers are sought.

### Yulee Little League sign-ups

Yulee Little League registration is from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 17 and 24, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Jan. 26-29. Tryouts will be Jan. 30-31. Fee is \$75 per child; siblings are additional \$50 each. Birth certificate and proof of residency required.

Umpires clinic is from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 14 and 21. Manager/coaches meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5. Opening day is March 7.

### Soccer registration

Amelia Island Youth Soccer online registration is open for the spring season. Visit [www.aiysoccer.org](http://www.aiysoccer.org). Register in person from 9-11 a.m. Jan. 17 and from 5-7 p.m. Jan. 15 at the concession stand at the fields on Bailey Road.

New players must mail a copy of their birth certificate to 96270 High Pointe Drive, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. Call Raquel at 753-0602.

### Babe Ruth registration

Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth is holding registration for the spring season for baseball and softball. Register players online at [www.leaguelineup/fernandina](http://www.leaguelineup/fernandina) or at the ballpark. Fees are \$90 (\$95) if registered through Jan. 17; and \$105 (\$110) from Jan. 18 until teams are full.

Register in person from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 17. The ballpark is located at 1001 Beech St. in Fernandina Beach.

### Shriners football game

The 20th annual Florida Shrine Bowl Football Game to benefit 22 Shrine-owned Orthopedic and Burn Hospitals for kids 18 years old and younger takes place at 2 p.m. Jan. 17 at Mandarin High School, 3841 Greenland Drive in Jacksonville. Eighty all-star athletes from high schools in 10 Florida counties compete.

Tickets are available at the Morocco Shrine, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road, or by calling (904) 642-5200, ext. 13. Advance tickets are \$7.50 and tickets at the gate are \$8, \$3 for students.

### Pro wrestling Jan. 17

Pro wrestling returns to the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center in Fernandina Beach Jan. 17 with a 7:30 p.m. bell time. Continental Championship Wrestling's annual Stampede returns with a 20-man over-the-top rope battle royal. The main event is a "Fernandina street fight" between champion "Rock and Roll" Chris Turner versus Jarrod Micheals.

Fans will also see the debut of rookie tag team sensations, the Marcs Brothers, as they take on the CCW tag team champions, The Wranglers. The 6-foot-6 "walking attitude" Kevin Tool and the mysterious Vega will also make their debuts. Many more matches are on this blockbuster card.

Partial proceeds benefit the Fernandina Beach High School band. Tickets are \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance.

### Old Timers, gear up

Practices for the annual Old Timers football game are under way at the Ybor Alvarez fields on Bailey Road in Fernandina Beach. Call president David Tate at 753-4804 for information.

### Opening day for softball league

Opening day for the Family Driven Softball League will be Feb. 7 at the Springhill Baptist Church Softball Complex on Old Nassauville Road. The first pitch will be at 9 a.m. with games continuing throughout the day.

Other events scheduled are best dessert contest, horseshoe toss competition and parent/child sack races. First-, second- and third-place ribbons will be awarded.

Everyone is invited and admission is free. Families are encouraged to bring picnic

lunches. The Lighthouse 89.3 FM will be on hand playing music and welcoming guests. For information, call League Commissioner Ernie Stuckey at 261-6083.

### Registered shoot Jan. 17

Amelia Shotgun Sports, 86300 Hot Shot Trail in Yulee, will host a NSCA registered shoot Jan. 17 with two flights. The first flight is at 9 a.m. and the second one is at 1 p.m. Call 753-4619 for information.

### First Coast Fire tryouts

First Coast Fire girls fast pitch softball tryouts are from 2-5 p.m. Jan. 18 at Yulee High School. E-mail [wcenter@bellsouth.net](mailto:wcenter@bellsouth.net).

### Pop Warner coaches

Fernandina Beach Pop Warner is accepting applications for all 2009 football and cheer head and assistant coaches. Contact Stacy Black at 310-6079. Leave a message.

### Umpires needed

Baseball and softball umpires can join the River City Umpires Association. Call Terry Padgett at (904) 879-6442 or Aaron Knowles at (904) 962-7184. Visit [www.rivercityumps.com](http://www.rivercityumps.com) for information.

### Sailing Club meets

The Amelia Island Sailing Club meets the first Tuesday at the Kraft Athletic Club. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m.; the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Call Commodore Joe Blanchard at 277-4257 or visit [www.ameliaislandsailing.org](http://www.ameliaislandsailing.org).

### Challenger Bowling

Nassau Challenger Bowling League for the physically and mentally challenged meets the second Saturday of the month from 3-5 p.m. at the Strikers Family Bowling Center in Yulee. Call Melinda Willaford at 261-3136 for information.

### Yoga classes

• Y Yoga, 961687-201E Gateway Blvd., offers a stretch and strengthening class, pilates, yin, yoga core ball, yoga for longevity, beach yoga and basic yoga. Call 415-9642.

• Dome Healing Center, 5024 First Coast Hwy., offers Sivananda/Amrit style yoga for all levels and Amrit Yoga Nidra Meditation and Relaxation classes. Call 277-3663 or visit [domehealingcenter.com](http://domehealingcenter.com).

• Kinderstudios, 528 S. Eighth St., offers yoga for adults. Call 321-2864.

• Anytime Fitness, 463646 SR 200 Suite 4 in Yulee. Call 225-8400 or visit [www.anytimefitness.com](http://www.anytimefitness.com).

• Personal Best Sports. Visit [www.PersonalBestSports.net](http://www.PersonalBestSports.net) or call Deborah Dunham, (904) 624-0027.

• Island Rejuvenations offers yoga and lunch at Nassau Health Foods, 833 T.J. Courson Road. Call 277-3158.

### Zumba classes

• Kinderstudios, 528 S. Eighth St. Call Alexandra Carroll at 415-0954.

• Bean School of Dance, 25 N. Third St. Call 261-DANC.

• A Chance To Dance, 474378 SR200. Call 753-3407 or email [buffyactd@gmail.com](mailto:buffyactd@gmail.com).

• Anytime Fitness, 463646 SR 200 Suite 4 in Yulee. Call 225-8400 or visit [www.anytimefitness.com](http://www.anytimefitness.com).

• Club 14 Fitness, 1114 South 14th St., Fernandina Beach. Call 261-0557.

### Fitness programs

• OutFIT outdoor fitness and conditioning program for men and women of all levels to get in better shape with whole body exercise regimens that develop upper and lower body strength, endurance, core strength, speed and agility includes daily workouts, nutritional guidance, fitness education. Classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:45 a.m. or 9 a.m. Visit [www.PersonalBestSports.net](http://www.PersonalBestSports.net) or call 624-0027.

• Anytime Fitness, 463646 SR 200 Suite 4 in Yulee, offers step and sculpt, strength training and abs, body sculpt and step aerobics. Call 225-8400 or visit [www.anytimefitness.com](http://www.anytimefitness.com). FitKidz for ages 4-11 is also offered. Call 699-5408 or e-mail [reedntina@aol.com](mailto:reedntina@aol.com).

• Club 14 Fitness, 1114 South 14th St., offers nutritional counseling, personal training, group fitness and cycling, strength training and cardio, childcare, juice bar, tanning and saunas. Visit [www.club14fitness.com](http://www.club14fitness.com).

• The McArthur Family YMCA, 1915 Citrona Drive, offers various fitness programs. Call 261-1080. Visit [www.firstcoastymca.org](http://www.firstcoastymca.org). Programs are also offered in Yulee (call 225-2550) and Hilliard (call (904) 845-2733).

• Amelia Island Personal Fitness, Amelia Parkway Medical Plaza, 2416 Lynndale Road, Suite 100, is a personal training studio dedicated to promoting lifelong health and fitness through appropriate exercise and nutrition, focusing on preventing diabetes, cancer and heart disease and also working with clients who may have sustained injuries or have had joint replacements. Call 261-0698 for information. The studio is open six days a week.

### Ice sportsplex open

Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex is open. The existing rink and the Metro Square Office Park ownership group have decided to bring both the existing ice and sports facility together to offer 100,000 square feet of sports and meeting space to Jacksonville.

The new combined entity will continue to offer hockey and figure skating programs, and will expand to offer sports programming as well as a variety of camps. It offers over 20,000 continuous square feet of meeting space.

Currently the facility is negotiating partnerships for event planning, team building, catering and specialty programming.

Public skating continues daily. Ice skating and hockey classes begin new sessions in January.

Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex is located at 3605 Philips Highway. Visit [www.jaxiceand sportsplex.com](http://www.jaxiceand sportsplex.com) or call (904) 399-3223 for information.

## 2009 SCHEDULES

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	Jan. 30- District	TBA	Jan. 26-30 District at Episcopal	TBA
<b>Boys Basketball</b> Jan. 16 at Yulee 6/7:30 Jan. 20 at Trinity 6/7:30 Jan. 23 EPISCOPAL* 6/7:30 Jan. 24 at Hilliard 6/7:30 Jan. 27 BOLLES 6/7:30 Jan. 30-31 JOHNNY T. SMITH (county) Feb. 9-14 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT TBA *District 4-3A games to determine seeding	<b>FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Wrestling</b> Jan. 15 FIRST COAST 6:00 Jan. 21 SANDALWOOD 5:00 Jan. 23-24 Terry Parker JV dual 3:00 Feb. 7 District 5-1A TBA Feb. 13-16 Region 1-1A at Starke TBA Feb. 19-21 State at Lakeland 10:00		<b>YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Girls Soccer</b> Jan. 15 at West Nassau 5:30	
<b>YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Boys Basketball</b> Jan. 15 TRINITY CHRISTIAN 6/7:30 Jan. 16 FERNANDINA BEACH 6/7:30 Jan. 20 BOLLES 6/7:30 Jan. 23 at West Nassau 6/7:30 Jan. 30-31 Johnny T. Smith (FBHS) 5:30/7 Feb. 3 TRINITY CATHOLIC	<b>FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Girls Basketball</b> Jan. 15 at West Nassau 6:00 Jan. 16 BOLLES 6:00 Jan. 22 TRINITY 6:00 Jan. 23 at Yulee 6:00 Jan. 24 at Hilliard 6:00 Jan. 27 at Baker County 6:00 Feb. 2-7 District 4-3A at Baldwin TBA		<b>FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Girls Soccer</b> Jan. 15 EPISCOPAL 6:00 Jan. 20-23 District at Bolles TBA	
<b>YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Girls Basketball</b> Jan. 16 at Bishop Snyder 6:00 Jan. 21 BOLLES 6:00 Jan. 23 FERNANDINA BEACH 6:00 Jan. 27 HILLIARD 6:00	<b>FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Boys Soccer</b> Jan. 16 MIDDLEBURG 5:30/7:20 Jan. 20 at Ridgeview 5:30/7:20 Jan. 22 at Wolfson 5:30/7:20		<b>YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL Basketball</b> Jan. 15 at Fernandina 2/3:45 Jan. 17 County at FBMS Note: Girls play first except Jan. 15	
			<b>FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL Basketball</b> Jan. 15 COUNTY CHAMP 5/6:15 Jan. 20 Conference semifinal Jan. 22 Conference finals	

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# Swenson claims Wednesday blitz

The first full week of the New Year was a bit breezy, especially on Wednesday, for the 58 players who came out to participate in the blitz. It was one of those days when the minuses far exceeded the pluses with Lind Swenson taking individual honors with an 82 and plus 7 points.

