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Smurfit files for bankruptcy

MICHAEL PARNELL
News-Leader

Smurfit-Stone Container Corp. operations, including the mill and box plant in Fernandina Beach, were continuing normally Tuesday after the company announced that it had filed for bankruptcy protection.

There were no immediate announced changes affecting the hundreds of local employees at one of Nassau County's largest employers,

'We are taking this action to become a more financially healthy company.'

**PATRICK J. MOORE, CHAIRMAN AND CEO
SMURFIT-STONE CONTAINER CORP.**

which has been in business here for seven decades. Smurfit has almost 1,000 employees at its Fernandina and Jacksonville facilities, and about 20,000

at 150 plants in the U.S., Canada and Europe.

The company announced Monday that its U.S. and Canadian subsidiaries

have filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington, Del. Chapter 11 allows a company to reorganize and continue operations while protected from its creditors. All operations outside of the U.S. and Canada were excluded from the process.

"The company plans to use this process to restructure its debt, resulting in a capital structure more suited

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Sapp won't run again

MICHAEL PARNELL
News-Leader

Longtime Fernandina Beach Commissioner Ron Sapp has decided not to seek reelection in April.

Two of the five commission seats are up for election this year - Sapp's and that of Mayor Bruce Malcolm. The decision by Sapp, who has been a lone-

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Marina grant divides - still

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

The Waterfronts Florida Partnership Committee has agreed to ask the city of Fernandina Beach to take another look at a federal grant meant to attract transient boaters to the downtown waterfront, according to committee chair Lou Goldman.

Committee members hope to broach the matter at a city workshop being held to discuss the city marina and beach access scheduled for 5:30 p.m. today at City Hall, said Goldman.

The federal grant, called the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program, or BigP, is supposed to cover \$1.6 million of the estimated \$5.6 million to improve the marina. So far, about \$850,000 of the money has been used for dredging.

The BigP grant is meant to only pay for initial, one-time dredging and other amenities, but according to City Manager Michael Czymbor, the grant project has been extended so many times that dredging will have to be done again before the waterfront project is finished. Czymbor says the city may be able to find other grants to pay for dredging that will be needed on an ongoing basis.

The grant was awarded to the city in early 2006. Funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it is specifically used to fund support facilities for visiting boaters. According to a Fish & Wildlife Service website, improvements include slips, mooring buoys, docks, safe harbors, piers, breakwaters, bulkheads, channel markers and other amenities.

"We're interested in saving as much money as we can to increase revenue," said Goldman, adding that he was concerned about the cost of dredging the river on a regular basis for transient boaters.

But City Marina Director Coleman Langshaw said that, because the grant is a package, the city cannot just give part of it back if a decision is made to not go forward with it. Langshaw said the city could also run the risk of being "blacklisted" when applying for other grants.

"If we were to give it up," said



Boaters enjoy the winter sunset on the Amelia River, above. Pelicans enjoy the evenings along the river too, below.

Langshaw, "it would hurt our reputation for getting grants in the future." He added that, when considering the future of the marina, the whole picture should be taken into perspective.

"The race has started and the horses are coming in," said Langshaw. "It's not a simple thing, I wish people would appreciate that."

Goldman also expressed some doubts about the need for a transient-boater welcome center on the waterfront - a grant requirement that has been the subject of some controversy because of its expense, which must be shared by the city. It has also been controversial because city commissioners keep changing the welcome center's location, size and design. The delay has caused the city to ask the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for at least one amendment to the grant, plus a time extension.

The city has also paid about \$87,000 to VIA Concepts of Jacksonville for conceptual drawings for the welcome center and waterfront park - designs that most likely will never be used if the grant is stopped.

"Why can't we just put a sign on the train depot that says 'Welcome Center?'" Goldman asked.

Other mistakes have been made on the waterfront since the grant was

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PHOTOS BY GALE JAMEYSON/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

Dickson departs job at arts academy

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

Richard Dickson, executive director of the Amelia Arts Academy for the past 11 years, has left his position effective Jan. 30.

His departure was announced in a Monday press release from the president of the academy board of directors, Keith Thompson. "Dickson resigned last week," Thompson said Monday. "It was his decision. There was no hidden agenda or reasons behind it."

Dickson declined to comment on his leaving the academy and referred questions to his attorney, Buddy Jacobs.



Dickson

Jacobs said Dickson has taken a position as musical director of Gathering Dinner Theater in Mandarin Square, Jacksonville, where he has "been in rehearsal for a couple of months." According to Jacobs, Dickson's first performance there will be within the next two weeks.

Dickson is staying on as director of the Amelia Plantation Chapel, he said.

"The community is certainly going to miss him," Jacobs said. "He's a national figure in arts education, and one of the finest people we have in the county. He can get extraordinary people to come here."

The arts academy will be "undertaking a survey to evaluate how best to fulfill the cultural needs of Fernandina Beach, Nassau County and Northeast Florida," according to its press release.

"We have the greatest respect for Mr. Dickson and wish him the best," wrote Thompson. "We are in the process of re-evaluating the direction of the arts academy and seeking new leadership."

The nonprofit Amelia Arts Academy, located in the Peck Community Center, was started 17 years ago and offers music and visual arts programs for children and adults regardless of their ability to pay.

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**BUDDY JACOBS
ATTORNEY FOR RICHARD DICKSON**

'NO ISSUE WITH NOISE'



Sarah Burnley, owner of Celtic Charm, is not complaining about noise from her neighbor Pompeo's bar. "I love this city. I have no issue with the noise," she said, calling Pompeo's owner Mario Manganaro "a considerate neighbor and a good friend." Burnley said it is her landlord, owner of the building, who has complained about noise. That wasn't made clear in a News-Leader story Friday. The building's other tenant, who lives upstairs, has a different view. See Voice of the People, 7A.

ANGELA DAUGHTRY/NEWS-LEADER

Work session on marina today

Fernandina Beach Commissioners have scheduled a 5:30 p.m. work session today to discuss the city marina enterprise fund. Those discussions may include whether to continue development of the marina using a federal grant and whether to consider leasing the marina to a private company for management.

The meeting is to be held in commission chambers, City Hall, 204 Ash St.



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LOOKING BACK

50 YEARS AGO

Florida Gov. Leroy Collins offered to meet with Georgia Gov. Ernest Vandiver in Fernandina Beach to discuss construction of a bridge linking Fernandina with St. Marys, Ga. January 29, 1959

25 YEARS AGO

Jasmine Street would be completed through to South Fletcher Avenue by spring, shortening the drive to the local hospital, county officials said. January 25, 1984

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10 YEARS AGO

Nassau County hired Mike Mullin as its first full-time county attorney. Mullin, who had been serving part-time, closed his private practice as a result. January 8, 1999

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Table with 5 columns: Day (Wed 1/28, Thu 1/29, Fri 1/30, Sat 1/31, Sun 2/1), High/Low, and weather conditions. Includes sunrise and sunset times for each day.

Florida At A Glance



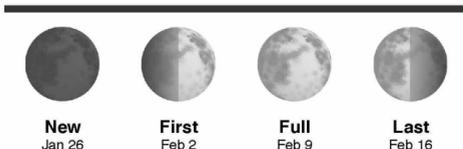
Area Cities

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

National Cities

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

Moon Phases



UV Index

Table showing UV Index for Wed 1/28, Thu 1/29, Fri 1/30, Sat 1/31, and Sun 2/1, with corresponding protection levels.

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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Joseph Cecil "J.C." Blalock Sr.

Joseph Cecil "J.C." Blalock Sr., 72, of Monteagle, Tenn., passed away Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009 in Nashville, Tenn. He was a retired businessman having owned and operated Blalock Propane and Blalock Building Supplies. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Tracy City, Tenn.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Beatrice Blalock, Monteagle, Tenn.; sons, Joseph (Teresa) Blalock Jr., Jerome (Virginia) Blalock and Jay (Teresa) Blalock, all of Monteagle, Tenn.; daughters, Debbie (Larry) Roberts, Estill Springs, Tenn.; Dianna (Reggie) Jacobs, Fernandina Beach; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Jan. 18 in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Ben Curtis and the Rev. Ron Kimbrell officiating. Burial was in Summerfield Cemetery.

Foster and Lay Funeral Home Tracy City, Tenn.

Dorothy "Mo" Chabot

Mrs. Dorothy "Mo" Chabot, age 52, of Fernandina Beach, passed away on Sunday evening, Jan. 25, 2009 at the Morris Center of Community Hospice in Jacksonville.

A native of Missouri, as a teenager she and her family moved to Apopka. In 1986, she, her husband and their family moved to Fernandina Beach. Mrs. Chabot had worked with Winn-Dixie for the past 18 years, beginning her career at the Fernandina Beach store on Eighth Street, and for the past 10 years had worked as the Pricing Manager at the new Winn-Dixie store in Yulee. An avid saltwater fisherman, she and her husband enjoyed their time together in the boat as well as their time in Biloxi.

She leaves behind her husband of 32 years, Leonard Chabot, Fernandina Beach; four sons, Shannon (Julie) Thompson, Fleming Island, Jeremy Chabot, Jason (Sandy) Chabot and Ashton Chabot, all of Fernandina Beach; a special grandson, Ashton Tyler Chabot; two brothers, three sisters and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Burgess Chapel with the Rev. Jackie Hayes officiating.

Honorary pallbearers will be her coworkers and other employees of Winn-Dixie. Mrs. Chabot will be laid to rest at a later date. Guests and friends are invited to visit on Thursday from 5-7 p.m., prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

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

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Timothy Allen Diotte

Timothy Allen Diotte, 40, of Hilliard, passed away Jan. 18, 2009.

Mr. Diotte was born Sept. 27, 1968 in Towson, Md., to Darrell Clarence and Rosemary Cropf Diotte. Timothy was a Master Mechanic with Dickinson Fleet Trucking Co. and was an avid hunter.

He is survived by his wife Mary Diotte of Hilliard; four sons, Timothy Caylup, Christopher Allen, Michael Anthony and Ethan Rylee Diotte; mother, Rosemary Loss; a sister, Shelby Stover; three brothers, James, Darrell and Donnie Diotte; mother-in-law, Barbara Brackett; sister Tammy (Adam) Bosley; nephews Owen and "Little Darrell" as well as other nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial services were held on Monday in the chapel of Callahan Funeral Home with Pastor Stephen Wolgamott officiating.

Callahan Funeral Home, Inc.

Margery H. Freas

Mrs. Margery H. Freas, of Amelia Island, beloved wife of Arthur K. Freas, passed away on Monday, Jan. 26, 2009 at Shands Medical Center in Jacksonville.

Arrangements will be announced.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Thomas F. Gorham

Thomas F. Gorham, 74, of Amelia Island passed away Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at Osprey Village Assisted Living on Amelia Island.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., he had previously resided in Lake Forest, Ill., from the mid 1980s until he relocated to Amelia Island in 1998. During his military career Mr. Gorham served faithfully in the U.S. Marine Corps for a number of years before his honorable discharge. Following his military service, he worked as a financial executive in the finance industry until his retirement.

After moving to Amelia Island, he and his family were longtime members of St. Michael Catholic Church in Fernandina Beach. He was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Maryellen S. Gorham, in December 2001, and by his son, Michael T. Gorham, in May 2002.

He is survived by his son, John S. Gorham of Amelia Island; three daughters, Maura Boehm and Margaret Wanick, both of Annapolis, Md., and Kathryn O'Hagan of Raleigh, N.C.; and by nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church in Fernandina with the Rev. Brian Eburn, pastor, officiating. The members of the East Nassau County Veterans Association will render military honors following the service. He will be laid to rest in Bosque-Bello Cemetery in a private family service at a later date. Please share his life story at www.oxleyheard.com.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Myrtle B. Johnson

Myrtle B. Johnson, 88, of Callahan, passed away on Jan. 26, 2009 at Life Care Center in Hilliard.

The Lakeland, Ga., native was the daughter of Crum Bridges and Dolly Crosby Bridges. Mrs. Johnson was a financial assistant with the Nassau County School Board.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Johnson was predeceased by her husband of 67 years, Robert Bruce Johnson, two sisters, Betty Robinson and Peggy Prebby, and a brother, Junior Bridges.

Survivors include a daughter, June Goforth; two sons, Alan (Helen) Johnson and Randy Johnson; three sisters, Mary Czarny, Janice Carter and Margaret Lightsey; three brothers, Hute (Mary Frances) Bridges, Jack (Elouise) Bridges and Bobby (Betty Jo) Bridges; and nine grandchildren, Julie (Rodney) Hutson, Paula (Keith) Thompson, Gary (Amy) Goforth, Ken (Robin) Johnson, Ron (Alicia) Johnson, Amaya (Sammy) Rogers and Adriana, Robert and Scott Johnson; 10 great-grandchildren, Lauren, Krista and Amelia Thompson, Chandler Hutson, Tyler, Austin, Emily and Ben Johnson and Bradley and Brody Rogers.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday from the Chapel of Callahan Funeral Home with funeral services at 11 a.m. Friday in Callahan First Baptist Church with interment in Beaver Dam Cemetery in Ray City, Ga., at 3:30 on Friday.

Callahan Funeral Home, Inc.

Luther McHenry Sr.

Mr. Luther McHenry Sr., age 94, of O'Neal, passed away on Sunday evening, Jan. 25, 2009 at his home.

Arrangements will be announced.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

OBITUARIES

Jean Miller Neill

Jean Miller Neill, 89, a resident with her husband Ken at Amelia Island Plantation from 1983-1999, now of Williamsburg Landing, Williamsburg, Va., passed away Jan. 8, 2009.

Born in Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1919, Jean received her B.A. and M.A. in Education from the University of Michigan. Jean taught fourth grade for 20 years at Winchester Elementary School near Boston.

Jean is survived by her husband, Ken Neill of Williamsburg Landing, her son, Gordon Peil of Great Falls, Va., and Ken's children, Katherine, William, Patricia and Pamela.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at Williamsburg Landing, 5700 Williamsburg Landing Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

Nelsen Funeral Home Williamsburg, Va.

Eleanor Hawkins Pope

Eleanor Hawkins Pope, 89, formerly of Amelia Island Plantation and Osprey Village, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009 at Hill House in Bath, Maine, where she had been a resident for over a year.

Born in Winchester, Mass., on Nov. 14, 1919, she never knew her mother, who died in childbirth.

She was raised in Quincy, Mass., by her father, Ralph Hawkins, and her paternal grandmother, Zadie Lamprey. She studied piano from an early age and became an accomplished musician. After North Quincy High School, she attended the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin College in Ohio, graduating in 1941 with a BA in music education.

On Feb. 21, 1942 she married her high school sweetheart, Everett Pope, a U.S. Marine and 1941 graduate of Bowdoin College. When Everett was sent to the Pacific in June, 1942, she moved to her father's home, where she waited until Everett's return two and a half years later.

After a postwar year in New York City at Columbia University's International House, she and Everett moved to the suburban house in Braintree, Mass., where they raised their family. She and Everett eventually moved to Milton, Mass., to Brunswick, Maine, and in 1992 they moved to Amelia Island Plantation, where they had enjoyed winter vacations in their condominium for many years. They spent summers in Belgrade Lakes, Maine, for over 50 years and they returned to Maine permanently in 2007 to be near family.

Eleanor was a kind and loving wife and mother, and her world revolved around family and her many close friends. She volunteered for many causes over the years, working at an inner city school in Roxbury, Mass., and serving in Brunswick on the Board of Independence Association, helping developmentally challenged adults lead independent lives. She had a deep love for animals, particularly dogs. (At Hill House she wanted a puppy but had to settle for a cat.) She was a wonderful grandmother to Eleanor and Lizzie, who will always remember singing with her at the piano, making Margaret Chase Smith blueberry cake, and most of all, enjoying her spirit of fun.

Eleanor leaves her husband Everett, a resident at Hill House; her sons Ralph and Larry, their wives Jean and Betsy; and her grandchildren Eleanor and Lizzie.

The family extends particular thanks to the wonderful and caring staff at Hill House who made Eleanor's last days as comfortable as possible. An announcement with regard to a memorial service will be made at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory can be made to The Coastal Humane Society, 30 Range Road, Brunswick, ME 04011.

Desmond Funeral Home Brunswick, Maine

She was born in Sanderson and attended John Gorrie High School, Jacksonville. Mrs. Weinberg was a resident of Yulee for over 40 years. She was a bus driver for the Nassau County School Board from 1988 through 2001. Mrs. Weinberg was a member of the West Jacksonville Primitive Baptist Church. She was active in the North Florida Sportsman's Club and the Red Hat Society.

She leaves behind her loving husband of 53 years, J.R. "Randy" Weinberg of Yulee; sons Michael (Debbie) Weinberg, Doug (Teresa) Weinberg, David (Auriel) Weinberg, all of Yulee; daughter Tammy Lynn (Johnny) Minton, of Jacksonville; brothers John Adams of Orange Park, Anthony Adams of Orangedale and Richard Adams of Jacksonville; and sisters Carolyn Ruska of Yulee and Louise Adams of MacClenny; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. The funeral service will be held from the Burgess Chapel at Oxley-Heard Funeral Home on Thursday morning at 11 a.m. with Elder Gordon Smith officiating and Clinton Weinberg will direct the music. She will be laid to rest in Hughes Cemetery, Yulee. Memorials may be sent to West Jacksonville Primitive Baptist Church, 8960 Old Plank Road, Jacksonville, FL 32220.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Sarah "Sally" Quinn

Sarah "Sally" Quinn, 80, passed away Jan. 22, 2009. She resided with her oldest daughter, Cindy (Steve) Holota, in Fernandina Beach.

Mrs. Quinn is survived by four children, seven grandchil-

dren, two great-grandchildren, four sisters and two brothers.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church on Amelia Island.

Hardage-Giddens Town and County Funeral Home Jacksonville

Wanda R. Rogers

Wanda R. Rogers, 65, of Yulee passed away Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 peacefully at her home.

A native of San Saba, Texas, she resided in Jacksonville from 1988 until 1997 when she moved to Yulee. Throughout her life she was a dedicated wife, mother and homemaker to her family. She always loved to cook and was an avid gardener for most of her life. Above all, she cherished spending time with her family. Mrs. Rogers was a lifelong member of the Pentecostal faith. She was preceded in death by her husband, Melton Rogers, in May 1981.

She is survived by her three daughters, Mamie (James) Hudson of Yulee, Vickie (Vince) Eilers of Brighton, Colo., and Debbie Holliman of Whitney, Texas; two sons, Curtis and Bobby Redfield, both of Gatesville, Texas; and by her grandchildren, Mindy and Justin Maine and James Hudson, Jr. The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date. Please share her life story at www.oxleyheard.com.

Wayne S. Staid

Wayne S. Staid, 61, passed away Tuesday morning, Jan. 27, 2009. Arrangements were incomplete at time of publication.

Green Pine Funeral Home

Roy Frost Traver Jr.

Roy Frost Traver Jr. passed away in his sleep on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 at the age of 86 years.

Roy was the son of Bertha and Roy Traver Sr. of Rhinebeck, N.Y., where he was born. After attending Syracuse University and fighting in France during World War II, he and his first wife, Leigh, resided in Franklin, Va., for 30 years until Leigh passed away, then moved to Florida where he lived the rest of his life, mostly on the golf course.

He leaves behind two sons, Michael and Steven Traver (of Fernandina Beach), and a grandson, Clayton Frost Traver.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Haven Hospice, 8301 Cypress Plaza Drive, Suite 119, Jacksonville, FL 32256, which cared for him the last weeks of his life.

Dees Funeral Home Lake City

Joan Adams Weinberg

Joan Adams Weinberg, 71, of Yulee passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009.

She was born in Sanderson and attended John Gorrie High School, Jacksonville. Mrs. Weinberg was a resident of Yulee for over 40 years. She was a bus driver for the Nassau County School Board from 1988 through 2001. Mrs. Weinberg was a member of the West Jacksonville Primitive Baptist Church. She was active in the North Florida Sportsman's Club and the Red Hat Society.

