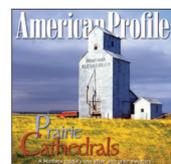


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## IS THIS FLORIDA OR NEW YORK?



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GALE JAMEYSON/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

Readers captured icy moments on camera during the cold spell this week. Jim Pierce caught the fountain on Centre Street outside the Nassau County Courthouse at its icy best, with Felix Jones in the background touting his wares. Gale Jameyson shot the Lopiano fountain on Langsford Creek in Oyster Bay. Temperatures near 20 were the coldest in six years, but it should warm up through the weekend.

## ACLU: No gay club? No cheerleaders or sports either

MICHAEL PARNELL  
News-Leader

If Nassau County Schools allow extracurricular sports and activities such as cheerleading, they must allow a Gay-Straight Alliance club at Yulee High School, according to a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union.

The schools continue to refuse permission to such a club, however, and have not responded to the attorney's latest threats of litigation, according to schools Superintendent John Ruis.

Federal law provides that schools must treat extracurricular activities equally.

"A few of the more obvious organizations that fit this definition are sports teams, cheerleaders and possibly the yearbook," wrote attorney Robert F. Rosenwald, Jr., in a Dec. 19 letter. Ruis said the schools have not replied to that letter.

Rosenwald wrote on behalf of Yulee High School students Hannah Page and Jacob Brock, "who are interested in forming a student organization to focus on combating anti-gay harassment and discrimination and on educating the school community about these issues."

After previous letters from the ACLU, the schools suspended all "non-curricular activities" pending a new application and review process for all school clubs and organizations. Ruis said that process is proceeding, and many of the clubs and organizations have resumed activities under new rules this semester.

But that action "raised additional concerns," Rosenwald wrote.

"While you have suspended some clubs, you have not, however, cancelled others whose continuing pres-

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## A PARK FOR DOGS

A chocolate Labrador retriever plays fetch on a cold January day in a bone-shaped pool at the new city dog park. Story, more photos, 4A.

ANGELA DAUGHTRY/NEWS-LEADER

## Does vision for city's future include a cruise ship terminal?

ANGELA DAUGHTRY  
News-Leader

Commissioner Ron Sapp and Mayor Bruce Malcolm butted heads at Tuesday's city commission meeting on the effects that a potential cruise ship terminal might have on the future of Fernandina Beach - but Sapp did not get much support from commissioners for a resolution to prevent such a terminal from being built here.

The disagreement occurred toward the end of the meeting, when Sapp said he was concerned about "unofficial discussions" that a cruise terminal might be located here if it is rejected in Mayport.

Sapp made it abundantly clear that a cruise ship terminal does not fit his vision of the future Fernandina Beach.

Malcolm defended his support for a possible cruise terminal in Fernandina Beach. He also was defen-



Malcolm



Sapp

sive about statements he made on the possible closing of the Smurfit-Stone Container Corp. mill, one of Fernandina Beach's largest employers.

Malcolm has said he is in favor of replacing the factory on the north end of the island, if it is closed, with a terminal for cruise ships if that cannot be located in Mayport. But he said

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## TOURING BY BICYCLE



PAT FOSTER-TURLEY/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

A group of Savannah, Ga., bicyclists disembark from the Cumberland Sound Ferry in Fernandina Beach, right, before cycling across Amelia Island to Little Talbot Island State Park and on to downtown Jacksonville. They left on the ferry the morning of Jan. 15 from St. Marys, Ga., above. The Savannah-Northeast Florida Workshop on Wheels tour focuses attention on the need for trails to support bicycle tourism.



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**LOOKING BACK**

**50 YEARS AGO**

A tourist from Miami was reunited with her purse and \$1,000 after she left it behind at the Yulee Welcome Station.

January 22, 1959

**25 YEARS AGO**

The Florida Division of Beaches and Shores was

studying artificial seaweed as the answer to beach erosion on barrier islands.

January 25, 1984

**10 YEARS AGO**

Hundreds mourned the passing of popular Hilliard Mayor David H. "Buck" Buchanan, who died in his sleep at age 71.

January 27, 1999

**Today's Weather**  
**Local 5-Day Forecast**

Fri 1/23	Sat 1/24	Sun 1/25	Mon 1/26	Tue 1/27
<b>67/45</b> Mostly sunny skies. High 67F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.	<b>70/50</b> Occasional showers possible. High in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>68/51</b> Showers. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>70/49</b> Few showers. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>70/49</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 5:55 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 5:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 5:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 5:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 5:58 PM

**Florida At A Glance**



**Area Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Clearwater	71	46	sunny	Ocala	69	40	sunny
Crestview	73	53	mst sunny	Orlando	68	41	sunny
Daytona Beach	69	40	sunny	Panama City	71	55	mst sunny
Fort Lauderdale	74	58	sunny	Pensacola	71	57	mst sunny
Fort Myers	76	49	sunny	Plant City	70	41	sunny
Gainesville	67	41	sunny	Pompano Beach	74	54	sunny
Hollywood	73	54	sunny	Port Charlotte	74	47	sunny
Jacksonville	70	47	sunny	Saint Augustine	67	42	sunny
Key West	72	63	sunny	Saint Petersburg	69	51	sunny
Lady Lake	69	40	sunny	Sarasota	69	44	sunny
Lake City	69	43	sunny	Tallahassee	71	47	sunny
Madison	72	48	mst sunny	Tampa	71	45	sunny
Melbourne	69	41	sunny	Titusville	70	43	sunny
Miami	72	56	sunny	Venice	72	46	sunny
N Smyrna Beach	69	40	sunny	W Palm Beach	72	51	sunny

**National Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	63	49	pt sunny	Minneapolis	15	-12	cloudy
Boston	36	31	cloudy	New York	44	32	pt sunny
Chicago	31	7	cloudy	Phoenix	70	50	rain
Dallas	78	45	rain	San Francisco	54	46	rain
Denver	42	28	mixed	Seattle	44	34	foggy
Houston	76	59	cloudy	St. Louis	42	18	cloudy
Los Angeles	64	50	cloudy	Washington, DC	50	36	mst sunny
Miami	72	56	sunny				

**Moon Phases**



**UV Index**

Fri 1/23	Sat 1/24	Sun 1/25	Mon 1/26	Tue 1/27
4	4	4	5	5
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Walter J. Johnson Jr.**

Walter J. Johnson Jr., 85, of Fernandina Beach passed away Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009 at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville.

A native of Pasadena, Md., he had previously resided in Yulee for a number of years before relocating to Fernandina Beach in 1965. During his academic career he was a graduate of Annapolis High School in Maryland. After moving to Fernandina he began working for Container Corporation of America, where he was a draftsman for nearly 20 years.

Throughout his life Mr. Johnson loved growing things. His initial love of houseplants eventually led him outdoors to growing vegetables and flowers. "Chef Walter," as he was affectionately known, was also a skilled cook preparing many dishes for his family. He was a longtime member of Memorial United Methodist Church in Fernandina, where he was an active choir member and Sunday School member for many years.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen Stone Johnson, in October 1977. He is survived by his present wife, Virginia Johnson, of Fernandina Beach, two sons, Paul W. Johnson of Talbot, Tenn., and Charles L. Johnson of Cheshire, Conn., by three daughters, Diane L. Cripps of Fernandina Beach, Rhoda J. Nash of Linthicum, Md., and Patti Johnson of Shallotte, N.C. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at



Memorial United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Brett Opalinski, pastor, officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. He will be laid to rest in Bosque-Bello Cemetery in a private service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Memorial United Methodist Church Fund, 601 Centre St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 or to the Methodist Children's Home, c/o the church. Please share his life story at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

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**James Michael Lester**

James Michael Lester, 63, of Yulee, formerly of Hewett, W.Va., died Friday, Jan. 9, 2009 after an extended illness.

He was the owner and operator of Mike's Body Shop in Hewett, W.Va., and West Madison, W.Va. Mike retired from Coast Chips, Inc. in Fernandina Beach.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sherman Sr. and Violet, and by his brother, Rodney.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, of Yulee; son and daughter-in-law, J.D. and Wendy Lester of Fernandina Beach; daughter and son-in-law, Sonya and Harold Robinson of Madison, W.Va.; grandchildren, Cody and Kyleigh Robinson, and Hannah and Jacob Lester; brothers, Sherman Jr. of Lake, W.Va., Gary of Barboursville, W.Va., and Richard of Martinsburg, W.Va.; his sisters, Norma Hodges of Charleston, W.Va., and Phyllis Maynard of Waldorf, Md.

Mike was laid to rest at Family Memorial Gardens in Madison, W.Va. on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009.

Handley Funeral Home Danville, W.Va.

**Lee Rubio**

Lee Rubio, one of Thomasville, Georgia's most celebrated artists and mother of five children, passed away Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009. She was 75.

She had been fighting cancer since March of this year but left this Earth in her sleep due to natural causes.

Lee Rubio was born in Miami along with her twin brother, Edward, to Ruth Russell Posey. Ms. Posey was a fashion illustrator for the Miami Herald and Burdines, and also produced political cartoons and book illustrations. Lee Rubio was a top athlete at Miami Senior High School and also was awarded high recognition for art, voice and named Miss Good Grooming of her class. She and Edward also received many awards for ballroom dancing.

After graduating she went to nursing school and found her first position as a Registered Nurse at Mt. Sinai Memorial Hospital on Miami Beach. There she met Dr. Victor Rubio while delivering babies; he would become her future husband. Victor immigrated from Cuba in the 1950's to escape the Batista regime, returned to Cuba in the late '50s with his young family to briefly be part of the Castro's government, and he left for the final time when Castro's relationship to the Communists was revealed.

The family moved to Georgia following this event so Dr. Rubio could continue his studies to become a psychiatrist. After completing his formal residency at Veterans Memorial Hospital in Augusta, Ga., the family, now a unit of seven, moved to Thomasville in 1968. Dr. Rubio became Chief of Staff of Southwestern State Hospital while Lee raised five children and became one of

Thomasville's most cherished artists.

She would then contribute the next 40 years of her life to production of work that spanned from local public schools that her children attended, to sets for the Follies, Music and Drama Troop and other local production and murals for the city of Thomasville. In 1984 Lee opened The Rubio School of Art, where she taught art classes to scores of students, young and old. Like her mother, she illustrated several books including seven cookbooks and a children's book titled "Uga's Game Day" University of Georgia mascot with Gail Lane-Altman. She also worked for 30 years at the state of Georgia Merit System, Thomas County Training Center, where she was a lead instructor to mentally disabled adults focusing on community work skills. She was an avid gardener and loved her time with her precious dogs, Georgia and Amelia, and dear friends.

She is survived by her brother, Edward Miller; children, Elva Rubio, her husband Scott Timcoe and granddaughter, Dominic, Victor Rubio, Desiree Rubio Dinkel of Yulee, her husband Ron Dinkel, Wendee Clemons, her husband John Clemons and grandson, Asa, and Renee Rubio.

Donations in her honor can be made to either: Lee Rubio Memorial Fund at MNW Boys and Girls Club of Thomas County, P.O. Box 1577, Thomasville, GA 31792 or Pet Care Support. Please make checks to Clanton Malphus and Hodges Veterinary Clinic, 2134 East Pinetree Blvd., Thomasville, GA 31792. Please designate for The Georgia Fund.

A celebration of Lee Rubio's life will be held from 3 to 7:30 p.m. today at The Plaza Restaurant, Thomasville, Ga.

**WEEKLY UPDATE**

**Center moving**

TLC Pregnancy Center will be relocating to The Salvation Army Hope House on the corner of Ninth and Date streets in Fernandina Beach. It will be closed from Feb. 2-8 and will reopen on Feb. 9.

It will continue to offer all services for free to those in need and will continue to remain under Care-Net Affiliation and the TLC Board of Directors.

**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 Work-Source at 96042 Lofton Square (Winn-Dixie shopping center) in Yulee today 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](http://www.census.gov).

**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.

**Yard sale**

The Miner Road Fire Department will hold a community yard sale on Feb. 7 and 8 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Booths are available. For

information contact Helen at 226-1270.

**Consumer clinics**

A series of free Nassau County Consumer Clinics, presented by Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA), are being held at the Nassau County Judicial Annex.

Presentations will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Juror Services Room (first floor) on Feb. 9, March 9 and April 6.

Ariel Patterson, JALA staff attorney and Equal Justice Works fellow, presents topics including debt collection, small claims, bankruptcy, foreclosure, and ID theft. The public is invited to suggest topics and may do so by calling Cynthia Johnson of JALA at (904) 356-8371, ext. 307, or Sue Powell of the Nassau County Clerk of Courts office at 548-4551.

**Library board**

The Nassau County Library Advisory Board will meet Feb. 17 from 3-5 p.m. at the FCCJ/Nassau Center

Yulee branch library, 76346 William Burgess Blvd. The public is invited to attend.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program should contact the library at 277-7365, or the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771 at least 5 days in advance.

**Help quitting**

One of the most broken New Year's Resolutions is the resolve to quit tobacco. If this is in your list of things to do in the New Year, Nassau County Health Department Tobacco Cessation Counselor Jennifer Emmons can help you.

All over Nassau County people have been quitting with Emmons' help. The QUITLINE (877-U-CAN-NOW) and their free nicotine replacement therapy (patches, lozenges and gum) and cessation groups greatly increase your chances of quitting. You do not have to be tobacco free to join a group.

For information call Emmons at 548-1867.

**Just friends**

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Tuesday that he hopes the mill remains open here and supports it.

There were reports last week that Smurfit-Stone could file for bankruptcy within two weeks. The Fernandina mill would remain open in that event on the assumption the company could reorganize its debts and emerge from bankruptcy. Company spokesmen have said in the past the mill is one of Smurfit's most efficient and operations will continue there.

"I'm looking at (a cruise ship terminal) as a political animal right now," said Malcolm, "and for us to just to haul off and throw a grenade in the middle of something that might benefit us in the future by resolution, I think it's a bad policy." Both Malcolm and Sapp are up for re-election this spring, and their vision of the city's future will be a campaign topic.

"This (cruise ship) issue keeps coming up," said Sapp, "and I'm wondering whether or not the commission should make some kind of statement through resolution ... saying that as far as the city of Fernandina Beach is concerned, we have no interest in having a cruise ship terminal."

Commissioner Susan Steger said she "would be happy to support" a resolution discouraging a cruise ship terminal on the island - but the three other commissioners were not as eager to nip the idea in the bud.

"Right now I'm leaning the other way," said Commissioner Eric Childers. "The jury's still out, but I'm leaning the other way."

Vice Mayor Ken Walker said he "could be persuaded either way" on the matter, but added that if a resolution was brought up to prevent a cruise terminal, he would vote against it. "If you were to put (the resolution) in front of me today, I wouldn't

*'I don't want anybody thinking I want that mill closed... I want the mill to stay on the island.'*

**MAYOR BRUCE MALCOLM**

support it," he said.

"We've got a bunch of empty buildings sitting downtown for lack of business," said Malcolm in defense of the terminal. "I don't want (a cruise terminal) precluding the view of our waterfront and all we've worked for down there. ... If it's economically feasible. ... To throw that out immediately without any discussion, I think is nuts."

"We're going to have a gigantic empty spot (if Smurfit-Stone closes) to fill," Malcolm went on. "If we can provide some jobs for people downtown to stimulate business, that's a good thing."

Malcolm also noted that Fernandina Beach and Amelia Island are attractive destinations that would attract cruise aficionados to spend money in the city.

But Steger said she had some experience observing cruise ship activity and did not think it would be an economic boost for the city.

"I've been on a cruise ship that went into a small town like Fernandina and I actually watched the passengers go on and off," said Steger. "Where did they eat? They ate on the cruise ship. And were they carrying packages (bought in the town)? Rarely."