## GOLF NEWS

2008, 28 of the eligible players took part. There was a morning round of 18 holes played by all 28, in which the top 20 scorers qualified for the afternoon shootout. The 20 players were divided into groups of 10 with the top four finishers in each group qualifying to take part in a final shootout.

Larry Brauda (79) finished second at plus 4. There was a three-way tie for third place at plus 3 between Sam DuBose (91), Larry Griner (95) and Bob Riley (83).

Teamwise it was also one of the lowest winning totals with only one team ending up in the plus column. DuBose (plus 3), Sammy Alvarez (80, plus 2), Tom Roberts (79, plus 2) went from plus 7 to plus 2 when Tim Goodrich (88) came in minus 5 but managed to win first place.

Griner (plus 3) got a bit of help from Larry Hutchison (88, plus 1) as Allen Eleftherion (84) also came in minus 5 and Larry Luett (84, minus 1) as the team finished second at minus 2.

To reflect how poor the scores for the day, there was a three-way tie for third and fourth places at minus 5. The teams involved were Brauda (plus 4), Larry Gallo (92, minus 4), Ron Dandurand (88, minus 2), Tommy Shave (79, minus 3); Stan Miller (91, plus 1), Mike Dowling (91, plus 1), John Bray (86, minus 2), another minus 5 winner, Mickey Rushton (88); and Al Jump (92, plus 2), Tony Janzyna (88, even), Dennis Sassenger (89, minus 2) and yet another minus 5 winner, Hydie Peterson (86).

It was a bit cooler and, more importantly, less windy, on Friday for the 68 players taking part in the blitz as they played the north and west courses. Larry Griner had a good week as he shot his best-ever round of 83 and plus 11 points to take individual honors. There was a tie for second and third at plus 8 between Bill Abee (83) and Ron Dandurand (83).

The team scores reflected the improved weather and playing the north course as two teams tied for first place at plus 15. The teams involved were Hydie Peterson (76, plus 7), Jim Greenwood (83, plus 6), Al Jump (90, plus 3), Jim Roberts (76, minus 1) and Dennis Sassenger (82, plus 6), Jerry Dean (74, plus 5), Ron Theriault (86, plus 5), Jerry Hudgens (103, minus 1).

Led by Griner's plus 11 and Jim Raffone (88, plus 2), the team that included Jim Edwards (86, minus 1) and Bill Larrabee (94, minus 2) came in third at plus 10.

Abee's plus 8 enabled his team of Rudy Campanale (95, plus 1), Tommy Purvis (87, plus 1) to be just enough plus to offset the minus 6 of Ed Lewis (96) as the team finished at plus 4, edging out a number of teams that had finished at plus 3.

There was no Saturday Breakfast Mixer as the 40 top winners of the past year participated in a shootout.

## Shootout

Scheduled as a shootout between the top 40 winners of

Sammy Alvarez emerged as the top winner with Jim Roberts the runner-up. The side winners from the first shootout of 10 players were Frank Finocchio and Dave Bandelin. The runners-up in each group were Jack Croake and Jerry Dean.

Members of the Fernandina Beach Men's Golf Association should check with the pro shop about the upcoming Step Aside tournament to be held Saturday.

## Ladies mixer

The Fernandina Beach Women's Golf Association members played a mixer Jan. 6 with a game of 3, 2, 1. Forty-eight ladies played on a fairly mild day for the first event of the New Year.

The first place team included Carol Molumphy, Nancy Speck, Terri Wright and Emily Baker with a score of 107. Second-place team included Linda Scott, Barbara Lauerman, Phyllis Lay and Glenda Babin with 113. On the third place team were Demi Milo, Javene Lamb, Helen Hirsch and Sue Simpson at 114. The fourth-place winners were Mary Ansley, Jean Taylor, Kathleen Hilmer and Kathy Datelle with a score of 116.

## Council on Aging event

The Council on Aging of Nassau County's third annual "Drive One for COA" Golf Tournament is Feb. 16 (President's Day) at the North Hampton Golf Course.

Fee is \$100 and includes golf, cart and cookout dinner. All proceeds benefit the COA transportation program's efforts to purchase new vans.

Hole and tee sponsorships are \$100. Mulligans will be sold for \$5 each. There will be door prizes, raffle items and a wine tasting.

For information call Susan Parry at 261-0701, ext. 117.

## Museum tourney

The seventh annual Amelia Island Museum of History Golf Tournament will be held Jan. 23 at the Golf Club of Amelia Island.

Shotgun start is at noon. There is a limited field. Entry fee is \$150 per player and includes cart and green fee, hole-in-one and other prizes, beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres at the awards presentation.

There will be team and individual awards for men and ladies.

It is a handicap scramble, four-person captain's choice. Make a team or be paired.

There will be an optional putting contest and Mulligans.

For information, call 277-7378.

## TENNIS NEWS

The following is the clinic schedule through Feb. 4: NCHE clinics continue Mondays from 3-5 p.m. and on Tuesdays from 9-10 a.m.; the afterschool program continues with clinics from 4-5 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Yulee Sports Complex. Private lessons and clinics are available by calling Vishnu Maharaj at 524-0243.

On Jan. 31 there will be a two-hour junior clinic with drills and game strategy at Amelia National. Cost is \$10 per person. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 30 at 5 p.m.

Congratulations to the members of the new Kraft Tennis Club. Their ribbon-cutting and grand opening were held Sunday. For membership information, contact Frances Blancett 491-8744.

Learn to play tennis. The Yulee Tennis Foundation Inc. serves all of Nassau County to promote the sport. Information regarding lessons, clinics, etc. are available by visiting www.yuleetennis-

foundation.com or contact directors of tennis for Nassau County Vishnu and Michele Maharaj at 524-0243 or 548-1472.

Register your school for the 2009 year to participate in USTA Florida School Tennis. Visit www.ustaflo-ridaschools.com. The school district may register as a whole.

Donations of new or used tennis equipment and balls are accepted at Dave Turner Plumbing. If you or your child need a racket to start to play tennis contact the Yulee Tennis Foundation.

Anyone with tennis information they would like to share with Nassau County, contact Judi Turner at davejdi@bellsouth.net.

The Yulee Tennis Foundation Inc. is the Community Tennis Association of Nassau County in Region 2 of the Florida Section of the United States Tennis Association. Its mission is to promote the sport of tennis.

# Should you be taking a divot?

In almost every golf school I teach, people ask if they should be taking divots with their irons. They see the pros on TV taking quite a bit of turf on their iron shots and they seem to never hit the ground. First, let's look at the impact of an iron shot.



## QUICK GOLF TIPS

ED BOWE

Irons are shorter in length, so the plane is slightly steeper, which should cause some contact with the ground. When the club is swung at a reasonable speed, the club shaft flexes downward towards the ground because of centrifugal force. If the club face is working through impact correctly (from open to closed), this causes a slight digging effect.

So, the more correctly a golfer swings, the more likely they will take a divot when they swing.

However, most of us have some errors in our swings and this prevents us from hitting turf.

If the club is working from a shut-face position to a wide-open position through impact, this twisting open through impact shallows the angle and will affect the angle enough that divots are hard to take. The club will glide through impact, not dig.

Golfers who swing on a flatter plane will usually pick the ball clean off the turf and, if they do hit

the ground, it is generally behind the ball (fat). This player loves the ball when it's on the tee. Not when it's on the ground.

Yes, you should be taking divots. The better your technique is with your swing, the club will impact the ground right after you impact the ball. The divot should be shallow, not deep. It will start just in front of the ball and the divot will be in the direction of the arc of the swing (slightly left for right-handed golfers). The longer shafted clubs, long irons and the woods are not designed to hit down but to sweep the ball.

Here's to hitting shots where the club contacts the ball, then the turf, taking a shallow divot.

Ed Bowe is director of instruction for the Amelia Island Plantation Golf School.

# Savannah cyclists stop, pedal through Amelia Island

A group of Savannah cyclists touring through Northeast Florida could make Jacksonville the lead city of Florida recreational trails.

They're focusing hopes on some 20 coastal Georgians, who for four days starting Thursday, will cycle regional trails while also learning the politics of how trails get built and don't. They're led by the Savannah-based Coastal Georgia Greenway, a group that wants to build a trails system back home.

But the group's tour of regional trails — the Savannah-Northeast Florida Workshop on Wheels — will also focus local attention on the regional network of trails forming around Jacksonville. Leaders view SNF-WOW as a wake-up to trails for everything from recreation, tourism and alternative transportation to safe routes to school and for recruiting young urban professionals.

The Savannah group includes educa-

tors, elected officials, land developers, lawyers and others.

They'll begin their tour today in St. Marys, Ga., then cross Thursday morning on the Cumberland Sound Ferry before cycling trails along Amelia Island Parkway, through Amelia Island Plantation and Little Talbot Island State Park, through downtown Jacksonville along the North Bank Riverwalk and S-Line Trail, along the Jacksonville-Baldwin Trail, Clay County's Black Creek Trail and along the wide side-path through Ponte Vedra Beach.

"The group represents the kind of people touring by bicycle today," says David Strickland, chair of the SNF-WOW host committee.