She leaves behind her loving husband of 53 years, J.R. "Randy" Weinberg of Yulee; sons Michael (Debbie) Weinberg, Doug (Teresa) Weinberg, David (Auriel) Weinberg, all of Yulee; daughter Tammy Lynn (Johnny) Minton, of Jacksonville; brothers John Adams of Orange Park, Anthony Adams of Orangedale and Richard Adams of Jacksonville; and sisters Carolyn Ruska of Yulee and Louise Adams of MacClenny; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

WEEKLY UPDATE

Budget workshop

The Ocean Highway & Port Authority will hold a budget workshop at 5 p.m. on Thursday at the James S. Page Governmental Complex, Yulee. Members of the public are invited to attend.

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'Why can't we just put a sign on the train depot that says 'Welcome Center?'

LOU GOLDMAN
CHAIR, WATERFRONT FLORIDA PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

MARINA *Continued from 1A*

awarded, including poorly designed railings that will eventually have to be replaced, plus a walkway that was built too small for grant requirements. The marina walkway along the riverfront was supposed to be 20,000 square feet with handicap accessibility, but instead was built at 7,200 square feet. The city at that time had to ask for an amendment to the grant to allow the smaller walkway.

According to Czymbor, the only way to terminate the contract would be to amend it through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which administers the grant. But that would be a bad idea, he said, because the city would have to pay back the \$850,000 it has used in grant money so far. He also said the city would have "no probability of getting grants in the future" if the grant was taken back.

The Waterfronts Florida Partnership Committee, formed about three years ago, is part of a state program that helps local governments revitalize their working waterfronts. Administered by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Committee, the group also receives technical and financial assistance from the Department of Community Affairs, which helps them create a "community-designed vision plan" for the working waterfront.

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SAPP *Continued from 1A*

ly voice on the commission for much of the past year, was a surprise to his friends and supporters.

Sapp had said earlier he would not seek reelection, then changed his mind after supporters urged him to reconsider. But in an e-mail announcement on Sunday, he reversed course again.

"After much thought and discussion with my family I have decided not to seek reelection," he wrote. "I know, this is contrary to our discussion the other day, but I just have no 'fire in the belly.' As you know, after making an earlier decision not to run, I reconsidered and tried to generate that fire - couldn't."

"I want to let the people of Fernandina Beach know now so that those considering running for commission might get organized and plan their campaigns."

In his formal announcement, Sapp wrote:

"After much thought and consideration, I have decided

'I simply don't have that necessary fire in the belly.'

COMMISSIONER RON SAPP



not to seek reelection for a ninth term as city commissioner. This would have been our 11th campaign, my family and I, since 1978, and I simply don't have that necessary 'fire in the belly,' we're just tired.

"I have nothing but gratitude to the people of Fernandina Beach for allowing me to serve on their commission, off and on, for 24 years. Politically, there is no greater honor than serving one's hometown, so I am extremely thankful to the people of Fernandina Beach for giving me that honor. I will not be going quietly into that dark, post-political night, I'll just focus my efforts on those issues that got me involved in the first place - local environmental and quality of life issues."

Sapp was elected to his

eight three-year term in 2006 after a hiatus. He has served six terms as mayor, three as vice mayor during his tenure, which began in 1978.

Sapp said in 2006 he believed the two main issues facing the city were "how to preserve and protect our unique identity, character and quality of life in the face of accelerating growth pressures, and restoring an atmosphere of effective leadership, competence and professionalism within the commission itself and regarding its decision-making."

He has battled with other commissioners over whether a cruise ship terminal should be located here, how to develop the Amelia River waterfront and improve the city marina, whether to relocate City Hall

into the downtown post office, renovate the old First Baptist Church for a performing arts center and build a new library, among other issues.

He has been a persistent critic of the city manager and city attorney, calling for votes to reconsider their employment, but getting no support from other commissioners.

In recent months, Sapp has been a minority voice for curbing city spending, futilely seeking to block expenditures or require super-majority votes to spend money from city contingency or reserve accounts.

A high school teacher, Sapp's view of government is academic, layered and thorough, and he understands the fine points of the city charter, Roberts' Rules of Order and the mechanics of city government better than other commissioners. He's politically savvy, and not above a fight, though almost always polite and respectful about it.

When he ran in 2006, he listed these accomplishments: "authoring and sponsoring the \$6 million open space bond

issue, facilitating the creation and development of the Egans Creek Greenway, playing a major role in opening approximately 50 public beach accesses, advocating and proposing legislation that enabled the acquisition and development of the Peck Center, co-authoring and sponsoring the city's first tree protection ordinance and sponsoring tree protection ordinance II, a stricter version, sponsoring legislation that created the beach overlay district, preventing the combination of lots along the oceanfront for development purposes, proposing and being an advocate for the construction of North Beach and Seaside parks, and numerous other projects, programs and legislation aimed at making Fernandina Beach a better place to live."

The city election is scheduled April 14. Qualifying to seek election begins Feb. 13 and continues until March 13. For information about how to qualify, visit the city's website at www.fbl.us or visit the city clerk's office in City Hall, 204 Ash St.

SMURFIT *Continued from 1A*

to support its long-term growth and profitability. The company's normal day-to-day operations will continue without interruption. Smurfit-Stone remains completely focused on serving its customers," the company said in a press release.

It also announced that, pending court approval, it has received commitments for up to \$750 million in debtor-in-possession financing to fund continuing operations. That financing will enable the company to satisfy customary obligations associated with ongoing operations of its business, including payment of employee wages and benefits and payment of new obligations to vendors.

Vendors may not be completely paid for outstanding current debts, and union employees could find their pay and

benefits reduced in the future under renegotiated contracts.

The company has closed plants in recent months, but announced no new plant closings or layoffs. Company representatives have emphasized in the past that the Smurfit mill in Fernandina is one of the company's most efficient and not a likely candidate to be closed.

Smurfit-Stone was formed in 1998 after a merger of Jefferson Smurfit Corp. of Ireland and Stone Container Corp. of Chicago.

Patrick J. Moore, chairman and CEO, said in the press release, "Over the past decade, we built one of North America's premier containerboard and packaging companies. But our financial performance has not reflected the full potential of our earnings power due to higher cost operations and burdensome debt levels dating back to

the original formation of the company. As a result of our three-year transformation program, we have been focused on improving our operating performance and our operations are now well invested and far more cost effective.

"Yet the acceleration of the unprecedented global economic recession has weakened demand for packaging, and the frozen credit markets have prevented an out-of-court refinancing of our capital structure. While this is not the outcome we anticipated, we are taking this action to become a more financially healthy company.

"This combination of a modern, cost-effective operating platform and a reorganized capital structure through Chapter 11 will represent a new beginning for Smurfit-Stone. I am confident that we will emerge a much stronger company structured

for future growth and greater profitability."

Information about Smurfit-Stone's reorganization is available on the company's website at www.smurfit-stone.com. Employee, retiree, customer and supplier inquiries can be made at (877) 264-9638.

The bankruptcy was expected after Smurfit-Stone warned lenders two weeks ago and its stock plunged to 7 cents a share from about \$9 a share a year earlier. The stock traded as low as 3 cents a share after the announcement.

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• Arthur (Buddy) Jacobs will give an update on the acquisition of the Centre Street Post Office by the City of Fernandina Beach
• Jose Miranda will discuss the Centre/Main Street Program.
• At the conclusion of the program, everyone will be invited to tour the second and third floors of the building.
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Public, private working together

In joint ventures, the public and the private sectors often get along like cats and dogs.

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The relocation of Sutton Place Behavioral Health, Inc. is a classic example. The non-profit agency provides counseling-related services to Nassau County residents. This vital agency was without a home just months ago.

When a new landlord threatened to increase their rent, Sutton Place officials went on a frantic search for a new location. The natural place to look was near the former location in Fernandina Beach.

That's when the phone call went out to Phil Griffin of Amelia Coastal Realty. Ever the negotiator and visionary, Griffin suggested weighing alternative locations. He also recommended bringing in a private developer to make the public effort go more smoothly.

Enter Pat Keogh. In his real life, Keogh spends much of his time assisting federal agencies around Washington, D.C., find private partners to construct new government buildings. The enterprises are overseen and directed by the government agencies, with the help and expertise of a private developer, or partner.

"The government is in the steering role, but not in the rowing role," Keogh says.

The case of Sutton Place is an up-close example of how perfectly the process can work. Griffin and Keogh identified a suitable new location in the old IGA supermarket building at 463142 SR 200 in Yulee. It was central to Nassau County, thus serving equally all of Sutton Place's clients.

It was acquired for an attractive price, since it had fallen into



STEVE'S MARKET PLACE

Steve Nicklas

to an equity partnership, expected to grow in scale to include other related businesses.

With each rent check, Sutton Place invests in its future, while preserving its equity.

The development team — Keogh and Griffin — received their compensation from within the deal itself, not from Sutton Place's pockets. While their partnership has majority ownership in the property, it has a worthy and valuable tenant. In this case, the public entity gets what it needs; and the private enterprise reaps its rewards.

Keogh scoffs at the attempts by local government agencies to secure or refurbish or develop their own projects. They often lack the expertise of a private developer. Thus, projects such as the city marina get stuck in the proverbial mud, while countless studies are done and attempts are made at bringing to fruition a major undertaking.

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disrepair. The permits were acquired and the repairs done expediently by the developers, providing an impressive new headquarters for Sutton Place in less than a year.

The lease signed by Sutton Place entitles them

to an equity partnership, expected to grow in scale to include other related businesses.

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TDC meeting

The Amelia Island Tourist Development Council is scheduled to meet at 3 p.m. today at City Hall, 201 Ash St., Fernandina Beach.

Financial Peace

Financial Peace University (FPU), a 13-week program taught by Dave Ramsey, teaches families and individuals how to handle their money through commonsense principles and small group accountability. Classes will be held at New Zion Baptist Church, 10 South 10th St., beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 5.

Contact Cynthia Robinson at (904) 751-4457 or c2rob@bellsouth.net for more information or to register.

Topics covered include saving for emergencies, budgeting, relationship and money issues, buying big bargains, getting out of debt, understanding investments, understanding insurance, retirement and college planning, buyer beware, real estate mortgages and careers and extra job.

New chef

Michelle Sharpe is the new executive chef at the Oyster Bay Harbour Yacht Club, where she will be in charge of the Yacht Club restaurant, serving lunch through dinner, as well as catering for Oyster Bay Harbour events.

Sharpe has worked in the food industry for several years. She started her career with Walt Disney World as a culinary apprentice. From there, she worked as a wedding and party coordinator for a catering company in Fernandina Beach. Most recently, Sharpe has been the owner and operator for her own catering company.

Oyster Bay, located at the end of Barnwell Road, opened its Yacht Club earlier this year. For information call 261-4759 or visit www.oysterbayharbour.com.

Tuition paid classes

The FCCJ Betty P. Cook Nassau Center is offering two classes to help the aspiring and established small business owner. The "Small Business Management" and "Principles of Marketing" classes begin next week.

Tuition, at the state

tuition rate, will be paid through the Nassau Center Scholarship Fund. Students will be responsible for their textbooks. The classes are appropriate for current business owners and for others interested in business promotion and entrepreneurship. The classes are endorsed by the Nassau County Economic Development Board.

The Small Business Management Class examines and analyzes the managerial function of planning, organizing, staffing, direction and controlling as applied to the small business. Students will also study retailing, wholesaling, manufacturing and service-type business organizations. This class will meet Monday nights from 5:30-9:25 p.m. Professor Mark Barber is the instructor.

The Principles of Marketing Class is an introduction to the process of planning marketing programs for goods and services. This class will meet Thursday nights 6-9:40 p.m. Professor Jake Posey is the instructor.

First time FCCJ students will be assessed a \$15 membership fee. For registration information or a scholarship application, call 548-4432 or stop by the Betty P. Cook Nassau Center, 76346 William Burgess Blvd. in Yulee.

e-Zassi

Zassi Medical Evolutions of Amelia Island has announced the launch of e-Zassi, an online community dedicated to delivering efficiencies to the medical device industry by streamlining diligence, collaboration and discovery of new medical technologies and industry participants with an exclusive array of intelligent web-based applications.

In development for several years, e-Zassi.com has been designed to extract critical technical and business related traits and attributes from technologies, organizations and individuals within the medical device-specific community.

The proprietary Deep DNA (Device Network Attributes) profiling technology captures in-depth and highly relevant search criteria on the proficiencies, preferences and targeted areas for development of individuals and organizations.

Charter memberships are available. For more information or to sign up to join the community visit www.e-zassi.com or call (866) 474-6328.

Hospital to offer hip replacements

Baptist Medical Center Nassau is expanding its joint replacement service to include total hip replacement now that orthopedic surgeon Richard Blecha has opened a surgical practice specializing in these procedures on Amelia Island, said hospital Administrator Jim Mayo.

According to Dr. Blecha, hip replacement surgery relieves the pain of arthritis in the hip that occurs whenever sufferers walk — or try to exercise and enjoy everyday activities. Often they develop a limp from trying to avoid the pain.

"To correct the problem, we remove the old, deteriorated bone surfaces that cause pain when they rub together and replace them with new smooth surfaces that are pain

free. Patients get almost instant relief. The first thing they notice when they stand up the day after surgery is that the intense pain they've felt for so long is gone. They feel like it's a miracle," he said in a press release.

Physical therapy is important following joint replacement surgery to help strengthen muscles and restore motion. It also helps patients learn to walk with a cane or walker if necessary while healing from the surgery.

Since pre- and post surgical doctor visits, a few days in the hospital and follow-up physical therapy are involved, having the procedure close to home is a great convenience for patients and their families, Mayo said.

Speaker kicks off wellness month

Businesses and other organizations can learn about Fit Pick, a national program that helps consumers locate vending machine choices that support a healthy lifestyle, during an Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce Lunch & Learn program at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the chamber of commerce, 961687 Gateway Blvd., Suite 101G, Amelia Island.

The speaker will be Jackie Clark, creator and team leader of the National Automatic Merchandising Association's Balanced for Life and Fit Pick programs.

Fit Pick is the latest tool created by the National Automatic Merchandising Association as part of its "Balanced for Life" national health and wellness initiative. Launched in 2005, the campaign is designed to address the nation's rising obesity rates by educating people about the elements of a balanced diet and the importance of physical activity.

Fit Pick is a stand-alone healthy vending program that helps consumers identify prod-



Jackie Clark

ucts that meet strict nutrition guidelines.

The Lunch & Learn is the first in a month of A I F B Y Chamber of

Commerce programs focusing on health and wellness. The programs will culminate with the chamber's first Health and Wellness Expo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 28 at The Journey Church, 869 Sadler Road, Fernandina Beach. Tickets for the expo are now available at the chamber. For a complete schedule of Health and Wellness month events, go to www.islandchamber.com.

Admission to Lunch & Learn, which includes a light lunch, is \$5 for chamber members, \$10 for non-members. Reservations are required and seating is limited. Cancellations must be received 24 hours in advance or charges will apply. RSVP to the chamber at 261-3248 or events@aifby.com.

Lunch & Learn

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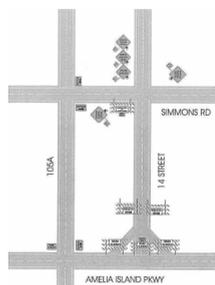
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Road Closure with Detour

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

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



**NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD
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GROUP 4 AND GROUP 5
FOR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualifying period for Group 4 and Group 5 for member of the City Commission of the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, will begin at 8:00 a.m. on February 13, 2009 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2009. Qualifying packets may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, 204 Ash Street, Fernandina Beach, Florida, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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FPU to crown top energy saver

The first ever Florida Public Utilities Energy Conservation Challenge successfully encouraged 500 customers in FPU's Northeast and Northwest Divisions to compete for the title as the No. 1 energy saver in their communities. At a conservation-oriented Big Tent Event on Feb. 4, FPU will announce the Northeast Division contest winner.

The Big Tent Event will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the FPU office located at 911 South Eighth St., and the Energy Conservation Challenge champion will be crowned at noon. At the event, FPU will provide a wealth of conservation information to customers, demonstrate home improvements to increase energy efficiency and distribute free Eco Kits to help customers implement the conservation tips they learn.

Refreshments will also be served.

At the start of the competition, each customer received a conservation kit that included caulk, weather stripping, compact fluorescent light bulbs and many other supplies to help customers reduce home energy consumption. Energy consumption was tracked over a three-month period and total kilowatt hours consumed were compared against 2007 data from the same time period. Each customer documented conservation measures used, and at the upcoming event FPU will announce the contestant who achieved the greatest reduction in kilowatt hours.

The winner will receive a \$500 Lowe's gift card good toward energy-efficient products and will be featured in FPU's 2009 conservation advertising campaign.

Confidence in real estate still sags

University of Florida

GAINESVILLE – An accelerating avalanche of bad economic news has swept over Florida real estate to sink confidence in the industry to its lowest level since a statewide survey of economic experts began three years ago, a new University of Florida report finds.

Name the segment of real estate – retail, offices, housing, condos and the consumer's frame of mind – and the survey finds that with few exceptions belief in the market has sagged to lows seldom seen in the state, said Wayne Archer, executive director of UF's Bergstrom Center for Real Estate Studies.

"The big news is that the recession and the latest shocks in the financial markets and automobile industry have taken their toll," he said. "People not only foresee tough times in the short-term, but they're also revising downward their longer-term future outlook."

The quarterly survey of Florida real estate trends completed in December suggests the investment outlook for various types of properties has sunk to depths not seen for three decades, Archer said.

"We've come a long ways down in three years to the point where we're comparing the situation now to the recession of 1974. What started with a mortgage crisis has spread to a financial crisis and is now spreading to employment," he said.

The downturn in job rates has hurt retail more than any other real estate sector over the last quarter, Archer said. Except for freestanding big box stores, the investment outlook and rental occupancy rates are bleak for all forms of retail, he said.

Growing fears on the part of consumers is contributing to the economic standstill, Archer believes. "You can't pick up the newspaper without seeing another story about layoffs and I think that's getting to consumers," he said. "They're prudently pulling in their financial resources, and as a result, things are dropping off very quickly on the retail front."

A marked decline also is occurring with offices and is beginning to compete with retail in its severity, Archer said. As consumers buy less, one ripple effect is that firms are holding off on plans for growth and in some cases reducing staffs, he said.

Falling Florida housing prices are expected to continue their decline, although surprisingly little change occurred in the sales volume of new homes, which is the component of the housing market the survey measures, Archer said.

Expectations for condos can't get much worse because things are already bad, Archer said. The condo market has always been volatile and is usu-

ally the first to suffer, sort of like the proverbial canary in a coal mine, he said.

"The financial problems are everywhere, but the state of the housing market and the employment picture varies significantly, with Gainesville perhaps the best off of the state's metropolitan areas," Archer said. "Generally, we see remarkably few foreclosures across North Florida compared to Central

and particularly South Florida."

One positive sign is the recent dramatic increase in refinancing with the availability of 5 percent mortgage rates in mid-December, Archer said. If additional programs are put into place that allow 4.5 percent Federal Housing Administration mortgages for people who have difficulty making payments, it will do even more to stabilize the housing industry, he said.

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OPINION

COMMUNITY THANKS

Community for Change

Community for Change celebrated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., designated a National Day of Service, by collecting food and clothing for the benefit of various local agencies and community groups that assist our neighbors in need. The drive was a huge success, collecting an estimated two tons of food and clothing. The items were distributed to Barnabas Center, Inc., Micah's Place, The Salvation Army Hope House, America's Youth, Inc., Boys and Girls Club of Fernandina Beach, Greater Fernandina Beach Church of God Food Pantry, Nassau County School District Intervention and Prevention and Lifeline Ministries of Amelia Island.

The response of our community to the needs of our neighbors was heartwarming. Thank you for your generosity. Thanks also to the CFC volunteers who worked so hard to make this effort a success.

Please join us as we work towards improving the quality of life for everyone in our community. Further events and meetings will be announced on the Community for Change Google group. For more information contact communityforchange@googlegroups.com or Sharon Stanley at (904) 583-6272

**Sharon Stanley
Alice Holliday
Myra Davenport
Founding Members
Community for Change**

Humane Society fundraiser

Bark Avenue and The Travel Agency would like to thank our very special "dog friendly" hotels and resorts for donating prizes that made our Nassau Humane Society fundraiser a huge success! The raffle we held in conjunction with our "dogs' night out" at Bark Avenue raised over \$1,300 in donations. After all, dogs need a vacation too!

A very special thanks to these pet friendly hotel and resort sponsors:

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Community for Change volunteers sort food and clothing donated on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday to help the needy locally.