"I certainly want to see the downtown prosper," said Sapp. "My vision for the city of Fernandina Beach does not include cruise ships on the waterfront out there. ... What's happening is the selling of Fernandina Beach."

"This is my hometown," said Sapp, "and I intend to be here until the day I die."

"I'm trying to understand your vision," Malcolm said to Sapp. "I think your vision is to have nothing and my vision is to try and bring dollars into this town."

"Mr. Mayor, I take offense at that," said Sapp. "If you look at the waterfront, I have driven this waterfront plan."

"So many things have started out with rumor," said Sapp, "and then they have a way of working their way into actually happening. ... If you're not in favor of something like this happening, you want to close that door as quickly as you can."

But Malcolm noted that Fernandina has historically been a destination for both packet ships and cruise ships coming from New York.

"This town has an ancient history of cruising," said Malcolm. "And people coming down from up North, it's not something that hasn't happened here in the past."

"Where do you want to take the city?" asked Sapp. "This (proposed) resolution is a wonderful example of where you want to take it. Where I want to take this city doesn't include cruise ships on that waterfront out there. Maybe where you want to take the city, cruise ships fit very nicely."

"I don't want anybody with in the sound of my voice or eye-shot thinking that I want that mill closed up out there," said Malcolm at the end of the meeting. "They provide a wonderful source of employment for this town. I want the mill to stay on the island. I think that's pretty clear."

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ence also subject" the schools to the provisions of the federal Equal Access Act, he wrote.

That law was approved by the U.S. Congress to enable Christian groups and clubs to organize and meet in public schools. Its provisions, however, are being used to assure that other clubs and organizations, such as the Gay-Straight Alliance, can use the schools.

Previous court cases have found that cheerleaders and swim teams are extracurricular activities requiring schools to grant equal access to the Gay-Straight Alliance, Rosenwald wrote. "Every day that the (Gay-Straight Alliance)

is not allowed to meet subjects (the school district) to additional liability," he wrote.

"I note that I have called to speak to you and your counsel by telephone on several occasions in an attempt to work in good faith to avoid litigation and seek some common ground," Rosenwald wrote. "You have not returned any of my calls, making effective communication difficult and making litigation more likely. I look forward to your written response. Your prompt attention to this matter remains nec-

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**Ex-DCF official pleads guilty to child porn**

Albert Andre Zimmerman, a former state spokesperson for the Florida Department of Children and Families, has pleaded guilty to one count of a federal charge of production of child pornography.

Zimmerman, 41, faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in prison and could be sentenced to up to 30 years in prison.

According to the plea agreement, from October 2004 through December 2007, Zimmerman persuaded six teenage boys in Hillsborough and Orange counties to engage in sexually explicit conduct and to e-mail him pictures of their behavior. Zimmerman also offered to pay, and in some cases did pay, the boys for the images. He also claimed he was selling the images to a third party who would then distribute those images overseas.

At times, Zimmerman provided instruction to the boys concerning the poses they should assume for the photos. Zimmerman, formerly of Tallahassee and Lakeland, was arrested on a federal complaint on Feb. 11.

The case was jointly investigated by the Florida Attorney General's CyberCrime Unit, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Jacksonville Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Tampa Police Department.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet. For information visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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# It's a dog's life at the park

ANGELA DAUGHTRY  
News Leader

Local dogs and their owners have been enjoying a new amenity on Amelia Island: the Nassau Humane Society Dog Park, which officially opened its doors on Jan. 5.

According to park officials, as of early January 1,000 monthly one-dog memberships and 1,200 two-dog memberships had been sold.

Monthly membership fees are \$30, plus \$10 per each additional dog.

There were also 65 annual memberships and 20 lifetime memberships sold. The first 100 members paid a special fee of \$180 a year, plus \$50 for each additional dog.

Normal annual membership for the dog park is \$275 plus \$50 for each additional dog. Lifetime membership is limited to 25 members.

Daily fee is \$10 plus \$5 per additional dog. There is a one-time charge of \$10 for a key fob.

Other amenities include a bone-shaped pool for dogs, four bathing stations and a separate play area for small dogs and puppies. Baths cost \$6 for annual members and \$7 for monthly members or daily guests.

A dog park lease agreement with the Nassau Humane Society was approved by city commissioners in November 2006.

According to Humane Society President Janet Kourie, the park was entirely funded by an anonymous donor. She estimated the cost to be between \$150,000 and \$180,000.

The park is located beside the Nassau Humane Society shelter directly across the street from the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport. Winter hours, November through March, are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Summer hours, April through October, are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The park is closed on Tuesdays.

For more information call the shelter at 321-1647.

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Two Great Danes and a friend have a joyful gallop around the city's new dog park on Airport Road, above. Bob Smith sits with his dogs Cammi and Atticus in the enclosed small-dog area of the dog park, left.

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ANGELA DAUGHTRY  
NEWS-LEADER

# Noise ordinance 'unconstitutional'

SHANNON MALCOM  
News Leader



White

Complaints can be made, and citations can be written, but the new director of the Nassau County State Attorney's Office, Assistant State Attorney Wesley White, says his office will not prosecute anyone charged with violating Fernandina Beach's controversial noise ordinance.

"It's unconstitutional on its face, and in how it's applied," White said Thursday. "It is vague ... it invites arbitrary enforcement."

All charges of violating the city's noise ordinance have been dropped, including several against the management of the Green Turtle Tavern. The decision cancels a hearing that was to be held today at 1:30 p.m. on a motion to dismiss the charge against Green Turtle manager Jeffrey Werder.

Werder's attorney, Teresa J. Sopp, filed a motion to dismiss charges against Werder, arguing that the ordinance is unconstitutional. White said he read the motion, and he agrees.

"For example, in at least two recent instances involving enforcement of this ordinance, different law enforcement agencies investigating the same claim of violating of the ordinance came up with differing opinions as to whether a citation was merited," Sopp said in the motion.

Not only have pending charges been dropped against alleged violators, but White said the office will not prosecute future charges of violating the current noise ordinance.

"It is unconstitutional, and we're not going to enforce it," he said.

Fernandina Beach Police Chief Jim Hurlley said he will instruct his officers to continue to respond to noise complaints, but instead of a misdemeanor citation, complaints will be documented and forwarded to the city's code enforcement board.

"It's his decision, it's his discretion, and we respect that," Hurlley said of White's announcement. "We hope to have a good working relationship with the State Attorney's Office on this particular issue ... we're not looking for a fight, we're looking for resolution and we're looking for compliance."

A rift between next-door neighbors the Green Turtle Tavern and the Florida House Inn has been going on for years. The Green Turtle Tavern racked up the most alleged violations of the ordinance, but other downtown Fernandina Beach business, including Pompeo's Italian Restaurant and

the Palace Saloon, have recently been cited for violations as well.

Joe and Diane Warwick, owners of the Florida House Inn, which serves as a bar and a bed and breakfast, say noise from bars is getting out of hand in the downtown area. In a letter last year to Fernandina Beach City Manager Michael Czymbor, Diane Warwick said "the noise cancer is spreading."

In a letter to city commissioners and Czymbor, Candace Fasano, owner of Celtic Charm and an adjacent residential apartment at 306 Centre St., agreed.

"It is our position that the current noise ordinance needs to be upheld and enforced and that businesses such as the Green Turtle and Pompeo's are clearly infringing on the right to quiet enjoyment in a mixed-use area," she wrote on Jan. 15.

Fasano went on to say that tenants in the apartment they own at that same location had asked to be let out of their lease due to "completely out of control ... loud music and loud drunk people" at Pompeo's.

Pompeo's owner, Mario Manganaro, has also been charged with violating the city's noise ordinance in recent months although he said noise from his establishment has only recently become an issue after 18 years of business in that location on Centre Street.

He said with the economy tanking nationwide - and in downtown Fernandina Beach - the city can't afford to drive away business. And that, he said, is what's happening when businesses are shut down due to noise.

"We don't have too many people who live in downtown Fernandina Beach," he said. "I have my karaoke out on the patio and then I bring them inside (if there's a complaint)."

But Manganaro says when he is forced to bring the karaoke inside his building from the outdoor patio, he loses "80 to 90 percent" of his business.

He thinks the noise ordinance is bad for the local economy.

"They don't understand that with the economy, everyone is trying to make an extra dollar," he said. "... We have people come here from South Georgia ... are we going to tell them not to come anymore? I really don't know, we struggle for business and now they want us to shut down early, it makes no sense."

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## Probation for figure in 'set-up' of wife

SHANNON MALCOM  
News-Leader

One of four people involved in conspiring to have a woman arrested in the midst of a messy divorce was sentenced Jan. 15 to 18 months of probation.

Mark Anthony Regan, 37, pleaded guilty to burglary of a structure or conveyance. Adjudication was withheld, and he was sentenced to probation and ordered to complete 100 hours of community service.

Charges against the reported ringleader of the plan, John Ferrell Burkett, 44, will not be prosecuted if he completes a pre-trial intervention program.

According to police, Burkett worked with three others – including Regan – to frame his estranged wife, Leona Burkett, for possession of illegal guns and drugs in August.

Burkett was detained when police reportedly found the drugs and firearms in her vehicle after a tip was phoned in to the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, but she insisted the contraband did not belong to her.

Nassau County Sheriff Tommy Seagraves believed her and, after an investigation, Burkett, Regan and two others were arrested in September after one of the suspects, 33-year-old Carla Elizabeth Loper, confessed and agreed to wear a wire while talking to others involved in the scheme.

In addition to Loper, Regan and Burkett, Fred Ring, 37, was also arrested.

According to police, Burkett – the owner of First Coast Paint and Body – agreed to pay Ring \$2,000 and a new paint job and other work to his truck if he would put cocaine and a gun into Leona Burkett's vehicle. Ring allegedly paid Loper \$1,500 to put the items in Burkett's vehicle and she reportedly then paid Regan to do the same.

Loper pleaded guilty in November and was sentenced to two years of probation. Ring is still awaiting trial; his next court date is set for Jan. 22.

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## Attempted robbery thwarted

SHANNON MALCOM  
News-Leader

A man attempted to rob a Nassauville gas station Tuesday night, but left without any money after the store clerk said she was going to call the sheriff's office.

According to Nassau County Sheriff's Office Chief Hank Martinez, investigators aren't sure if the suspect, described as a white man in his 40s, actually had a weapon.

The victim, an employee of the Kangaroo Store at 941268 Old Nassauville Road, said the man had a bag over his hand, and he was pointing that hand at the victim as though he had a handgun.

The suspect reportedly told the victim to give him money, making "demands and threats," but when she told him she was calling the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, the suspect left the store and fled south on foot.

"He didn't take anything, and no one was injured," Martinez said.

According to a report from the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, the victim was wearing jeans, a gray sweater, black sunglasses, a light-colored baseball hat and he had a paper bag over his hand when he entered the store about 10:45 p.m.

Detectives are investigating the case; no arrests have been made.

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## POLITICS IN BRIEF

### Democratic Club

"Tales from the Inauguration" will be the theme of the monthly meeting of the Democratic Club of Amelia Island, scheduled at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the parish hall of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

A group of island residents attended the inauguration of President Barack Obama in Washington D.C., and will bring back stories and pictures to share with Democratic Club members. Since it is the first meeting of the year, members will also vote on officers and the club board members.

All Democrats are encouraged to attend.

Dinner will be potluck, so bring a dish to share. Reservations are requested. Tickets are \$10 with a reservation and \$15 at the door for those who haven't made a reservation. To make a reservation, call Debbra Sullivan at (904) 994-3416 or e-mail her at debbrasullivan@aol.com.

### Open house

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

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

The public is invited.



## State legislators confront 'challenges'

RYAN D. SMITH  
News-Leader

The Nassau County state legislative delegation conducted an organizational meeting and general legislative hearing at the James S. Page Governmental Complex in Yulee on Tuesday. State Rep. Janet Adkins and Sens. Jim King and Stephen R. Wise listened to the concerns of Nassau County residents asking them to concentrate on specific issues during the next legislative session.

The delegation also elected Adkins as its chair and King as its vice chair during the meeting.

"Today is a really historic day with the swearing in of a new president," Adkins said. "While there are many challenges that we face, it's our competitive spirit that has always allowed us to rise above those challenges." Adkins then opened the meeting to public comment, inviting government officials to speak first.

Nassau County Commissioner Mike Boyle asked the delegation to focus on ways to jump-start the economy. "One of the things that has become clear to us is that

*'We can only make so many cuts before we start doing damage.'*

STATE SEN. JIM KING



the engine that drives Florida is growth," he said. "... We just ask that if there's something that will affect Nassau County, you let us know."

Many residents expressed dismay at the numerous budget cuts the state has made to combat lost revenue in the shrinking economy. Bill Flynn, president of the Friends of the Library, Fernandina Beach, reminded the delegation that state library funding took a substantial cut in the last legislative session.

"We're stating our profound disappointment in the \$58,000 cut in funding for Nassau County libraries. ... We wonder whether any other state agency took a 12.48-percent cut," he said. "We ask you to look out for our libraries to make sure that libraries are treated fairly and equitably in the budgeting process."

Gil Langley, president and CEO of the Amelia Island Convention and Visitors

Bureau, warned that cutting dollars to tourism promotion could have an adverse impact on not just Nassau County, but Florida as a whole. "Essentially we're twice as dependent on tourism as other Florida counties," he said. "...We just ask that you not make any major cuts, and if possible try to raise that funding."

Regina Duncan, president of the Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce, urged the delegation to work to ease the regulatory burden of local businesses. "On behalf of the business community we encourage you to concentrate on legislation that would not only encourage small business, but increase our competitive edge," she said.

"I have now filed House Bill 347, which will direct the various agencies to reduce regulation on small business owners by 25 percent," Adkins told Duncan. She asked business

owners to contact her office to discuss specific regulations they found onerous.

Nassau County resident Joe Winston was concerned that the state's belt-tightening would affect education. "You can't run your car on half the gas, and you can't feed your children with less food," he said. "I'd like to see the state say, 'Education is off the table.'"

"We can only make so many cuts before we start doing damage," King said. "Would you support a tax if that tax went directly to education?"

"I certainly would," Winston said.

"It galls me that we are nowhere near the national average on what we pay our school teachers," King said. "But we're at the point where we need some new revenue – or we're going to have to make cuts that are so draconian that they do even more harm."

As the meeting ended, Adkins thanked the audience for its participation. "We face extraordinary times, and it's really good to see all of you here today to participate in government, because this is really where government happens," she said.

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### Notice of Pre-Bid Meeting

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held January 30, 2009 at 10 a.m. at the Nassau County Tax Collector's Office at 86130 License Road in Fernandina Beach, FL. Attendance at the meeting is required to participate in a Request for Qualifications. At this meeting the scope of a construction project will be explained and a site tour offered. Any contractor who fails to attend this meeting will not be permitted to submit a bid. Drawings and specifications can be downloaded at [www.nassautaxes.com](http://www.nassautaxes.com). Completed bids will be due Friday, February 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

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# Holding her own in a male-dominated field

HEATHER A. PERRY  
News Leader

How does a woman end up being elected vice president of the prestigious American Welding Society?

Nancy Cole will serve as the second female vice president-elect of AWS in 2009, then vice president for 2010-12 and president in 2013.

"The American Welding Society is very open and diverse and has been that way for quite awhile now," said Cole.

It was her father's insistence that she choose a career that would enable her to support herself, combined with a natural inclination toward science and math that sparked Cole's initial interest in welding.

A high school counselor suggested engineering and the die was cast.

An offhand remark from a professor that "engineering is no place for a woman" provided an added incentive to succeed in her chosen field.