"They ride top-notch bikes and stay in first class accommodations. As tourism turns increasingly 'green', these people visiting Jacksonville will help motivate us to develop trails more quickly and that will benefit both the residents and busi-

nesses of Northeast Florida."

Visit Jacksonville joined counterpart agencies in Nassau and St. Johns counties and, together with Visit Florida and the East Coast Greenway Alliance, published the first guide to the East Coast Greenway in Florida.

Trails the group will ride are part of three long systems that range from a 150-mile loop forming from Baldwin to Keystone Heights, Palatka, St. Augustine, Mayport and back to downtown Jacksonville; a combined greenway-blueway the 310-mile length of the St. Johns River that's a project of the St. Johns River Alliance, and the 3,000-mile ECG now 21 percent paved and off-road between Calais, Maine, and Key West.

After its first night in St. Marys B&Bs, the touring group will overnight at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, and at Amelia Island Plantation.

## RUNNING EVENTS

The North Florida Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will add a new fundraiser to its roster of events beginning in 2009. The MS Mud Run Jacksonville will be held Feb. 28, marking the first time an event of this type will be held in Northeast Florida.

The run is a 10K, boot camp-style obstacle course race, with most of the obstacles surrounded by (or consisting entirely of) mud. Individuals, teams of two and teams of five will compete for prizes.

The MS Mud Run Jacksonville will be held on a parcel of open property at Cecil Commerce Center from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 28. Food and beverage vendors will be available and entertainment is planned throughout the day to provide a festival atmosphere for the event. A registration website is available at www.mudrunjax.com.

Registration fees are \$40 per person

and each participant will agree to raise a minimum of \$100 for NMSS-NFL.

Volunteer opportunities and event sponsorships are available for individuals and companies. Call (904) 332-6810 or visit www.nationalmssociety.org/FLN.

Several hundred runners are expected to race through Key West's historic Old Town and waterfront areas Jan. 25 during the annual Key West Half Marathon. Set to begin at 7 a.m., the sporting challenge takes place on a flat, fast 13.1-mile half-marathon course in the scenic island city.

A registration booth will be set up from 5-8 p.m. Jan. 24 at Lands End Marina at the foot of Margaret Street. Race packets may be picked up then. The registration booth also will be open on race day starting at 6 a.m.

Events surrounding the race include a Saturday night pasta party and a presentation by renowned distance runner

Lynn Jennings. Jennings is a 1992 Olympic bronze medal winner, three-time world cross-country champion and holder of 39 national titles in track, road and cross-country running.

An awards ceremony with entertainment follows Sunday's half marathon. Awards go to the first-through third-place male and female finishers in categories ranging from age 14 and under to age 75 and over. First-place overall awards go to the top male and female, first and second masters awards and awards in the race's military division.

The entry fee is \$45 per person (\$50 per person on race day). The first 700 entrants receive a race T-shirt designed by a local artist. Proceeds benefit the Key West High School track program.

For information and special racers' accommodation rates, call event coordinator Barbara Wright at (305) 296-7182 or e-mail bwpromo2@bellsouth.net.

# Pro Golf Weekly Update Jan. 15 - 18, 2009

## This Week's PGA Tournament Preview

**Sony Open in Hawaii**  
Defending: K.J. Choi  
Total Purse: \$5,400,000  
Yards: 7,060  
Par: 70

Each January the Sony Open in Hawaii attracts 144 of the world's greatest golf professionals to the Waialae Country Club on the island of Oahu. In the 1983 Sony Open, Isao Aoki became Japan's first winner on the PGA Tour. He holed out a wedge shot on the 72nd hole to beat Jack Renner by a stroke. In 2007, at the age of 16 years and 4 days, amateur Tadd Fujikawa became the second youngest player ever to make a 36-hole cut in an official PGA Tour event. His achievement was highlighted by a 15-foot eagle putt on his 36th hole. Waialae's 551-yard par-5 18th. Last year's winner, K.J. Choi, held off a surging Rory Sabbatini on Sunday to claim his seventh PGA Tour win.

## Last Week On The PGA Tour

Australia's Geoff Ogilvy clinched his fifth PGA Tour title with a final round 5-under par at the season-opening Mercedes-Benz Championship at the Kapalua Resort in Hawaii. "I've been traditionally a horrible starter on the west coast and last year I missed my first three cuts," said Ogilvy. "So to win the first week is really, really nice and it gives me a great feeling for the rest of the year." Ogilvy finished six shots ahead of Davis Love III (67) and Anthony Kim, who eagled the last hole for a matching 67. Sean O'Hair fired a flawless 65, the lowest score of the day, to secure fourth place at 17-under.

**Tournament Results**  
1st: Geoff Ogilvy  
Purse: \$1,120,000  
T-2nd: Anthony Kim & Davis Love III  
Purse: \$523,500  
4th: Sean O'Hair  
Purse: \$312,000

## This Week's Profile

**Geoff Ogilvy**  
Birthdate: June 11, 1977  
Birthplace: Australia  
Residence: Scottsdale, Ariz.  
Turned Professional: 1998  
World Ranking: 6th  
2009 Earnings: \$1,120,000  
Career PGA Tour Wins: 5

## Golf Trivia

What golfer's worst finish at the British Open from 1966 to 1980 was sixth?

- a) Arnold Palmer c) Jack Nicklaus  
b) Greg Norman d) Ben Hogan

Answer: c) Jack Nicklaus

## Golf Pro Tip

Some high-handicap golfers don't break 100 because they are weak on their short game. A good place to practice this short game is to play a testy Par 3 course. Here you will use mostly your #7, #8, #9 and wedges. A round or two each week on this format will surely sharpen your skill with short irons. Concentrate on the club selection and learn when to pitch and when to chip. Good shots here make easier putts and better scores. Set-up properly in comfort. Watch as the ball comes off the clubface, down the line to the pin. Think pin. It works better than thinking water or bush. A little quick hint: Always tee up on a par three. This allows you to strike the ball safely avoiding all-too-common thin hits. Think positive. If you think you can, you will.

## Golf TV Schedule

Event: **Sony Open in Hawaii**  
Day Time Network  
Thursday, 1/15 6:30pm-10:30pm GOLF  
Friday, 1/16 6:30pm-10:30pm GOLF  
Saturday, 1/17 6:30pm-10:30pm GOLF  
Sunday, 1/18 6:30pm-10:00pm GOLF

## FedEx Cup Rankings

Through Jan. 11, 2009

Rank & Player	Points
1) Geoff Ogilvy	500.00
T-2) Anthony Kim	245.00
T-2) Davis Love III	245.00
4) Sean O'Hair	135.00
5) Justin Leonard	110.00
T-6) Ernie Els	88.75
T-6) Zach Johnson	88.75

## This Week's Golfing News

The 16th hole at the TPC Scottsdale, the PGA Tour's loudest and most enthusiastic golf hole, will also become the Tour's first-ever true Stadium Golf Hole when the 2009 FBR Open tees off Jan. 26th - Feb. 1st. Tournament hosts The Thunderbirds have added close to 3,000 new general admission bleacher seats behind and to the right of the green on the 162-yard, par 3. The hole is now fully enclosed by bleachers and skyboxes and has capacity for between 15,000 to 20,000 golf fans. In addition to the new bleacher seating (also known as tip-up seats) a new tunnel has been added underneath the new seats from the 16th green to the 17th tee for the PGA Tour professionals to walk through. The 16th hole fan experience will also be enhanced with a video board display that has been added to the west side of the hole. The 51 ft. x 19 ft. video display will be located behind the tee box and will give fans an up-close view of all of the action regardless of where they're seated.

## Golf History

Jan. 17, 1995 - The Golf Channel debuted on cable television to a limited audience of roughly three million subscribers. One of the first features of the network was an hour-long call-in program with network co-founder Arnold Palmer. The headquarters and studio is located in Orlando, Florida. It is now available in the United States, Canada and a few nations in Asia through cable, satellite, and wireless transmissions.



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## Fernandina Beach Golf Club Special

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The fertile ocean waters off the St. Marys inlet harbor an excellent red snapper fishery. Polly Williams, right, landed this 20-inch legal red snapper. Only a handful of years past, catching a red snapper like this one was almost impossible. However, current regulations have improved stocks of red and vermilion snapper. Deep jigging with a bucktail tipped with squid produced this St. Marys grouper for Keith Williams, left. Rhonda Guillory, center, landed this huge gag grouper during a recent bottom-fishing trip to FA fish haven. Grouper catches have been improving during recent years at the St. Marys inlet for both recreational and charter fishing boats.

## Council proposes new snapper, grouper laws

A stranglehold on recreational fishermen was tightened recently when the South Atlantic Fishery Council approved Amendment 16 in September. Amendment 16 included a complete closure for gag, black and red grouper and red and vermilion snapper for both commercial and recreational fishermen from January through April.

The noose loosened slightly when angry recreational and the entire charter boat industry unanimously protested Amendment 16, also in part because the studies that were made, claiming both grouper and snapper were dangerously over-fished, were not accurately taken. Amendment 16 was tabled for further review, resulting in the grouper and red snapper closures to be delayed.

The National Marine Fishery Service is currently seeking public comment concerning Amendment 16. Comments should be addressed to [www.safmc.com](http://www.safmc.com) by Feb. 23.

Amendment 16 would include a four-month closure on all species of



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Terry Lacoss

grouper and a five-month closure of vermilion snapper. Reduced bag limits for recreational fishermen include vermilion snapper, gag, black grouper and grouper aggregate with modifications to gag and vermilion snapper commercial quotas.

It also includes a requirement to use venting and de-hooking tools to increase the survival percentages when releasing grouper and snapper. "We have some of the very best red snapper fishing in years," Capt. Rick Ryals said. "Just a few fishing seasons ago, Northeast Florida bottom fishermen were catching loads of undersize snapper. Within the past few years, we are catching big reds, which is actually the results of excellent fish management."

"You would not believe the difference between using light tackle and fairly heavy tackle when targeting

red snapper. I will catch far more red snapper with 20-pound tackle than I will with 50- to 80-pound fishing tackle. There is also a big difference in leaders too.

"I would strongly recommend the fluorocarbon leaders over the regular mono leaders as well. You will get bit a lot more using a fluorocarbon leader in the 30- to 50-pound sizes."