Orleans; Arizona Biltmore (Phoenix); The Peninsula Beverly Hills and to Ronald White, professional dog trainer, who donated an eight-week training session prize.

**Ange Wallace
The Travel Agency
Fernandina Beach**

Business accomplishments

On Jan. 9 members of the Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of our member organizations during 2008. Especially during these difficult economic times, it is important to remember and applaud the dedication and determination to succeed demonstrated every day by our business owners and their employees.

Thank you to our gold sponsors, Baptist Medical Center Nassau and Smurfit-Stone Container Corp., and our bronze sponsor, Amelia Island Self Storage, for their support of this event.

Thank you to our host, the Amelia Island Plantation.

Thank you to our centerpiece participants for their spectacular displays: Aim Three LLC/Discovery Maps; Amelia Island Plantation; Amelia Island Self Storage; Bridgeview Self Storage Center; The Cottages at Stoney Creek; First Federal Bank of Florida; First National Bank; Flowers by Shirley; Golf Club of Amelia Island at Summer Beach; Hampton Inn Amelia Island at Fernandina Beach; Hampton Inn & Suites, Amelia Island; Haven Hospice; Humana; Jacksonville Aviation Authority; Kayak Amelia; My Web Refresh; Nassau Health

Foods; The Plantation Shop at Palmetto Walk; Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery; Rayonier; ServiceMaster; Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q; Sweet Granny's; Vignette; and VyStar Credit Union.

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Lastly, thank you to the more than 300 people who attended to join us in celebrating excellence in local business.

**Sean McGill, Chairman
Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors**

Holiday volunteers

On behalf of the Nassau County Volunteer Center, I want to thank the 1,930 plus volunteers who gave of their time, talent and resources to ensure our needy friends in Nassau County had a great holiday season. This was the 18th annual holiday program sponsored by the Volunteer Center and it was a display of tremendous support from our community. Over 141 families with a total of 578 recipients were helped by donors.

Of those people served, 331 were children who were either adopted by donors or received gifts from an Angel Tree at Walmart. School and business organizations held food drives for both Thanksgiving and

Christmas and collected thousands of pounds of food, which was distributed by our volunteers.

The donors were from every sector of the community, all ages, ethnic backgrounds and creeds. Local businesses, civic groups, churches, schools, government offices and individuals spent countless hours and expended thousands of dollars to make certain that those in need had a happy holiday season.

Agencies and organizations whose clients were recipients of these donations include Barnabas Center, Boys & Girls Club (Fernandina), First Assembly of God Shelter, Nassau County Council on Aging, Head Start (Peck), Head Start (Callahan) Nassau County Family Support Services, Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, Rose Lennie Developmental Agency, Sutton Place and Toys for Tots. Kudos goes to the center's volunteers who shopped for and wrapped gifts and spent hours organizing and distributing food throughout the entire holiday season.

In spite of the economic downturn, the response to our holiday program was exemplary and is an indication of the kindred spirit of the citizens in our community toward those in need and I know I speak for all the recipients of this kindness when I extend thanks to the donors and their loved ones and extend wishes for a healthy and happy New Year and trust that this spirit of giving will remain in their hearts throughout the year.

**Gail A. Shults,
Executive Director
Nassau County
Volunteer Center**

Change inevitable - and necessary

The inauguration is over and the recession is still here. Many of us are evaluating just where we are in our lives. The temptation right about now is to draw up a list of what we know we ought to be doing. If we only would we know our lives would be better. This is in spite of the pounds of evidence that show not much good ever comes from resolutions except for some added guilt.

Change is inevitable and necessary. I know that even if I do protest when I'm in the middle of some big shift. I have even been known to reevaluate every decision looking for a loophole that might get me out of the corner I'm in at the moment. That never works. I even love lists but I've noticed that what I love is making the list. The sentiment really doesn't go much beyond that.

But maybe there's a better way to get a little closer to that image we have of ourselves in our heads. How about the next time we are about to make a decision and feel that slight lurch in our stomach we just hesitate?

Don't limit this to the big stuff like buying a new car, getting engaged, going back to school. A reasonable person knows to look both ways before entering into decisions that will change the landscape in a big way.

Try to hesitate even at the smallest of flutters like when you're about to buy that sugary cereal in the grocery store for your kids knowing that you're the one who's going to eat bowl after bowl late at night. Or when you're about to say yes to someone for a favor you never wanted to do in the first place, can't fit into your schedule and aren't even sure how you'll accomplish anyway. Or when you're about to say no to someone who asked you out for coffee because it doesn't feel like a love match and besides what do you really know about the person anyway. Hesitate there and take a breath. Give your brain a

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chance to catch up to your old patterns and then make a different choice.

Make the different choice just to see what else could happen. Trust that you didn't need to know the ending or even what was beyond the next step. Let it be that simple and that small. No grand ambitions down the road because we're just sticking to today and this small moment.

The plain truth of our lives is that anything we have built was accomplished because of a thousand little decisions built one on top of the other. We raised our children one small moment at a time, taking care of the sniffls before tackling the model of the solar system and then baking 35 cupcakes with Barbie candles. That's why as parents we're so amazed at our children's graduations to be looking at this young adult. We were so involved in all of those moments we weren't obsessing quite so much over the final product. We already knew, one way or the other, they were getting to adulthood. Well, that little tip is key to every other ongoing project in our lives. Keep doing the small stuff and eventually it adds up even during a recession.

Write that book one page at a time. Start saving this year with one dollar at a time. Quit eating foods that don't make you feel very good one box of cereal at a time and let that be something to feel good about.

One page a day adds up to a book. One dollar a day adds up to \$365 more dollars on the plus side than you had last year. And one less box of Cocoa Puffs is one less inch around your middle. It all counts. Along the way you're going to notice two things: that you really can change your life and move toward that image in your head and you didn't have to have all the answers up front in order to do it. Take a deep breath. More adventures to follow.

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Tough times require bold action

It goes without saying that 2008 was a year many people in our country would rather soon forget, and that could not be any truer for the citizens of the state of Florida who are even more anxious to move out of the past and into the future in hopes of better times. As Alexander Pope wrote, "Hope springs eternal," but how much different will 2009 look? Using statistics provided by the Florida Legislative Office of Economic & Demographic Research, very little, I'm afraid, and here's why.

Statewide, our economy is being simultaneously buffeted by three distinct, historical shocks:

- Home prices that have fallen close to 20 percent from previous year's levels;
- Financial markets that have experienced their worst credit crunch since the late 1980s at best, perhaps even since the Great Depression;
- An economic recession that has not only affected our state and country, but has spread across the globe creating additional pressures on recovery.

Florida has been hit particularly hard by two of these shocks: the depreciation of home values and the tightening of consumer and commercial credit lines. With 385,309 properties receiving a foreclosure notice in 2008, Florida documented the second highest state total in the country.

The housing problems have spilled over into the Florida job market. For the first time since early 2001, the Florida unemployment



JANET ADKINS

State Representative

rate is higher than the national average. December data show the unemployment rate in Florida at 8.1 percent while the U.S. as a whole is at 7.2 percent. Locally, the unemployment rate in Nassau County is 7.3 percent, which is lower than Central and South Florida counties which are experiencing unemployment rates between 7.7 percent and 12.9 percent.

Economists had projected Florida's overall unemployment rate to increase to around 8.1 percent by the summer of 2009, however it appears we reached that point much sooner than anticipated. South and Central Florida counties may all see double-digit unemployment before things begin to get better.

The economy will rebound, and we need to be on the forefront of that recovery. The recovery in the housing market will be led by falling home prices that attract buyers and clear the excess inventory.

This sustained demand can only be spurred by continued population growth and new household formations. To accomplish this we will need jobs, and the business growth it takes to create these jobs.

We need to remove the roadblocks and make it easier to do business in our state.

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Florida is one of the most regulated states in all of the United States. We need to make it easier for new businesses to get started, and for existing businesses to grow and invest. For that reason, I have introduced legislation this year that will require state agencies to reduce business regulations by 25 percent.

I understand that this is a bold initiative; but I believe in these extreme economic circumstances, boldness is exactly what we need. It will be solutions that will help us build a stronger Florida, and it will take leadership to tackle the tough issues along the way.

Please join me in our effort to reduce business regulations and get our economy moving again. I invite your comments and ideas as we work to build a brighter future for all Floridians. You can reach me at janet.adkins@myfloridahouse.gov.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in Tallahassee.

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How high the hope, how short the ride

How long can we keep the high hope? If history is the barometer, hope has a short ride. Having attended seven inaugurations and experienced the excitement and the anticipation placed in a new leader, only to be followed by disillusion, disappointment and even derision, my emotions have become linear with only slight elevations, no matter who attains the presidency.

About 1.4 million people attended the inauguration of Lyndon Johnson, second only to Barack Obama's estimated 1.8 million. I was one of those 1.4 million frozen souls and later covered the White House LBJ ruled only to witness the Vietnam war wear him down to a decision to extricate himself from facing an angry electorate a second time.

Richard Nixon had a 66 percent approval rating following his second election. Within a year the Watergate break-in occurred, ultimately forcing Nixon to surrender the presidency before he was impeached. Days before the resignation, Nixon's approval rating stood at 24 percent.

I recall riding in his presidential motorcade during the campaign. As it wound through my husband's Congressional district, the president invited us to stand with he and Pat Nixon in the presidential limousine. As far as the eye could view in that Warren, Ohio town square, there were cheering spectators. Looking out over the adoring throng, I could feel my own ego surge by osmosis, even though the cheering was not for me. I remember thinking, "This is unhealthy. No human being should receive this much adulation." Edmund Burke's famed admonition came to mind, "Power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely."

When Gerald Ford ascended to the presidency upon Richard Nixon's descent, Washington reeled with revelry. This humble man with the common touch who toasted his own English muffin seemed the perfect antidote to a season of suspicion and conspiracy,



LIFE... THE WAY WE ARE

Peggy Stanton

so wrote the press. Attending President Ford's first exuberant State dinner, famed CBS commentator Eric Sevareid marveled, "I've never seen so much joy in the White House."

Then, in an attempt to put Watergate behind the nation, Ford pardoned his predecessor and immediately his 70 percent popularity plummeted, never to be regained, and he turned the keys to the Oval Office over to a little known governor from Georgia who began his presidency with 66 percent approval rating and finished it with 34 percent.

At the close of the first Persian Gulf war, George the First Bush had an approval rating of 89 percent; 12 months later, that figure was sliced to less than half that size a mere 41 percent.

Abraham Lincoln was called a tyrant by his political adversaries and vilified by the press during the Civil war. John F. Kennedy faced a potentially difficult re-election, as his approval rating was slipping from a high of 72 percent to 58 percent. Assassinations often seem to confer political sainthood. Surely there must be an easier way to increase one's popularity.

Barack Obama seems very aware of the perils of the Presidential precipice. He clearly does not want to solo in shouldering the enormous challenges present in today's environment. He has wisely called on all Americans to join him in rehabbing this country. He painted, in his inaugural address, a vivid portrait of the problems facing him and the nation as well as calibrating the amount of time needed to solve them. Eight years to be exact?

Every inauguration brings a feeling of joy, jubilation and oneness, no matter which party



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wins. Of course, the folks on the victor's team are especially euphoric, fully expecting their man will solve all of America's ills. Immediately.

One of the continually amazing facts of life is that there are people who actually want to take on immense challenges. But these leaders cannot succeed alone. They are after all, only too human. Creatures are not the Creator

and that is where we come in.

Let's give the new guy more than a break. Let's give him our prayers. Lots of them.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

City attorney disappointed

I am extremely disappointed with Assistant State Attorney Wesley White's statements reported in today's News-Leader (Jan. 23) regarding the city's noise ordinance. It came to a surprise to me yesterday when I was notified that all noise ordinance cases were being dismissed due to Mr. White's opinion that the city's noise ordinance is unconstitutional.

I want to make it abundantly clear that my opinion, after much legal research on this issue, is that the city's noise ordinance is not unconstitutional on its face or as applied. A motion was filed by criminal defense attorney Teri Sopp, defending one of the alleged violators of the city's noise ordinance. The hearing on that motion was scheduled for Friday but was canceled Thursday. I strongly believe that a judge should make the decision after giving the city attorney and criminal defense attorney an opportunity to make legal arguments regarding the constitutionality of this noise ordinance. I was denied the opportunity to make arguments in support of the city's noise ordinance. Therefore, I believe the city and the victims in these noise violation cases were denied due process.

The state attorney always has discretion to decline prosecuting cases or dismissing them. It is not necessary to state any reasons for doing so. Mr. White chose to give his opinion that the city's noise ordinance was unconstitutional based solely on the criminal defense attorney's arguments in her motion to dismiss. Again, Mr. White neglected to consider what the city's arguments might be and supporting case law that the city's noise ordinance is constitutional. I vehemently dis-

agree with Mr. White's opinion as to the constitutionality of the city's noise ordinance. I am prepared to argue that the city's ordinance is constitutional; however, I will not get that opportunity at this time.

In the future, the city's police officers (not code enforcement) will not issue citations to the county court but will instead file reports to my office for prosecution of noise violation cases in front of the city's Code Enforcement Board. Chief Hurlley has already instructed his officers to respond to noise complaints by filing a report with my office for prosecution by the Code Enforcement Board.

**Tammi E. Bach, City Attorney
City of Fernandina Beach**

Blight on Centre Street

Another strike against the dream of a thriving residential neighborhood in downtown Fernandina. Pompeo's, the formerly respectable Italian restaurant on Centre Street, is spending less time these days worrying about having the best veal in town, and more time trying to maximize the value of their liquor license.

For five hours a night, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, owner Mario Manganaro unleashes a wall of ear-splitting noise called karaoke on his front patio. Crowds of raucous drunks poorly scream and slur the lyrics of songs like "Cocaine" and "Let's get drunk and screw" in the heart of the classy historic district. Awfully young looking women stumble off into the night with open containers (to the Green Turtle?), and inebriated patrons linger on the streets well after last call, yelling, cursing and just generally raising hell. I am sure these respon-

sible citizens never drive home intoxicated and are always diligent about using a designated driver.

Our community's leaders need to think long and hard about their vision of downtown. Does permitting an evening red-light district help us get any closer to a prosperous, year-round, mixed-use golden district? How many times will our well-heeled visitors that are so important to our economy look the other way when they catch one of our tipsy carolers relieving themselves on a building? I believe this community has high standards, and our historic downtown is worth fighting for.

Will our leaders show courage and do whatever it takes to protect the city's number-one asset? I hope so, but for now some unscrupulous business owners have the upper hand thanks to the laughable ruling that cities have no power to protect citizens from loud nuisance and aural blight. My wife and I will soon move out of our apartment on Centre Street. One step back from that golden dream.

**Angelo Leleakis
Fernandina Beach**

Due diligence

Re: Steve's Marketplace, ("Sign of the times: City closed for business," Jan. 14).

When you read this article Steve would have you believe that the sign issue is the city's entire fault. Let's take a closer look at the situation.

Normally when properties are bought and sold the buyers and sellers enter into a purchase agreement (contract) and that contract form is used to facilitate the completion of the transaction. If the property is residential the contract has a paragraph that allows the buyer to make inspections of the property to assure the buyer that the property is as represented. If the property is commercial there is a clause that allows the buyer a time period to do their "due diligence" which in this case would have included talking to the city about their sign requirements, particularly since the property is in the Historic District.

My suspicion is that anyone buying property in the downtown area would know that there is a Historic District — it's labeled on all of the street signs — and that within the Historic District there probably are certain restrictions that apply to building designs, colors and signs. Most historic districts have these. If the sign was of great importance to the buyer, this is the time that he should have gone to the city and done his due dil-

gence — before he closed on the property. If he didn't like the requirements or restrictions concerning the sign then he could have chosen not to close.

It's easy for Steve to throw rocks at the city, however in this case I don't feel that the rocks are deserved. The city and the Historic District Council work very hard to maintain the quality and integrity of the Historic District.

**Louis Goldman
Fernandina Beach**

For Crane Island

We have been reading once again about the issue of Crane Island development. And once again we hear the word "development" used as an epithet in a derogatory manner. The growth in our county will require that development take place. And with "planned" development we have and will continue to have many attractive subdivisions and communities to enjoy.

We know the difference between good and bad development, especially as it relates to our trees and natural beauty of this Island. We have drawings, assurances and written evidence of good planning for Crane Island. This planning will produce a community that is developed by a company with a proven track record for environmental sensitivity, and one that will provide a riverfront park for all Nassau County residents to use.

In addition to providing jobs for Nassau County businesses during the construction phase, jobs will be provided for the future for those businesses and personnel in the service business in Nassau County.

Our Nassau County Commissioners understand well that decisions for Amelia Island are also decisions for much of the county. With this recent ruling the court has told Nassau County that it cannot decide its own fate for those current landowners and must turn to Tallahassee to find out if individual owners can build on the land that they already own.

The commissioners have voted to appeal, not at taxpayer expense but with expense born by developers.

The board is really keeping Nassau County residents first. Just because we disagree, it does not make us, Commissioner Mike Boyle or our other commissioners, disingenuous.

**John Johnson
Fernandina Beach**

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Global warming around the U.S.



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Washington, D.C.'s famous cherry trees are now blossoming earlier due to global warming-related temperature increases.

Dear EarthTalk: Which parts of the United States are or will be hardest hit by global warming?
Aliza Perry, Burlington, Vt.

It's difficult to predict which areas of the U.S. will suffer the most from global warming, but it's safe to say that no regions will be unaffected. Scientists already point to increased severity of hurricanes on the East Coast, major Midwest floods and shrinking glaciers in the West as proof of global warming's onset.

Of course, America couldn't have asked for a better poster child in the fight to stave off global warming than Alaska, which is undergoing dramatic landscape changes as a result of warming-induced temperature increases, glacial melting and sea level rise. Even Alaska's conservative elected officials can no longer deny that human-induced warming is affecting their state. The picture isn't looking too rosy in the western continental U.S. either, which is already facing some of the coun-

try's largest temperature increases. The signature glaciers in Montana's Glacier National Park may be all gone within just two decades.

A recent report by two leading nonprofits, the Rocky Mountain Climate Organization and the Natural Resources Defense Council, details how the 11 U.S. western states together have experienced an increase in average temperature during the last five years some 70 percent greater than the global average rise. The hottest part of the region has been drought-stricken Arizona, where average temperatures have risen some 2.2 degrees Fahrenheit — 120 percent greater than the global rise — between 2003 and 2007. Researchers also found that the West has experienced more frequent and severe heat waves, with the number of extremely hot days increasing by up to four days per decade since 1950.

In the Midwest, seemingly minor increases in temperature have already wrought major

effects. In 2006 Lake Erie didn't freeze for the first time in history, which led to "lake effect" snowfalls as more evaporating water was available for precipitation. Likewise, changes in the lake's water temperature have begun to alter fish populations, which in turn affect birds and their migratory patterns. Despite localized heavier snowfalls, though, the region is generally suffering from a drying trend. Farmers worry the result will be lower crop yields and more expensive food for consumers.

On the East Coast, coral reef bleaching, heat waves and increased hurricane intensity are just some of the warming-related hazards Floridians have had to deal with in recent years. Washington, D.C.'s famous cherry trees are now blossoming earlier due to temperature increases. Further north, milder-than-typical winter temperatures have been linked to subtle changes in ocean currents. In New York City, the average temperature has

increased about four degrees Fahrenheit since 1880, and could get 10 degrees hotter by 2100, according to a study commissioned by the federally funded U.S. Global Change Research Program.

But the bigger problem for New York City, as well as other low-lying areas around the nation's coasts, will be sea level rise: Climate models predict that sea level around the Northeast is expected to rise between three-quarters of an inch and 31/2 feet over the course of this century.

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Gatorless swamp

I've been to the Okefenokee dozens of times, in all seasons. After all, it's only about an hour's drive from here, easy to get to, uncrowded with people, full of nature. Every time I've been there, no matter the weather or the time of day, there are always lots of interesting animals to look at, and always, of course, gators.

Thus, with certainty last week when I prepared and delivered a PowerPoint slide show on the Okefenokee to some Elderhostel visitors, I emphasized Pogo, the old cartoon strip that many older folks identify with the Okefenokee swamp, and also alligators.