"I walked out of that office thinking, 'I'll show him!'" said Cole, and she proceeded to do exactly that.

The first woman to graduate with a degree in metallurgical engineering from the University of Tennessee, Cole was also the first woman to complete the engineering co-op program at UT.

Upon graduation, Cole was employed by Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

When her first son was born, there was a need for a researcher in the welding and brazing laboratory there.

"Fortunately the leadership at (Oak Ridge) was forward thinking and realized that a female would be capable of doing the job as well as would a male," recalled Cole, who joined the welding and brazing lab in 1967.

While she admits she is not a craftsman, Cole understands the materials to be joined, the processes necessary to make the weld or braze, the equipment to do it with and can specify the proper way to do it.

"I can also set up and perform automated welding, but I don't have the 'touch' to make a manual, quality and visually acceptable weld. That takes lots



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Nancy Cole is surrounded by awards received during a distinguished career in the primarily male-dominated field of welding. She has over 35 technical publications and holds three patents.

of practice. I have manually welded, but more to get the 'feel' of a particular electrode than to make a weld that would pass inspection."

Asked if she had experienced discrimination once she entered the male-dominated field, Cole said that at the time she started her career, the term "discrimination" was not in our national consciousness but she quickly learned that it was part of the student and work experience and if she wanted to continue in that career, she had to accept and deal with it on her own or find another career.

"Most people find it hard to believe what was acceptable back then," said Cole. "However, my career has been worth it and I have no regrets. I highly recommend welding and its related fields to others for a well paying, rewarding career."

Upon retiring to Amelia

Island, Cole set up her own business in which she consulted with companies and individuals involving materials used in advanced fossil energy applications and trouble-shooting regarding issues with welding and brazing – not always energy related. Now that she has become more involved with the American Welding Society, her personal business has taken a back seat.

The former Knoxville, Tenn., native shares her Fernandina Beach home with her husband, Leon. The couple has two adult sons, Douglas and Andrew, and four grandchildren. Leisure activities include an active role in the Newcomers Club, the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Community Bible Study, and walking the beach.

For more information on welding, visit [www.aws.org](http://www.aws.org).

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# A failure to pack it in

I must have more hair care products than my favorite Wal-Mart on 14th Street. Now, don't get me wrong; I am not a fanatic about my hair; I do not obsess about its care and feeding – and subsequent appearance. Although I do still smart from the allegedly innocent remark that one of my younger acquaintances offered up several years ago: "Gee, I hope my hair turns out to be just as pretty and gray when I am as old as you are." Thanks, Sweetie; I hope yours turns chartreuse and falls out.

Do not be misled by this first paragraph; while my tonorial challenges may very well become the subject of a future discussion, today's rant is about the fine art of packing one's belongings so that one may enjoy oneself at a destination untroubled by any deficiencies in one's packing. Unfortunately, I ain't such a one.

Other people spend a mere afternoon packing for a month in the Himalayas; they seem to know what they will need and where to stash it for easy retrieval when they are on the other side of the world.

I watch my husband as he unpacks at the Other End; he has everything he needs and none of it is wrinkled. Not only that, he can pack 10 days' worth of inner and outerwear – plus accessories like socks and belts – into a matchbox size suitcase.

And he never forgets anything, not a toothbrush or a comb or a heavy winter coat. The only blot on this near-perfect record occurred on our wedding day; he stood in full naval regalia and realized that he had no shoes to wear during the ceremony and



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Cara Curtin

I, on the other hand, make lists of what I absolutely, positively must have in order to survive away from my environment. I also make charts of what to wear on which day; I may or may not wear purple on Tuesday, but this chart makes me realize that I must pack the necessary purple accessories. I doubt that the tourist attraction we are scheduled to visit on Purple Tuesday would refuse me admission if I failed to display complementary makeup and accessories. And surely lightning would pass me by if I failed to carry a properly coordinated purse.

My Adult Supervision usually manages to enter the bedroom only after I have amassed the proper number of outfits and their accoutrements. He eyes this mound on our bed and mutters something earthy and Anglo-Saxon. I shoot him a withering look and proceed to cram this mass into the largest suitcase I can afford to own.

Thus we begin our exit from our house, and I always make sure I utter caring, clucking sounds as he struggles with my luggage. It is only later in the day, when his eyes begin to bulge, do I tentatively offer to carry the smallest bag. If I have timed

reception. Fortunately, we had chosen a Saturday for our nuptials, so he terrorized everyone in the shoe department until he had what he needed.

This next part, Gentle Reader, is testimony to either Andrew's Christian upbringing or his unholy fear of the Law. Or both. By now, it is much later in a day that he has spent horsing my ton of luggage in and out of several modes of transportation. We have reached our destination du jour and Andrew now sits behind the wheel of a rental car and clutches a rudimentary map.

The last few moments have been hectic and conversation has centered on the age-old challenge of getting from where we are to where we want to be. The car grows quiet as he drives this strange car in unknown territory, but I break the silence with, "Um, Andrew, do you love me?" His shoulders slump because he knows what's coming. "Yes, I love you." "Good," I reply, "because I've forgotten my (fill in the blank) and we have to find a drugstore on the way to the motel."

Why he hasn't buried an ax in my forehead I will never know; like I said, it's either because of Sister Mary Ethelreda's indoctrination or fear of Florida's death penalty. But I do know that I have a really nice assortment of hair care products (and other toiletries) that I have collected in cities up and down the Eastern Seaboard.

Cara's writing career spans 30 years; she has written for radio, television and a wide variety of print publications. Contact her to speak to your group.

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# Nor'easters 'a necessary evil'

Although tropical storms get all the glory in the summer, there is another type of storm that wreaks havoc on American shorelines during the winter – nor'easters.

Each year between 25 and 30 nor'easters impact the eastern seaboard of the U.S., while only four to five tropical storms

impact the coast, according to Robert Dolan, a professor of environmental sciences at the University of Virginia.

These wild winter weather events are notorious for producing heavy snow and rain and huge damaging waves that crash onto Atlantic beaches, often causing beach erosion, coastal flooding and structural damage. Surprisingly, Dolan says, the most powerful wind from a nor'easter can actually exceed that of a hurricane.

Nor'easters are most prevalent between October and April, when tropical storms are taking a break from their active season, which runs from June through November.

"Another interesting point about super nor'easters is that they are, as a rule, larger than the average tropical storms, which means they impact a larger segment of the coast," Dolan explained. "And the duration of a nor'easter is two to three times longer than that of a tropical storm. Hurricanes

are generally more compact and move a lot faster."

Although nor'easters are quite common in the winter, only a few are usually strong enough to cause big problems inland. Over the years, there have been a few notorious nor'easters, including the "Ash Wednesday Storm of 1962" and the "Blizzard of 1993" that caused snow, tornadoes and flooding from Alabama, Georgia and Florida all the way up to Maine. At its peak, the storm reached from Canada to Central America. Damage estimates range from \$3 billion to \$6 billion.

"Although we don't take much pleasure in the implications of these storms, both tropical and middle latitude storms play a very important role in balancing the heat budget of the planet," Dolan said.

"They are a necessary evil with a job to do. But hold onto your hats," Dolan said, "we are moving into the 2009 severe nor'easter season as we speak!"

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**Road Closure with Detour**

PROJECT: Planned Road Closure of 14th Street - Traffic will be detoured along Simmons and Amelia

WHEN: Tentative Dates  
February 3, 2009 through March 4, 2009  
**Maximum 30 day closure allowed**

WHERE: 14th Street between Simmons Road and Amelia Island Parkway. A detour route will be set up along Simmons Road and Amelia Road

Residents along the detour route will see increased traffic along Simmons and Amelia Roads. This is the reason Nassau County limited the duration of the road closure. The significant benefits of closing 14th Street include quicker construction leading to an earlier finish date, and a safer environment for both worker and driver.

Anyone with questions should contact  
Jane Moore at 904-446-9216

# NEWS LEADER

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# Saving the best of life for last

I just had the pleasure of reconnecting with a college friend I haven't seen since graduation. Jocelyn and I were English majors and shared a common interest in literature and writing. The University of North Florida was very much a commuter school then. Most students had jobs and careers. Jocelyn and I were no different.

I wasn't long out of the Navy — a young man in my mid-twenties, going to college on the GI Bill, holding down a job and starting a family. Jocelyn was a career woman who decided to go back to school. She was an elegant 40, but from the admiring looks she got from lots of guys on campus, you wouldn't have known. She was also extremely intelligent, one of those students who sets the "uh-oh" meter in your class to running. She was witty, charming, hilarious and a great conversationalist. I think she was pretty much running a hospital public relations department by age 25 and she didn't even get her degree until she and I ended up in lit classes together at UNF.

During our junior year, an adjunct journalism professor persuaded us to "cross over." It's considered apostasy in the field of literature when one of its disciples dabbles in journalism. I suppose it is a form of literary heresy. Once upon a time, great writers actually sprang forth from the newspaper business, but those days are mostly gone. Jocelyn and I were stubborn and independent, and we took up journalism with an aim toward making it literature again. Before long, we were running the college newspaper. Jocelyn was senior editor and I was news editor. We quickly set about



**CUP OF JOE**

Joe Palmer

trying to bring some creative writing and effervescence to the stodgy student publication. Our humorous lampooning of some of the college faculty gained us some notoriety. A faculty member whose last named happened to be Pizza was about to leave the employ of the university. Our satire, headlined, "Pizza to go," landed us in the office of the president. Suffice it to say that he was not amused by our spoof. That there was some really great writing in the piece didn't seem to impress him a whit.

And then we graduated. My academic advisor called me in and told me that I had way beyond the number of academic hours needed to matriculate, that I couldn't simply go to college forever and that my GI Bill was about to run dry. I was forced to order a cap and gown and on a blustery December day in 1983, I walked across the stage, accepted my sheepskin and shook the president's hand. I really don't know if he smiled because he was proud of me or if he was just glad to see me go. Jocelyn had already graduated the semester before me but we stayed in touch. After I graduated, I had to go out and get my first post college career job and my old college buddy and co-conspirator and I drifted apart.

A young man drinks life in great big gulps. The glass is never going to run dry and every day he gets roaring drunk quenching his thirst

for life. I'm at the point in my life now where I sip life like a glass of vintage wine. The glass is already less than half full and you never know when it will be taken away from you before you get one last sip. When it's taken off the table, partner, that's it, supper's over. So I taste it and I sip it and I swirl it around on my tongue and close my eyes and breathe in its intoxicating vapors and try to remember what it was like to be a young buck with a bottomless cup.

I'm writing more these days and one night recently, I found myself thinking about Jocelyn. I tracked her down and called her. She lives on a 50-acre farm in the hills of East Tennessee with her dogs and her cats and her goat. She's going on 70 but still sounds as young as she did when we graduated. She spends her days reading and writing and doing historical work. She's already a published writer. She doesn't have a television set and doesn't want one. Hearing her talk about the projects she's undertaken, life on her little farm and evenings alone by a warm fire with a good book and the next book she's writing, it occurs to me that Jocelyn has become a connoisseur of life. She's saved the best for last and spends wintry cool Appalachian nights sipping and savoring it, always ready to share it with an old friend who's come in from the cold. Old friends are like old wine. The vintage is rare. It's served best with memories and nostalgia.

Joe Palmer of Fernandina Beach writes regularly for the News-Leader.

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### Common sense

For a couple of years I have watched this little house being restored on Harts Road ("Stop work! Building Department, residents collide," Jan. 16).

It is a shame that in the age of "change" that reasonable common sense cannot prevail in making a decision regarding this old man's project to honor his grandfather and some history of Florida.

Apparently the Building Department's personnel are either utterly insecure with their position or think that they have some superiority over the "commons" that has gone to their head.

We should do what is right and just, even though the prevailing rules and laws are ambiguous in this situation.

I for one agree with Mr. Hurlbert that as it is a project without electric, running water or plans for anyone to live in it, as long as it doesn't charge people to tour it, it should be exempt from building permits.

If anyone objects to not having permits, then let the courts settle it. That is how it works in this country.

It would be a greater stance if the Building Department offered suggestions and some friendly direction in construction instead of acting like a representative of a suppressive government.

Hopefully the Building Department will change its position and be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

Bruce Bellis  
Yulee

### City pulls meter?

I must take a moment to disclose to your readers that a recent event has caused quite a stir in our Historic District neighborhood. The city building codes department had the electric meter removed from a home here! That's right, they removed the meter, and they did it while the homeowner was out of town.

The city claims that they warned the owner to respond to an assumed violation in three days, but the owner was not even in town. So, they removed the electric meter.

Why? Because the city official saw a sink in the yard, and thought that there was construction going on in there! My thoughts are that even though there may be a violation (as it turns out was not the case) why would the city resort to such a drastic move?

Each of us can point to many homes in the area that have obvious violations; why aren't those homes having the meters pulled off?

When I contacted the city official, he stated that it is the right of the building official to resort to such a tactic to "get their attention."

I submit there is very little good that comes from such action, especially when there is such a minor supposed violation. It is just this type of negative response that causes the city building department such a bad reputation for customer service.

The city staff for the most part includes a great bunch of folk; I work with them quite a bit. But I must say that I disagree with this kind of heavy-handed tactic when dealing with home-

owners that have worked hard to better their homes; permit or not.

It would be my guess that the city commission would want to stop such extreme enforcement without a supervisor review first.

Chuck Hall  
Fernandina Beach

### Gas gouging

Will someone remind me how gas pricing works again? It used to be when the price of crude oil dropped, we could expect gas prices to drop a few days later. For the past three weeks, oil has dropped to under \$38 a barrel, and we're still paying higher prices at the pump. Clearly the distributor must be pocketing the difference. If there is a formula for pricing, it has changed since last year.

Does anyone know what is going on? If I drive to Georgia for gas, the price there is running more than 35 cents under ours. Our taxes may be higher, but not that much. Under last year's figures, \$120 a barrel of oil meant \$4 a gallon at the pump. So what's the formula now that oil is \$32.80 a barrel (as of Jan. 19)?

Jim Swaringen  
Fernandina Beach

### Grateful

I'm so grateful for the kindness of Kmart employee Tommy. I dropped my keys in the parking lot — they fell down the storm drain!

He tried to fish them out with a long wire, no luck. So he got the forklift, took the grate off, got a ladder and climbed eight or nine feet down to find them. What a brave, persistent, helpful person I think Tommy is. I'm very grateful. Store Manager John was also helpful.

Carol Adams  
Fernandina Beach

### Surf's up!

After a gloomy holiday season, I would like to congratulate and thank Joe Palmer for his short story, printed on page one of the Dec. 24 issue of the News-Leader. About my gloomy holidays, this is my 12th Christmas in a row away from my family and friends. Not due to my job or even military service. But all due to being incarcerated in the Florida penal system.

Having been recently transferred to the Florida Panhandle, my News-Leader has taken two weeks to be forwarded, thanks to an expedient mail service here in the DOC. That's why my letter is so late. But back to Joe Palmer: I remember Joe, paddling out to surf with us teenagers back in '87 or '88 at the caution light on Fletcher or at Main Beach or the pier. I never got to really know Joe, as I thought he was just some old dude trying to hold onto his youth. Now, over 20 years later, I am much older and I realize what kind of person Joe must be to write a story that would move me to tears; lying here in a cell at one of the worst prisons in Florida, surrounded by some of the worst felons in the system. Definitely not a good place to shed any tears or show any weakness, for that matter.