Ryals is a Northeast Florida charter captain and wrote the book for the *Florida Sportsman* magazine on grouper and snapper.

A point could be made that the average saltwater fisherman does have a difficult time in catching both red snapper and grouper because of a lack of required fishing skills. Even when the red snapper and grouper fishery is at its best, which I believe is taking place right now, many deep-sea fishermen will target saltwater species that are easier to catch, like kingfish and sea bass. All of these studies made showing both grouper and snapper are over-fished were simply not factual.

"To be able to catch legal-size

snapper and grouper, you will need some special fishing skills," Capt. Benny Hendrix of Amelia Island said. "A lot of saltwater fishermen are not using the right baits, terminal fishing tackle and simply cannot find the right bottom structure that keeper-size snapper and grouper hold on. That's why they catch a lot of the under-sized snapper and grouper."

During a recent bottom-fishing trip with Greg Peters, their fishing party easily caught their limit of vermilion snapper, also frequently called "B-Liners."

"We ran to the Brunswick Bottom and found the B-Liners on a great winter bite," Hendrix said. "Most of the B-Liners weighed to three pounds and measured well over the 12-inch minimum length."

Fishermen can keep 10 vermilion snapper per day that must measure at least 12 inches. Red snapper must measure at least 20 inches and there is a two-snapper bag limit per angler. Black and gag grouper must measure at least 24 inches with a two-fish per day bag limit. Scamp and red

grouper must measure at least 20 inches with a one-fish per day bag limit.

With a slow economy, a closure of both snapper and grouper would severely impact coastal communities where restaurants, hotels, resorts, golf courses, recreational fishermen and charter fishermen depend on being able to keep a limited bag limit of both grouper and snapper.

Economically a better plan would be to cut back on the commercial harvest of snapper and grouper and increase the harvest of snapper and grouper for recreational and charter fishermen. This would increase the activity of recreational and charter fishing along our coastlines, which ultimately fills hotel beds, restaurants and puts money into the local communities, particularly the marine industry, who are the ones that are currently suffering with the present lack of sport fishing activities.

Share your opinion with the South Atlantic Marine Fishery Commission by Feb. 23 by visiting [www.safmc.com](http://www.safmc.com).

### RECREATION ROUNDUP

The city of Fernandina Beach Recreation Department (visit city website, [www.fbfl.us](http://www.fbfl.us)) is offering the following activities:

- Adult volleyball is from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and from 5-7 p.m. Sundays at Peck Gym. Cost is \$1 per day for city residents (\$3 non-city).
- Open basketball is Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Peck Gym, based on availability. Fee is \$1 for city residents, \$3 non-city. Students free with ID.
- Peck Gym weight room is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Cost is \$3 a day or \$25 a month for city residents (\$30 non-city). Personal training is available. Fee is \$30 per session, \$75 per week (three sessions) or \$200 a month (two

sessions per week for four weeks). Monthly packages come with dietary analysis and food program. Call Jay at 277-7364 for a free introductory appointment.

- Swim/snorkel with manatees in Crystal River Feb. 21. Ages 10 and up. Fee is \$60 and includes Manatee Experience, transportation and snorkeling gear, if needed. Tentative agenda at the Atlantic Center or e-mail Kathy Russell at [krussell@fbfl.org](mailto:krussell@fbfl.org). Register at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.
- Winter Challenge co-ed softball tournament Jan. 24 at the Ybor Alvarez softball fields is open to all city league teams and prospective teams for spring season. Round robin play is followed by single elimination for the top three teams. Teams must supply their own 11-inch and 12-inch .44cor/375 compression softballs and have matching uniform shirts. Team fee is \$110

and due Jan. 19. First-place team wins T-shirts and half-price spring team fee (\$200). Runner-up prize will also be awarded. Register at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. Contact Jason at 277-7256 or [jbrown@fbfl.org](mailto:jbrown@fbfl.org).

- Register for the adult winter basketball league through Feb. 6 at the Atlantic Center. Team fee is \$350 and due Feb. 6. Captain's meeting Feb. 11 at Peck Gym. Games played Monday and Thursday nights at Peck Gym beginning Feb. 16. Call Jay at 277-7364 or e-mail [jrobertson@fbfl.org](mailto:jrobertson@fbfl.org).
- Coed exercise is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the MLK Center. Fee is \$2 per class for city residents, \$3 non-city.
- Shotokan karate classes for ages 6 and up with instructor Jerry Williamson are from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Atlantic Recreation Center. Fee is \$40 monthly for city residents (\$45

for non-city). Register at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.

- Fitness classes are Mondays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. at Peck Gym. It is a full body workout, involving free weights, cardio, stretching and abdominal work. Fee is \$5. Call Jay at 277-7364 or e-mail [jrobertson@fbfl.org](mailto:jrobertson@fbfl.org).
- Aqua 1 water aerobics is from 10-10:55 a.m. weekdays at the Atlantic Center pool. Deep water aerobics (aqua fitness belts required) is Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11-11:55 a.m. Cost is \$50 per month for city residents and \$55 per month for non-city residents for one class per day; \$60 for city residents and \$70 non-city residents for two classes; or \$5 for one class or \$10 for two.
- Private swim lessons, 30 minutes per session, are available for \$20 for city residents, \$25 for non-city residents. Four-session package

costs \$60 for city residents, \$70 for non-city residents. Eight-session package is \$100 for city residents, \$115 for non-city residents.

- Lap swim is 6-9 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Atlantic Center. Cost is \$2 per day.
- Atlantic Center pool public swim hours are from 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday (admission \$2) and from 1-3 p.m. Saturdays (\$3). Pool passes available.
- The Fernandina Beach Scuba Club meets at 6 p.m. the second Friday of the month at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. Call Kathy Russell, 753-1143, or e-mail [krussell@fbfl.org](mailto:krussell@fbfl.org) for information.
- PADI open water scuba certification is available. Participants must provide their own masks, snorkels, fins, booties and weight belts. Fee is \$250 (additional fee for check-out dives). Register at

Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. Call Kathy Russell at 277-7350.

- American Red Cross lifeguarding certification course will be held in February and March. Call 277-7350.
- Central Park tennis court gate keys may be checked out at Atlantic Recreation Center with a \$5 deposit, refundable if returned within a year.
- Adventure boot camp for women, four-week sessions at Main Beach park, provides fitness instruction, nutritional counseling and motivational training by Karlena Barron. Call (904) 237-0074 or visit [www.AmeliasIslandBootCamp.com](http://www.AmeliasIslandBootCamp.com).
- Annual skate park decals are available free of charge to families who qualify for free or reduced lunch programs or on a case-by-case basis dependent on income. Visit the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.

### FERNANDINA BEACH TIDES

Tides, Sun & Moon: January 14 - 21, 2009

<b>Wed. 1/14</b>	Sunrise 7:24A Moonset 9:48A Sunset 5:46P Moonrise 9:58P	Low 4:38A High 11:15A Low 5:08P High 11:43P	<b>Sun. 1/18</b>	Moonrise 12:58A Sunrise 7:23A Moonset 11:52A Sunset 5:49P	High 2:16A Low 8:25A High 2:22P Low 8:32P
<b>Thurs 1/15</b>	Sunrise 7:23A Moonset 10:18A Sunset 5:47P Moonrise 11:00P	Low 5:31A High 12:01P Low 5:57P High 11:43P	<b>Mon. 1/19</b>	Moonrise 1:56A Sunrise 7:22A Moonset 12:28P Sunset 5:50P	High 3:13A Low 9:24A High 3:16P Low 9:25P
<b>Fri. 1/16</b>	Sunrise 7:23A Moonset 10:49A Sunset 5:48P Moonrise 11:59P	High 12:33A Low 6:27A High 12:47P Low 5:47P	<b>Tues. 1/20</b>	Moonrise 2:54A Sunrise 7:22A Moonset 1:08P Sunset 5:51P	High 4:11A Low 10:20A High 4:12P Low 10:17P
<b>Sat. 1/17</b>	Sunrise 7:23A Moonset 11:19A Sunset 5:48P Last Quarter 9:47P	High 1:24A Low 7:25A High 1:33P Low 7:39P	<b>Wed. 1/21</b>	Moonrise 3:50A Sunrise 7:22A Moonset 1:52P Sunset 5:52P	High 5:09A Low 11:14A High 5:08P Low 11:09P

Tide calculations are for Amelia River, Fernandina Beach. No corrections are necessary. Sun & Moon events are also calculated for Fernandina Beach, although actual times may vary because of land masses.



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### OUTDOOR BRIEFS

#### Bassmasters meet

Nassau Bassmasters, associated with the BASS National Federation and the Florida BASS Federation, meets the third Thursday each month in Yulee. Membership is open to anyone at least 16 years old. Call Bob Schlag at (912) 729-2282 or Billy Kittrell at 225-0267 for information.

#### NSFA meets

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Ten Acres Kraft Athletic Club. Membership is open to the public. Call 261-9481 or visit [www.fishnsfa.com](http://www.fishnsfa.com).

#### 4-H shooting sports

The Nassau County 4-H Safety and Education in Shooting Sports club meets at 6 p.m. Mondays. Locations alternate between the shooting range and the multi-purpose building located next to the extension office at the fairgrounds in Callahan.

The program provides a positive experience for youth and promotes the safety and ethical use of firearms.

Enrollment in 4-H is required, but simple and free. Youth must be at least 10 years old. For information, call Allison Haga at (904) 765-7158.

#### Join the auxiliary

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary needs volunteers. It is composed of uniformed non-military volunteers who assist the Coast Guard in all of its varied missions, except for military and direct law enforcement.

These men and women can be found on the nation's waterways, in the air, in classrooms and on the dock. Training opportunities, most of which are free, include boat crew and coxswain (small boat operator) vessel examiner, boating safety class instructor, public affairs, marine visitor and others.

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, at least 17 years old and pass a basic background check. There are no upper age limits or height or weight standards (although boat crew must perform certain tasks). There are no minimum service hours.

Flotilla 14-01 meets at the Amelia Island Lighthouse facility once a month.

E-mail information for this column to [bjones@fbnewsleader.com](mailto:bjones@fbnewsleader.com).