The following day, the coldest North Florida day in recent memory, the Elderhostel group and I were all bundled up in parkas, scarves and gloves for the field trip to the swamp. Luckily these folks hailed from New York, Michigan, North Dakota and the like, and all could handle it. It wasn't the Florida they expected, but these hale and hearty folks were ready for anything. And they wanted to see gators.

We arrived at the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge outside Folkston, Ga., about 9 a.m. After the first of our many bathroom breaks, our bus headed down the 10-mile loop road on a search for wildlife. Birds fluttered through the pine forest. What were these birds? Robins. Sure it was interesting to see flocks of robins wintering here and not the pairs breeding in the summers up north. But, yes, they were still robins, not very exotic to be sure. Further on someone spotted a squirrel. Great, I thought, maybe it's a fox squirrel, that large multi-colored denizen of the pine forests, an unusual critter. But no, it was only a gray squirrel, a familiar animal to all aboard. Heck, they have better views of robins and gray squirrels in their own

backyards at home. All morning we toured the Okefenokee by bus and on foot. We visited the Chesser Homestead, walked the boardwalk to the observation tower, scanned the borrow ditches beside the road for gators and otters. But what we found instead was ice. The ditches were iced over and any gators to be had were deep underwater, out of sight, dormant with a slowed metabolism, avoiding the cold. Behind the visitor's center, for the first time I can recall, even in the sunny spots, there was not a gator to be had.

The view from the 50-foot-high observation platform overlooking a large wet "prairie" also was gatorless and nearly birdless as well. Yes, there was one white great egret, far in the distance, visible with binoculars. A few vultures soared overhead. And what was that? A sandhill crane? But it was so far away, even with binoculars, it was difficult to tell.

For the first five hours of our visit to the Okefenokee, we looked at robins and mockingbirds, frost-damaged pitcher plants and hanging Spanish moss, but not much else.

By now the day had warmed up a bit - not warm enough for gators to be moving around - but at least warm enough for us to take our much anticipated boat tour down the Suwannee Canal with Okefenokee Adventures (www.okefenokeeadventures.com). With a group of nearly 40 people, we were divided into three tour boats, but I made certain that I joined the one that Joey Griffin was piloting. I've heard about Joey, a seventh-generation swamper, equally familiar with local lore and modern ecology, and I wanted to see him in action.

I was not disappointed. With his strong Georgia brogue he told us he was from



Griffin

New York City until people caught on and laughed. When someone asked about the pink bubblegum colored markings on tree trunks he told us it was

lichen, but in an unforgettable way. "Alice Algae met Freddie Fungus, they had a 'liken' and the marriage has been in the woods and on the rocks ever since." He told me privately that his coworker Sheila Willis came up with this saying one day when the two of them were chatting and that college professors around the region have called him to get the wording to use in their classes.

Throughout the boat tour, Joey continued to entertain us. He admitted that he, too, was surprised that now that the weather had warmed up there were still no gators to be seen. It's the first time ever, he said, that he was not able to show gators to a group.

By now, though, the group was happy. Joey's stories, his knowledge and his informative and amusing answers to our questions kept us laughing and wondering the whole time. The swamp, even on a cold day, had an aesthetic beauty and sense of peace that enthralled the city dwellers regardless of the lack of animal sightings.

And then our wildlife viewing luck came through. No gators, but something else even more inspiring broke our reveries at the end of the day. Stay turned to next week's Wild Ways to find out more.

Pat Foster-Turley, Ph.D. is a zoologist living on Amelia Island. Contact her at patandbucko@yahoo.com to ask questions or report your own wildlife observations.



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Taking an Okefenokee Adventures tour boat is a great way to explore the waterways of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge near Folkston, Ga., above. Guide Joey Griffin, left, shares local lore and wildlife knowledge with amused tourists.



WILD WAYS

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Woman, 84, dies in wreck on A1A

SHANNON MALCOM
News-Leader

A Fernandina Beach woman died Monday at Shands Jacksonville, three days after she was involved in a vehicle accident on A1A near License Drive.

Margery Ann Freas, 84, was taken to Shands by helicopter after the Friday accident; she remained in critical condition until she died Monday.

The accident happened about 4 p.m. According to a Nassau County Sheriff's Office deputy, Freas, who was wearing a seatbelt, was driving a 2004 Pontiac and attempting to

pull out License Drive onto A1A; she drove into the path of a 1994 Ford truck traveling west and driven William Samuel Jones, 50, of Yulee.

Jones' vehicle struck Freas' car, and Freas and her passenger, Arthur K. Freas, 84, of Fernandina Beach, were both taken to Shands. Arthur Freas suffered only minor injuries, according to the report. Arthur Freas and Jones, who was uninjured, were also wearing seatbelts.

Freas was determined to be the at-fault driver for failing to yield the right-of-way to Jones. No citations were issued.

Wreck kills Bryceville man

SHANNON MALCOM
News-Leader

A 20-year-old Bryceville man was pronounced dead at the scene of a single-vehicle accident Saturday night in Callahan. His passenger, an 18-year-old man from Callahan, received only minor injuries.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Brian A. Parsons was driving a 1993 Chevrolet pickup truck east on Roy Booth Road, east of US 1, about 11:35 p.m. when he lost control of the truck while rounding a turn.

The truck traveled off the

road onto the grassy shoulder of the road, then overturned, partially ejecting Parsons, who was not wearing a seatbelt.

His passenger, Johnathan L. Benischeck, was not seriously injured and did not require transport to the hospital. Parsons was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, and his body was taken to the Jacksonville Medical Examiner's Office for examination.

Investigators are awaiting the results of toxicology tests to determine whether drugs or alcohol was a factor in the accident.

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POLICE REPORT

veillance camera films from.

An investigator confirmed the account of events with both drivers. The case is under investigation; no arrests have been made.

Company car

A Yulee man was arrested last week after he allegedly stole a vehicle owned by the company he worked for immediately after his job was terminated.

Jeffery Wayne Caudill, 39, has been charged with grand theft of an automobile after he reportedly took off in a company vehicle a supervisor was driving to retrieve another company vehicle at Caudill's home on Jan. 20.

According to a police report, Caudill was terminated from his position as a "laborer driver" for a company based in Georgia on Jan. 20, and a Kingsland Police Department officer told Caudill that money he claimed the company owed him was a civil matter and that he would have to return his company vehicle.

Two employees from the company were to accompany Caudill to his home in Yulee and retrieve the vehicle that was in Caudill's possession. According to the report, Caudill was riding in a pickup truck driven by one of them with the other employee driving a separate vehicle. Caudill told his co-worker he wanted to get a drink, so they stopped at the Florida Citrus Center on A1A.

While the co-worker was inside the store, Caudill allegedly ran back to the vehicle, a 2006 Ford F-250, and drove west on A1A.

The co-workers attempted to follow Caudill, but lost track of him near Crawford Road. A Nassau County deputy went to the listed address for Caudill in Yulee and learned Caudill no longer lived there and was at a Hilliard residence with the stolen vehicle.

Deputies found Caudill, with the truck at 16473 Oak Hill Rd., Hilliard. Caudill reportedly said he was keeping the truck until the company paid him the money he claimed they owed him. He was then arrested and booked into the Nassau County Jail; he has since been released on bond.

Felony arrests

■ Daniel Wade Frame, 24, 2727 Ocean Ave., Fernandina Beach, Jan. 24, Duval County warrant for possession of a controlled substance, \$10,003.

■ Russell Bryan Tyler, 27, 45199 Iris Blvd., Callahan, Jan. 24, violating probation for a conviction of sale, delivery or purchase of illegal drugs, no bond.

■ Autumn Katrina Mosley, 26, 1890 Lake Side Dr., Fernandina Beach, Jan. 23, grand theft, \$10,002 bond.

■ Keith Charles Coltrane, 25, 54310 Jamison Court, Callahan, Jan. 23, Suwannee County warrant for failure to appear in court on a charge of leaving the scene of an accident with property damage.

■ Justin Lee Dawley, 25, 37005 Oak St., Hilliard, Jan. 23, violating probation for a conviction of theft of a firearm, no bond.

■ Waylon Clayton Wilder, 28, 95197 Cook Rd., Fernandina Beach, Jan. 23, bur-

glary, larceny and possession of a controlled substance.

■ Frank Gleason Ward, 39, 95391 Catalina Dr., Fernandina Beach, Jan. 22, aggravated battery.

■ Madison Lee Lucas, 32, 151493 CR 108, Hilliard, Jan. 22, Duval County warrant for possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, \$10,003 bond.

■ Aranilton Jose Pereira, 55, Seminole, Jan. 22, habitual driving with a license that has been suspended or revoked.

■ Matthew David Tucker, 25, 85042 Halls Lane, Yulee, Jan. 22, failure of a sex offender to report a change of name or address.

■ Samuel Robert Brown, 46, 1255 Forest Dr., Fernandina Beach, Jan. 21, violating probation for a conviction of grand theft, no bond.

■ James Lewis Adams, 35, Jacksonville, Jan. 21, petit theft, forgery and uttering a forged instrument.

■ Edward Scott West, 19, Jacksonville, Jan. 21, battery and violating probation for a conviction of burglary.

■ Melissa Dean Bedsole, 39, 61544 River Rd., Callahan, Jan. 21, fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance, \$20,004 bond.

■ Robert Eugene Martin, 55, 2191 Kinard Rd., Bryceville, Jan. 20, driving with a license that has been permanently revoked.

■ Wilfredo Bonilla, 34, Baltimore, Md., Jan. 20, Broward County warrant for violating probation, no bond.

■ Ronda Carlene Marell, 36, 85333 Joann Rd., Yulee, Jan. 20, battery and resisting arrest.

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County may bill drivers found negligent in wrecks

RYAN SMITH
News-Leader

The Nassau County Commission is considering an ordinance to recover costs associated with responding to traffic accidents. The commissioners discussed the proposed ordinance, which would allow the county to bill insurance companies or individuals for fire-rescue response to traffic accidents, at its Monday meeting.

"We're not talking about natural disasters or a situation where a driver swerves to avoid a pedestrian," said Regina Moore of the Cost Recovery Corp., which would handle the billing should the ordinance pass. "We're talking about DUI or criminal incidents, or simple negligent driving."

Moore said Nassau County Fire Rescue's assistance at traf-

fic accidents costs the taxpayers money. Billing the at-fault driver's insurance company, she said, would help defray that expense. "The idea behind this is not to generate funds - it's to replace money already being spent," she said. "... You have a small percentage of people who commit crimes, and you have a small percentage of people who are negligent drivers - and yet we're all bearing the cost."

"(The fire department's) primary function is fire suppression," she added. "Responding to traffic accidents detracts from that function."

Some of the commissioners, however, were hesitant. "When I was looking at this, I was thinking of Hazmat situations like a tanker spill," said Commissioner Walter Boatright. "I didn't know we were looking at fender-benders."

"When you look at the cost to your taxpayers for fender-benders, you're looking at around half a million dollars a year," Moore said.

"What if citizens are suddenly getting their insurance canceled?" asked Commission Chairman Barry Holloway. "How do we handle that?"

"That's a good question, along with, 'Will my rates go up?'" Moore said. "The honest answer is: your premium will go up because you're at fault, not because of this extra step. You're deemed riskier."

"How can you guarantee you won't bill somebody who died in that accident?" Commissioner Danny Leeper asked. "How do you handle a fatality?"

"We don't bill anything that you don't send us," Moore said. "How do you go about determining who's at fault?" Leeper asked.

"Through the sheriff's office. ... It certainly doesn't preclude people from going through the normal due process," Moore said.

Moore said that Cost Recovery Corp. would first try to collect from the at-fault driver's insurance company. If the insurance company declined to pay, the case would be dropped if the driver was a Nassau County resident. Visitors to the county, however, would be billed directly if their insurers refused payment.

Commissioner Mike Boyle expressed skepticism about the idea. "A lot of Nassau County's economy comes from tourists. Those aren't residents," he said.

"If you're going to come to Nassau County and be negligent, (don't come)," Moore said.

"But you don't set out to have a negligent accident," Boyle said. "You might set out to commit a robbery because that's the type of person you are, but you don't set out to have a negligent accident. Those are apples and oranges."

Boyle also asked how much money the cost-recovery process could bring.

"Between \$200,000 and \$275,000, conservatively," Moore said.

Commissioner Stacy Johnson expressed qualified support for the proposal.

"I agree, as long as that revenue is earmarked for the fire department," Holloway said.

Nassau County Fire Rescue Chief Chuck Cooper urged the commissioners to remain open to the idea. "I think this is something that can bring money back into the budget without burdening the taxpayer, and at the same time improve our service," he said.

No vote was taken, and the matter was continued to the commission's Feb. 9 meeting.

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The following report was compiled by Shannon Malcom, News-Leader staff, from the Jan. 22 court docket of Circuit Court Judge Robert Foster.

■ Lisa Margret Anderson denied violating probation for a conviction of sale or delivery of cocaine.

■ Charles Justin Bailey pleaded not guilty to domestic battery and battery on a person older than 65.

■ Robert Daryn Barns pleaded guilty to habitual driving with a license that has been suspended or revoked. Adjudication was withheld and Barns was sentenced to 90 days in the Nassau County Jail followed by 90 days of court-supervised probation. Barns was ordered to pay \$348 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and a \$150 public defender's lien. Barns will not be prosecuted on a charge of battery.

■ Milton Allen Beck Jr. pleaded guilty for convenience to possession of firearm ammunition by a convicted felon and possession of a concealed weapon by a convicted felon. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 20 months in a state prison and ordered to pay \$348 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and a \$150 public defender's lien. Beck will not be prosecuted on charges of grand theft and driving with a license that has been suspended or revoked.

■ Jack Dylan Bishop pleaded not guilty to possession of a controlled substance, possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

■ Garrick Travis Brockett pleaded guilty to sale or delivery of marijuana. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to four months in the Nassau County Jail and ordered to pay \$448 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and a \$150 public defender's lien.

■ Penny Williamson Cunningham was adjudicated guilty for violating probation for a conviction of possession of cocaine. Her probation was revoked and terminated, and she was put on community control for the remainder of her probation.

■ David Franklin Daughtry pleaded guilty to fleeing or attempting to elude police, burglary to a structure or conveyance and two counts of grand theft. Daughtry was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 42 months in a state prison and ordered to pay \$1,392 in court costs, \$400 to the State Attorney's Office, a \$600 public defender's lien and at least \$1,210 in restitution. Daughtry will not be prosecuted for additional charges of grand theft and burglary.

■ William Joseph Fussell Jr. pleaded not guilty to aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer, fleeing or attempting to elude police and possession of a controlled substance.

■ Haley Grace Garrett pleaded not guilty to possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

■ Brodrick Ladrell Greene pleaded not guilty to sale and delivery of cocaine.

■ Steven Paul Harmon

admitted to violating probation for a conviction of grand theft of a motor vehicle. His probation was revoked and terminated, and he was sentenced to time served in the Nassau County Jail.

■ Natalie Catrice Harvey pleaded not guilty to battery on a law enforcement officer, battery and affray and riots.

■ Robin Doreen Hatten pleaded not guilty to carrying a concealed firearm.

■ Julia Turner Hollon pleaded not guilty to fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance.

■ Kelli Faydelynn Hollon pleaded not guilty to fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance.

■ Chris Raynard Jenkins pleaded not guilty to intent to defraud and grand theft.

■ Brandon Christopher Jones pleaded guilty for convenience to grand theft. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 10 months in the Nassau County Jail and ordered to pay \$348 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and a \$150 public defender's lien. Jones will not be prosecuted on a charge of burglary to a dwelling.

■ Cynthia Paige Leblanc pleaded guilty to robbery. She will be sentenced on Feb. 5.

■ Sam Lee pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, manufacture or purchase. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to three years in a state prison, but his sentence will be suspended provided he successfully completes 18 months of drug offender community control. Lee was ordered to pay \$448 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and a \$150 public defender's lien. Lee will not be prosecuted on an additional charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, manufacture or purchase.

■ Madison Lee Lucas pleaded not guilty to possession of a controlled substance.

■ Louis David Miner pleaded not guilty to forging bank bills or promissory notes and uttering forged bills.

■ William Stewart Orshal pleaded guilty to failure to register as a sex offender. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 13 months in a state prison, and he was ordered to pay \$348 in court costs, \$100

to the State Attorney's Office and a \$150 public defender's lien. Orshal will not be prosecuted on a charge of possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana.

■ Michelle Renee Pularbarit pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine. She was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to five months in the Nassau County Jail and ordered to pay \$448 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and a \$150 public defender's lien. She will not be prosecuted on charges of possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

■ A trial date of May 11 was set for Enrico Spencer Roberts on charges of altering, destroying or concealing evidence, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, manufacture or purchase and possession of cocaine.

■ Jessica Erin Rodgers denied violating probation for a conviction of obtaining property in return for worthless checks.

■ Christie Lynn Ryals pleaded not guilty to grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

■ Timothy Scott Spaulding pleaded not guilty to dealing in stolen property, petit theft, possession of drugs and grand theft.

■ Joseph Richard Wagner pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to time served in the Nassau County Jail. Wagner was ordered to pay \$448 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and a \$150 public defender's lien. Wagner will not be prosecuted on two additional charges of possession of a controlled substance.

■ Angelina Ocla Whitehead pleaded guilty to possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. Whitehead was sentenced to 50 days in the Nassau County Jail and ordered to pay \$448 in court costs and \$100 to the State Attorney's Office.

■ Rontavis Didrexis Wiggins pleaded not guilty to sale or delivery of cocaine and possession of cocaine.

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New group 'challenging legal system' in divorces

SHANNON MALCOM
News-Leader

A small group of people, mostly based in Nassau County, are trying to form a non-profit group that would help people who feel their divorce cases have somehow gone terribly awry.

BeBe McFadden, a Jacksonville woman who is the acting spokesperson for the newly formed Advocates for Civil Justice, said right now the focus of the group is to help people file formal complaints against judges who make seemingly unrealistic rulings in certain cases.

And the criteria, she said, will be more than simply not liking or not agreeing with the outcome of the case, and although the group does include some attorneys, it is not meant to take the place of legal aid organizations.

"We want to be there for after someone has exhausted all possibilities with the legal system," she said. "Then we can help them to write a letter to the Judicial Qualifying Commission, to file a formal complaint against a judge, if there's been the appearance of impropriety ... and we'll help them follow through with that complaint."

McFadden said she and others in the group recognized a need for such an organization after hearing about several situations where the outcomes of cases seemed far from just; she gives one example of a non-con-

todial parent who was ordered to pay more in child support than he earned at his job.

"We feel that especially in Nassau County there are a lot of people who have not had justice prevail, and they don't know how to go about saying anything about it," McFadden said. "They just feel they're getting a raw deal, and they don't have the wherewithal to pursue it, so we decided that we don't like to hear about that."

George Horbath of Fernandina Beach is another member of the fledgling group; he said they plan to focus primarily on divorce cases. Emotions run high in such situations, he said, and achieving justice can save sanity, even lives, as he believes when people become disenfranchised when it comes to their children, or become unable to support themselves because of large amounts of ordered child support or alimony, they can be "pushed over the edge."

Both Horbath and McFadden say they personally have not experienced anything they've felt was an unfair shake at the hands of the judicial system, and they say they're not singling out any specific judge. They simply want people to know that in certain situations, the judge is not necessarily the end of the road for a case.

"We are challenging the judicial system," Horbath said. "A lot of people are suffering in the county due to extreme cases ... the stories are gut-wrenching

sometimes."

But he also cautions that only specific circumstances can be appealed to the Judicial Qualifying Commission; there would have to be evidence that a judge acted inappropriately and somehow violated one of the guidelines judges must adhere to.

"You can't just go off half-cocked, you have to make a case against the judge," he said. "Our main thing is just to say, 'These are the rules that the judge must follow,' and then determine if the case applies, and if so, help them through the process of filing a complaint."

McFadden said the group includes some active attorneys, but they want to remain anonymous and work behind the scenes because attorneys have to work with the judges on a regular basis, and to openly assist in filing a complaint against a certain judge could prove problematic.

She said the group right now is testing the waters, to see if there's a need for the service.

Horbath has no doubt there is a need.

"I expect that when word gets out, there will be sort of a flood of complaints," he said. "Ultimately, the purpose is to bring balance back to the county ... the ones suffering the worst ... are the children."