But nonetheless, "A Gift for Santa" touched me in a way that I was totally unprepared for. So



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many of us take our blessings and our prosperity for granted. Few stop to think about those less fortunate than we are. But for those who do, and maybe even offer some form of help or encouragement, may good karma and the blessings of a merciful God envelop you year-round. As I sit and ponder my less than ideal situation, I also realize that there are those a lot worse off than I am. Not only inside the prison system, but also out in the world. So let's all stop and cherish our individual stations in life. Be thankful for those things that so often go overlooked. And right now, I want to thank Joe Palmer for the present he gave to me: a good shot of realization and humility that soothes any soul, regardless of one's life situation. Thank you, Joe. Surf's up!

Johnny Standridge  
Santa Rosa Correctional Institution  
Milton

### Gratitude

Opening a small business is a challenge during the best of economic times. During this financial crisis, it is truly a daunting task. So we couldn't be more grateful for the way the community has welcomed us with open arms during our first 90 days.

We have had the privilege to meet so many wonderful dogs and their owners. We appreciate their patronage very much. We are also very thankful for the wonderful support that we have received from our neighbors, especially Island Hair Co., Ms. Carolyn's Breakfast and Desserts and What's In. We look forward to serving this warm and generous community for years to come.

Laurie Buckley, Owner  
A Passion 4 Pooches Pet Spa  
Fernandina Beach

### Baloney

A Jan. 9 article headlined "What's the vision for Nassau?" included a quote by a Boulougne (sic) Vision 2032 Steering Committee member. "Vision" implies all sorts of things having to do with knowledge, wisdom and intelligence. So why does the Vision Committee have the Boulougne misspelling in their name instead of the correct Boulougne?

In a February 1985 letter to the Florida Department of Transportation I noted that the town was purportedly named after the French Channel town of Boulogne-sur-Mer and yet the town-limit signs on US 1 said the town was Boulougne. (There's a significant difference in the pronunciation.)

The DOT reply thanked me for bringing the matter to their attention and said they would change the highway signs to Boulougne.

While I haven't ventured back into that part of the Florida Outback since 1985 to check, I assume the signs were changed. Yet now, 24 years later, the incorrect Boulougne spelling seems to have nevertheless lingered on in downtown Boulougne.

Bob Awtrye  
Fernandina Beach

### AIP/Redquartz

Jack Healan and his bunch can perfume that pig until the cows come home, and it won't change the reality — AIP went under and Redquartz bought them out ("Wearin' o' the green," Jan. 21).

The tennis tournament pullout was the last nail in the coffin. End of story.

Robert G. Bohn  
Yulee

# Join culinary travelers for 'Restaurant Week'

Hopefully most of you have already heard that the Amelia Island Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) has announced the island's first-ever "Restaurant Week," which will run from Jan. 25 to Feb. 1. As the CVB's name implies, this effort is designed to bring visitors and tourists to our area during the off-season, giving a boost to our own local merchants and restaurateurs at a time when a tough economy has everyone concerned. With 17 of our hometown favorites participating, and a growing interest in "culinary travel," we expect this inaugural event to be a success.

While this new marketing effort is targeted toward an audience that comes from outside of our immediate area, we want to ensure that our local consumers, our own friends and neighbors who are the lifeblood of our local economy, are also aware of the great opportunity for savings through this promotion. During this week, residents and visitors alike will be able to enjoy some of the area's incredible cuisine at a fixed menu price. At each of the 17 restaura-



Boyle

rants, diners can enjoy a three-course meal (including beverage) at prices ranging from \$19 to \$29, which represents a great saving. This is your opportunity to try out "that restaurant you've been hearing about," or to enjoy a special meal at one of your longtime local favorites.

Either way you're guaranteed a wonderful dining experience, and as an added incentive, diners who participate in "Restaurant Week" can enter to win a "Year of Dining" that includes 12 \$50 gift certificates redeemable at local restaurants throughout the coming year. In any economy, that's a great deal for anyone hungry for a bargain.

In an effort to put more "heads in beds" with overnight visitors, the CVB is also working with local innkeepers to create special room rates, offers and packages built around "Restaurant Week." Many of our resorts, hotels

and inns are offering guests a free night with a qualifying stay. With northern temperatures below the freezing mark, are you expecting kids, grandkids, old friends or neighbors for a visit? If so, why not let them use the house, and you and your spouse take advantage of the grand accommodations available in our area? That's a win-win arrangement for everyone!

Most of us understand that the current economic challenges are impacting not only the major cities, but also close-knit communities like our own. With the initiation of "Restaurant Week," the CVB is working diligently to keep Amelia Island competitive as an attractive and affordable destination for visitors and tourists from other areas. But our restaurants know that without the continued support of loyal customers who call this island paradise their "home," none of them could survive for very long.

We must never forget that lodging and restaurants generate over \$250 million in annual sales in Nassau County, and that means over \$2.5 million for the county's one-cent tax, which funds our Capital Improvement Plan.

That's \$2.5 million that doesn't impact your annual property tax bills. So during the week of Jan. 25 to Feb. 1, grab your friends and head to your favorite participating restaurant, or try one of the new ones on the list. Tell them Mike sent you.

(For a list of participating restaurants, go to [www.ameliainsland.com/yummy](http://www.ameliainsland.com/yummy).)

Nassau County Commissioner Mike Boyle is chair of the Amelia Island Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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# COMMUNITY

## Residents witness history in the making

There were many who traveled to hear and to see history in the making. We gave allegiance to the country God has truly blessed. Craig and Maybelle Brown listened as the anthem played upon their ears. They may not have been able to hold back the tears.

Having lived in the Washington, D.C., area for more than 20 years and being there during Dr. Martin Luther King's march, Maybelle counts it a blessing to have been able to return for another historic event.

It was a blessing to be counted with the millions of supporters in this great moment in history. All across America people came and we wanted to be in the number when the change took place.

We should come together as one people in Christ, no matter the color, for God made us in his image. This moment in history was already ordained by him, so just put the spirit of Jesus in your minds, not filled with bitterness but with



**NOW AND THEN**

Maybelle Kirkland

lots of love. Ask him to make our hearts and bodies strong yet kind and to fill our veins with his divine blood.

There may have been many others from this area who went to D.C. too. However many there may have been, they too probably said, "We're glad to have been in the number in what many are calling the most important event in history making. We stood together from all across America as the dream was being fulfilled."

Let us send our prayers up above from our hearts with lots of love, because God hears each word that we pray and we are thankful for our blessings every day. He gave us life and

choices too to make the most of what we do. So let us pray for answers that our hearts will hear to help President Barack Obama through each coming year.

The family of the late Larry Dinkins sends their thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their hours of bereavement and prays God's blessings to each of you.

Birthday wishes to Ferrell Perry, Pam Turner, Starleatha Pollard, Joseph Green, Tommie Albertie, Mittie McRae, Jessica Williams, Jykeria Richo, Mykita Jones, Rochelle Walker, Herbert Chatman, Edith Jackson, Barbara Baker, Valarie Smith, Annie N. Johnson, Aletha Albertie, Paul Jones, Reginald Way and happy 95th birthday to our mother, Annie Lee Johnson. Her celebration will be held Jan. 31 at Best Western on Sadler Road at 5 p.m. You are invited to bring wishes or to call her at 261-3935. To God be the glory for her long life.

### CAMPUS NOTES

■ Renee Rochelle (Gardner) Robinson received her doctor of education in educational leadership from Argosy University Dec. 13, 2008, at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, Sarasota.

She is the daughter of Clem and Michelle Gardner of Fernandina Beach, wife of Johnnie Robinson and mother of Jada Christine Robinson, 5, of Georgia.



Robinson

■ Vincent J. Salucci of Fernandina Beach has achieved academic distinction during the fall term and has been named to the Beloit College dean's list, which recognizes students who have maintained at least a 3.4 cumulative grade point average for the semester.

■ Lauren A. McCoy, a freshman from Fernandina Beach, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2008 term at Georgia Southern University. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester.

■ Two Nassau County students were among more than 180 Flagler College

seniors at the fall commencement ceremony held Dec. 13 on the campus in St. Augustine.

Valerie Michelle Helms of Callahan was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. Elaina Samantha Friar of Fernandina Beach was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in history.

■ Georgia Southern University honored approximately 1,250 graduates at the fall 2008 commencement at Hanner Fieldhouse on Dec. 12.

Elisabeth A. Williams of Fernandina Beach received a degree in community health. Fred M. Fender of Fernandina Beach received a degree in public relations.

■ Betty P. Cook Nassau Center students have recently been recognized for academic excellence by being placed on the Florida Community College dean's list or the college president's list for the fall term. Students who have met all criteria and who have earned the required grade point average are awarded the academic honors.

The students who earned a 3.5-3.74 GPA and are named to the dean's list from Callahan are Karoline Burnsed, Lyndsie Edwards, Jerry Greer, Inez Humphrey, Austin Seymour and Courtney Tison; from Fernandina

Beach is Kelli Morrison; from Hilliard are Megan Hampton and Donna Stephens; from Yulee are Brandi Brown, Margaret Mathews, Jennifer Nelson and Naomi Swann.

The students who earned a 3.75-4.0 GPA and are named to the president's list from Callahan are Dina Macy, Lewis Martin and Dena Pate; from Fernandina Beach are Christina Beatty, Melanie Beckham, Charles Booker, Sean Crawford, Alysia Dailey, Crystal Darby, Ashley Ebmeier, Allison Garrett, Dustin Hampton, Jacob Henderson, Max Hord, Clifford Jarrell, Caitlin Jewell, Deanna McNeal, Stefanie Page, Mary Jo Sinnott, JoyAnna Taylor, Neal Tomaszewski, JoAnn Torbush and Justin Williamson; from Hilliard are Lacey Lloyd, Sara Michaels, Bryan Moyer and Debra Pickett; from Yulee are Tara Asbell, Emily Bierds, April Bonacchi, Kelsie Bonewit, Kynan Carver, Jacob Crumme, Brandon Deines, David Deubner, Cheryl Hagan, Robert Herbold, Daneen Johnson, Alan Law, Heather Lawson, Lee Ledbetter, Chad Lee, Eliana Lo, Leah Maley, Kimberly Mason, Samantha Mizeras, Caitlin O'Conner, Raylene Pohl, Katerina Ponder, Rebecca Ray, Diana Rojas, Jami Rowland, Ana Santos-Levy, Holly Sutherland, Roberta Wade, Tammy West and Melissa Youmans.

### HELPERS

• The Council on Aging of Nassau County provides services to the elderly in Fernandina Beach and the West Side. Director is Ken Willette. The Eastside Senior Center is located at 1367 S. 18th St., Fernandina Beach, 261-0701, fax 261-0704. The Westside Senior Center is at 37002 Ingham Road, Hilliard, 845-3331, fax 845-4491. For transportation, call 261-0700 or 1-800-298-9122.

Services include adult day health-care, nutrition programs, Meals-On-Wheels, recreation and education programs, art, music and craft activities, utility payment assistance, transportation by appointment, medical screenings, in-home services to include home-making and personal care, volunteer services and seminars. Lunch is served daily at the centers for participants.

• Guardian Ad Litem is in critical need of volunteers to become part of a court program to represent the best interests of innocent children. Call Linda at (904) 630-1200 or visit [www.guardianadlitem.org](http://www.guardianadlitem.org).

• First Coast residents may apply online for economic assistance (food stamps, temporary cash and Medicaid) from the Florida Department of Children and Families at [www.myflorida.com/accessflorida](http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida). Call 1-866-76-ACCES or 1-866-762-2237.

• ElderSource, your Aging Resource Center, and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs invite volunteers to join the SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) program, which helps elders make informed decisions about Medicare and health insurance.

Volunteers provide individual counseling and assistance to elders and their caregivers about Medicare, Medicaid, plan choices, long-term care and other health insurance issues. Call 1-888-242-4464 or (904) 777-2106.

• Gerri's Corner, a resource center for women with cancer, is open Monday-Friday from noon to 4 p.m. in Maxwell Hall at Memorial United Methodist Church on North Sixth Street in downtown Fernandina Beach. Call 277-0099.

• Nassau Habitat for Humanity's recycling program includes cell phones. They may be taken to North Nassau Recycling at Lime and South Eighth streets in Fernandina Beach. Recycling is an important part of Nassau Habitat's funding. It has aluminum can bins located at many places on the island, or they may be left at North Nassau Recycling. To volunteer call 277-0600 or e-mail [nhfh@net-magic.net](mailto:nhfh@net-magic.net).

• Healing Balm of Northeast Florida Inc, 1303 Jasmine St., Fernandina Beach, offers free confidential HIV/AIDS testing and other health related services. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments available and walk-ins are welcome. For information, call 548-0055.

• The Nassau County Health Department seeks volunteer physicians, dentists, nurses and other licensed health professionals to provide limited but vital primary and specialty care to uninsured and underserved Florida residents. Liability protection from state-sponsored sovereign immunity is offered to licensed providers who volun-

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• Haven Hospice is North Florida's expert in end-of-life and palliative care and is one of eight 2007 Circle of Life Award honorees nationwide to be recognized as leaders in improving the care of patients near the end of life or with life-threatening conditions. Haven Hospice offers many opportunities for volunteering, including patient care, administrative work, special events, fundraising, pastoral care, massage therapy, bereavement services and community outreach. Visit [www.havenhospice.org](http://www.havenhospice.org) or call Sandra Francis at (904) 733-9818.

• Sponsored by the American Cancer Society and supported by product donations from various cosmetic companies, Look Good, Feel Better is a program designed for female cancer patients going through chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy. Group sessions help patients restore their appearance and self-image through a make-over and style tips from professionally trained beauticians. Interested patients should call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-9954 to register.

• Medals4Mettle.org, a non-profit, is collecting half-marathon, marathon and triathlon medals to donate to people battling illnesses in our local area. If you have a medal that you would like to donate to a courageous child or adult, you can place it in the collection box at T&A Sports, Red Otter Outfitters or any 1st Place Sports store. Contact Rose Bennett at 491-3758.

### WEDDING ENGAGEMENT



Miss Johnson, Mr. Horn

#### Johnson-Horn

Audrey Lynn Johnson and James McCall Horn Jr., both of Winder, Ga., will be married at 5:15 p.m. Feb. 28, 2009, in Maui, Hawaii, with the Rev. Kevin Rebelo officiating.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Shirley and Dorsey Johnson of Bethlehem, Ga. The groom-elect is the son of Faye Little and James McCall Horn Sr. of Fernandina Beach.

### BIRTHS

■ Matthew and Julie Douglas of Yulee announce the birth of a son, Lukas Franklin Douglas, born at 3:17 a.m. Nov. 11, 2008, at St. Vincent's Medical Center. The baby weighed 6 pounds and measured 20 inches in length. He joins a brother, Logan McClane.

Paternal grandparents are Knute and Rosemary Douglas of Yulee. Maternal grandparents are Carl Creamer Sr. and Patricia Lojewski, both of Yulee.

Great-grandmother is Betty Douglas of Oceanway.

■ Elizabeth Andes of Fernandina Beach announces the birth of a daughter, Holly Ann Andes, born at 8:52 a.m. Nov. 7, 2008, in Jacksonville. The baby weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and measured 20 inches in length.

She joins siblings Carl, 5, Kyrie, 3, and Rebekah, 2. Maternal grandparents are Christina and Sandy Smillie of Atlantic Beach.

Great-grandmother is Linda King of Jacksonville and great-great-grandmother is Joyce Carrington of Jacksonville.

### CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

• Fernandina Beach Shrine Ladies Auxiliary is a service organization that meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday. Call Carol Stotzner for meeting location.

• First Coast Koi Club meets third Sunday to share news of the pond, koi and water garden hobby. Contact Teresa Lawrence at (904) 287-0059 or visit [firstcoastkoiclub.com](http://firstcoastkoiclub.com)

• Florida A&M University Alumni Association meets at 6 p.m. the third Monday at Peck Center. Call 261-7906.