## A new grandbaby joins the legion of second-born and youngest

Dear Teddy,

Welcome, little brother. Your Nana is so pleased to welcome grandbaby number three. What a noble name you have. Edwin Franklin Cooper. You arrived right on time, actually, right on your due date - Dec. 13. You were dubbed Teddy. You share the name Edwin with many on your mother's side of the family. You have an Uncle Teddy, but most important you had a grandfather Ted who we lost too soon this year. He would be so proud. Being a grandfather was one of his favorite things. Ask Eleanor, your older sister, she will tell you.

We did not know until you arrived if we were getting girl or a



**FROM THE PORCH**

Dickie Anderson

patented the humor of a brother and sister named Teddy and Eleanor.

boy. Your parents don't believe in opening packages early and wanted to be surprised. We all patiently waited. Most of us anticipated a boy and a boy you are! So you join your big sister, Eleanor, and a cousin, Josephine. Your parents were committed to the name Edwin, "Teddy," if you were a boy. None of us anticipated the humor of a brother and sister named Teddy and Eleanor.

Bound for fame and fortune, don't you think? Your middle name is Franklin, after my father and your great-grandfather. How pleased he'd be to have a boy.

Your big sister, Eleanor, is used to being the center of attention and wasn't too sure about the "new baby" everyone kept talking about all those months ago. As your birth date grew closer, she became less and less interested in any hoopla about your arrival. What a turn-around once you arrived. She changed her mind. A two-and-half-year-old's prerogative. Not only is she pleased mommy's big tummy is gone, but she has a great new responsibility. Big sister.

A small price to pay, your sister's

toilet training progress stalled as your due date grew closer. Your mother reported that at a large social gathering your big sister went darting past and it was clear that there was a diaper issue. According to your mother, she batted her charming, big blue eyes, reporting, "It isn't pretty." Your mother reported it wasn't.

So, little Teddy, you join the legion of second born and youngest. You are bound to have fewer pictures in the family album and less entries in your baby book. I am afraid that is just the way it is with seconds and thirds, etc. It is not because you are less loved, but instead that your parents are much busier. There are good things about

being second, though. You will have much more relaxed parents. Eleanor has taught them so very much. On-the-job training. Things you can only learn by doing. There will be no debates about the "pacie." If peace and quiet means "pacie" then there will be a "pacie."

Your mother's mom arrived just in time and enjoyed your first few weeks. Nana is looking forward to her trip and holding your wonderful newness in her arms.

Best love,

Nana

Dickie Anderson welcomes your comments. Books are available at local book and gift stores or on line at [www.dickieanderson.com](http://www.dickieanderson.com).

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### COMMUNITY SCRAPBOOK



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#### Legion makes donation

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 54, with the help of The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders, all of Post 54 in Fernandina, collected \$1,051 for the Mammogram Hotline that ensures every woman on the First Coast can get a mammogram. The hotline number is 1-877-9-MY-MAMMO. It is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Front row from left are Marge Brewer, Auxiliary President Sue Meloy, Lee Mills, Pat Curnutte and Jayne Bryan. Second row, John Barniac, Diane Austin, Tammy Wilcox, Brenda Vurnackes and Donna Pratt. Third row, Rosemary Scruggs, Bonnie Quatrene, Patty Sloper, Tawny Shirah, Debbie Moeckel and Post 54 Commander Van Clark. Back row, Guy Price, Keith Mason, Brittney Stillman, Gary Money, Debbie Dobbs and Rick Dobbs.



#### Homeless Coalition

Dani Gammel of the Coalition for the Homeless in Nassau County accepts a proclamation from Mayor Bruce Malcolm declaring Dec. 21, 2008 as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day during a Dec. 16 city commission meeting at City Hall. The coalition will hold a membership meeting Thursday 9:30 a.m. at the Peck Center. On Jan. 26, it will take part in the annual national census and survey to measure the number and needs of homeless individuals. Volunteers in Nassau County will be collecting data and doing surveys at homeless shelters and transitional housing facilities as well as on the streets. A training session is required before Jan. 26. Call Gammel at 261-8081 or Sharon Manning at 206-1842 for further information.

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#### 'Mentoring Month'

Jody Mackle, program director of Take Stock in Children of Nassau County, accepts a proclamation from Mayor Bruce Malcolm proclaiming the month of January as Nation Mentoring Month at a Jan. 6 city commission meeting at City Hall.



#### New book bags

Recently the Kiwanis Club of Fernandina Beach donated new "Book Buddy Bags" to the students of Peck Head Start. Left, members Bill Dickson, left, and Steve Heller distribute the bags.

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#### MLK Day

Former Fernandina Beach mayor Charles Albert accepts a proclamation from Mayor Bruce Malcolm proclaiming Jan. 19 as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day as Courtney Tyson-Shelby, president of the Nassau County NAACP, looks on during a Jan. 6 city commission meeting. For information about MLK Day and Black History Month events, see page 6B.



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#### Community grant

Steve Filkoff, commander of the Fernandina Beach Police Auxiliary, left, observes as Fernandina Beach Wal-Mart manager Robert Hawk presents a \$1,500 community grant to city Police Chief Jim Hurley.

For the past four years Wal-Mart has partnered with the police department to ensure that hundreds of local kids have a brighter Christmas through the Shop with Cops program. Last year, Hawk helped to start the Fernandina Beach Police Auxiliary Corps by recommending the program for a Wal-Mart Community Grant in the amount of \$1,500. That funding helped to form the foundation for the program, which now boasts more than 100 volunteer members. For more information about the Police Auxiliary Corps, go to [www.fbpd.us](http://www.fbpd.us) and look under Programs and Services.

# Auxilians provide more than just wheelchairs

For the News-Leader

The Board of Directors of the Baptist Medical Center Nassau Auxiliary is pleased to recognize the auxilians that serve in Wheelchair Transport as the January service area for the 2008-9 auxiliary year.

The purpose of the Wheelchair Transport service area is to provide wheelchair transportation to those in need within the medical center. These auxilians also assist with the delivery of mail and floral arrangements as well as providing a warm welcome to the patients and visitors upon entering the medical center.

The ladies and gentlemen serving in this area must be able to multi-task, converse with patients and their families easily and communicate well with others. The board thanks these auxilians and their coordinator, Bill Lauerman, for their excellent skills as they serve in this area.

For more information about this area or the Baptist Medical Center Auxiliary, call the auxiliary office at 321-3818.



Front row from left are Wheelchair Transport auxilians Rose Bennett, Susan Ryder, Virginia Joyce, Donna Winsemann, Ronnie Miller and Jeanette Goodbread; back row, Bill Lauerman, Rodney Cillo, Carol Sprovtsoff, John Quinn and Tommie Evans. Not pictured are James Bader, Ron Chudzynski, Louis Fiore, Alma Frost, Barbara Grass, Harry Hughes, Joan Mason, Robert Neville, Mary Ruark and John Wilsher.

## HOME AND GARDEN BRIEFS



### Farmers market

Lauri deGaris and Art Jenette of Checkers Cracker Cookin' have joined the Fernandina Farmers Market as a new vendor on the third Saturday of the month.

Longtime Northeast Floridians will recognize their special dishes, including prepared collard greens and corn bread, smoked mullet dip, plantation muffins, black-eyed peas relish (otherwise known as Southern Caviar) and more. Each month will feature a different menu, with this Saturday including savory shrimp burgers that are easy for dinner. deGaris will speak about the history of some of these dishes as she does culinary tours along the East Coast including speaking engagements on the American Cruise lines.

The Fernandina Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Seventh and Centre streets. Call 491-4872 or visit [www.fernandina-farmersmarket.com](http://www.fernandina-farmersmarket.com).

### Landscape Matters class

On Jan. 21 from 10-11 a.m., Nassau County Horticulture Agent Rebecca Jordi and Master Gardener Bea Walker will conduct a Landscape Matters class on pruning trees and shrubs in your landscape. The session will take place at the UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Garden.

For more information, see the Extension website at <http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/landmatters/landmatters.html> or contact Jordi at 548-1116.

This session is free and open to the public. Melaleuca mulch is for sale at all Landscape Matters classes.

### Stormwater talk

On Feb 5 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., the Nassau County Extension Service and the St. Johns Water Management District will present an information session, "Neighborhood Stormwater/Landscape Program," at the County Building in Yulee.

The public, homeowner associations, property managers and homeowners are encouraged to attend. This free program will discuss the need for proper fertilizers on lawns and ornamental beds to prevent runoff into retention ponds.

The information will help Nassau County groups comply with best management practices for fertilization and watering lawns and landscapes. Rebecca Jordi, Nassau County Environmental Horticulture agent, and Paula Staples, SJWMD Watershed Action volunteer coordinator, will conduct the free session.

For information, contact Jordi at the Nassau County Extension office, 548-1116, or by e-mail at [rjordi@ufl.edu](mailto:rjordi@ufl.edu).

## BLACK HISTORY EVENTS

### MLK Breakfast

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast presented by the Nassau County Branch of the NAACP takes place from 8-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17 at St. Peter's Episcopal Parish Hall, 801 Atlantic Ave.

The event this year will feature ministers in the Nassau County area. Speaker is the Rev. Terry Pugh, pastor of Elm Street Church of God. Tickets are \$20. Please reserve a seat by today. Contact branch president Courtney Tyson-Shelby at 491-3419 or 277-1256.

The MLK Commemorative Service will be held on Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 10 South 10th St. For more information, contact the Rev. James Arthur at 261-7854.

### Songs for peace

The I Can Academy will celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with the musical "I Have A Dream: Songs for Peace and Harmony," by John Jacobson, Rollo Dilworth, Moses Hogan and Emily Crocker.

The program will also feature two songs from musical guests the Providence Presbyterian Choir and the Peck Community Ensemble.

The public performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at First Assembly of God, 302 South 14th St. in Fernandina Beach. Rehearsals convene at 4:30 p.m. at O'Neal Memorial Baptist Church, 474257 SR 200 East, on Mondays and Fridays until the performance. For information, call 277-2606 or 277-2704.

### Choir in concert

As part of its celebration of Black History Month, the Amelia Island Museum of History will present The Edward Waters College Choir in concert at the Macedonia American Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 1.