For more information on volunteering to help the organization or for assistance with a case, contact McFadden at bebemcfadden@gmail.com.



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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The boys and I had planted another 1,000 trees at Reddeer. Due to our new fence line, we were transplanting 60 trees that were already 6ft tall. With only 5 trees to go, I told each of them to pick a tree, dig it up and relocate it. Grandson Dallis looked at me and said his tree was very happy where it was. We had a good laugh then Dallis moved his tree. Come by, the coffee is on.

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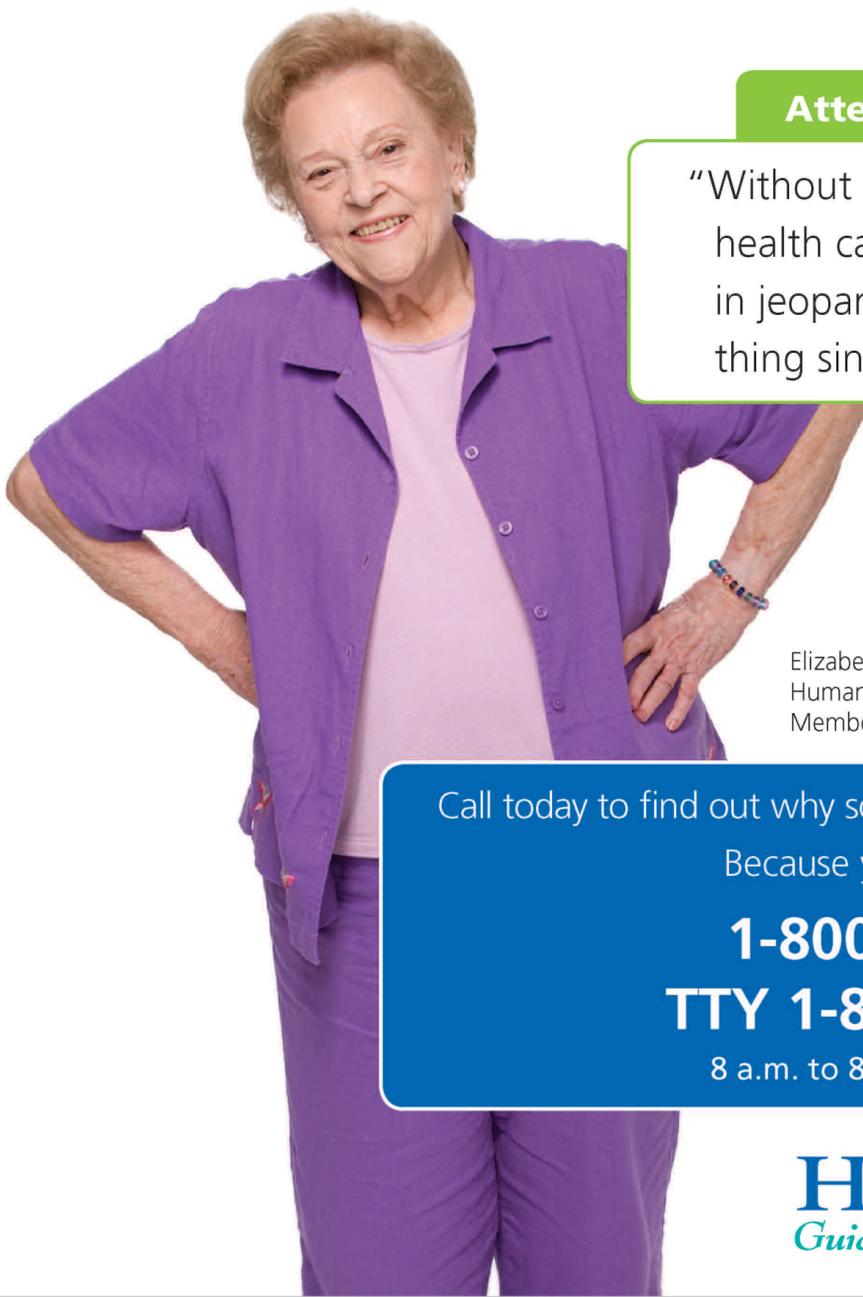
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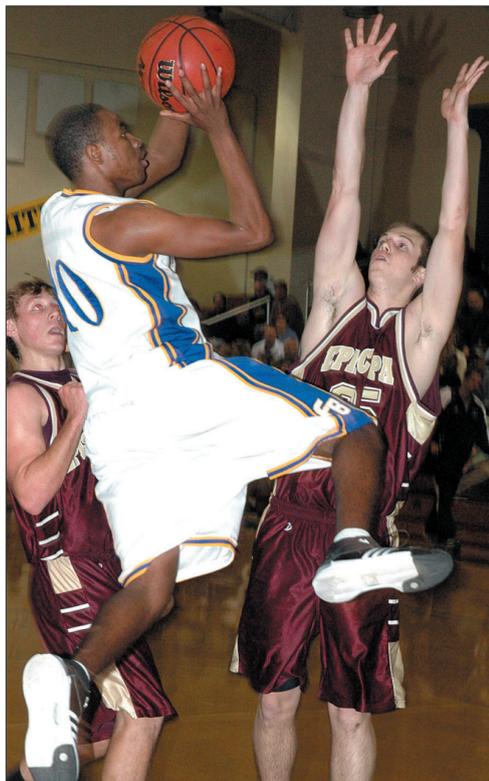
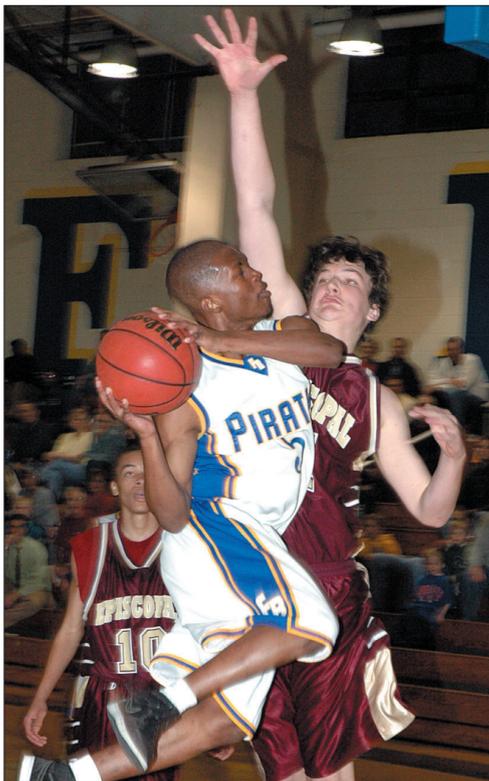
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PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER
The Pirates (19-2 and 7-1 in district play) secured the No. 2 seed for the district tournament with Friday's win over the visiting Episcopal Eagles. Pictured, from left, are Pirates Terin Dallas, Carlos Holcey and Tai Alford.

Pirates collect two more wins, push record to 19-2

BETH JONES
News-Leader

The Pirates (19-2) wrapped up the second seed for the district tournament after beating Episcopal 70-62 Friday. They finish 7-1 in district play.

Ribault, unbeaten in the district, holds down the top seed and Yulee is third. Episcopal, Bishop Snyder, Bolles, West Nassau, Baldwin and Trinity are seeded fourth through ninth, respectively, for the district tournament, which starts Feb. 9 at Fernandina Beach High School. The Pirates take on West Nassau at 7:30 p.m.

The Pirates will also be hosting the county tournament this weekend. The 16th annual Johnny T. Smith Classic gets under way Friday. Hilliard and West Nassau play at 6 p.m. and Yulee and Fernandina play in the night cap at 7:30 p.m. The consolation game is at 6 p.m. Saturday and the championship is at 7:30 p.m.

Episcopal jumped out to a 12-9 lead after a quarter but, by halftime, the Pirates led 38-29 and held a 53-39 lead after three quarters.

"Episcopal is one of the better teams in our district and they presented some challenges for us in that they have a couple of real strong scorers," said Matt Schreiber, FBHS head boys basketball coach. "They do a good job of protecting the basketball, so we weren't able to force as many turnovers."

"I felt like our focus and intensity were better than they've been in recent games. We seemed to be headed back in the right direction."

Four Pirates were in double figures in scoring. Carlos Holcey led with 19, Jake Brogdon had 15, including a trio of three-pointers, and Zach Rocheleau and Tai Alford chipped in 11 apiece. Holcey also had 10 rebounds, Andrew Vrancic had eight and James Russell recorded seven. Rocheleau also had five assists.

Fernandina capped the week Saturday, trav-

eling to Hilliard to pick up a 72-45 win over the Flashes.

FBHS dominated the first half, outscoring the hosts 21-8 in the first quarter and 22-8 in the second.

"We were able against Hilliard to score the ball very well and got a contribution from everybody on the offensive end," Schreiber said. "Hilliard's in a bit of a rebuilding process. It's always good to get a county win."

Alford led the Pirates on the scoreboard with 13 points. He also had three assists and three steals. Holcey had 12 points, eight rebounds, four assists and a steal. Billy Hunt scored 12 points. Terin Dallas and Rocheleau had eight apiece. Dallas had four rebounds, two assists and three steals. Rocheleau had seven assists.

"Tai had a good weekend," Schreiber said. "We've been needing Tai to get on track because he's a big part of this team. Carlos Holcey's probably our most consistent player game in

and game out. We have so many other guys on any given night can contribute."

The Pirates were ranked as high as seventh in the state in their class before losing earlier to Yulee. Ribault handed the Pirates' their only other loss of the season.

• The Yulee Hornets are 16-5 on the season after losing to West Nassau 63-51 Friday.

"We played without the emotions that are necessary in a big game and got beat," said Don Burton, Yulee High School head boys basketball coach. "West Nassau played very well and deserved to win the game. It should be a good lesson for our team as we progress throughout the season."

The Hornets were 1-for-15 from three-point range in the first half and 3-for-10 from the foul line.

"That leads to poor scoring distribution and some poor shot selection," Burton said.

The Hornets hosted Hilliard Tuesday.

Hornets lose to Gators in conference title game

BETH JONES
News-Leader

Yulee Middle School's boys basketball team hosted the Lakeside Gators Friday night in the Florida Crown Conference championship. Lakeside won 69-56.

"They really worked hard this year and came together as a team," said Jonathan Ball, YMS head coach. "Our main focus this season was to win county. The conference part of it was just icing on the cake."

"I couldn't be more proud of them and what they've been able to accomplish this year. I am most proud however of the growth that they have shown as young men. Each of them has displayed qualities and characteristics that will enable them to be successful in whatever they decide to do with their lives. Their work ethic, dedication and commitment to the team and each other will transfer over into their life and future."

The Hornets finish with an 11-3 overall record. Eight players move on to the high school next season.

"We've got another strong group of players returning next year though," Ball said. "The JV team went undefeated and won county this year. If they keep working like they have, they will have a good shot at repeating as county champs next year."



PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER
Yulee's Tony Stevens, left, fights for a rebound Tuesday when the Hornets hosted Lakeside in the conference title game. Right, Derrick Henry shoots for the Hornets, who settled for second in the conference.

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Pirates play in district

The Pirates capped the regular season Thursday, beating 5A Wolfson 3-2.

The Fernandina Beach High School boys soccer team ended its regular season with a 15-7-1 record. The Pirates went undefeated in their last eight games.

Pirate Jason Olbina beat three defenders and a keeper after a long pass from Drew DeAngelo to score the Pirates' first goal. The second goal was ripped into the upper right corner of the goal from the 18 by William Hunt after a nice pass threaded past numerous Wolfson players from Pirate Robbie Phillips.

The final goal was a last-minute redirect of a shot by B.T. Valdez by Connor Nelson, just past the outstretched fingers of the Wolfson goalkeeper.

The Pirates eliminated West Nassau 8-0 Monday in the first round of the District 4-3A tournament at Episcopal. The semifinals are slated for today and the final is Friday.

House resolution the wrong forum for BCS gripes

A dozen members of the House of Representatives reportedly cast "no" or "present" votes on a resolution intended to commend the University of Florida for winning the BCS Championship earlier this month. Among the nay sayers, as one would expect, were representatives from Utah and Texas, whose teams many felt should have been given a shot at the title over Florida and Oklahoma.

"A fine school with a great team deserves better than a national championship that was decided inside somebody's computer," said Texas Rep. Joe Barton about Florida's championship.

I couldn't agree more with the premise of the argument. I've used this very space on several occasions over the last 10 years to blast the BCS computer nerds and the need for a playoff system. With that said, the dissenters to the BCS could have picked a better forum to voice their displeasure. After all, the Florida players weren't responsible for the computers placing them in Miami on Jan. 8. They were



SPORTS TALK
JOHN L. CRAWFORD

responsible, however, for stymieing Oklahoma's offense, which, prior to the game, was portrayed as the most prolific offense in modern-day college football history. For that, a commendation of the Gators was certainly in order. Unless, of course, your name is Bobby Bright, a representative from Alabama, who reportedly said he just couldn't bring himself to praise a team that is such a bitter rival of his in-state schools. Still smarting over that SEC Championship game, are we Bob? ...

If there is one positive in an NFL team not making the playoffs, it might be the extra time invested in preparation for the next draft. Jacksonville Jaguars head coach Jack Del Rio and his staff were afforded the

opportunity to take that preparation a step further when they were selected to coach the South team, which came out on top of the North 35-18 in Saturday's Senior Bowl. Not only is the win likely to leave the Jags coaches with a better taste in their mouths after a train wreck of a 2008 season, the pages of personnel notes they undoubtedly compiled should give them a leg up this April. And, considering that Jacksonville doesn't currently have any player considered to be "Pro Bowl" caliber, boy do they need a great draft. I'll go a step further and proclaim this year's draft as the second most important in franchise history, taking a back seat only to the 1995 draft when then-head coach Tom Coughlin used the second pick on OT Tony Boselli, who is arguably Jacksonville's best player ever ...

Looking over the Senior Bowl rosters prior to the game, I was stunned to come across this entry: 21 Antone Smith, RB, Florida State. Was he really a senior last season? The guy who came in with so much promise seems to have

gone out of Tallahassee without so much as an impression left on the Seminoles. I guess I was waiting for Smith to have a breakout year and it just never happened. Maybe he'll catch on as a role player in the NFL ...

The multitude of Florida basketball fans, who undoubtedly swore off watching the Gators for the remainder of the season after a 70-69 buzzer beating loss to South Carolina last Wednesday, missed a good one on Saturday. Florida used 12 three-pointers to put on a first-half offensive show and virtually cruised to a 94-69 win over Vanderbilt on the road. Before anyone gets too excited, however, it's very unlikely the Gators will come out with that hot of a shooting hand every game. Until Florida learns how to grind out wins with defense when the shots aren't falling, fans can expect to continue on an up-and-down roller coaster ride with this young team.

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

Lady Hornets top Lady Pirates

BETH JONES
News-Leader

Yulee's Lady Hornets hosted the Lady Pirates Friday. The home team won.

On Saturday, the Lady Pirates traveled to Hilliard to take on another county foe.

"Coming off a tough loss to Yulee, the Lady Pirates really gave 110 percent versus Hilliard," said Mike Landtroop, head girls basketball coach at Fernandina Beach High School. "The Pirates struggled a little with the offense in the first half, but really came on strong in the fourth quarter, outscoring Hilliard 23-8.

"Our team goal was to play hard for all four quarters and leave nothing on the court. Hilliard is a good team with a good press and really challenged the Pirates with intense defense throughout the game. The girls handled the pressure well and created offense off of Hilliard's press.

"The effort and determination that the girls gave was probably the best of the year."

Whitney Small led FBHS with 12 points. Ebony Peterson chipped in eight.

The Lady Pirates got their fourth win of the season Thursday, beating Trinity Christian 54-20.

Symone Mitchell led with 12 points and J.B. Belcher added 10.

"The girls were enjoying themselves and having fun and sometimes that is all that is needed to create some offense," Landtroop said. "Defensively, the Lady Pirates really stepped up and dominated the game from the start with



BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER

Yulee's Hillary Fuller shoots for the Lady Hornets Friday when they hosted the Lady Pirates.

the press creating quick transition offense.

"J.B. got the Pirates going early with a lot of offensive rebounds and put-backs."

The Lady Pirates honored their seniors and captains — Jessica Schwec, Raven Hardy

and Lindsey Young.

"They are my leaders on and off the court and I wish them the best in the future," Landtroop said.

The Lady Pirates played at Baker County Tuesday. District tourney is Feb. 2-7 in Baldwin.

CONFERENCE RUNNERS-UP



BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER

The Yulee Middle School boys basketball team finished as Florida Crown Conference runners-up after Friday's loss to the Lakeside Gators.

Opening day Feb. 7 for family softball league

The Family Driven Softball League will hold opening day Feb. 7. The ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by opening statement from ASA regional commissioner Deena Poole. The FDSL board of directors will then be introduced followed by opening prayer by Jake Mottayaw.

The National Anthem will be sung by Pastor Sean Gossett followed by the ceremonial first pitch by Pastor Jackie Hayes. The first game will be at 10 a.m., featuring the Bridge Family Worship Center against Springhill Baptist Church.

The horse shoe toss com-

petition will begin at 11 a.m. and will be judged by Eric Schmidt of Yulee Baptist Church.

In the second game at 11:30 a.m., Celebration Baptist Church No. 2 will take on Yulee Baptist Church.

At noon, the best dessert competition will be supervised by Mary Bennett. The judges will be Paul and Vickie Hafer from The Lighthouse 89.3FM and Poole.

At 1 p.m. the winners of the horse shoe toss and the best dessert contest will be announced.

The sack race will follow and will be judged by Ben

Lloyd of Blackrock Baptist Church.

The final game of the day will be at 1:30 pm and will feature Five Points Baptist Church against Celebration Baptist Church No. 1. Chris Spivey from Celebration Baptist Church will say closing prayer following the game.

The community is invited to attend these events and admission is free. Purchase food and drinks at the concession stand or bring a picnic lunch.

For information contact league president Ernie Stuckey at 261-6083.

2009 SCHEDULES

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Boys Basketball Jan. 30-31 JOHNNY T. SMITH (county) Feb. 9-14 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT	March 13 at Ponte Vedra 6:00 March 16 UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN 5:00 March 19 at Yulee 6:00 March 24 PONTE VEDRA 6:00 March 25 WEST NASSAU 5:00 March 26 TRINITY 6:00 March 30 at Bolles 5:00 April 1-2 Tournament at Yulee April 6 at Orange Park 6:30	April 14 BOLLES* 6:00 April 17 ANDREW JACKSON 6:00 April 23 BISHOP SNYDER (seniors) 6:00 April 23 at Andrew Jackson 6:00 April 24 at Gainesville 7:00 April 27-30 District at Episcopal District game	March 13 at Englewood 7:00 March 19 at Yulee 6:00 March 24 PONTE VEDRA 6:00 March 25 WEST NASSAU 5:00 March 26 TRINITY 6:00 March 30 at Bolles 5:00 April 1-2 Tournament at Yulee April 6 at Orange Park 6:30	FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Softball Feb. 3 Preseason at West Nassau 5:00 Feb. 5 Preseason at West Nassau 5:00 Feb. 10 at Baldwin* 6:30 Feb. 12 STANTON 6:00 Feb. 13 YULEE* 6:00 Feb. 17 BISHOP SNYDER* 6:00 Feb. 18 at Bolles* 7:00 Feb. 20 BAKER COUNTY 6:00 Feb. 24 at Episcopal* 6:00 Feb. 26 TRINITY* 7:00 Feb. 27 at West Nassau* 6:00 March 2 at First Coast 6:00 March 4 FLETCHER 6:00 March 6 BALDWIN* 6:00 March 10 EPISCOPAL* 6:00 March 11 BISHOP SNYDER* 6:00 March 13 at Yulee* 6:00 March 17 at Trinity* 7:00 March 20 PAXON (AIP) 4:00 March 23 at Stanton 6:00 March 26 WEST NASSAU* 6:00 April 1 at St. Joseph 6:30 April 2 BOLLES* 7:00 April 3 at Ed White 6:00 April 16 UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN 6:00 April 17 ST. JOSEPH (seniors) 6:30 April 20-25 District at Bolles District game			
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SPORTS SHORTS

Sailing Club meets

The Eastern Surfing Association will hold a contest Feb. 1 at 8 a.m. at the pier. The contest is open to new and existing members. Call John or Tracy at 277-2359.