• Friends of the Library, Fernandina Beach welcomes all to support the value and joy of literacy and advocate for the public library in our community. Membership forms are available at the library at 25 N. Fourth St. Call 277-7365 or visit [Read.nassau.lib.fl.us](http://Read.nassau.lib.fl.us).

• Gerri's Corner is a resource center for women with cancer, answering questions and spreading hope. It is open Monday-Friday from noon to 4 p.m. in Maxwell Hall at Memorial United Methodist Church on North Sixth Street in downtown Fernandina Beach. For information call 277-0099.

• GFWC Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach is a volunteer service organization which meets at 10:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month at 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd. (behind the Atlantic Ave. Rec. Center). Call Kathy Shipman at 277-3668.

• The Historical Recovery Association of North Florida is an independent metal detecting club that meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Piccadilly Restaurant on Monument Road near Regency Square Mall in Jacksonville. Everyone is welcome, particularly children. There is an annual low country shrimp boil and treasure hunt in Fernandina the week after the Shrimp Festival. Contact Shelly Simpson at 261-4655 or e-mail [shelly.simpson@baycrocropservice.com](mailto:shelly.simpson@baycrocropservice.com).

• Just Friends, singles over age 55, meet Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. to walk and get acquainted at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center parking lot. Call 321-1116.

• Kiwanis "Serving the Children of the World" meetings are at 6:30 p.m. the first three Mondays of each month at Fernandina Beach Municipal Golf Clubhouse on Bill Melton Road. Call Jeff Shipman at 277-3668.

• Men's Newcomer Club of Amelia Island is a social organization that meets at 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of most months at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club clubhouse. Call Richard Rothrock at 491-6868 or Bob Keane at 277-4590.

• Military Officers Association of America service and social organization serving active duty and retired military officers meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of some months, other months for Sunday brunch at Ocean Breeze Conference Center at Mayport Naval Station. Call president Rob Judas at (904) 249-1475.

• The Modelers' Club for

modelers interested in cars, planes, ships and trains meets from 7-9 p.m. the fourth Monday at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. Call Hal Mather at 261-6420.

• Moms Group for Stay-at-home-Moms meets with the kids at kid-friendly locations. Call Amy at 261-0554 or e-mail [amarasco@bellsouth.net](mailto:amarasco@bellsouth.net) for the next meet-ups.

• Nassau Challenger Bowling League for the physically and mentally challenged meets from 3-5 p.m. the second Saturday at the bowling alley on US 17 in Yulee. Call Melinda Willafor at 261-3136.

• Nassau County Boys & Girls Club after-school agenda offers programs for youths ages 6-17 at its new, state-of-the-art Miller Club located one mile south of AIA on CR 107 (Old Nassauville Road). The hours are from 2-8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Staff and volunteers will provide homework help, computer classes, arts and crafts, music and drama, sports and games, teen programs, gardening, health and fitness, cooking and life skills classes. Call the Club office at 261-1075 after 2 p.m. weekdays for information and enrollment details.

• Nassau Civitan Club service organization meets at noon the second and fourth Thursdays at Slider's. Call Norma Norris at 491-9996 or Joyce Menz at 321-2526.

• Nassau County 4-H is open to youth ages 5-18 and adult volunteers who are excited to learn more about leadership, citizenship and life skills. For information on becoming a member or adult volunteer, contact the Nassau County Extension Service at (904) 879-1019 or online at [Nassau.ifas.ufl.edu](http://Nassau.ifas.ufl.edu).

• Nassau County Group of the Sierra Club is an environmental organization that meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday at the Council on Aging building, 1367 South 18th St., Fernandina Beach. Call Joan Altman at 277-2274.

• Nassau County Home Educators Support Group for home-schooling parents meets the third Thursday at 7 p.m. Call 225-9160 for location or visit [geocities.com/nassaucountyhomeeducators](http://geocities.com/nassaucountyhomeeducators).

• Nassau County Master Gardener volunteers are trained by County Horticultural Extension agents and are required to serve 75 volunteer hours year one in all subsequent years to maintain their certification as Master Gardeners. Contact Becky Jordi at 548-1116 or e-mail [rljordi@ufl.edu](mailto:rljordi@ufl.edu).

• Nassau County Motorcycle Association meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Murray's Grille in Yulee. Social/dinner hour is 6-7 p.m. Call Ken Bowers at 261-7954.

• Nassau County NAACP civil rights organization meets at 6 p.m. for the executive committee meeting and 7 p.m. for the branch meeting the second Monday at the Peck Center, Fernandina Beach. Call Courtney Tyson-Shelby at 491-3419.

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### The Value of Close Friends

A study recently published in the American Sociological Review, based on data from the General Social Survey by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, reveal that Americans today have fewer close friends than they did just twenty years ago. The average American had only two close friends in 2004, compared to three close friends in 1985. And perhaps even more disturbing was the finding that 25 percent of Americans reported having no one to confide in concerning important matters. Besides the obvious implications of this research, which suggest we are living lonelier lives, there is also cause for concern related to the increasing lack of social support. Having friends that you can confide in and ask for help is obviously a good thing, and probably doesn't require academic research to confirm. However, many people may not be aware of additional research which links social isolation and loneliness to mental and physical illness. We would all do well to cultivate more close friendships; and the best way to have a friend is to be a friend. Allowing someone to confide in us, or helping someone with a chore or running an errand for them creates a social safety net that will be there when we need a friend.

Without counsel plans go wrong, but with many advisors they succeed.  
— R.S.V. Proverbs 15:22

# RELIGION

## Trusting God is as simple as one, two, three

"Ready?" I said. "One, two, three."

"No, no," my dad answered, "Let me count." "Alright," I replied, "You count," and so he did.

"One, two, three," he said in a slow and calculated voice, and up he stood as I assisted him from off his bed and onto his chair.

"Good job Dad," I encouraged him as he shuffled his weight around and tried to get comfortable. Then, without warning, my mind drifted back to a time when things were a lot different.

"Ready?" I could hear my dad's voice. "One, two, three." "No, no," I answered, "Let



**PULPIT NOTES**

*Pastor Rob Goyette*

You see, the memory was from a time when I was a kid and not a good swimmer. Having my dad in the pool,

me count."

"Alright," he replied, "You count," and so I did.

"One, two, three," and I jumped with all my might into the pool and into his strong arms.

I'll never forget what that was like.

and knowing that he wouldn't let me drown, was just what I needed to help me overcome my fears. However, now things had changed and I was the one helping him. Funny how that happens, isn't it? As my mind drifted back to my dad, now sitting in his wheelchair, I found myself overwhelmed by the love of God; and it was as simple as one, two, and three.

The principle is something we never outgrow. Whether we are a child standing on the edge of a pool or we're older and struggling just to get out of bed, we all need to know that someone is there to catch us should we fall. That's what

the love of God is all about.

I'm sure you would agree that this life is a bunch of never ending challenges. For me, it feels like as soon as I overcome one thing, and begin enjoying the fruits of success, up pops a whole new challenge that I'm not quite sure that I'm ready to deal with. And so the cycle goes.

"No, no," I often say to God like I used to say to my dad. "Let me count." And, somehow, God seems willing to let me do it as long as at the end of the day I make the leap.

Now I'm not quite sure why I felt led to write this particular article this week, but perhaps it's just for you.

That's right. I'm convinced that God would take the time to print a newspaper article for just one person if that's what it took to let them know how much He loved them. So, if this article seems to be speaking to you, just receive it as a personal encouragement from the Lord.

The message is a simple one. The same God who formed you in your mother's womb is the same God who has committed Himself to be there for you all the days of your life. Listen to the words of God through the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 46:3-4: "Listen to me, descendants of Jacob, all who are left of my people. I

have cared for you from the time you were born. I am your God and will take care of you until you are old and your hair is gray. I made you and will care for you; I will give you help and rescue you."

Though life has moved on, my dad is now in a nursing home, and I've grown a few of my own gray hairs, one thing remains the same. Both my dad and I are still counting to three and have learned together how to jump into the strong arms of our loving heavenly Father and so can you.

*Robert L. Goyette is pastor of Living Waters World Outreach Center.*  
rgoy@livingwatersoutreach.org

### RELIGION NOTES

#### History series

Dr. David J. Terry will lead his fourth lecture series at Amelia Baptist Church starting this month and continuing through May 20.

Terry will survey the expansion and development of the church from 325-865 A.D. This period includes the major Christian councils and was also the era of the great church fathers, including Augustine of Hippo. Survey the evangelization of Europe and Asia and learn about missionaries as diverse as Patrick and Anskar.

Participants will meet Sundays from 6:15-8 p.m. at Amelia Baptist Church. Two textbooks are available for purchase. Terry's lectures are independent of the texts and provide unique perspectives on the period. He holds a Ph.D. in religious studies with a concentration in church history. Contact the church at 261-9527 or e-mail office@ameliabaptist.org. The church is located at 961167 Buccaneer Trail, Amelia Island.

#### Financial seminar

Living Waters World Outreach Center will conduct a two-day Ancient Paths seminar entitled Financial Foundations from 6:30-10 p.m. tonight and from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Jan. 24. The seminar, developed by Craig Hill and Family Foundations International, will explore building a strong financial house by understanding God's heart on the matter of stewardship. The cost is \$45

single or \$85 per couple and pre-registration is required. The church is located at 96282 Brady Point Road, just west of the Shave Bridge. Call the church office at 321-2117 for information.

#### Prayer walk

This year marks the 101st anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. On Jan. 24, six area churches in the Fernandina Beach area are joining together to sponsor and "Interfaith Prayer Walk." A steering committee comprising members of St. Peter's Episcopal, Memorial United Methodist, First Presbyterian, First Baptist, New Zion Baptist and St. Michael Catholic Church will be coordinating the celebration.

Participants will start at St. Michael's at 9:30 a.m. with a short ecumenical prayer service. They will then walk to the next church for a different prayer service. The Prayer Walk will end at St. Peter's at Eighth and Centre streets, followed by light refreshments, fellowship and music in the parish hall. The entire community is invited to join all or part of this morning of prayer.

For more information call the listed churches or Jan Smith at 261-3677.

#### Winter revival

Blackrock Baptist Church, 96362 Blackrock Road, Yulee, invites everyone to its Winter Revival featuring the Rev. Rick Coram, who will be delivering a spirit-filled message, and Gospel recording artist Michael Combs leading

the worship in song. The revival will start Jan. 25 at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., and then Jan. 26-28 at 7 p.m. For more information call the church at 261-6220 or visit www.blackrockbaptist.com.

#### Financial seminar

To provide insights into Biblical financial principles, Amelia Baptist Church is offering a Crown Financial Ministries small group study starting Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. Crown small groups train people to apply financial principles from the Bible to their everyday lives. The study covers getting out of debt, spending, saving and investing, budgeting, giving, earning money and training children. Practical applications are a part of applying each principle.

The small group meets weekly for two hours for a period of 10 weeks. Approximately two hours of preparation are required outside of class each week for participants to complete a weekly homework assignment. This study has reported a dynamic, life-changing impact as participants enjoy the freedom, contentment and economic stability that comes from a more disciplined and less consumptive lifestyle. If you'd like to give this a try, call the office at Amelia Baptist Church at 261-9527 for more information and attend the orientation session Jan. 28 at 6 p.m.

#### Group studies

Memorial United Methodist Church will begin

small group studies the last week in January. The book studies will be The Shack or Same Kind of Different as Me. There will be groups of women, men, couples and moms meeting in homes as well as at the church. Anyone interested may call the church office at 261-5769 or Jane Holzkamp at 321-4321.

#### Gospel concert

The sounds of Southern gospel music will ring loudly on Jan. 30 at North Jacksonville Baptist Church in Jacksonville as popular Southern gospel recording artist, Ivan Parker, is featured in a special concert event at 7 p.m. Parker, who has spent more than two and a half decades ministering in churches and arenas, sharing his testimony and rich vocal talents, has more than a dozen solo recordings to his credits. In 2007 he enjoyed his first No. 1 hit, the ballad "I Choose." Call (904) 735-5850 or visit www.ivanparker.com.

#### First Baptist

First Baptist is hosting the 2009 Athletes in Action Super Bowl Breakfast live via satellite on Jan. 31 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Hear from players on both 2009 Super Bowl teams, enjoy a "super" breakfast, and be blessed by inspiring faith testimonies of Bart Starr, Tony Dungy, Anthony Munoz and Derrick Brooks and more. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased in the church office. For information call 261-3617. The church is located at 1600 S. Eighth St.

### YESTERDAY AND TODAY

The Rev. James T. Dunnam, right, was pastor of the First Baptist Church for 12 years, from 1962-68 and 1989-95. It was during his first pastorate that he spent about two years writing the book *History First Baptist Church, Fernandina Beach, Florida 1959-1967*, which contained photos and information used extensively by the *News-Leader* in publishing "First Baptist Church, yesterday and today," on Jan. 2. In 1967 the church had a History Sunday where each member received a copy of the book at an appreciation dinner.



Following publication, the Rev. Dunnam wrote from Mississippi, where he and his wife, Betty Sue Dunnam, below, have a retirement home and he is director of the Greene County Museum.

"We have many wonderful memories of First Baptist Church and Fernandina Beach," wrote the Rev. Dunnam. "That is a 'choice place' to live and work - so many wonderful people now and also those who have gone before us."





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## Tips to avoid abusive lenders

TALLAHASSEE – Deciding to purchase a home is one of the most significant decisions that a consumer will ever make. It is crucial that the consumer work with a licensed mortgage broker, loan originator or other mortgage professional during the home buying process. While most mortgage industry professionals are honest and ethical, the Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers (FAMB) offers the following tips to avoid abusive lending practices during the home buying process:

- Shop around and compare. If you need to borrow money for a home purchase, refinance, or home repairs, shop around with different licensed mortgage brokers and lenders. Compare interest rates and find out what the total costs of the loan will be and what your monthly payment will be before making a decision. You should be furnished with a Good Faith Estimate of costs. Use the Good Faith Estimate from each licensed lender or broker to compare the loan terms and costs.
- Negotiate. Don't let the promise of extra cash or lower monthly payments get in the way of your good judgment. Consider whether the closing costs you will pay for the loan are really worth it. Don't agree to a loan that includes extra products you don't want. Negotiate the loan terms and agree to a loan amount that will meet your needs.
- Be cautious. Be wary of anyone who calls you on the phone, solicits you in the mail or comes to your door offering "bargain loans." Beware of claims that the offer is only available for a short period of time. Beware of lenders claiming "bad credit – no problem." If the loan terms seem too good to be true, perhaps they are.
- Never act immediately. If the mortgage professional asks for fees up front, ask how the fees will be used and be certain to get the explanation in writing. Are the funds for the appraisal or credit report? Never pay a lender cash for any fees, and always make the check payable to the mortgage firm, not the individual loan officer.
- Understand the terms of your loan. Some loans may sound very attractive because the

monthly payment is small. Ask if the payment will adjust during the life of the loan. Make sure you know the dollar amount of each monthly payment. If the loan is adjustable (ARM), make sure you understand how often and how much your payment can change.

- Don't be afraid to ask questions. You have a legal right to know the total cost of the loan, the annual percentage rate (APR), the monthly payments and how long you will make payments on the loan. If you are unsure of any terms of the loan, ask for an explanation. If you don't receive a straight answer, go elsewhere for your financing needs.
- Read carefully before you sign. Don't sign any document you haven't read or has blank spaces that could be filled in after you sign. Don't be pressured into signing any loan papers you do not understand. If you need an explanation of any terms or conditions, talk to someone knowledgeable. Get copies of everything you sign at the time you sign them.
- Borrow only the amount you need and can afford to repay. Just because you qualify for a certain amount of money doesn't mean you should borrow the maximum. Consider whether you can afford to make the payments. Determine exactly how much money you need, borrow only that amount and find out exactly how much your monthly payment will be. If you are consolidating debt, make sure you will have enough money left after closing costs and loan payoffs to pay any other bills you would like to eliminate.
- Immediately get help if you feel you have been victimized. Contact your local state regulators and/or your local Better Business Bureau to report the individuals and companies you worked with.