The choir, started over 80 years ago, has a broad repertoire of inspirational music and is recognized for its exhilarating interpretations of the classics, spirituals, gospel and contemporary music. Under the leadership of Dr. Samuel D. Shingles, director of the Fine Arts Department and choral director, the 19-member choir promotes and fosters an understanding of African-American heritage and displays a well-rounded knowledge and appreciation for the music of Western Europe.

The church is located at the corner of Beech and Ninth streets. Advance tickets, \$8 for museum members, \$10 for non-members and \$5 for students age 7-18 (children under 6 are free), are available at the Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St. At the door tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and accompanied children.

For more information call Phyllis Davis at 261-7378, ext. 100, or e-mail [phyllis@ameliamuseum.org](mailto:phyllis@ameliamuseum.org).

### Library programs

The Nassau County Public Library System and the Friends of the Nassau County Public Library System, in partnership with the Association for the Study and Preservation of African American History of Nassau County and the Florida Humanities Council, will sponsor the following programs:

### Parent workshop

Nassau County Schools and the Florida Department of Education invite all parents of kindergarten through grade five students to a free "Families Building Better Readers Parent Workshop" on Jan. 26 at Yulee Elementary School, 86063 Felmor Road.

This workshop will provide parents with simple instructional activities they can do with their children to improve their reading performance, with resources that will help improve their children's literacy throughout life and with a free parent tool kit.

Registration and a complimentary pizza dinner, courtesy of the food service

### One Book One Community

What was the fate of Louis-Charles, the lost son of Marie Antoinette and King Louis XVI? This is the premise of the One Book, One Community selection, *The Black Tower*, by Louis Bayard.

Professor Chris Twiggs will moderate a discussion

### Writers and poets

The Nassau County Writers and Poets Society will meet at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 17 at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport. All writers and poets in the county are invited; bring two double-spaced pages of your original prose or two to three of your poems. Be prepared to read and discuss your work. For more information, contact Cara at [www.wordsmythe@net-magic.net](mailto:www.wordsmythe@net-magic.net).

## STARS

Mia is a dainty, 7-pound, 1- to 2-year-old Chihuahua who is shy at first and sweet once she knows you. She would do well as an only dog or with smaller dogs.

Save the Animals Rescue Society does not run a shelter. Animals are fostered by STARS members until a suitable and caring home is found. STARS needs new foster homes in order to rescue more animals and increase adoptions.



For more information, contact STARS at [www.starsofamalia.org](http://www.starsofamalia.org), call 491-3107 or write to P.O. Box 893, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035.

## NASSAU HUMANE SOCIETY

Ginger is a black Lab mix around 1 year old and is a fabulous, fun dog full of energy and ready for a forever home! She would make an excellent running companion for the exercise enthusiast and a super pet for a beach fanatic. If this sounds like your type of pooch, come by the shelter to meet her!

It's hard to believe Miss Mink has been with us since 2007 because she is such a petite, pretty and friendly gal! She is around 1 year old and loves attention! Come give this baby a forever home!

Ginger, Mink and many other wonderful pets are available for adoption at the Nassau Humane Society located at 671 Airport Road in Fernandina Beach. We can also be reached at 321-1647 or at [nassauhumane.org](http://nassauhumane.org). Don't forget to drop off your items at the shelter for the Held and Tick Sale being held on Friday, Feb. 20 and Saturday, Feb. 21 at the air-



The animals appreciate all that you do!

## CATS ANGELS

Hello to all! My name is Lucy and I am a very lucky kitten. I was hanging out with Boomer, the Amelia Island Carriage horse, but Mr. and Mrs. Myers knew I needed a home of my own. So they called Cats Angels, who took me and two de-clawed adult cats that were abandoned by somebody. My foster mom Becky says, "Lucy is a sweet little kitten that loves full-time attention. Lucy's favorite place to nap is next to or on top of a warm person. She loves to watch TV, read a book or keep you warm in bed in the winter. What a great companion!" I have been tested, spayed and given my vaccines and a flea treatment. If you would like to adopt me or one of the many cats, kittens, puppies and dogs available, please call Cats Angels at 321-2267.

Our Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday from 11



a.m.-5 p.m. We appreciate donations of items for the store during business hours. We are looking for volunteers to help with out at the store. Please stop by and sign up! We will be having a "Frosty Sidewalk Sale" on Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and serving hot chocolate to warm you while you shop!

If you are caring for animals and need help getting them spayed/neutered, call First Coast No More Homeless Pets at (904) 425-0005. If you don't qualify, call Cats Angels at 321-2267 to discuss options.

## ANIMAL SERVICES

My name is Amber. I am a loving calico sweetie looking for a home. I am so happy when people love on me and show me attention. My favorite thing to do is curl up and snuggle. I get along just fine with other cats and I am not afraid of dogs either. If you are looking for a young, cool looking little feline friend, then come love on me and see how much love I can give you back!

I am Allie, one of the most playful, loving, beautiful little angels at the shelter. I am a 2-year-old bull dog mix with the sweetest disposition. I love to play with toys and show off with my human friends at the shelter. I get along fine with other dogs. Best part, I came from a "home" and am already

housebroken. So, if you are looking for a great companion dog that has just the right amount of energy, then I'm the baby doll for you.

Nassau County Animal Services was able to transfer 25 more dogs and 11 cats to Tampa Bay SPCA last week. Thank

you Dr. Hicks and Tina O'Brien of Fernandina Beach Animal Clinic for their help in the rescue run! That means 36 more animals from our shelter have been given a second chance. We also had a good week of adoptions! However, we still have plenty of animals to choose from. Please come check them out.

We are located at 86078 License Road near the DMV. Call 548-4035.



## RAIN

Let me introduce you to Choco, aka Wee Willie. She answers to both names here at RAIN. Choco is a female Chocolate Lab mix, about 14 weeks old. She was transferred to us from County Animal Services, where her owner surrendered her with a bad case of ringworm. She has been on the road to recovery for quite some time now, and her coat is coming in beautifully. She plays well with others, loves the water, rides well in the car and is very much looking to become a member of someone's family and home. Choco is scheduled to be spayed within the next two weeks and will have



a clean bill of health to be adopted. For information about Choco and other pets at RAIN, call (904) 879-5861 or e-mail [rainhumane@yahoo.com](mailto:rainhumane@yahoo.com). Rescuing Animals In Nassau will be holding its first annual Spay/Neuter Gala March 28, look for more information to follow.

# PEOPLE & PLACES

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Cycling trip

Twenty cyclists from Savannah, Ga., will arrive at the Fernandina Beach marina at 9 a.m. Jan. 15 from St. Marys, Ga., to ride regional trails and learn about what it takes to get trails built through six coastal counties in Florida and Georgia.

They will begin their ride immediately after a short welcome ceremony. The public is invited to attend the ceremony and local bicyclists are welcome to accompany the group as they pedal south through Amelia and Talbot Islands to the St. Johns River Ferry.

The group will conclude their ride on the canopy road through Fort Clinch State Park before they again board the ferry in Fernandina to return to St. Marys, Ga., on Sunday, Jan. 18. For information contact Mike Pikula at 556-1098.

### Bird walk

Did you know that the Egans Creek Greenway is designated as a stop on the Great Florida Birding Trail? Join Our Greenway on Jan. 17 at 9 a.m. for a birding walk on the Greenway. You can expect to see a variety of wading and songbirds as well as birds of prey. Go to the Our Greenway website at [www.ourgreenway.org](http://www.ourgreenway.org) to download a Greenway specific bird list. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, water, sun protection, bug juice, comfortable walking shoes and optionally field guides and spotting scopes.

Meet in the parking lot at the entrance to the Greenway behind the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center at 2500 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. It is free and open to the public. For more information call 277-7350 or visit Our Greenway at [www.ourgreenway.org](http://www.ourgreenway.org).

### Inauguration party

A Community Potluck Inauguration Party will be held on Jan. 20 from 7-10 p.m. at the Palace Saloon, with dancing to the music of Hupp & Rob and a replay of President Barack Obama's inauguration speech on a big-screen TV.



The Fernandina Beach non-partisan Community for Change Group is hosting the dinner. Please bring a dish to share. Plates and cutlery will be provided. There is a cash bar.

Cost is \$5 per person. Tickets should be purchased in advance through Audrey Milley at (904) 556-6816 or [audrey.milley@yahoo.com](mailto:audrey.milley@yahoo.com). Alternate contact is Chris Platel at 491-8676 or [cplatel@bellsouth.net](mailto:cplatel@bellsouth.net).

Mark Twain at ACT  
Amelia Community Theatre, 209 Cedar St., will present Mark Twain's "The Diaries of Adam & Eve" at 8 p.m. Jan. 22, 23 and 24 and 2 p.m. on Jan. 25.

This witty love story as told by one of America's foremost humorists is a portrait of two unusual people who discover each other while experiencing the mysteries of the garden. The cast includes Geoffrey King and Linda McClane, directed by Jennifer Webber and Sinda Nichols.

Tickets are \$10 adults and \$5 students, open seating. Call 261-6749. Box office hours are 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

'Queen of Hearts'  
Queen of Hearts performs in the next Evening of Story and Song on Feb. 7 in Burns Hall at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The wine bar opens at 7:15 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at First Coast Community Bank, event sponsor, 1750 South 14th St.

Queen of Hearts - April Amick, Beth Anne Clayton, Helen Lewis Moore and Ellen Britton - talented singer/songwriters each in their own right, perform their original songs in perfect harmony when they appear together "in the round," as they frequently do at Nashville's legendary Bluebird Cafe.

Father/Daughter Ball  
Faith Christian Academy presents the Ninth Annual Father/Daughter Ball from 7-10 p.m. March 14 at the Amelia Island Plantation

Ballroom. There will be live music featuring Les DeMerle, professional photography and hors d'oeuvres

Dress is semi-formal and dance shoes. Fathers and daughters of all ages are welcome. Tickets are \$85 for father and daughter and \$40 for each additional daughter; or \$100 and \$45 after Feb. 28. Price includes a gift bag and memory book. Tickets are on sale at Faith Christian Academy, 96282 Brady Point Road. Call 321-2137.