2009 Thriller

Amelia Shotgun Sports will host the 2009 Thriller Jan. 31 at 86300 Hot Shot Trail in Yulee. Shoots are at 9 a.m. and/or 1 p.m. Fee is \$55 in advance and \$60 the day of the shoot plus NSCA (\$3) and FSCA (\$1) fees. Fees include lunch. Additional lunches are \$10 each. E-mail clyde@ameliashotgunsports.com or call 753-4619 or 548-9818.

Free-throw championship

All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2009 Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Jan. 31 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Peck Center Gym, 510 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 10-14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 170,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,000 local competitions.

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 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 Ameliainlandrunners.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.

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. 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. Coaches, managers, board members and volunteers are needed.

Yulee Little League sign-ups

Yulee Little League registration is from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Jan. 28-29. 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.leaguelineup/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.

Umpires needed

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

Horse show Feb. 1

The North Florida Hunter Jumper Association will host the 14th annual Grand Prix International Horse Show and Kids' Carnival, GallopAZOOla. There will be drawings to win a 40-inch wide screen, LCD Sony TV (winner can take home that day to watch the Super Bowl) and other great prizes. The event is being held at the Clay County

Fairgrounds on State Road 16 Feb. 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Attendees can dance and play games with Radio Disney live; meet Jazoo, the Zoo's friendly lion mascot, ride ponies, enjoy animal encounters, tour the stables and more. The Outback Steakhouse luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Celebrity Horse Relay Competition is at 1 p.m. and the main event, the Grand Prix Horse Jumping Competition, is at 2 p.m.

Basketball camp

Applications are being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp, which is held by invitation only for boys and girls ages 10-19. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Jerry Stackhouse and Antawn Jamison. College scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team.

Camp locations include Babson Park and Gainesville, Ga. There is also a summer camp for boys and girls ages 9-18 of all skill levels. Call (704) 373-0873 or visit www.tenstarcamp.com.

Sailing Club meets

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

Challenger Bowling

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

Yoga classes

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

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

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

• Anytime Fitness, 463646 SR 200 Suite 4 in Yulee. Call 225-8400 or visit www.anytimefitness.com.

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

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

Zumba classes

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

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

• A Chance To Dance, 474378 SR200. Call 753-3407 or email buffyactd@gmail.com.

• Anytime Fitness, 463646 SR 200 Suite 4 in Yulee. Call 225-8400 or visit www.anytimefitness.com.

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

Fitness programs

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

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

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

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

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

Ice, sportsplex open

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

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

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

Public skating continues daily. Ice skating and hockey classes are also offered.

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

Sports association

The Nassau County Sports Association meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the Nassau County Building, O'Neil. Call 261-1075 or 277-1609.

Edwards, Smith share blitz honor

Cold weather finally caught up with the blitz as not enough players showed up last Wednesday to have it. With the change in weather, which brought warmer temperatures to the island, 74 players took part in the Friday blitz. In contrast to the past few weeks, there were more than one or two players having a good round.

When Tim Goodrich (75) turned in an early point score of plus 13, it was presumed that he would take the honors. Not so. Two players came in at plus 14 — Jim Edwards (86) and Roger Smith (76). Goodrich did finish third but did not make it onto a winning team.

With Edwards' plus 14 leading the way, the team that included Frank Finocchio (80, plus 6), Ron Dandurand (85, plus 3) and Dave Mason (78, even) finished first at plus 23.

A five-man team with no minuses finished second at plus 18. Team members were Jack Croake (70, plus 8), George Murphy (85, plus 5), Freddie Boatright (80, plus 3), Jim Roberts (75, plus 2) and Kevin McCoy (94, even).

All of the winning teams had a double-figure score as third and fourth places were shared at plus 17 by Smith (plus 14), Bill Abee (84, plus 4), Ron Peterson (84, plus 4), Robert Johnson (88, minus 5) and Mike Lovejoy (77, plus 7), Sammy Alvarez (75, plus 5), Bob Brewer (82, plus 3), Jackson Dean (78, plus 2).

Breakfast mixer

The early morning start meant the weather was chilly when the 17 players teed off in the Saturday Morning Breakfast Mixer at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club.

Ron Boatright, with a three-under-par 70 and net 66, captured first place. Ron Peterson (84/67) was second. There was a tie for third place at net 70 between Larry Brauda (77) and Frank Finocchio (84).

All golfers are reminded Saturday a Super Bowl tournament will be held. It will be a four-man scramble (computer pick) and the last day to sign up is today at 5 p.m.

Fernandina Beach Men's Golf Association members are reminded the first Wednesday of the month is next week and the monthly association meeting will be held starting at 5:30 p.m.

Low gross, net for ladies

Seventeen ladies braved the cool weather Jan. 20 to play a game of low gross, low net. Winners for the first flight were Demi Milo, with a low gross 88, and tied for low net with a score of 78 were Jean Ridenour and Carol Molumphy. Second flight was won by Javene Lamb, low gross 97, and Nancy Speck, low net 75. Winners of the third flight were Kathleen Hilmer, low gross of 105, and

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Pat Johnson, low net of 75.

Council on Aging event

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

Fee is \$100 and includes golf, cart and cookout dinner. All proceeds benefit the COA transportation program's efforts to purchase new vans. Hole and tee sponsorships are \$100. Mulligans will be sold for \$5 each. There will be door prizes, raffle items and a wine tasting.

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

FSGA tournaments set

The Florida State Golf Association has opened entries for their 2009 tournament schedule. The FSGA conducts 25 state championships, seven of which require qualifying. Volunteers are welcome to sign up online for tournaments in their area.

The Senior Championship will be played at Black Diamond Ranch in Lecanto April 14-16. Players can qualify between March 16 and March 25 at eight different locations.

The 92nd Amateur Championship will be held June 25-28 at TPC Sawgrass and Sawgrass Country Club. Sixteen qualifiers will be held throughout the state between May 27 and June 9.

The Boy's Junior Championship will be at Bear Lakes Country Club in West Palm Beach July 7-9. Qualifiers will be held at six locations between June 9 and 15.

The Ritz-Carlton Members Club in Bradenton will host the Four-Ball championship July 11-12. Eight qualifiers are available between June 15 and July 1.

The Amateur Match Play Championship will be in Estero at Old Corkscrew Golf Club Aug. 6-9. Players can qualify at seven locations between July 13 and 20.

New on the championship schedule this year is the Florida Open and the Mid-Amateur Championship. The Florida Open will be hosted by Quail Valley CC and John's Island West in Vero Beach July 17-19. Florida PGA Section Professionals and top amateurs can qualify for the championship tournament at 15 local qualifiers between June 29 and July 10. Entries for this championship will open Feb. 15. The Mid-Amateur will be played at Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club in Ocala Oct. 8-11. Nine qualifiers will be held between Sept. 9 and Sept. 21. The 54-hole stroke play championship is for Mid-Amateurs ages 25 and older.

For information visit www.fsga.org.

TENNIS, ANYONE?



Construction of five new Har-Tru tennis courts has been completed at Kraft Athletic Club, located just west of Buccaneer Trail. The new courts, together with two existing concrete courts and a refurbished clubhouse, comprise the newest tennis facility in Northeast Florida. The courts were built by Kraft Tennis Partners, a non-profit organization formed by tennis players seeking more court facilities and the opportunity to build enthusiasm for the sport. The site, overlooking the Amelia River in a large grove of live oaks, is a great tennis venue. Play has begun at the new facility, which opened Jan. 11. For information, contact Frances Blancett at 491-8744.

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Tourney provides new rides for COA

The Council on Aging of Nassau County will sponsor its third annual President's Day Golf Tournament Feb. 16 at the Golf Club at North Hampton. Shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the tournament will directly benefit the COA Transportation Program and will assist in supporting the 10 percent matching funds required to secure state and local grants, which provide for the purchase of new vehicles.

There will be a \$25,000 prize for a hole-in-one. The cost for golf, dinner and selected prizes will be \$100. Those wishing to come for dinner only, the charge is \$25 per person.

If you would like to be a hole or tee sponsor at \$100, contact Susan Parry at the COA, 261-0701, ext. 117, or Jane Bailey at 261-9828, ext. 23.



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Standing in front of the Council on Aging's new 17-passenger van is the golf tournament committee members, from left, Doug Bailey, Jane Bailey, Susan Parry, Jarrod Sullivan, Darlene Morris, John Harkins and COA Executive Director Ken Willette. Not pictured: Dave Parker, Marla McDaniel, Dave Schlegel and Derek Distefano, general manager and director of golf, The Golf Club at North Hampton.

AREA RUNNING EVENTS

The North Florida Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will add a new fundraiser to its roster of events beginning in 2009. The MS Mud Run Jacksonville will be held Feb. 28, marking the first time an event of this type will be held in Northeast Florida. The run is a 10K, boot camp-style obstacle course race, with most of the obstacles surrounded by (or consisting entirely of) mud. Individuals, teams of two and teams of five will compete for prizes.

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

Registration fees are \$40 per person and each participant will agree to raise a minimum of \$100 for NMSS-NFL. Call (904) 332-6810 or visit www.nationalmssociety.org/FLN.

The Gockle 5K run/walk will be held March 21 on the campus of New Life Christian Fellowship and Providence School in Jacksonville. It is open to all ages and includes a free one-mile fun run for children under 12.

Cash awards are given to the top male and female runners in each age category. Overall top male and female runners receive a cash award, free Chick fil A for a year and an annual water park pass to Adventure Landing.

Registration opens at 7:15 a.m. Register online prior to race day at www.gocklerun.org. Call the church office at (904) 223-6000.

NEWS LEADER

Display Advertising deadline for Wednesday is 3 p.m. Friday Classified Advertising deadline is 5:00 p.m. Monday. Display Advertising deadline for Friday is 3 p.m. Tuesday Classified Advertising deadline is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday. Please call 261-3696 to place your advertisement.

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This Week's PGA Tournament Preview	Last Week On The PGA Tour
<p>FBR Open</p> <p>Defending: J.B. Holmes Total Purse: \$6,000,000 Yards: 7,216 Par: 71</p> <p>The 4-day attendance of the FBR Open is the highest of any PGA tournament with around 500,000 spectators each year. The most popular hole for spectators to watch is the 16th hole due to the "Amphitheatre" atmosphere of the hole, created by the stands erected every year before the tournament. The hole could be described as "one big party", with many students from the nearby Arizona State University. Poor shots at the 16th hole receive boos, because the hole is very easy by the PGA's standards. Good shots, however, are cheered loudly. One famous moment at the 16th was Tiger Woods' hole-in-one in 1997, which caused the gallery to erupt, throwing cups and other objects in celebration.</p>	<p>Pat Perez claimed his first PGA Tour title as he eagled the final hole to win the Bob Hope Classic on Sunday. The 32-year-old carded a three-under-par 69 in the final round to finish at 33 under par, three strokes clear of John Merrick. Steve Stricker entered the final round with a three-shot lead over Perez but a five-over-par round of 77 crushed his chances as he finished five strokes back. Merrick, who held a share of the lead before a bogey at the 17th said, "I think I got a little quick. On the last three holes, I didn't go through my whole process like I was during the whole day, and that could have hurt me."</p>
<p>Tournament Results</p> <p>1st: Pat Perez Purse: \$918,000 2nd: John Merrick Purse: \$550,800 3rd: Steve Stricker & Mike Weir Purse: \$295,800</p>	

This Week's Profile	Golf Pro Tip	Golf TV Schedule									
<p>Pat Perez</p> <p>Birthdate: March 1, 1976 Birthplace: Phoenix, Ariz. Residence: Scottsdale, Ariz. Turned Professional: 1997 World Ranking: 59th 2009 Earnings: \$918,000 Career PGA Tour Wins: 1</p>	<p>An official USGA handicap index that you can use in tournaments requires that you submit your scores directly to a golf club to undergo the process of "peer review". The USGA requires a minimum of 12 scores to be submitted in order to calculate your particular handicap index. Once your handicap index is calculated and returned by the USGA, you now can determine the number of strokes you receive to adjust your score, when compared to other players. As you continue to play and post different scores for the rounds of golf you finish, your handicap index will fluctuate higher or lower depending on the scores you submit. Of course, getting an accurate handicap index also provides that you turn in an accurate representation of your scores.</p>	<p>Event: FBR Open</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Day</th> <th>Time</th> <th>Network</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Thu-Fri, 1/29-1/30</td> <td>3:00pm-6:00pm</td> <td>GOLF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sat-Sun, 1/31-2/1</td> <td>3:00pm-6:00pm</td> <td>CBS</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Day	Time	Network	Thu-Fri, 1/29-1/30	3:00pm-6:00pm	GOLF	Sat-Sun, 1/31-2/1	3:00pm-6:00pm	CBS
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TENNIS NEWS

Members of the Yulee Tennis Foundation will be conducting a survey throughout Nassau County to compile information regarding tennis courts. There is no charge to list your site with the number of courts, etc. The information will be posted on the website with questions as to the location, number of courts and its surface as well as open to the public or limited to subdivision house ownership or membership in a private club. Contact person and number as well as whether a teaching pro is on site will also be made available. This is a public service to heighten awareness of available recreation facilities. E-mail Judi Turner at davejudi@bellsouth.net.

Learn to play tennis. Information regarding lessons, clinics, etc. is available by visiting www.yuleetennisfoundation.com or contacting directors of tennis for Nassau County Vishnu and Michele Maharaj at 524-0243 or 548-1472.

The Nassau County School District may register as a whole with the USTA Florida School Tennis in the schools program. Visit www.ustafloridaschools.com.

Come out and support your local high school tennis teams, West Nassau, Hilliard, Yulee and Fernandina Beach. Donations of new or used tennis equipment and balls

are accepted at Dave Turner Plumbing. If you or your child need a racket to start to play tennis contact the foundation.

Through Feb. 4 the tennis schedule for the Yulee tennis courts in the Yulee Sports Complex is as follows: Nassau Home School Education meets Mondays from 3-5 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9-10 a.m.; after-school clinics for junior players are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. and from 5-6 p.m.

Plans are for a two-hour junior clinic to be held at Amelia National Jan. 31. The cost is \$10 a person. The clinic will focus on drills and game strategy. The deadline to enter is Jan. 30. Call Michele Maharaj at 524-0243 or 548-1472.

The 2009 FCTF Junior Grand Prix is open to novice players girls and boys in 8, 10, 12, 14 age divisions. The next event will be Feb. 21 at Florida Yacht Club. Call (904) 389-4281. These are tournaments to introduce youths to play without the rigors of USTA tournaments. These are tournaments to introduce youths to play without the rigors of USTA tournaments.

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

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Destination fish

Joe Bruce retired in 1984 from the military and moved with his wife, Pat, to Tampa. After looking at several other coastal communities, the Bruces fell in love with Amelia Island and moved in 1988. The Bruce family includes one son, Mike, and two daughters, Lori and Michelle.

"We thought Amelia Island fit right in with our retirement plan and, of course, I really like to fish," Bruce said. "I took a close look at what Amelia Island had to offer in the way of fishing and I soon found there is a lot of good fishing both north, south and east of the St. Marys inlet. There were also a lot of bays and tidal rivers where, if it was too rough, you could always fish on the inside for big fish without getting beat up."

That was 20 fishing seasons ago. Today, Bruce takes a more relaxed outlook on fishing, following a very competitive and hard-working second career in fishing.

Before Bruce moved to Amelia Island, he began his second career in fishing with Buddy Hutchinson in Tampa. The company was called Inter-Trim, which made marine components, including T-tops, rocket launchers and many related items made from stainless steel and aluminum.

Shortly after moving to Amelia Island, Bruce traveled to South America while organizing and guiding Americans to peacock bass, tarpon and big game fish. However, there was also a competitive side of Bruce that beckoned the now-seasoned captain to fish competitively while traveling to different fishing destinations.

"The Southern Kingfish Association tournament trail fit perfectly into my retirement plan," Bruce said. "Sanctioned SKA tournaments were scheduled at kingfish destinations where major migrations of



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king mackerel were currently taking place. More importantly, I liked the coastal settings with excellent restaurants, hotels and marinas. Fishing the SKA tournament trail is just like going on vacation and, at the same time, I was able to compete in a competitive saltwater kingfish tournament. Finally, winning or placing in the money helped pay for the entire trip and, depending on how well our 'Angling Pursuits' kingfish team placed, we often had money left over.

"Amelia Island Florida still remains my favorite fishing destination and that was a main reason for moving from Tampa to Amelia Island in 1988."

In 1992 Bruce teamed up with Tampa's Buddy Hutchinson to win the SKA Golden Isles King Mackerel Tournament with a record-breaking 53.15-pound kingfish.

"Buddy Hutchinson and I were slow trolling live pogies we had netted earlier that morning at Cumberland Island," Bruce remembers. "It was a high falling tide and, like many of the other tournament boats, we were kingfishing just off from the St. Marys north jetty buoy. Early that morning a big king hit one of the live pogies and Buddy was fighting the fish at the bow of the boat.

"Buddy looked in the water and said, 'It's a big tarpon.' I said, 'No, Buddy, that's a big kingfish.'"

Bruce has won several awards and tournaments, including 1992 SKA Angler of the Year, 1997 and 1999 SKA Senior Angler of the Year, and he was inducted in the SKA Hall of Fame in 2007. Bruce also teamed up with Paul



Capt. Joe Bruce is pictured with his record breaking 53.14-pound St. Marys king mackerel. Bruce was fishing with longtime fishing friend Buddy Hutchinson when the big fish was boated. It is still the Golden Isles Kingfish Tournament all-time record.

Massey and team "Outrageous" when Massey won SKA Angler of the Year in 2003. Bruce has also enjoyed numerous first-place and top 10 finishes while fishing the SKA tournament trail from North Carolina to the Texas border. Joe Bruce's regards winning "Angler of the Year" as his biggest and most cherished accomplishment.

With all of these great angling accomplishments, Bruce developed a superb knowledge on where the best king mackerel fishing could be found.

While the challenge to locate and catch tournament winning king mackerel became a main factor in Bruce's fishing success, it also gave good reasoning for naming his fishing boat "Angling Pursuits."

I believe Bruce's best pursuit was discovering Amelia Island and Southeast Georgia.



Bruce is pictured with trophies he won while competing in the Southern Kingfish Association tournament trail, including two "Angler of the Year" awards.

RECREATION ROUNDUP

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

- Adult volleyball is from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and from 5-7 p.m. Sundays at Peck Gym. Cost is \$1 per day for city residents (\$3 non-city).

- Open basketball is Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Peck Gym, based on availability. Fee is \$1 for city residents, \$3 non-city. Students free with ID.

- Peck Gym weight room is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Cost is \$3 a day or \$25 a month for city residents (\$30 non-city). Personal training is available. Fee is \$30 per session, \$75 per week (three sessions) or \$200 a month (two sessions per week for four weeks). Monthly packages come with dietary analysis and food program. Call Jay at 277-7364 for a free introductory appointment.

- Register for the adult winter basketball league through Feb. 6 at the Atlantic Center. Team fee is \$350 and due Feb. 6. Captain's meeting Feb. 11 at Peck Gym. Games

played Monday and Thursday nights at Peck Gym beginning Feb. 16. Call Jay at 277-7364 or e-mail jrobertson@fbfl.org.

- Adult softball registration will be held Feb. 2-23 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. Open co-ed is played Monday and Wednesday nights and church co-ed is Tuesday nights. Team fee is \$400 and due Feb. 23. Captain's meeting is Feb. 26; season begins March 9 for open co-ed and March 10 for church league. Umpires and scorekeepers are needed. Call Jason at 277-7256 or e-mail jbrown@fbfl.org.

- Coed exercise is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the MLK Center. Fee is \$2 per class for city residents, \$3 non-city.
- Shotokan karate classes for ages 6 and up with instructor Jerry Williamson are from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Atlantic Recreation Center. Fee is \$40 monthly for city residents (\$45 for non-city). Register at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.

- Fitness classes are Mondays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. at Peck Gym. It is a full body workout, involving free weights, cardio, stretching and abdominal work. Fee is \$5. Call Jay at 277-7364 or e-mail jrobertson@fbfl.org.