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The Fernandina Farmers Market, open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., features farm fresh produce, pickled seasonal vegetables, freshly baked breads and pastries, jellies, relishes and marinades, desserts as well as a wide selection of plants including orchids and other tropicals, succulents, herbs and garden flowers and shrubs. The market is located downtown at Seventh and Centre streets. Call 491-4872 or visit [www.fernandinafarmersmarket.com](http://www.fernandinafarmersmarket.com).

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### Stormwater talk

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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).

### Curb appeal class

James Loper of Reflections of Nature at 850688 US 17 South in Yulee will show design tips on creating curb appeal for your landscape at 10 a.m. Feb. 7. Whether you are trying to sell your home or want to be the envy of the neighborhood, this free class is for you. For information call 225-9915.

### Crash course

The Nassau County Extension office is conduct-

ing a two-day course, Crash Course in Florida Gardening, at the Yulee satellite office Feb. 12 and 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$50 for the notebook. Topics covered will include Good Horticulture Practices, Trees, Palms, Citrus, Lawngrass, Vegetables, Perennials and Annuals.

Checks should be made out to Nassau County Extension and sent to the Callahan office at 543350 US 1, Callahan, FL 32011. The registration deadline is Jan. 30. A minimum of 20 people must register or the class will be cancelled. To register online, or for more information, visit <http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/crashcourse.html>, or call Rebecca Jordi at 548-1116.

### Bird club

The Nassau County Bird Club will meet rain or shine at 8 a.m. Feb. 14 at Huguenot Park. To get there, cross the Nassau Sound Bridge and go 8.2 miles south on A1A to the blinking light. Turn left to enter the park. Go 0.6 miles to General Store. Park and join the "birders." Entrance fee is \$1 – this is a Jacksonville city park. Possible species include the Horned Grebe, Red-breasted Merganser, Long-billed Curlew, Common Loon and Marbled Godwit. Layered clothing is a must for this time of year.

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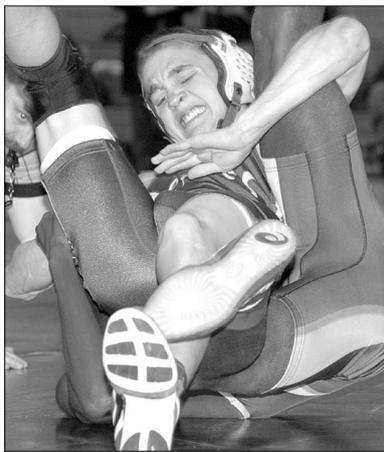
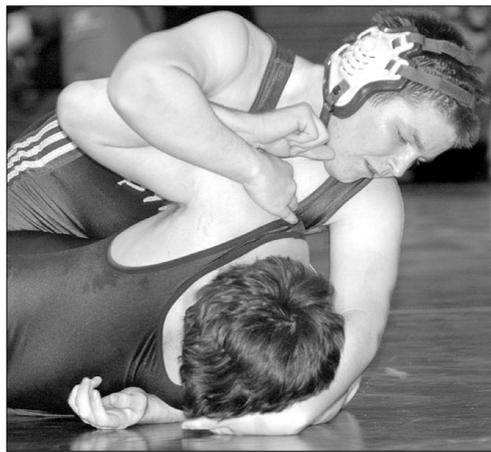
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PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER  
The Pirate wrestling team hosted Episcopal and Sandalwood Wednesday in a tri-match. The Pirates lost to Episcopal but defeated Sandalwood. Pictured, clockwise from top left: Matt Roberts tries to put his Episcopal opponent on his back; Jake Coombs pinned his Sandalwood opponent in 2:33; Pit LeBrun pinned his Sandalwood foe in 5:11 and also won by pin against Episcopal; Donnie Moore won by injury default against his Sandalwood opponent.



## Eagles sweep match; Pirates beat Saints

BETH JONES  
News-Leader

Episcopal won both of its matches Wednesday night at Fernandina Beach High School. The Eagle grapplers defeated Sandalwood and the host FBHS Pirates; the Pirates beat Sandalwood in the finale.

"(Wednesday) was one of those strange nights where not everything goes right for a team," said Mark Durr, FBHS wrestling coach. "We are having some health issues, not that we want to make any excuses. Episcopal really whipped us and we know it. They have a strong team of mostly returning wrestlers, including two state qualifiers, and their 189 finished fourth in state last year. They are a strong team and will be hard to beat at districts.

"We can just look at (Wednesday) as a learning opportunity and get after it again this weekend. If there is one thing we want to teach Pirate wrestlers is that we stay and fight no matter what. We have to get some of our wounded to our next battle this weekend and we will."

Pirate Garrett Sharpe avenged an earlier loss to his Episcopal opponent. "We think this victory will get Garrett a top seed at districts," Durr said. "Adam (Thomason) had a great night. He has been absorbing every-



The senior grapplers were honored Wednesday night. Pictured, from left, are Coach Mark Durr, seniors Adam Thomason, Donnie Moore, Lilly McCloskey, Ian Muir, team statistician Caitlin O'Leary and Coach John Williams.

Episcopal 52, FBHS 18	FBHS 54, Sandalwood 30
103-Lilly McCloskey lost by technical fall 17-2	103-McCloskey won by forfeit
112-Jeremy Jutras lost by decision 8-1	112-Jeremy Jutras won by forfeit
119-Jake Coombs lost by pin in 5:30	119-Jake Coombs won by pin in 2:33
125-John Morrissey lost by pin in 2:43	125-John Morrissey won by forfeit
130-Garrett Sharpe won by pin in 3:49	130-Garrett Sharpe lost by pin in 1:33
145-Pit LeBrun won by pin in 4:34	145-Pit LeBrun won by pin in 5:11
152-Ian Muir lost by decision 14-13	160-Sean Watkins won by pin in 2:50
160-Sean Watkins lost by major decision 10-1	171-Donnie Moore won by injury default
171-Donnie Moore lost by decision 8-2	189-Matt Roberts won by forfeit
189-Matt Roberts lost by decision 15-10	215-Conner Lawrence lost by pin in 1:36
215-Conner Lawrence lost by pin in 2:43	285-Adam Thomason won by pin in 3:06
285-Adam Thomason won by pin in :50	

thing in the practice room and combining that with his own fierce competitive spirit on match day equals one quality wrestler. Adam will definitely be a force to be reckoned with

at districts. He is one of those guys we wish we would have had longer but are very happy to get him for this one year. He has got a great attitude and excellent work ethic."

## ▼ BASKETBALL

# Hornets, Pirates victorious again

BETH JONES  
News-Leader

The Hornets improved to 16-4 overall Tuesday with a 71-61 win over the Bolles Bulldogs in Yulee.

"We did not play very well but showed the ability to keep focusing on winning and, in the fourth quarter, made corrections in pulling out the win," said Don Burton, Yulee High School head boys basketball coach. "Bolles played very well and led at half 32-29 and then they took an eight-point lead early in the third quarter, but we made some stops and hit some big shots to pull ahead after three.

"We played well in the fourth quarter, outscoring Bolles 29-20."

Demetrius Small scored 22 points and Jarrell Mitchell had 21 to steer Yulee.

The Hornets travel to Callahan to take on the West Nassau Warriors tonight, one week after beating county rival Fernandina Beach High School, a first for the new Yulee High School program.

"I just thought it was a very competitive game played between two excellent teams competing very intently," Burton said of the FBHS game. "Coach (Matt) Schreiber does a great job and his kids are very good, so it took our best effort. I thought our guards did an excellent job of defending their perimeter players.

"As a coach, you want this type of game to be a battle down to the wire. It makes it so much more exciting for the fans and the players really look forward to this type of game."

Small led Yulee in that game as well, scoring 26 points. The Pirates (17-2) rebounded from the loss to Yulee and beat host Trinity Christian 79-51 Tuesday.

"It's good to get back on the winning track," Schreiber said. "We played better than we have in a couple of weeks."

The Pirates jumped out to a 20-12

### Up next

The FBHS Pirates (17-2) host the Episcopal Eagles tonight for winter homecoming. The Yulee Hornets (16-4) travel to West Nassau High School tonight. Games are at 6 p.m. (junior varsity) and 7:30 p.m. (varsity).

first-quarter lead and extended it to 42-27 by halftime. The Pirates won all four quarters, including a 21-9 fourth.

Junior Patrick Garvin was the top scorer for the Pirates for the second game in a row with another 24 points, including a trio of three-pointers. He also had four rebounds, a pair of assists and two steals. Garvin was perfect at the foul line, sinking all five of his shots.

"Patrick's really come along the last week or so," Schreiber said. "It seems like he's being more patient and letting the game come to him."

Junior Carlos Holcey had a triple-double with 16 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists to go along with a pair of steals. "Carlos is able to do so many different things to help us," Schreiber said. "I think he's had a triple-double before but it was points, rebounds and steals. This time it was assists, so he sees his teammates really well."

Zach Rocheleau, also a junior, scored 13 points with three three-pointers and had three rebounds, four assists and five steals.

"Zach has the last couple of weeks really shot the basketball well," Schreiber said. "As long as we understand we're a defensive team first, we'll be successful as we go into the district tournament."

Terin Dallas, another junior, had five rebounds, two assists and four steals to go along with eight points.

The Pirates host Episcopal tonight for winter homecoming. They travel to Hilliard Saturday. Varsity tilt is at 7:30 p.m. both nights. The junior varsity squads play at 6 p.m. tonight and 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

## ▼ SOCCER

# Lady Pirates blank Trinity, fall to Eagles in semifinal

The Lady Pirates easily made it through the first round of the district tournament Tuesday, blanking Trinity Christian 8-0 at Bolles.

Jennifer Stelmach, Savannah Young and Hope Swan scored two goals apiece for the Fernandina Beach High School girls soccer team. Olivia Danaher and Emma Feakes

scored one each. Tara Whitaker had a trio of assists and Danaher, Emily Parker and Young had one each.

The Lady Pirates advanced to the next round and took on Episcopal Wednesday. FBHS was eliminated by the Eagles 3-0 in the semifinal. Bolles and Episcopal play tonight for the District 4-3A championship.

## Symptoms above the neck?

**Q:** I am a high school basketball player. If I am sick is it still OK to play?

**A:** Athletic participation during illness is generally not recommended. Your body is trying to fight off this illness and needs as much energy as possible to do so. Athletic participation essentially drains you of that energy, leaving less for your immune system to use to fight off the illness. Over-exertion during illness can also lead to depression of the immune system, putting you at increased risk for more serious illness. This topic was recently addressed at a national meeting of the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine and some general recommendations were presented.

If an athlete's symptoms are clearly "above the neck," meaning nasal congestion and sore throat, it is felt to be acceptable to train on a limited intensity level and increase intensity if symptoms are not increased. Certainly if you feel worse, you should stop.

If an athlete has symptoms "below the neck," such as cough, body aches, muscle soreness or shortness of breath, then training and participation should stop until these symptoms have resolved. If you have fever, it is not recommended that you participate. One particular concern regarding fever is that it may be associated with myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart, and myocarditis has an association with sudden death in athletes.

Matt Lauer of "The Today Show" interviewed Dr. Phillip Tierno, an infectious disease expert, regarding illness and bacterial contamination of everyday locations such as taxis, ATM machines, escalator rails and so on. Lauer went about his normal day and, at several stops along the way, Tierno would take culture swabs of the things that he had just touched.

The results were shocking. Bacterial contaminants of spit and sneezes were commonly found. The results did not surprise Tierno, who noted that a potential source of infection



**SPORTS MEDICINE**  
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is the gymnasium or health club. It is a warm environment with lots of hot, sweaty people using the machines. As you can imagine, one by one, members grab onto the rails, bars and handles of the exercise equipment, potentially passing bacteria from one person to another.

Many gyms, such as our local YMCA, keep antiseptic spray bottles close by to allow you to "decontaminate" the equipment. Most people use these after they are done with a particular machine. In some cases, it is just not realistic to spray down each and every handle after you are done, but you should try to do it when you can, especially if you are sick.

During your workout, you should also try to keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth to reduce your risk of spreading infection. Many recommend even trying to spray the machines before you use them. When you are done with your workout, wash your hands again.

If you are already sick, then as much as your workouts mean to you, you should consider avoiding the gym all together until you are well. There are lots of people there working hard, becoming winded and breathing deep, and I am sure they don't care to suck your germs deep into their lungs.

*This column is written to discuss issues regarding sports, medicine and safety. It is not intended to serve as a replacement for treatment by your regular doctor. Specific concerns should be discussed with a physician. Mail questions to Gregory Smith, M.D., 1250 S. 18th St., Suite 204, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. For appointments, call 261-8787 or visit [www.gsmithmd.com](http://www.gsmithmd.com).*

## HORNETS PLAY FOR CROWN



PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER  
The Yulee Middle School boys basketball team hosted the Lake City Falcons Wednesday night in a Florida Crown Conference playoff. The YMS Hornets won 61-55 and host the Lakeside Gators tonight at 6 p.m. in the conference championship game. Above, Austin Morea shoots for the Hornets. Left, Tony Stevens fights for possession. Left top, Derrick "Shocka" Henry takes a shot.



PHOTOS BY TERRY LACOSS/SPECIAL  
Wilson Tennille, Dan McCranie and Bruce Thebault, from left, are pictured with a nice Amelia Island black sea bass.

## A perfect weekend for fishermen

**W**eather conditions this weekend for offshore fishing should allow bottom-fishing activity for both large and small salt-water boaters. Saturday

morning will find light west winds and air temperatures in the low 50s with a high of 65 degrees. Winds will stay out of the west for the remainder of the day and blowing up to 8 knots. It will be a perfect day for fishing at many of Amelia Island's near shore fish havens for delicious eating bottom fish.

Sunday the weather will stay much the same with winds switching to the north, northeast late in the afternoon. However, there is a 30 percent chance of rain on Sunday.

Black sea bass head up the list of good eating bottom species of fish presently holding at many live hard bottoms and artificial reefs. KBY artificial reef is located some five miles northeast of the St. Marys north jetty rocks where sea bass weighing to two pounds are running along with a few keeper red snapper.

Other popular bottom fishing locations, where both natural hard bottoms and artificial reefs holding sea bass, red snapper and grouper, include FA, FC, HH, AH and Schultz's Fish Market. Best baits for bottom fishing include fresh local squid, cut chunks of fresh cigar minnows and live pinfish.

Deep sea fishermen may be in for a big surprise as historically large sharks will attack hooked red snapper and grouper right at the boat during the winter fishing season.

Backwater fishermen will find an early morning flood tide that arrives at 7:29 a.m. Saturday. I would recommend casting in-line spinners or 1/4-ounce gold spoons in the flooded spartina marshes for redfish weighing to 10 pounds. Fish both the east

### OUTDOOR BRIEF

#### Boating course

The Coast Guard Auxiliary at Amelia Island will be conducting a six-week boating course starting Feb. 17 and ending March 31. The classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the Amelia Island Lighthouse cottage in Fernandina Beach.

This course is excellent for both the beginning boater, who needs to understand the fundamentals of boating, and for the experienced boater, who may be in need of a refresher.

The basics of boat handling, weather, navigation, electronics, use of radios and rules of the waterways are some of the subjects that will be covered. This class satisfies state boater education requirements.