## THIS WEEK

### Photography exhibit

Journeys, an exhibit by local photographer Wayne Howard, is on display at the Intercoastal Wine Company. As a traveler and photographer, the photographs sweep one from majestic panoramas into the natural patterns of everyday life. Using specialized inks and papers, each image is meticulously captured, exactly what you would have seen were you with him. ICW is located at 10 N. Second St. For questions, call Howard at 491-5269 or the ICW at 321-1300.

### Alzheimer's support

The Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group for Nassau County meets from 1:30-2:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Council on Aging, 1367 South 18th St. The next meeting is Jan. 15. No pre-registration is required. This meeting is open to the public and everyone who has an interest is invited to attend. For information, call Ann Smith, R.N., at 261-3222.

### Homeless Coalition

A membership meeting of the Coalition for the Homeless of Nassau County will be held on Jan. 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the Peck Center. For information about the coalition or this meeting call Tom Washburn at 491-1753.

### Men's Newcomers

The Men's Newcomers Club of Amelia Island will hold its luncheon meeting at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 15.

Speaker will be Becky Jordi, UF/IFAS, Nassau County Horticultural Extension agent, will talk about what plants, shrubs and trees are the best for Northeast Florida. Landscaping pointers will also be reviewed. Members are encouraged to bring in a problem plant for a diagnosis. All men are invited. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. For reservations, call Bob Keane at 277-4590.



Clutter-free & Organized and author of *You Can Be Clutter-free & Organized, Fast, Easy Organizing Solutions for Paper Piles and Your Office*. She grew up on Amelia Island and returns frequently to work and walk the beach.

This program is free and open to the public. Brown-baggers are welcome. For information call the Yulee branch library/FCCJ Nassau Center at 548-4467 or the Fernandina Beach branch at 277-7365.

### Third Friday

The Amelia Island Museum of History invites the public to its next "3rd Friday on 3rd Street" presentation on Jan. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the museum, corner of Third and Cedar streets.

This month's speaker is Rob Hicks, former TV productions teacher and current guidance counselor at Fernandina Beach High School. As the TV productions teacher, Hicks embarked on an ambitious project to have his students create a professional-grade documentary on the history of Amelia Island. The museum is proud to have been a part of this project, which won "Best of the Fest" at the 2008 Amelia Island Film Festival. Join the museum as it recognizes the hard work of a local educator and enjoy a viewing of the film with some special insight into the project. A reception will follow. Admission is free for museum members and students and \$5 for non-members.

### 'March for Life'

In the spirit of respecting human life, join family, friends and many others of diverse faiths, backgrounds and ages in St. Augustine on Jan. 17 for various activities. From 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. participants will place 4,000 small, white crosses at the Cemetery of Innocents located near the Great Cross at Mission Nombre de Dios, marking the 4,000 legal, surgical abortions that occur every day in the United States.

At noon the 2009 March for Life will be held from Mission Nombre de Dios to the Public Plaza and Gazebo in downtown St. Augustine (approximately 1 mile). There will be a talk by Dr. Noreen Johnson, OB-GYN, College Station, Texas, music by Palm Beach County's St. Francis of Assisi Choir, and a presentation by Project SOS. A spaghetti dinner hosted by St. John's County Right to Life will follow at the Bishop Baker Center, 259 St. George St. For directions and more information, visit [www.marchforlifefestaugustine.com](http://www.marchforlifefestaugustine.com).

### Trivia night

Enjoy "Trivia with Maggie" on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Crab Trap in downtown

Fernandina Beach and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at Sandy Bottoms at Main Beach. Enjoy a special trivia menu, drink, win prizes and improve your memory. These events are free and open to the public.

## NEXT WEEK

### Confederate sons

At 7 p.m. Jan. 19, the Joseph Finegan Camp 745, Sons of Confederate Veterans will honor the birthdays of Gen. Robert E. Lee (Jan. 19) and Gen. Stonewall Jackson (Jan. 21) at the Pig BBQ in Callahan.

Lt. Cmdr. Robert P. Hurst of Tallahassee will speak about "The Magnificent Partnership" between Lee and Jackson. Under their leadership, the Army of Northern Virginia became the most formidable military force in the world in 1863.

Southern music will be provided by Asst. Adj. Jimmy Bowers for a sing-a-long. The public is always welcome. The Order of Confederate Rose will present "readings" by Secretary Kathy Carroll and President Jan Sain will present new goals for 2009.

### NACDAC meeting

Members of the community interested in the prevention and elimination of underage drinking and other drug use within Nassau County are invited to attend this month's Nassau Alcohol, Crime and Drug Abatement Coalition (NACDAC) meeting on Jan. 20 at 4 p.m.

NACDAC is a non-profit coalition created to support and encourage drug-free lifestyles for the youth of Nassau County. It meets the third Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. at the County Building at 86026 Pages Dairy Road, Yulee. For information, visit [www.nacdac.org](http://www.nacdac.org) or call Jean Bardes at 753-2551.

### Teen Court

Nassau County Teen Court will be held Jan. 20 at the Nassau County Judicial Annex, 76347 Veterans Way in Yulee. Sessions begin at 6 p.m.

Students ages 11-18 are invited to participate. Those wishing to be on the volunteer jury or act as attorneys, court clerks and bailiffs can sign up through their school guidance offices or by attending court and signing up then. To participate as an attorney, see coordinator Charles Griffin, who assigns the positions. Volunteers need to arrive between 5:30 and 6 p.m. For information call Griffin at 548-4600.

### Genealogy meeting

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will meet Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Police

Department Community Room, 1525 Lime St. The topic will be "How Saving Important Artifacts Can Provide Genealogical Information," delivered by guest speaker Julia Reynolds Nowlin. It is free and open to the public. For information, call 321-3460.

### Stroke support

A Stroke Support Group meeting will be held at Savannah Grand, 1900 Amelia Trace Court, on Jan. 21 at 10:30 a.m. For more information call 321-0898.

### DAR meeting

The January meeting of the Amelia Island Chapter of the DAR will be held on Jan. 21 at the Golf Club of Amelia starting at 10:30 a.m. All members and prospective members are invited. Please call Vicki at 321-0828 to make reservations.

### ABWA meeting

The American Business Women's Association - Eight Flags Charter Chapter will meet Jan. 22 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club. Social time begins at 6 p.m., with the dinner meeting being called to order at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is \$12 a person and is payable that evening. Call Esther Schindler at 491-5790 for information and to RSVP.

### Micah's Place help

Need to help a friend, become a volunteer or learn more about domestic violence? Micah's Place offers orientations every fourth Thursday at 5:30 p.m. The next session is Jan. 22. Call 491-6364, ext. 102 for more information and the location.

### Doggie social

"Dogs Need a Vacation Too" fundraiser and raffle for the Nassau Humane Society will be held on Jan. 22 from 4-7 p.m. at Bark Avenue Pet Boutique in the Plantation Shops of Amelia Island Plantation.

All dogs are invited to bring their favorite humans for fun, refreshments, prizes and discounts off your favorite "doggie delights." This opportunity to socialize is sponsored by The Travel Agency and a selection of its favorite dog friendly hotels and resorts. RSVP to The Travel Agency at 261-5914.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each and all prizes are donated by hotels and resorts that cater to canine guests. All proceeds will go to the Nassau Humane Society and the tickets are available at The Travel Agency, Bark Avenue and at the Nassau Humane Society on Airport Road.

### Spaghetti dinner

The Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach at 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd. will hold a

Spaghetti Dinner from 6-8 p.m. on Jan. 23. The menu will include spaghetti, salad, dessert and tea for \$8. Take out orders for lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with free delivery. Reservations may be made by calling 261-6088 (leave a message with your name, phone number, number of dinners and if you want delivery for lunch or dine in at the clubhouse). The club would like reservations so it knows how many dinners to prepare, but tickets may be purchased at the door.

### DeMerle at Ocean 60

The Martini Bar at Ocean 60 Restaurant, 60 Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach, presents the Dynamic Les DeMerle Jazz Trio featuring Bonnie Eisele on Jan. 23 and 24 and Feb. 6 and 7 from 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. For reservations and more information, visit [www.ocean60.com](http://www.ocean60.com) or call (904) 247-0060.



### Pet paintings

Bring your dog or cat photos to Tine Kirkland Graham on Jan. 24 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for a whimsical, colorful acrylic portrait. Graham is a guest artist at Eileen's Art and Antiques Centre, 702 Centre St., through February. She specializes in unique pet portraits on canvas.

Graham is a self-taught, late in life artist. She also exhibits in galleries in Nantucket, Mass., Bay Head, N.J., and Morristown, N.J. Photos may be delivered at any time, but come visit with the artist on Jan. 24, when she will be painting and signing books. She will be happy to take a photo of your pet if you don't have one. For information, call 277-2717.

### Portrait classes

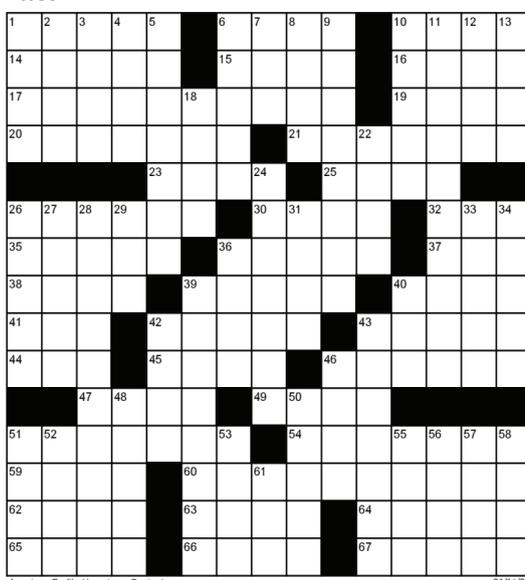
Award-winning St. Augustine artist Kaytee Esser will show you how to get started painting people or pet portraits in two separate workshops at the Island Art Association on North Second Street.

On Jan. 26-28 from 9:30-12:30 p.m. at the Island Art Association on North Second Street learn the basics for painting people portraits by the use of underpainting to develop a finished portrait. This class is for adults, beginners through advanced. Call 261-7020 to register.

The pet portrait workshop for adults 18 on up will be held Jan. 29-31 at the Fernandina Art Gallery studio. Please bring the medium you can work with the best. You will learn how to use guidelines and shapes to develop portraits of your pets. Contact Esser at (843) 476-9059 or e-mail [Kaytee@KayteeEsser.com](mailto:Kaytee@KayteeEsser.com).