- Aqua 1 water aerobics is from 10-10:55 a.m. weekdays at the Atlantic Center pool. Deep water aerobics (aqua fitness belts required) is Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11-11:55 a.m. Cost is \$50 per month for city residents and \$55 per month for non-city residents for one class per day; \$60 for city residents and \$70 non-city residents for two classes; or \$5 for one class or \$10 for two.

- Private swim lessons, 30 minutes per session, are available for \$20 for city residents, \$25 for non-city residents. Four-session package costs \$60 for city residents, \$70 for non-city residents. Eight-session package is \$100 for city residents, \$115 for non-city residents.

- Lap swim is 6-9 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Atlantic Center. Cost is \$2 per day.
- Atlantic Center pool public swim hours are from 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday (admission \$2) and from 1-3 p.m. Saturdays (\$3). Pool passes available.

- The Fernandina Beach Scuba Club meets at 6 p.m. the second Friday of the month at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. Call Kathy Russell, 753-1143, or e-mail russell@fbfl.org.
- Scuba trips to Key Largo

Feb. 13-16 and Living Seas exhibit at Epcot March 14. Register at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. For information call Kathy Russell at 277-7350 or e-mail krussell@fbfl.org.

- Swim/snorkel with manatees in Crystal River Feb. 21. Ages 10 and up. Fee is \$60 and includes Manatee Experience, transportation and snorkeling gear, if needed. Tentative agenda at the Atlantic Center or e-mail Kathy Russell at krussell@fbfl.org. Register at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.

- PADI open water scuba certification is available. Participants must provide their own masks, snorkels, fins, booties and weight belts. Fee is \$250 (additional fee for check-out dives). Register at Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. Call Kathy Russell at 277-7350.
- American Red Cross life-guarding certification course will be held Jan. 30 through Feb. 22. Pre-test required. Call 277-7350 to register.

- Central Park tennis court gate keys may be checked out at Atlantic Recreation Center with a \$5 deposit, refundable if returned within a year.
- Adventure boot camp for women, four-week sessions at Main Beach park, provides fit-

ness instruction, nutritional counseling and motivational training by Karlena Barron. Call (904) 237-0074 or visit www.AmeliaIslandBootCamp.com.

- Annual skate park decals are available free of charge to families who qualify for free or reduced lunch programs or on a case-by-case basis dependent on income. Visit the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.

- Adult tennis programs offered at Central Park with instructor Lanny Kalpin. Schedule: 3.0/3.5 doubles/singles from 6-7 p.m. and advanced beginners from 7-8 p.m. Mondays; 3.0/3.5 doubles/singles from 6-7 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays; 3.0/3.5 doubles/singles from 6-7 p.m. and 2.5/3.0 doubles/singles from 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays; 3.0/3.5 doubles/singles from 6-7 p.m. Thursdays; and 2.5/3.0 doubles/singles from 8-9 a.m. Fridays. Fee is \$66 for city residents, \$71 non-city. Register at Atlantic Center. Call 491-0255 or 557-8110.

- Six-week youth tennis clinics are offered at the Central Park courts with instructor Lanny Kalpin. Beginner (ages 5-7) from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; beginner to advanced beginner (ages 5-13) from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Mondays and Thursdays (two instructors); advanced beginner to intermediate (ages 7-16) from 4:30-6 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; advanced beginner (ages 6-9) from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays; advanced beginner to intermediate (ages 7-13) from 3:40-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. Maximum of eight participants. One-hour classes are \$48 for city residents, \$53 non-city. One and a half-hour classes one day per week are \$72 for city residents, \$77 non-city; two days a week \$132 for city, \$137 non-city; three days per week \$160 city, \$165 non-city; four days a week \$175 city, \$180 non-city (\$10 off for each additional sibling in one and a half-hour classes). Call 557-8110 or 491-0255.

- Private, semi-private (two people) or group (three or more) tennis lessons are offered mornings and evenings at the Central Park courts. Fee is \$45 per hour for city residents, \$50 non-city. Semi-private fee is \$47 per hour for city residents, \$52 non-city. Group rate is \$49 per hour for city residents, \$54 non-city. Call Lanny Kalpin at 491-0255 or 557-8110 for information. Register at Atlantic Center.

FERNANDINA BEACH TIDES

Tides, Sun & Moon: January 28 - February 4, 2009

Day	Sunrise	Moonrise	Sunset	Moonset	Low	High
Wed. 1/28	7:19A	8:33A	5:58P	8:20P	3:24A	6:55'
Thurs 1/29	7:18A	9:01A	5:59P	9:17P	4:02A	6:41'
Fri. 1/30	7:18A	9:29A	5:00P	10:15P	4:43A	6:22'
Sat. 1/31	7:17A	9:59A	6:01P	11:15P	5:28A	6:03'
Sun. 2/1	7:17A	10:31A	6:02P		6:20A	6:32'
Mon. 2/2	7:16A	11:09P	6:03P	5:12P	1:08A	6:35'
Tues. 2/3	7:15A	11:52P	6:03P		8:27A	6:38'
Wed. 2/4	7:15A	12:45P	6:04P		9:35P	6:44'

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



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OUTDOOR BRIEFS

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

Bassmasters meet

Nassau Bassmasters, associated with the BASS National Federation and the Florida BASS Federation, meets the third Thursday

each month in Yulee. Membership is open to anyone at least 16 years old.

Call Bob Schlag at (912) 729-2282 or Billy Kittrell at 225-0267 for information.

NSFA meets

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Ten Acres Kraft Athletic Club. Membership is open to the public.

Call 261-9481 or visit www.fishnsfa.com for information.

4-H shooting sports

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

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

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

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Instrument Zoo introduces youngsters to the world of music

Volunteers grin when they talk about what fun it is to introduce youngsters to magical world of musical instruments. The volunteers are part of ARIAS (Amelia Residents In Action for the Symphony). The island group was organized 10 years ago to encourage Nassau County residents to support Jacksonville's world-class symphony orchestra.

A small but dedicated group of the organization's members volunteer in a program that insures that all fourth graders in Nassau County get a chance to learn about musical instruments. The group packs up a collection of instruments ranging from the complex and mysterious violin to the brassy, charismatic trumpet. As the traveling circus of volunteers unpacks its wide variety of instruments, the youngsters' eyes

grow bigger and bigger.

Founded in 1949, the Jacksonville Symphony is a valued regional cultural resource. ARIAS spreads the word and promotes symphony events. The Jacksonville-based symphony is housed in the only true orchestra concert hall in the state of Florida - the Robert E. Jacoby Symphony Hall. Each year, in addition to its full schedule of concerts, the orchestra gives nearly 200 performances at schools and senior centers. Their visits to Amelia Island are always well attended.

The organization recognizes that the children of the county are future concert attendees and has committed to the Instrument Zoo program.

Rachel Smith, Dee Stalcup and Barbara Zacheis are volunteers for the Nassau County Instrument Zoo. They are always looking for volun-



FROM THE PORCH

Dickie Anderson

teers. No musical training required. It can be a learn as you go volunteer commitment. Who knows? You may end up taking music lessons at the Amelia Arts Academy and joining the New Horizons Concert Band. "Each time we visit a school we are so impressed with the enthusiasm of each child and how polite they are in thanking us for our visit," shares Smith. Smith is a talented singer, pianist and community volunteer. She can be found playing the piano at the Council on Aging or joining

her husband, Clayton, singing in her church choir. She is passionate about the Instrument Zoo and its outreach. She recalls a little boy who declared that the oboe was his favorite instrument: "It makes my lips tingle."

For many a child, the first exposure to musical instruments and their many different personalities comes from listening to Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf. It was first commissioned by the Central Children's Theatre in Moscow with the intent to stimulate a child's interest in music. Each character in the popular musical composition is represented by an instrument. A small bird is a flute, the duck an oboe, the cat a clarinet, Peter's grandfather a bassoon, the wolf three horns, the hunters woodwinds, and the hero, Peter, string instruments.

The Instrument Zoo, using dona-

tions from schools and individuals, offers a unique opportunity for young people to pick up, touch and even toot and pluck a variety of instruments. There are lots of animals in this traveling zoo. Focus is on the four families of instruments (strings, brass, woodwinds and percussion). Volunteers demonstrate how each makes a unique sound and then let the children take their turn.

If you are interested in learning more about ARIAS or volunteering in the Instrument Zoo program, contact Dee Stalcup at 277-9678 or Barbara Zacheis at 321-5639.

For more information about the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, visit www.jaxsymphony.org.

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COMMUNITY SCRAPBOOK



Cub Scouts visit

Tiger Den members of Cub Scout Pack 549 of Yulee visited the News-Leader on Thursday. They learned about every aspect of newspaper production, from selling ads to gathering the news to laying out and proofing pages and sending them to the press. They also enjoyed a question and answer session with Publisher Foy Maloy and Editor Michael Parnell. Left, they gather for a photo with Maloy following the tour.

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Charitable giving

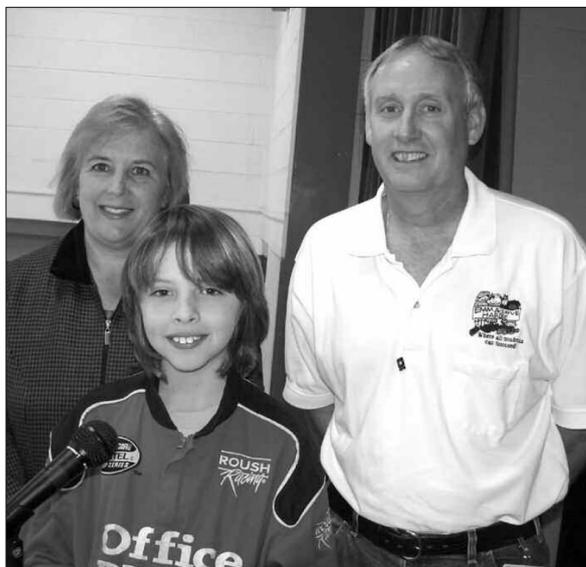
Employees of the Nassau County Tax Collector's Office raised \$800 for two area charities this year, marking three years of charitable giving by the staff and Tax Collector John M. Drew, left, with Ken Willette, executive director of the Council on Aging of Nassau County.

For 2008, the employees chose the Council on Aging and Community Hospice of Northeast Florida to be the recipients of the one-year long fundraiser. Each organization will receive a check for \$400.

"To raise the money, we permitted the office employees to dress more casually on Fridays," Drew explained. "To participate, the employees opted to contribute to a fund for the two non-profit organizations. And, we were always careful to make it clear to our customers that 'Casual Friday' was for a charitable purpose."

In prior years, the staff has selected organizations such as the American Cancer Society as the primary recipient.

"The employees actually vote on which organizations they want to help," Drew explained. "While we cannot help all local charities, we do our best to make a difference."



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Spelling champs

Fifth-grader Josh Gaus won the school-wide spelling bee at Emma Love Hardee Elementary. Gaus, congratulated by fifth grade teacher Helen Edenfield and Principal Eric Larsen, above, will go on to compete in the county wide spelling bee on Feb. 4 at 1 p.m. in the boardroom at 1201 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach.

Other finalists include, fifth grade, Lauren Cannon, Bryceville Elementary; Larry Albert, Callahan Intermediate; Cash Adkins, Hilliard Elementary; Jeremy Fischer, St. Michael Academy; and Courtney Brandt, Yulee Elementary; seventh grade, Nyquiah Walker, Hilliard Middle-Senior, and Jordan Moyers, Callahan Middle; and eighth grade, Dylan Page, Fernandina Beach Middle, and Hadyn Laske, Yulee Middle.

Art for a cause

Students in the Amelia Arts Academy's Drawing and Painting Workshop are making money for a good cause. The children joined thousands of students across the U.S. in creating "Fundred Dollar Bills," hand-drawn interpretations of the U.S. \$100 bill. The bills will be sent to a collection center, where they will be picked up by a specially designed armored truck that runs on vegetable oil, pictured, and taken to Washington, D.C. There, "Fundred Guards" will request of legislators an "even exchange" of 3 million fundred dollar bills for \$3 million in goods, funds and services to support the implementation of a solution to lead-related health and quality-of-life issues still challenging post-disaster New Orleans, La.

New Orleans, one of the most lead polluted cities in the U.S., has 86,000 properties with dangerously high levels of lead in the soil, placing thousands of children at risk for severe learning disabilities and behavioral problems. Amelia Arts Academy is proud to give students the opportunity to realize the true value of their creative expression, by helping other children have the opportunity to live in a healthy environment. Local children are welcome to participate in the project. Call Amelia Arts Academy at 277-1225 for more information.

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HOME AND GARDEN BRIEFS



SUBMITTED

Nite Hawk Offshore will be at the Fernandina Farmers Market Saturday, with fresh-caught fish of all kinds.

Farmers market

Nite Hawk Offshore will be at the Fernandina Farmers Market on Jan. 31 with freshly caught tuna, swordfish, mahi mahi, scallops, shrimp and more. A 30-year-old family fishing business, Don's three fishing boats, Pocket Change, Sea Hawk and Southern Cross are outfitted for grouper, deep-water grouper and tile, and one as an intercontinental boat for swordfish and tuna. With their wide variety, Nite Hawk truly lives up to its motto: "We're up all night so you can eat it fresh all day."

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.

Stormwater talk

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

The public, homeowner associations, property managers and homeowners are encouraged to attend. This free program will discuss the need for proper fertilizers on lawns and ornamental beds to prevent runoff into retention ponds. The information will help Nassau County groups comply with best management practices for fertilization and watering lawns and landscapes. Rebecca Jordi, Nassau County Environmental Horticulture agent, and Paula Staples, SJWMD Watershed Action volunteer coordinator, will conduct the free session.

For information, contact Jordi at the Nassau County Extension office, 548-1116, or by e-mail at rjordi@ufl.edu.

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 conducting 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, Lawn-grass, 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. To register online or for information, visit <http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/crash-course.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 Layered clothing is a must. Bring binoculars, field guide, bug juice, sunscreen, rain gear and water.

For information call Carol Wyatt at 261-9272 or e-mail at carolinewy@aol.com.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Museum events

The Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St., will kick off Black History Month with a preview of its new state of the art movie system in Baker Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 30 for a viewing of the classic movie, "Sunshine State," directed by John Sayles and starring Angela Bassett and Edie Falco.

The movie provides insight on the development of Amelia Island, with cultural relations presented by actors sharing their feelings/views of how (and why) the area was developed and, most importantly, the impact on those who originally lived here. After the viewing, there will be an opportunity for discussion.

This will be the first opportunity to view the museum's new movie system and to provide input into what you would like to see screened in the future. The event is free to members and \$5 for non-members. Popcorn is free and beverages will be available. For information call 261-7378 or visit www.ameli museum.org.

Black History Month also will feature the opening of a new exhibit and a number of special programs that showcase the area's rich African-American heritage. The exhibit will open the first week in February and the program schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. - Edward Waters College choir performance at AME Church (see below)
- Friday, Feb. 6 at 5:30 p.m. - Dr. Vibert White on the search for lost black settlements in Florida
- Friday, Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. - Jim Longacre on the illegal slave trade of Fernandina
- Friday, Feb. 20 at 5:30 p.m. - Special 3rd Friday on 3rd St. with Alton Yates speaking on integrating Jacksonville

For more information on any of these events, visit www.ameli museum.org or call 261-7378.



Choir in concert

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

The choir, started over 80 years ago, has a broad repertoire of inspirational music and is recognized for its exhilarating interpretations of the classics, spirituals, gospel and contemporary music. Under the leadership of Dr. Samuel D.

Shingles, director of the Fine Arts Department and choral director, the 19-member choir promotes and fosters an understanding of African-American heritage and displays a well-rounded knowledge and appreciation for the music of Western Europe.

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

For more information call Phyllis Davis at 261-7378, ext. 100, or e-mail phyllis@ameliamuseum.org.

Library programs

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



- African American Read-In Chain at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Fernandina Beach branch, Feb. 3 at the Yulee branch and Feb. 5 at the Hilliard branch.

Join local community leaders, teachers, ministers and youth as they read selections from books, poems and speeches by African-Americans on Feb. 2 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach branch. The local read-in is part of the 20th National African American Read-In. Libraries, schools and churches across the nation participate in order to make the celebration of African-American literacy a traditional part of Black History Month activities. Come prepared to share a 1-3 minute reading of a poem, short picture book or excerpt from a book authored by African-Americans. Call 277-7365 or 548-4467 for more information.

- *The American Beach Cookbook* by Marsha Dean Phelts on Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Peck Center.

Local author/librarian Marsha Dean Phelts will discuss her latest book, *The American Beach Cookbook*, which contains 300 pages of traditional and contemporary recipes. Phelts is the author of *An American Beach for African Americans* and is a freelance writer and photographer for *The Florida Star* newspaper.

- Faith, Scholarship, Service: Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, on Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Peck Center.

Travel back to 1954 to meet the founder of Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona - a visionary educator, civil rights activist and presidential advisor. Bethune, portrayed by Ersula Knox Odom, shares stories about her life and accomplishments. Sponsored by the Florida

Humanities Council.

All programs are free and open to the public.

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

FCCJ documentary

Florida Community College at Jacksonville presents "Crumbling: The Sounds of a People" documentary on Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. at the Downtown Campus in Bldg. A, Room 1068.

On a national scale, young African-Americans are more at risk than other ethnic groups when it comes to health, education and a prospective future.

"Crumbling the Sounds of a People" is a video documentary that attempts to reveal what is causing high-risk behavior among young African-Americans in Jacksonville today. Documentary film director Kifimbo Parnell will present the film and facilitate a Q&A session following. Call (904) 633-8210.

Book signings

Local author Annette McCollough Myers will be available Saturday, Feb. 7, 14 and 21 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Books Plus on Centre Street to sign copies of her book, *The Shrinking Sands of an African American Beach* (written for the preservation of Florida's historic resources). Also visit www.missmarthashideaway.com.

Kingsley heritage

Dr. Johnetta Betsch Cole, former president of Spelman and Bennett Colleges and descendant of Anna and Zephaniah Kingsley, will present the keynote speech at the 11th Annual Kingsley Heritage Celebration.



Scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m., the event also features a musical presentation by the Edward Waters College Choir, a historically black college in Jacksonville.

Cole's presentation is entitled "Sankofa: Looking Back to Go Forward." An anthropologist by training, Cole will use the concept of sankofa during her speech. Sankofa is a symbol of the Ga speaking people of Ghana, in West Africa. The word is tied to the idea that we need to know our past in order to move forward and understand who we are as a culture today.

Kingsley Heritage Celebration events take place each Saturday in February. All events and workshops are family-friendly, free, and open to the public.

Located off Heckscher Drive/A1A, north of the St. Johns River ferry landing, Kingsley Plantation is open daily, at no charge, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information, call (904) 251-3537, or go to www.nps.gov/timu.

NASSAU HUMANE SOCIETY



Lil Man and Kamere are a bonded pair looking for a forever home where they can stay together! They are both about 3 or 4 years of age and make a sweet couple! They will need a home without other dogs and preferably no cats. We love them and know you will too! Come by the shelter to meet them!

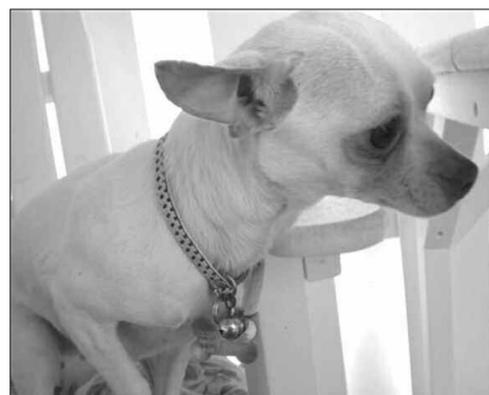
The Nassau Humane Society would like to thank several area businesses for hosting the "Dogs Deserve a Vacation Too!" event! A special thank you to Angela Pierson Wallace of The Travel

Agency, Marche Burette for the food and wine, and Bark Avenue for hosting this very successful raffle to benefit the animals of the NHS!

Please continue to drop off your items at the shelter for the Flea and Tick Sale being held on Feb. 20 and 21 across the street at the airport. We appreciate your donations to make this another successful event!

The Nassau Humane Society is located at 671 Airport Road. Call 321-1647 or visit nassauhumesociety.com.

STARS



Jill, a 1- to 2-year-old, 7-pound, female, white Chihuahua is just waiting for the "right lap" to call home!