The enrollment fee is \$35 and textbook materials will be provided.

For information on the course and to register, contact Steve Filkoff at 904-491-8629 or email at scarf@bellsouth.net. For information on boating safety classes, visit <http://cgaux7-14-1.org/>.



Shawn Pope boated this 25-inch keeper gag grouper while fishing at FA fish haven with cut bait on the bottom.

and west shorelines located just south of the Shave Bridge.

The early morning flood tide should also offer excellent beach fishing for whiting weighing to two pounds. Excellent eating whiting continue to run along Amelia Island's pristine beaches, particularly during the high falling tide. Fish with ultra-fresh local shrimp right on the bottom.

Sea trout weighing to four pounds are running at the north side of the St. Marys

south jetty rocks during the falling tide. Fish with live shrimp under a trout float with the depth of the live shrimp adjusted so it drifts just off the bottom. Sea trout fishing will be closed during the entire month of February in Northeast Florida waters.

Anglers may e-mail photos to [bjones@newsleader.com](mailto:bjones@newsleader.com), mail them to P.O. Box 766, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035 or drop them by 511 Ash St., Fernandina Beach. Call Beth Jones at 261-3696.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Free-throw championship

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All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or information contact Tom Smeeton at 321-4139.

### 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 [AmeliasIslandRunners.com](http://AmeliasIslandRunners.com), where online registration is also available. For information, visit the website or call (904) 624-0027.

### 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.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Fernandina Beach Middle School boys, above, and girls, below, soccer teams were Florida Crown Conference runners-up this season.



### 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. 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 needed.

### Yulee Little League sign-ups

Yulee Little League registration is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 24 and from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Jan. 26-29. Tryouts are Jan. 30-31. Fee is \$75 per child (\$50 for siblings). 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.

### Babe Ruth registration

Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth is holding online registration for the spring season for baseball and softball at [www.league lineup/fernandina](http://www.league lineup/fernandina). Fee is \$105 (\$110 county).

### 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.

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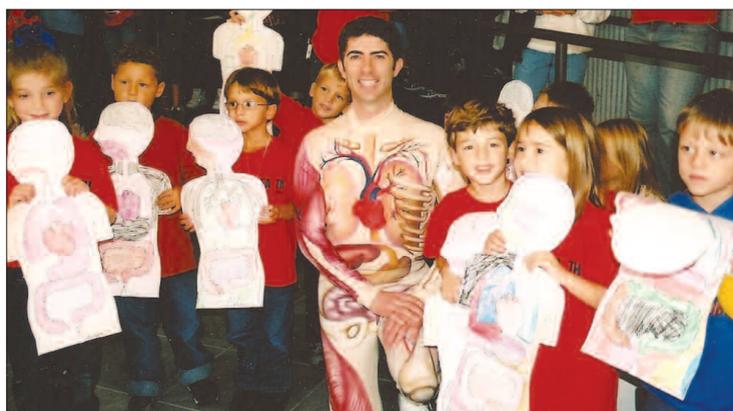
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### Freedom Playground

The First Coast Freedom Playground Foundation is seeking to create a universally accessible playground in Fernandina Beach and recently was approved by the city to locate the facility on land around the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.

This month, landscape architect Ted Kempton of Hardeman Kempton & Associates visited Fernandina to get information about the town and start planning the playground design. He visited Ms. Pierce's and Mr. Demeter's classes at Emma Love Hardee Elementary School to get suggestions from the kids about what they'd like to have at the park. Meeting with Kempton, kneeling above, are students Brenna Dahl, Kayla Hagren, Lindsey Delille and Ique Jones.

Kempton asked the kids to think about their favorite activities to do at a park, not just swinging and sliding. He then asked them to draw a picture of that. He also asked them what they thought was unique about Fernandina Beach, and to incorporate that into their pictures. Finally, he asked them to think about their grandparents or friends that might have difficulty using the equipment or participating in their activities and asked the kids to think about ways to make their activities accessible for all.



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### 'Slim Goodbody'

During the month of November, Mrs. John's kindergarten class at Faith Christian Academy attended the Slim Goodbody educational program as part of their science unit on the human body. Slim Goodbody is a nationally acclaimed Public Broadcasting System character that has educated children throughout the United States for over 30 years on educational television and nationwide tours. Above, the students show Slim Goodbody their child-sized human body posters that they colored and labeled which pictured the brain, heart, lungs, stomach and intestines.

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## STAR STUDENT



Nikki Brodeur is 11 years old and is in sixth grade at Emma Love Hardee Elementary School. She enjoys playing with her brother and her puppy. She also enjoys reading. Her puppy's name is Jasmine and her brother's name is Tyler. Her favorite color is purple and blue mixed. She loves to sing and tap her feet. When she grows up she wants to be a marine biologist.

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## CLASS NOTES

### Teen night

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### College plan deadline

The deadline to receive current Florida Prepaid College Plan prices is Jan. 31.

The Budget for College Challenge on the Florida Prepaid College Plan Web site, www.myfloridaprepaid.com/Affordability/MakeRoom.asp, helps families figure out where there may be room in their budgets for college savings.

Florida Prepaid College Plan prices start at a little over \$3 a day for the 4-year university tuition plan for a newborn. Plans can be used at Florida's public universities and community colleges, or their value may be transferred to out-of-state and private colleges.

Online enrollment is available at www.myfloridaprepaid.com. Or call 1-800-552-GRAD (4723) to order an enrollment kit in English or Spanish.

### 'Girls State'

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program has provided high school girls across the country the opportunity to participate in a hands-on citizenship training program for more than 60 years. The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program is a non-partisan program for teaching how government works while developing confidence, leadership skills and an appreciation for your rights as a citizen.

For more information contact Brenda Vurnakes at The American Legion Post 54, 12 South 11th St., 261-7900, or your guidance counselor.

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B SECTION

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## 'Diaries of Adam and Eve' a different side of Twain

RYAN SMITH  
News-Leader

Amelia Community Theatre is inviting audiences to step back in time with their latest production, Mark Twain's "The Diaries of Adam and Eve." The play, edited and adapted by David Birney, is based on two short pieces by the master humorist.

"One of the things that surprised me was the sophistication of the dialogue," said co-director Jennifer Webber. "Most people who are familiar with Mark Twain know Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer - that kind of homespun dialogue. This is more like a drawing-room comedy, like 'The Importance of Being Earnest.' I think it's interesting to see that side of Twain."

Webber, who is co-directing the play with fellow ACT member Sinda Nichols, said Birney skillfully combined two very

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CO-DIRECTOR JENNIFER WEBBER

different pieces into a cohesive whole. "I think one of the things that strikes me is that David Birney very clearly integrates both of these stories," she said. "The Diary of Adam" was written when Twain was a younger man, and "The Diary of Eve" was written later in his life, after he had lost his wife and a daughter."

Webber said that although the play has a serious side, dealing with loss and death, greater stress is laid on humor. "The concept is, what would it be like to be the very first people and have no one to turn to and say, 'What is that?'" she said. "Eve takes charge of the naming of everything, and

Adam scrambles to keep up with Eve's quick mind.

"It would be suitable for the whole family, but the humor might be too sophisticated for very young children," Webber added. "Even the Bible study class can come. It's not sacrilegious - it's just fun."

The play is cast with two veterans of the ACT stage, Geoffrey King and ACT Managing Director Linda McClane. "We're really thrilled that Linda McClane is back onstage," Webber said. The last time she had a part in a play was 2001. She's one of our most gifted actresses, and

TWAIN Continued on 2B



Geoffrey King and ACT Managing Director Linda McClane star in "The Diaries of Adam and Eve" at Amelia Community Theatre.

Show times are tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the theater, 209 Cedar St., Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For reservations, call 261-6749.

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## Desserts for a good cause

HEATHER A. PERRY  
News-Leader

The annual Desserts of Amelia takes place from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.

Desserts of Amelia co-chair Patti Burch said this year's event is not just about the desserts.

"This is the sole fund-raiser that Fernandina Beach Middle School has for their teachers. There have been huge budget cuts from the state so the teachers really need money for educational supplies for their classrooms. All the money raised goes directly to meet those needs."

In an effort to increase participation, both teachers and students are competing to see who can sell the most tickets.

"The teacher who sells the most tickets gets to pick an item they need for their classroom and we'll have a live auction to raise money for that specific item," said Burch.

For every ticket a student sells, they get to go to a special Valentine's Day party.

"We have an iPod Touch or \$200 cash or other great prizes for students," said Burch.

Live entertainment the first hour will be provided by science teacher Larry Sylvester and his band, which performs locally at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island and also by band director Randy Hamm during



FILE PHOTO

Grisel Baldrich dips a marshmallow into milk chocolate flowing from a fountain at last year's Desserts of Amelia.

### Sponsor opportunities

Individual and corporate sponsorships are new this year. Contact Burch, Lori Venerdi or Fran Holland at Fernandina Beach Middle School, 491-7938. All donations are tax deductible.

- \$150 — Pie in the Sky: one entry ticket and special recognition
- \$250 — Sweet Filling: two entry tickets and group signage
- \$500 — Icing on the Cake: four entry tickets, signage, reserved parking at entrance and mention by the emcee.

the second hour.

While sampling delectable desserts from restaurants around the island, guests may bid on items in silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased through the school or from any middle school student or teacher.

Tickets include automatic entry into a drawing to win one

of three prizes: four one-day park hopper tickets to Walt Disney World's four theme parks, a deluxe patio grill or dinner for two at the Verandah. "Last year was our best year ever. Over 400 people attended and the feedback was very positive," said Burch. "We're really hoping people will come out and support this event."



## 'FRIENDLY FACES'

The Island Art Association held a "Meet the Artists Reception" Jan. 9 at the IAA Gallery on North Second Street, which highlighted eight local artists from the Wednesday oil painters' group, Melba Craven, Mikolean Longacre, Louise Malone, Paul Massing, Karen McFadyen, Emylee McBrearty and Barbara Noden. The paintings, self-portraits and other works, will be on display through February.

Top left, Massing hams it up in front of his self-portrait.

Center, Fernandina Beach Police Chaplain Don McFadyen sits down to draw his own portrait.

Artists Malone and Karen McFadyen in front of the self-portraits.

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# OFF & ON THE ISLAND

### 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.

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. She has written six creative books.

Photos may be delivered at any time, but visit with the artist on Jan. 24, when she will be painting and signing books.

She will take a photo of your pet if you don't have one. Call 277-2717.

### READING 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 sim-



ple 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 will be held from 5:30 to 6 p.m., and the workshop from 6 to 8 p.m.

If needed, childcare will be provided for children under school age. Please call to notify staff of your childcare needs at 491-9887.

### 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.

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. Call 261-7020 to register. The pet portrait workshop for adults 18 and up is Jan. 29-31 at the Fernandina



Art Gallery studio.

Students in both classes should bring photos of their subject, a sketchbook (no smaller than 9 by 12 inches) and painting materials. The cost is \$180 and classes are limited to eight.

Esser has a B.F.A. in painting from Kutztown University, Pa., and is a professional animal and people portrait artist. Visit [www.KayteeEsser.com](http://www.KayteeEsser.com), call (843) 476-9059 or e-mail [Kaytee@KayteeEsser.com](mailto:Kaytee@KayteeEsser.com).

### BEACH RACING

The Amelia Island Museum of History invites the public to the museum on Jan. 27 at 5:30 p.m. for a special presentation featuring Bill Warner, founder of the Concours d'Elegance, to kick off the new exhibit on Fernandina Beach's racing past by bringing in one of Warner's vintage Simplex race-

cars. The car will be on display at the museum all day leading up to the event in the evening. The presentation will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m., with a reception following. Admission is free for museum members and \$10 for non-members. For information contact the museum at 261-7378.

Submit items to Siân Perry, [sperry@fbnewsleader.com](mailto:sperry@fbnewsleader.com)



# OUT AND ABOUT

## SPECIAL EVENTS

The **Nassau Humane Society annual Flea & Tick Garage Sale** will be held **Feb. 20 and 21 from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

It is now accepting donations of art, antiques, furniture, housewares, jewelry, sporting goods, tools, toys and other items for the sale. Bring your tax-deductible donations to the shelter (located by the Fernandina Beach Airport). Call Penny with questions at 277-1152.

The **Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach** at 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd. will hold a **Spaghetti Dinner from 6-8 p.m. today.** 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. For reservations call 261-6088 (leave a message with your name, phone number, number of diners and if you want delivery for lunch or dine in at the clubhouse). Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

**Teen B.L.A.S.T.** presents **Teen Game Night** for teens in sixth through 12th grade at **6 p.m. tonight** in the **Fernandina Beach Police Department Community Room** on Lime Street. Bring your favorite CDs for background music.

The **First Coast Trail Forgers walking club** will hold a walk at **8:45 a.m. Jan. 24** through the **Fort George Island Cultural State Park**, 12157 Heckscher Drive, Jacksonville, on Jan. 24 at 8:45 a.m.

Enjoy the outdoors while you explore the natural scenery of the island. The walk will begin at the Ribault Club, established in 1928 as a playground for the affluent. The walk then proceeds through Kingsley Plantation, an early 1800's sea island cotton plantation with remains of tabby structured ruins and slave quarters. All walking events are open to the public and new members are always welcome. Contact Harold Weber at (904) 704-8402.

**Art House**, 11 S. Seventh St., Fernandina Beach, is offering a **new series of classes starting Jan. 26**, including Achieving Photographic Style with Robin Rafloski; Can't Draw, Won't Draw, Still Want to Draw;

Drawing and Painting; Photo & Graphic Software a Digital Fractal Key; and Rock Art - Abstract Impulse Urban Expressionism (starting Jan. 27). For more information and to register, call (904) 705-6178 or 261-0116.

Upcoming **Council on Aging Senior Center activities** in Fernandina Beach include, **Jan. 26** from 10-10:50 a.m., "**Historical Artifacts from Britain**" with Nico Findeisen, a longtime expert on the Crown Jewels of England and other British memorabilia. He will show a few items from his collection of more than 4,000 pieces, including a replica of Queen Elizabeth's crown jewels.

On **Jan. 28** from 10-10:50 a.m., enjoy "**Ghosts of Amelia & Other Tales**" with local author Maggie Carter-de Vries. Her just-published book draws on the historical lore of Amelia Island and interweaves mysteries of ghost hauntings in homes and other locations.

**Jan. 30** from 10-10:50 a.m. is "**Pain Management**" with Jennifer Ward of Alliance Care-Home Health Services. Chronic pain affects 86 million Americans. Hear the latest pain management information and 10 tips for easing nighttime pain.

Call Frances Bartelt at 261-0701, ext. 102.

The **Camden/Kings Bay Council, Navy League of the United States**, will meet **Jan. 27** beginning at 6 p.m. at the Kings Bay Conference Center on board the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in St. Marys, Ga.

The featured program will be the crewmembers of the USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides"), the oldest commissioned warship in the world and the flagship of the United States Navy. Dinner is \$20 per person and reservations are required by today. Call 912-729-7327 or e-mail navyleagueedinner@yahoo.com.

The **Sons of the American Legion Squadron 54** will hold a **fish and shrimp dinner from 1-7 p.m. Jan. 24** at the old log cabin at 11th Street and Atlantic Avenue. Dine in or take out. Cost is a \$10 donation.

**Friends of the Library, Fernandina Beach**, and **Books Plus** are co-sponsors of the **Friends Annual**

## Courtyard Nights

Courtyard Nights at the Florida Community College Betty P. Cook Nassau Center presents the Peck Ensemble from 7:30-9 p.m. tonight. The ensemble, directed by Nanette Autry, will present a program of African spirituals and more.