## CROSSWORD

### Tree Cheers



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### ACROSS

- Sudden outburst
- Garden hose crimp
- Middle of a triple jump
- Liver, but not onions
- Shaving gel additive
- Russia's Mountains
- Place to store crops
- "You betcha"
- Fighting words
- Biblical shout of praise
- Really hard on the eyes
- Dirty dishes locale
- Traveler's bag
- Tech caller
- Cry out loud
- Decathlon unit
- Treat served with tea
- Norton, to Kramden
- Straight up, at the bar
- Make smooth, in a way
- Von Braun's org.
- Comics bark
- Wearing a puss
- "It slices, it ..."
- Columbo et al.: Abbr.
- Cookery's Rombauer
- One of wine's Gallo brothers
- Clobber with snowballs
- Auto parts giant
- Auto safety item
- Seventeen-year bugs
- Skip over
- Place to make deposits

- Selling point for a full-size auto, perhaps
- Bring home
- "Nolo contendere," e.g.
- Small advantage
- Knightly address
- Cancun's peninsula
- Open to bribery
- Fend off
- Auto suspension part
- Negative stat for a QB
- PlayStation maker
- Caravan stopovers
- Great time, slangily
- Inner city eyesore
- Like a laptop

### DOWN

- Really ticked
- "I" or "me": Abbr.
- Bug-eyed
- Brit's "later!"
- Form a hard coating on
- Superman, at birth
- Green around the gills
- Father of Ham
- Lamp fuel
- Lazy girl?

- "Delta of Venus" author
- Tidy sum
- Pre-euro Greek currency
- Grandier than grand
- Park, Colo.
- In need of Clearasil
- Chanel of fashion
- "Omnia vincit ..."
- "Iliad" locale
- Common rhyme scheme
- Flash drive filler
- Aardvark's meal
- Ball (arcade game)
- Many a Monopoly property: Abbr.

### Solution For Previous Puzzle

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## SUDOKU

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Fill in the squares so that each row, column and 3-by-3 box contain the numbers 1 through 9. Solution will appear in the Friday B-section.

Friday, Jan. 9, 2009  
Sudoku Medium  
Puzzle #2

6	5	1	8	2	7	3	4	9
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1	6	5	9	3	8	7	2	4
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LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOHN A. ROGERS, the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:

File Number: 2008-116-TD  
Certificate Number: 773  
Parcel Number: 19-2N-25-0000-0148-0000  
Year of Issuance: 2006  
Description of Property: IN DB 228 PG 5 CO REC Assessed To: ANNIE M MADISON

All of the above property is located in Nassau County, in the State of Florida.

Unless such certificate(s) shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate(s) certificates will be sold to the Highest Bidder at the MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE NASSAU COUNTY JUDICIAL ANNEX, 76347 VETERANS WAY, YULEE, FL, on the 27th day of January, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Clerk of Court's Office Policy is to hold the sale at 11:30 a.m. JOHN A. CRAWFORD, NASSAU COUNTY CLERK OF COURT

BY: KAREN J. LOCKETT, DEPUTY CLERK

Individuals with disabilities needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the RECORDING DEPARTMENT as soon as possible after receiving that notice. Telephone: 904-548-4604 or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

**CIVIL DIVISION**  
**CASE NO. 2008-CA-461**  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs. ADAM W. DEROSSETT A/K/A ADAM WAYNE DEROSSETT; HOLLY R. DEEN A/K/A HOLLY REBECCA DEEN A/K/A HOLLY R. DEROSSETT A/K/A HOLLY REBECCA DEROSSETT; COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Motion and Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale Date in Case No. 2007-CA-461, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Nassau County, Florida, where- IN DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff, and ADAM W. DEROSSETT A/K/A ADAM WAYNE DEROSSETT; HOLLY R. DEEN A/K/A HOLLY REBECCA DEEN A/K/A HOLLY R. DEROSSETT A/K/A HOLLY REBECCA DEROSSETT; COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the AT 11:30 A.M. at the MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE NASSAU COUNTY JUDICIAL ANNEX, 76347 VETERANS WAY, YULEE, FL 32097 at the 11th day of February, 2009, the following described property: LOT 64, HICKORY VILLAGE UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 369, 370 AND 371, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 (ADA), disabled persons who, because of their disabilities, need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 416 CENTER STREET, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034 or Telephone Voice/TDD (904) 321-5700 not later than five business days prior to such proceeding.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2009.  
John A. Crawford, Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Tracy Poore, Deputy Clerk  
Office of Marshall C. Watson, 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309  
Telephone: (954) 453-0365  
Facsimile: (954) 453-0366  
Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

**GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION**  
**CASE NO. 45-2008-CA-00054**  
**SEC. 0**  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF AMERIGEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-R7 Plaintiff,

vs. STEVEN PHALLMARK, et al Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING-PROPERTY

TO: STEVEN P. HALLMARK AND ROBIN K. HALLMARK ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 560 MINER ROAD, YULEE, FL 32097

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendant(s) are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant(s) as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following

real property, lying and being and situated in NASSAU County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Tract 1, Block 8, Yulee Woods Section 2, as recorded in Public Records of the Public Records of Nassau County, Florida. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 560 MINER ROAD, YULEE, FL 32097

This action has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, such as Morris Hardwick Schneider, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 5115 Eisenhower Blvd., Suite 103, Tampa, Florida 33688 on or before and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 30th day of December, 2008.  
John A. Crawford, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Heather Nazworth, Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this hearing, should contact ADA Coordinator not later than 1 (one) day prior to the proceeding, at 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, Florida 32097, (800) 958-3496. For the hearing or voice impaired (800) 955-8771. 21 01-07-14-2009 7182

**STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT**

The Department of Environmental Protection, in accordance with its intent to issue a permit to Smurfit-Stone Container Enterprises, Inc., which has a mailing address of North 8th Street, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034. This project is for the first time in the State of Florida. The Department has assigned file number 0890003-027-AC to this project. The purpose of the test project is to promote better operating conditions with no increase in air emissions.

The Department will accept written comments concerning the proposed permit issuance action for a period of 14 (fourteen) days from the date of publication of the "PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT." Comments should be provided to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Northeast District Office at 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite B-200, Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7590. Any written comments received will be made available for public inspection. If written comments received result in a significant change in the proposed agency action, the Department shall revise the proposed permit and refile it, if applicable, and/or Public Notice.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes (F.S.). The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 University Blvd., Jacksonville, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000. Petitions filed by the permit applicant or any of the parties listed below must be filed within fourteen days of receipt of this notice of intent. Any other persons entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within fourteen days of publication of the notice of intent. If a party files a petition of intent, whichever occurs first, Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within fourteen days of receipt of this notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within the time specified in this notice shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and request a hearing thereon. If any subsequent intervention will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information:

(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each party to the identification number, if known;

(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner, the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;

(c) A statement of how and when petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed action;

(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.

(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged,

including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;

(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; and

(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Department on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

The application is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department of Environmental Protection, Northeast District Office, 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite 8200, Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7590. 11 01-14-2009 7186

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

BILLS TOWING gives Notice of Public Sale of the following items: intent to sell these vehicles on 01/26/2009, 8:30 am at 425 S 8TH ST FERNANDINA, FL 32034-3609, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. BILLS TOWING reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and/or all bids. 2FALP71W8VX120535 1997 FORD 11 01-14-2009 7187

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is given pursuant to the Self Storage Facility Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 83, Part IV, that AAAA Self Storage, a self storage facility, will be by auction to the highest bidder the contents of spaces numbered 1 through 12, including: 083 Misc. Business Inventory

The sale will be held at AAAA Self Storage facility located at 1830 S. 8th Street, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034, Nassau County, at 10:00 am on Monday, January 19, 2009. 21 01-14-21-2009 7188

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**DIVISION:**  
**CASE NO. 08-CP-223**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GEORGE ANDREW BURNS, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of GEORGE ANDREW BURNS, deceased, File Number 08-CP-223, is pending in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, Florida 32097. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 7, 2009.

CLYDE W. DAVIS, Attorney for Personal Representative, 76347 Veterans Way, Suite 8200, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034  
Telephone: (904) 261-2848  
Facsimile: (904) 261-2849  
Personal Representative 21 01-07-14-2009 7180

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**FILE NO.: 08-CP-219**  
**DIVISION: A**

IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE F. PETZOLD, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of GEORGE F. PETZOLD, deceased, File Number 08-CP-219, is pending in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Nassau County Courthouse, 76347 Veterans Way, Suite 8200, Yulee, Florida 32097. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 5th day of January, 2009, and entered in Case No. 45-2008-CA-00032, wherein INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. is the Plaintiff and DOUG FORBES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DOUG FORBES; JOHN DOE; AS UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are the defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the AT 11:30 A.M. at the MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE NASSAU COUNTY JUDICIAL ANNEX, 76347 VETERANS WAY, YULEE, FL 32097 at the 11th day of February, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT #1 N/K/A MOBLE SLIDER KNOLL, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 5, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), disabled persons who, because of their disabilities, need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 416 CENTER STREET, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034 or Telephone Voice/TDD (904) 321-5700 not later than five business days prior to such proceeding.

Dated this 5 day of January, 2009.  
John A. Crawford, Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Amanda Steam, Deputy Clerk  
Law Office of Marshall C. Watson, 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309  
Telephone: (954) 453-0365  
Facsimile: (954) 771-6052  
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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSIDER ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, at a Regular meeting to be held on Monday, the 26th day of January, 2009, at 7:00 PM, at the Commission Chambers, located in the James S. Page Governmental Center at 1130A M. Yulee, Florida, intends to consider for adoption the following proposed ordinance:

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FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, COMMENCE AT THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 25, PAGE 636, PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD 200-A (HAVING A 100 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY); A DISTANCE OF 172.75 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE NORTH 11 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 4 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 219.23 FEET TO AN IRON:

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS my HAND and the seal of this Court on January 7, 2009.  
John A. Crawford, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Tracy Poore, Deputy Clerk  
Florida Default Law Group, P.L.L.C., PO. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the circuit court at (904) 321-5709; 21 01-14-21-2009 7193

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