Sponsored by the FCCJ Betty P. Cook Nassau Center, the News-Leader and the Nassau County Record, Courtyard Nights is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be available but individuals may bring their own. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Call 548-4400 for information.

## 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 tonight and Jan. 24 and Feb. 6 and 7 from 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Visit [www.ocean60.com](http://www.ocean60.com) or call (904) 247-0060.

## Summer concert

The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens Concert Series continues with its third performance by the Jupiter String Quartet on Jan. 25 at 3 p.m., with a TreeCup Sunday brunch offered at \$18 plus tax from noon to 2:30 p.m. For reservations, call (904) 899-6010. Concerts are included in museum admission. Museum members are admitted free and admission for non-members is \$10. The Cummer is located at 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville.

## Guitar workshop

Steve Kaufman will conduct a three-day, all levels flat-picking workshop Jan. 30 and 31 and Feb. 1 hosted by The Florida House at 20-22 S. Third St., Fernandina Beach.

**Luncheon, Jan. 27** at noon at the **Amelia Island Plantation, Racquet Park Conference Center.** The program will feature award-winning author Enid Shomer, who will discuss Tourist Season: Turning Points in Lives, or Why We Need Art.

Tickets for this timely, thought-provoking luncheon program are available at Books Plus on Centre Street or the library. Cost is \$25 for FLO members and \$30 for non-members.

The **Amelia Island Restoration Foundation** annual meeting **Jan. 29 at 5:30 p.m.** will be held at the **post office** on Centre Street. Buddy Jacobs will give an update on the acquisition of the building by the city of Fernandina Beach and Jose Miranda will discuss the Centre/Main Street USA program. A tour of the second and third floors will follow the program. There are no handicapped facilities and comfortable shoes are advised.

Call Susan Siegmund, interim president, at 261-9562.

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## MUSIC NOTES

Workshop price is \$200. Call 261-3300 or email [innkeepers@floridahouseinn.com](mailto:innkeepers@floridahouseinn.com).

## Evening at the opera

ARIAS (Amelia Residents In Action for the Symphony) is offering an evening of entertainment, with dinner at the Ocean Club on the Amelia Island Plantation, followed by concert tickets and round-trip bus transportation to and from Jacoby Hall, for the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra's production of Puccini's "Turandot" on Feb. 7. For reservations or information, contact Ted Preston at 277-6618.

## Story and Song

"An Evening of Story & Song" kicks off its fifth season with the return of Queen of Hearts, four singer/songwriters who lend their beautiful voices to blend unique songs and outstanding harmonies with great chemistry. The Queens will perform at the Parish Hall of St. Peter's Episcopal Church (corner of Eighth and Atlantic) on Feb. 7. Seating is limited for the 8 p.m. show; doors open at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased in advance from series sponsor First Coast Community Bank (1750 South 14th St.) or at St. Peter's administration office. Call Mark & Donna Paz Kaufman at 277-2664 for information. Visit [www.QueenofHearts.info](http://www.QueenofHearts.info).

## Recipe for Love

Jack & Diane's, 708 Centre St., presents Recipe For Love, an intimate Valentine's dinner and show, featuring The Dynamic Les DeMerle Jazz Trio with vocalist Bonnie Eisele on Feb. 13 and 14 at 7 and 9 p.m. Cost is \$75 per person. Dinner includes appetizer, entree, dessert, glass of wine, gratuity and show included. Call 321-1444.

reservations, call Bob Keane at 277-4590.

**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, Fernandina Beach. Call 321-2137.

**Rescuing Animals In Nassau** will hold its first spay/neuter gala, "**An Affluurr To Remember**," on **March 28 from 6-10 p.m.** at the **Fernandina Beach Woman's Club.** Chef Rick will present a full dinner buffet and singer Steffanie Renae will provide entertainment. Dress is resort casual. All proceeds will help furnish RAIN's low-cost spay/neuter clinic with equipment. Tickets are \$100 per person or \$700 for a table of eight. This event is by reservation only and seating is limited.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 1 at Bucky's Best Friends Card and Gift, Bark Avenue Pet Boutique, Fernandina Beach Animal Clinic, 4-Paws Animal Clinic and Lofton Creek Animal Clinic. Or call (904) 879-5861 or e-mail [rainhumane@yahoo.com](mailto:rainhumane@yahoo.com).

**Fernandina Little Theatre** is currently **recruiting tech volunteers** for the upcoming comedy, "**Jewel Thieves**," which will be presented in February and March, including production assistant, sound coordinator and lighting designer and crew. Retirees and high school students are welcome. Contact FLT at [fltbiz@peoplepc.com](mailto:fltbiz@peoplepc.com) for more information.

**Drumline Live** brings the black marching band tradition to the theatrical stage for the very first time on **Jan. 31 at 8 p.m.** at the **Times Union Center's Moran Theater** for one performance only.

Featuring a large cast of colorful and flamboyant performers from America's top historically black colleges and price of admission, Webber said. "With all the bad news that's out there, if people want to leave that at the door they can step back in time and have a chuckle - and they may have a tear in their eye at the end," she said. "It's a beautiful story, and well told.

"This play will please everybody," Webber added. "It's intellectually stimulating and it'll tickle your funny bone. It's just a really unique point of view that I think will have people talking over coffee long after the curtain goes down."

## FILM/THEATER

**Bean School of Dance**, 25 N. Third St., Fernandina Beach, offers **adult dance classes** including Zumba at 6:30 p.m. Monday and 10:30 a.m. Friday; ballroom at 8 p.m. Tuesday; jazz and stretch at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday; and clogging at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

A free senior citizen tap class is Monday at 2 p.m. The school also is collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the Barnabas Center pantry through Feb. 16. Call 261-DANC.

## A Chance to Dance

**School** has started a **belly dance program** in Fernandina Beach. For information call 753-3407 or 753-1661. The studio is located at 1114 South 14th St., Fernandina Beach, next to the movie theater.

## MUSIC OFF THE ISLAND

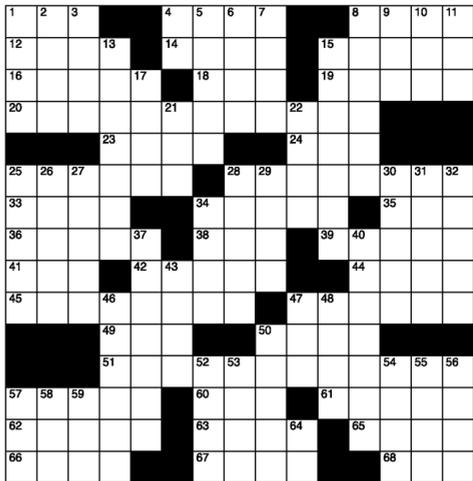
Alexis Gershwin presents "**Gershwin Sings Gershwin**," a tribute to her uncles Ira and George Gershwin, at the Wilson Center for the Arts on Jan. 24 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. The show will also feature the Gershwin Singers and a six-piece orchestra. Call 1-888-860-BWAY.

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## CROSSWORD



### CLUES ACROSS

- Swiss Franc (abbr.)
- PBS science show
- Fencing sword
- Journey
- Notice of death
- Softened color
- Rust fungi
- Atomic Energy Authority
- Coco plum
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- Card game
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- Old world, new
- Tokyo
- Carnivorous fish
- Unintentional act
- Elderly
- Goddess of the dawn
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- Steeple
- Largest silver coin
- The inner self
- Exchange goods
- 8th Jewish month

- Am. Library Assoc.
- More fair
- Radioactivity unit
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- Salamander
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- Shrek III director Hui
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## Solution For Jan. 21

"Help!"

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## SUDOKU

www.americanprofile.com Sudoku Medium Puzzle #16

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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.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2008  
Sudoku Difficult  
Puzzle #116

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- 1311 Broome Street - 3BR/2BA Lovely home with hardwood floors, large fenced in yard with screened in garage for extra entertaining. Close to Historic downtown Fernandina Beach. \$1050
- 415 Georgia Ave - 3BR/2BA Home has fireplace in family room, screened in patio, security system and two car garage. Rent includes lawn and pest control. \$1495
- 95053 Reserve Court - 4BR/2BA Beautiful home with covered patio and well maintained lawn. Home has separate dining and fireplace in living room. \$1795
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- 96398 Otter Run Dr. - 3BR/2BA Home has a fireplace in the living room, new carpet & paint. Two car garage. \$1250
- 96648 Cartesian Point - 3BR/2BA great home with rear fenced yard, in well network, and garage. Rent includes pest control. \$1300
- 86550 Cartesian Point Drive (Cartesian Point) - 3BR/2BA Great home in very nice area. Close to Jax. \$1200
- 86016 Cherry Laurel (Hickory Village) - 3BR/2BA Home located just off I-95. Great room opens to a beautiful kitchen with stainless steel appliances. \$1250.
- 96164 Cartesian Point Drive - 3BR/2BA home located close to I-95 in beautiful Cartesian Point. \$1200
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- 96026 Stoney Drive (Stoney Creek) - 3BR/2BA Townhome located in gated community with community pool. Rent includes lawn care. \$995
- 1N 4th Street Apt. C - 1BR/1BA Located in historic district. \$650
- 883-B Mary Street - 2BR/1.5BA Only 2 blocks from ocean, one car garage. \$950
- 1593 Park Ave. (Amelia Park) - 4BR/3.5BA Walking distance to the Y.M.C.A. and centrally located near shopping centers. \$1800
- 2999 1st Ave. E. - 3BR/3.5BA. 2 car garage. Ocean views. Screened porch & short walk to beach. \$1695

**CONDO/TOWNHOME/APARTMENTS(cont.)**

- 2840-A S. Fletcher downtown - 2BR/1BA, newly renovated with new appliances. Oceanfront. Great views. \$1250
- 966 Chad Street - 3BR/2BA very well kept townhome. Airy floor plan. \$1100 Reduced to \$995
- 4750 Westwind Court (Colony) - 2BR/2BA large two car garage. Unit includes fireplace, whirlpool tub, and jennaire grill in kitchen. Community pool and tennis courts. \$900
- 404A Mizell (Amelia Woods) - 2BR/2BA condo located one block from beach. Rent includes water, garbage, sewer and lawn service. \$900
- 95046 Springtide Lane - 3BR/4BA. This is a beautiful town home located in a gated community off A1A off of the Intercoastal waterway. Rent includes water, garbage, sewer and lawn service. \$2475
- 2700 Mizell 504-A - 3BR/2BA enjoy summer days in the community pool. Water, garage, sewer, lawn and pest control included. \$995
- 95096 S-B Barclay Place - 3BR/2BA Townhome located in gated community. Enjoy luxury living in this up-stairs unit with elevator in garage. \$1450
- 1854 Carnation (Amelia Park) - 3BR/2.5BA Beautiful maintained home located across from neighborhood park. Wood floors throughout lower level of home with carpet upstairs. Includes courtyard for relaxing evenings. \$1400
- 2418 N. First Ave. - 2BR/1BA located only one block from the ocean. \$1200
- 415 South 14th Street - 2BR/2BA very well kept home with rear fenced in yard and two car garage. Centrally located. \$1050

**FURNISHED - ON ISLAND**

- 3200 South Fletcher C-2 (Ocean Dunes) - 2BR/1BA enjoy the warm evenings on the covered deck looking at the beautiful ocean, or spend cool evenings relaxing by the fireplace. Condo located in gated community with swimming pool. Rent includes water, sewer, trash, lawn and pool care. \$1500
- 6353 Fernandina Shores - 2BR/1 1/2 BA Great condo located on Tarpon Ave. furnished. \$1050
- 2734 South Fletcher - 5BR/2BA looking for a wonderful get away for the winter then come take a look at this wonderful home on the ocean with 2 bedrooms upstairs and 3 bedrooms downstairs. Wood floors, modern bathrooms, casual furnishings, and windows everywhere. The upper level deck has stairs that take you right to the beach. Home is completely furnished and ready for your enjoyment. \$2250
- 2700 Mizell 401-B - 3BR/2BA Fully furnished. All appliances and cookware. Three bedrooms full of furniture. \$1100

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**\$309,900 - Marsh Bay Ct. - MLS# 47804**  
3BR/2BA in Village @ Marsh Lakes  
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**\$1,200,000 - So. 8th Street - MLS# 43189**  
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2919 South Fletcher - 3BR/2.5BA townhome beautifully decorated and furnished. Front deck with ocean view. Lawn care. On Island. \$2,000/mo

1913 Perimeter Park - 3BR/2.5BA w/formal living and dining. Master with garden tub and granite counter tops. On Island. \$1,995/mo

86136 Rensberg - 4BR/3.5BA Master suite down stairs. Bonus room/den upstairs, screened back lanai with fenced backyard overlooking 5th tee. Fireplace in family room. Off Island. \$1,900/mo

95118 Sandpiper - 2BR/2.5BA oceanfront condo with deck over looking ocean. Furnished or unfurnished. Utilities included. On Island. \$1,895/mo

997 Ocean Bluff - 4BR/2BA with swimming pool and tile throughout main living. On Island. \$1,895/mo

95125 Sago Drive - The Preserves - 3BR/3BA home w/study and screened in Lanai. Short walk to beach - Summer Beach membership available for small fee. Lawn care. On Island \$1,850/mo

1984 Burnham - 3BR/3BA with formal living and dining. Hardwood floors throughout main living with upgraded kitchen and stainless steel appliances. 2 Masters. 2 car garage. On Island. \$1,795/mo

95020 Buckeye Ct - 4BR/3BA in gated golf community; appx 2700 sq. ft. Large backyard with 'invisible fence'; use of pool, clubhouse and other social amenities. Off Island \$1,695/mo

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2184B 1st Ave - 3BR/2.5BA brand new carpet, fresh paint, many upgrades. 2 car garage. Off Island. \$1,300/mo

4944 Windward Cove - 4BR/2BA home with split floor plan, screened in porch, fenced in back yard. Short walk to beach. Lawn care. On Island. \$1,300/mo

86860 Cartesian Point - 4BR/2BA, 2,167 sq. ft. with fenced backyard, deck and pergola. Irrigation and water softener. Free month with 12mo lease. Off Island. \$1,295/mo

2642 Delorean - 3BR/2BA home with bamboo floors throughout main living. Upgraded kitchen. Screened in lanai and fenced in back yard. On Island. \$1,250/mo

833D Tarpon - 2BR/1.5BA home completely furnished, all utilities included. On Island. \$1,250/mo

76143 Long Pond Loop - 4BR/2BA home with many upgrades. 1903 sq. ft. and 2 car garage. Off Island. \$1,200/mo

96679 Arrigo - 3BR/2BA 1,650 sq. ft. home with covered lanai. Off Island. \$1,200/mo

97228 Morgans Way - 3BR/2BA on large wooded lot, approx. 1,450 sf. Nice screened porch on back, fenced backyard, 2 car garage. Off Island. \$1,150/mo

76237 Long Pond Loop - 4BR/2BA 1903 sq. ft. home with eat in kitchen and 2 car garage. Off Island. \$1,150/mo

97099 Coopers Way - 3BR/2BA home on large lot. Wood floors and 1 car attached garage. Off Island. \$1,100/mo

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96161 Tidal Bay Ct - 3BR/2BA home with large family room. 2 car garage. Washer and dryer and lavacare. Off Island \$1050/mo

519 S. 14th - 3BR/2BA home with fenced in back yard. On Island. \$1,050/mo

2021 Village Lane - 2BR/2BA townhome with Italian tile floors. Lawn care. On Island. Available Feb. \$1,000/mo

2820 Scrub Jay - 4BR/1BA home with screened in back porch and fenced backyard. On Island. \$950/mo

86088 Santa Barbara - 2BR/2BA. Each BR has own BA. Fenced backyard and 1 car garage. Off Island. \$950/mo

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