Save the Animals Rescue Society does not run a shelter. Animals are fostered by STARS members until a suitable and caring home is

found. STARS needs new foster homes in order to rescue more animals and increase adoptions.

For more information, contact STARS at www.starsofamela.org, call 491-3107 or write to P.O. Box 893, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035.

CATS ANGELS



This is Lance and he was found eating out of a dumpster in Hilliard. He is a big, beautiful boy who is very laid back and loves people, especially the guys! So you men out there, if you want somebody to watch the Super Bowl with, Lance is your man! Cats Angels has lots of cats and kittens available for adoption. Please call 321-2267. All of our cats have been tested, spayed/neutered and are current on their vaccinations. We will be the River City PetsMart (I-95 and Airport exit) from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday with cats, kittens and puppies.

Our Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday from 11

a.m.-5 p.m. We greatly appreciate donations of items for the store during business hours. Thanks to all in our community who donate items to our store. As always, we are looking for volunteers to help with our Adoption Center cleaning and volunteers to help out at the store. Please stop by and sign up!

If you are caring for animals and need help getting them spayed/neutered, please call First Coast No More Homeless Pets at (904) 425-0005 to qualify for their programs. If you don't qualify, call Cats Angels at 321-2267 to discuss options. Please act now, before the springtime comes!

Junior Cotillion director named

The National League of Junior Cotillions has announced the appointment of Eileen Dempsey (Lynn) as the new Director for the National League of Junior Cotillions, Nassau County chapter.

The national league program, which features character education, etiquette and social dance training for sixth through eighth grade students, includes five classes and two balls over an eight-month period.

The purpose of the National League of Junior Cotillions program is to give students instruction in ballroom dance and practice in the social courtesies needed for better relationships with their families and friends. Students actively learn life skills through a creative method that employs role-playing, skits, and games.

The social behavior component ranges from rules of conversation to formal and informal table manners. In addition to the usual courtesies connected with dancing, etiquette instruction is also provided with regards to the following: acknowledgment of gifts, behavior at cultural and civic events, correspondence, interaction in groups, introductions, paying and receiving compliments, receiving lines, sportsmanship and sports etiquette, instructional dinners, electronic etiquette, telephone courtesy, and many other areas of social conduct.

The National League of Junior Cotillions setting will encourage children to be comfortable together, to make new friends and to enjoy



Dempsey

She and her husband, Richard, are members of First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach. In past years, Lynn has been involved as a church youth group leader and a volunteer in the second grade elementary reading program.

The National League of Junior Cotillions is headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., where the program was established in 1979. There are now hundreds of chapters in 35 states across the country, involving thousands of students. Executive Director Anne Colvin Winters said in a press release, "We are delighted to see cotillion training expand to the Nassau County area. It has had a great impact on the self-esteem and social development of young people across the nation."

If you would like to know more about the program, contact Dempsey at 556-2916, 225-0277, lynn.dempsey@nljc.com, the National Headquarters at 1-800-633-7947, or visit www.nljc.com.

themselves. Communication skills learned by young ladies and gentlemen in a peer group setting provide graduating students with increased confidence and poise in social situations.

Dempsey received a BA in Business-Marketing from Belmont Abbey College, Sacred Heart Campus, and is employed by US Airways.

RAIN

Meet Atlas and Apollo, two of our male Aussie teenagers. They are almost 9 months old, current on all medical, and both weigh about 35 pounds. Both love the water and interact with children and other pets, including cats, very well. They enjoy playtime at RAIN in the yard, but have also learned inside manners as well. Atlas and Apollo are working on mastering leash walking, along with some basic commands. Either or both dogs together would make a great addition to your family. To apply for any of our great pets on Petfinder.com, please e-mail us at rainhumane@yahoo.com or call (904) 879-5861. Rescuing Animals In Nassau will be hosting a charity horseback



ride on the St. Marys River the second weekend of March. Please call for more information if you are interested in participating or volunteering.

PEOPLE & PLACES

SPECIAL EVENTS

Art reception

The Island Art Gallery presents the IAA Nouveau Art Show "From the School Of ..." in February and March. The opening reception will be held from 5-8 p.m. Feb. 6 at 18 N. Second St. For more information call 261-7020.

Desserts of Amelia

The 13th annual Desserts of Amelia, a fundraiser for Fernandina Beach Middle School, will be held Feb. 6 at the Atlantic Recreation Center from 6-8 p.m.



There will be live entertainment, desserts from restaurants around the island and a silent and live auction. Tickets can be purchased through the school or from any middle school student or teacher. Tickets are \$10 and in addition to entry to the event include a chance 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. You do not need to be present to win.

Ballroom dancing

Amelia Island Ballroom Youth Academy classes will begin Feb. 12 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center, and meet most Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. All youths from kindergarten to high school are invited to participate. There is a onetime \$10 registration fee. The classes are free. Students also have an opportunity to participate in the local Dancing with the Stars event. For more information contact Felix Sois at (904) 707-6762 or visit www.classicballroom.net.

Docent training

Do you love history? Do you like teaching others? If so, then the Amelia Island Museum of History needs your help. It is in need of volunteer docents and is holding a docent training session the last week of February. The training includes a series of entertaining and educational presentations and tours, which are free and open to the public. Training sessions are Feb. 23, 24, 26 and 27 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, call Alex at 261-7378, ext. 102.

Father/Daughter Ball

Faith Christian Academy presents the Ninth Annual Father/Daughter Ball from 7-10 p.m. March 14 at the Amelia Island Plantation Ballroom. There will be live music featuring Les DeMerle, professional photography and hors d'oeuvres.

Dress is semi-formal and dance shoes. Fathers and daughters of all ages are welcome. Tickets are \$85 for father and daughter and \$40 for each additional daughter; or \$100 and \$45 after Feb. 28. Tickets are on sale at Faith Christian Academy, 96282 Brady Point Road, Fernandina Beach. Call 321-2137.

THIS WEEK

Financial seminar

To provide insights into Biblical financial principles, Amelia Baptist Church is offering a Crown Financial Ministries small group study starting today 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.

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. Call Amelia Baptist Church at 261-9527 for more information and attend the orientation session.

Restoration Foundation

The Amelia Island-Fernandina 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 José 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.

For more information call Susan Siegmund, interim president, at 261-9562.

Jewelry sale

The Baptist Medical Center Nassau Auxiliary will hold its "Gold 'n Rule" fine jewelry and accessories fundraiser for the hospital on Jan. 29 in dining rooms 1 and 2 from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. All are welcome. All sales will be 20 percent off retail.

Council on Aging

The Council On Aging Senior Center presents "Pain Management" with Jennifer Ward of Alliance Care-Home Health Services on Jan. 30 from 10-10:50 a.m. Chronic pain affects 86 million Americans. Hear the latest pain management information and 10 tips for easing nighttime pain. For more information, call Frances Bartelt at 261-0701, ext. 102.

RAIN meeting

Chillyin' With the Animals of RAIN, the second annual membership meeting and dedication of the rescue group's dog kennels, cattery, and memorial gardens, will be held Jan. 31 from 2-5 p.m. at RAIN.

The board of directors will cook up pots of their special chili recipes and all of the fixings. RAIN will mail out directions and more details. For more information call (904) 879-5861 or e-mail rainhumane@yahoo.com.

NEXT WEEK

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.

FLT volunteers

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 fitbiz@peoplepc.com for more information.

RAIN drive

RAIN Humane Society, SPCA is collecting gently used household items and small pieces of furniture for a special promotion. Bring your items to Eileen's Art and Antiques, 702 Centre St., Fernandina Beach and in exchange you will receive a 20 percent discount coupon for any item in the shop. All proceeds from donations will benefit the animals at RAIN. Tax receipts are available upon request.

Call RAIN at (904) 879-5861 or Eileen's at 277-2717.

Dance classes

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

MUSIC NOTES

Karl W. Davis

Local singer/songwriter Karl W. Davis

will host his friends from France for a tour of the Southeast starting Feb. 13, including concerts in Fernandina Beach. This creative collaboration has produced many wonderful blues and soul songs that are being enjoyed all over Europe and the U.S.



The group will play Feb. 14 at 9 p.m. at Hammerhead. Cover charge is \$5. They play Feb. 15 and 22 at 4 p.m. at the Green Turtle. For information call (904) 415-5503.

On Feb. 20 from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Courtyard Nights at the Florida Community College Betty P. Cook Nassau Center presents Karl W. Davis & The Milkmen, playing soul, funk and blues.

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.

Guitar workshop

Steve Kaufman, the only three-time winner of the National Flatpicking Championships, 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. Workshop price is \$200. For more information call 261-3300 or email innkeepers@floridahouseinn.com.

DeMerle at Ocean 60

The Martini Bar at Ocean 60 Restaurant, 60 Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach, presents the Dynamic Les DeMerle Jazz Trio featuring Bonnie Eisele on Feb. 6 and 7 from 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. For reservations visit www.ocean60.com or call (904) 247-0060.

Championships, 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. Workshop price is \$200. For more information call 261-3300 or email 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. 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. For a sneak preview, visit www.QueenofHearts.info.

Couples night

First Baptist Church presents Couples Night Out featuring The Burchfield Brothers in concert on Feb. 13. The evening begins with dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the concert with reserved seating. Jon and Ben Burchfield make music that inspires the soul and mesmerizes audiences of all ages. Many refer to them as the "Manheim Steamroller" of hymns. Tickets for dinner and concert are \$25 per couple and may be purchased through the church office. The concert, which will begin at 7 p.m., will be open to the public. For more information call 261-3617.

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, all inclusive. Dinner includes appetizer, entree, dessert, glass of wine, gratuity and show included. For reservations and information call 321-1444.



Courtyard Nights

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Music for the Birds

The annual "Music for the Birds" concert will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 21 inside the St. Johns County Agricultural Center (just off SR 16, near the St. Augustine Outlet Mall). A presentation of The Humane Association of Wildlife Care and Education (HAWKE), a not-for-profit professional wildlife rescue and rehabilitation center, this year's concert will feature performances by Bob and Joline Patterson, Jamie Defrates and Susan Brown, Magda Hiller and Paradox. There will be a silent auction, with the proceeds supporting HAWKE's mission.

Tickets are \$15 for ages 12-adult and \$8 for children under 12. Order by mail by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope and check to HAWKE, Inc., P.O. Box 188, Elkton, FL 32033 by Feb. 16. Pay by credit card online at www.hawkewildlife.org. For information visit the website or call HAWKE at (904) 692-1777.

tap class is Monday at 2 p.m.

The school also is collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the Barnabas Center pantry. For information call 261-DANC.

Trivia night

Enjoy "Trivia with Maggie" on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

at the Crab Trap in downtown Fernandina Beach and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at Sandy Bottoms at Main Beach.

Enjoy a special trivia menu and drinks, win prizes and listen to music while you improve your memory. These events are free.

COMING UP

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.

CROSSWORD

Solution For Previous Puzzle

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Friday, Jan. 23, 2009
Sudoku Medium
Puzzle #16

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ACROSS

- Lacking spirit
- Screen symbol
- "Woe"
- Without support
- Went like heck
- For men only
- X is the symbol for this
- Walks feebly
- Place to hit a bucket of balls
- Pewter, in part
- Like many wedding tuxes
- Duller of the senses
- Turn topsy-turvy
- Pop's Ronstadt
- Well-worn pencil
- Massage locale
- X indicates one
- To the ___ degree
- Hellenic H's
- Top-tier invitees
- "No bid," in bridge
- Lacking consistency
- Eliot's Silas
- Guessed-at fig.
- "Kiss my grits!" sitcom
- Two-deck game
- X signifies this
- "___ a Lady" (Tom Jones hit)
- Closely related
- Celery piece
- "Slung" dish
- Lady's escort
- Drum accompanying a sitar

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- Seemingly boundless
- Doo-wop voice
- Cruise stopover

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American Profile Hometown Content

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- Rink fake
- Reply to "Who's there?"
- Voting "nay"
- Sun or moon
- Prefix with natal
- Cuba or Aruba
- Time on the job
- Mutt's woe
- Pelted on Halloween
- One-named artist
- Small warbler
- Whack job
- Country's McEntire
- Lena of "Chocolat"
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- Ruler division
- Commotion
- Pit goo
- ___ down (criticizes)
- Movie studio sights
- Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
- Mole, to a gardener
- Pseudo-cultured
- Caboose's place
- Fabric fuzz
- ___-mo replay
- One way to pay
- Hammer end
- Walk of Fame implant
- Cattail's locale
- Hilo hello
- Frosty coatings
- Bloodhound's lead
- Boss Tweed lamponer
- Utah ski resort
- Wild guess
- Spill the beans
- "Diana" singer Paul
- Has-been horse
- Luau strings
- Hr. fragment

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.

Card party

The Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach will hold its annual Valentine Card Party on Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse at 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd. Card games, board games, Dominoes and Mah-jongg are welcome. Get a group together and come out. The cost is \$5 per person and dessert will be served. For reservations call 321-1752.

Dinner and a movie

The Amelia Island Film Festival will present two showings of the romantic comedy "What Just Happened?" directed by Barry Levinson and starring Robert DeNiro, Sean Penn and Bruce Willis, on Feb. 13 and 14 at the Palace Saloon Banquet Hall.

On Feb. 13 doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 with a cash bar.

On Feb. 14, enjoy a Valentine Dinner and a Movie. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and Karen Miller of Old South Yankee will cater dinner. There will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Tickets are available at Susie's Snaks 'N Stuff on Centre Street, Alexander's Book Store, Palmetto Walk and the UPS stores on the island and in Yulee. For information call 335-1110 or visit www.AmeliaIslandFilmFestival.org.

Railroad Days fundraisers

The West Nassau Historical Society is planning several events to raise funds and awareness of the upcoming 2009 Railroad Days Festival March 27-28 on the grounds of the historical Callahan Depot.

On Feb. 14 the society will host a dinner from 10:

CLASSIFIED

To Place An Ad, Call (904) 261-3696. The Classified Ad Deadline for Wednesdays is 5:00 p.m. Monday and for Fridays is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday

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102 Lost & Found

If You Have Lost Your Pet - please check the Nassau Humane Society facility located at 671 Airport Rd. next to the airport (904)321-1647 & the Nassau County Animal Shelter, 86078 License Rd. in Yulee next to the drivers license building (904)491-7440.

LOST GARNET RING - Sentimental value. Vicinity of Target, Wal-Mart, or Winn-Dixie. Reward. (904)261-5984

102 Lost & Found

REWARD - LOST BOSTON TERRIER needs medication ASAP. Male, black & white. Kids miss their pet!! Please call 277-8043 or 556-9663.

FOUND - RING, in case in Food Lion Shopping Center. Call to identify 261-2493

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104 Personals

Run your ad STATEWIDE and SAVE \$\$\$! - Run your classified ad in over 100 Florida newspapers reaching over 4 MILLION readers for \$475 - that is less than \$4 per newspaper. Call this newspaper or (866)742-1373 for more details or visit www.florida-classifieds.com. ANF

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201 Help Wanted

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201 Help Wanted

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JOB OPENING FOR TEACHER'S STORE COORDINATOR - Opportunity available for person with managerial, organizational and communication skills working with the Association for Retarded Citizens/Nassau County (ARC/Nassau), a local non-profit organization serving adults with disabilities. One year position with possibility of extension for right person who can establish, administer and manage a Teacher's Store, providing supplies and inventory items to teachers in Nassau County schools, ranging from kindergarten through high school. Salary range \$20-25k annually; 40 hours/week. Knowledge of educational environment desirable, basic computer skills plus Microsoft Publisher required, ability to work with diverse clientele essential. Submit resume to ARC/Nassau, 86051 Hamilton Street, Yulee, FL 32097. Call 904.225.9355 for more information.

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204 Work Wanted

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206 Child Care

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207 Business Opportunities

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601 Garage Sales

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602 Articles for Sale

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603 Miscellaneous

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802 Mobile Homes

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802 Mobile Homes

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805 Beaches

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809 Lots

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814 West Nassau County

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817 Other Areas

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852 Mobile Homes

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3BR/2BA SWMH - on 1/2 acre lot Yulee area. \$750/mo. + \$750 dep. (904) 491-4383 or (904)237-7324

3BR/2BA SINGLEWIDE - on one acre, off island. \$750/mo. + \$700 deposit. (904)753-2155

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MH FOR RENT - 2BR/1.5BA on large lake lot. W/D included. \$700/mo. + \$700 dep. Service animals only. Call (904)277-7132.

852 Mobile Homes

2BR/2BA SWMH - on 1/2 acre lot Yulee area. \$700/mo. + \$700 dep. (904) 491-4383 or (904)237-7324

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855 Apartments Furnished

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2007-CA-498 DIVISION A

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. KIM NGUYEN, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling a Foreclosure Sale dated 13 January, 2009 and entered in Case No. 2007-CA-498 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for NASSAU County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and KIM NGUYEN, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE; GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDINGS, INC. as the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at NASSAU JUDICIAL ANNEX, 76347 VETERANS WAY, YULEE, FLORIDA at 11:30AM, on the 17th day of February, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 196 OF TIMBER CREEK PLANTATION PHASE ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 394, RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN PARTIES OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A 76117 DEERWOOD DRIVE, YULEE, FL 32097

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the said Court on 15 February, 2009.

John A. Crawford, Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ C. Easterwood Deputy Clerk Florida Default Law Group, P.L. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F07049170 NMNC-SPECFHLMC-R-ajayska Americans with Disabilities Act

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance please contact the circuit court at (904) 321-5709. 21 01-21-28-2009 7207

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL DIVISION

CASE NO: 07-CA-224

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY F/K/A BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A. Plaintiff,

vs. JACQUELINE H. BRAUDA A/K/A JACQUELINE HOPE BRAUDA; ROBERT NORMAN NOBLES; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION DEFENDANT(S)

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting the Motion to Reset Foreclosure Sale dated January 9, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 07-CA-224 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for NASSAU COUNTY, YULEE, Florida. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Nassau Judicial Annex of the NASSAU County Courthouse, 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, Florida, at 11:30 a.m. on the 13 day of February, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 34, SHERWOOD FOREST, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 10 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 1996 MOBILE VIN#S

GAFLS35A10862HH22 AND GAFLS35C1082H2H22. Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure sale, recorded in the Public Records of Nassau County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Nassau County, Florida, described as follows:

LOT 7, BLOCK 8, BUCK'S FERNANDINA BEACH, SECTION TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A 2621 First Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. At the west door of the Nassau County Judicial Annex, 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, FL 32097 at 11:30 a.m., on February 13, 2009.

DATED THIS 9 DAY OF January, 2009.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 12 day of January, 2009.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation should contact COURT ADMINISTRATION, at the NASSAU County Courthouse at NONE, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or (904) 321-5709, via Florida Relay Service.

DAVID J. STERN, PA., 900 SOUTH PINE ISLAND ROAD SUITE 400 PLANTATION, FL 33324-3920 (954) 233-8000 Fax (954) 233-8705 TDD (904) 321-5709 (EMC) 05-46523 (EMC) 21 01-21-28-2009 7203

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 08 CA 401

AURORA LOAN SERVICES LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. ANN C. NUÑEZ, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANN C. NUÑEZ; DANIEL M. WHITFIELD; ROBIN R. WHITFIELD; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; UNKNOWN TENANT #3; UNKNOWN TENANT #4; Defendant(s)

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure sale, recorded in the above-styled case, in the Circuit Court of Nassau County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Nassau County, Florida, described as follows:

LOT 7, BLOCK 8, BUCK'S FERNANDINA BEACH, SECTION TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A 2621 First Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. At the west door of the Nassau County Judicial Annex, 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, FL 32097 at 11:30 a.m., on February 13, 2009.

DATED THIS 9 DAY OF January, 2009.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 12 day of January, 2009.

John A. Crawford, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ Tracy Poore Deputy Clerk Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra 9204 Palm Drive Tampa, FL 33619-1328 Attorneys for Plaintiff

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ASA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceedings. If hearing impaired, please call (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-9770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service. 21 01-21-28-2009 7202

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 2008-CA-76

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS BANKER'S TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiff,

vs. DARRYL DAYSON, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure, dated 8 January, 2009, and entered in

Case No. 2008-CA-76 of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Nassau County, Florida

in which Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas formerly known as Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian, is the Plaintiff and Darryl Dayson, Leslie Dayson, Harrison Cove Villas at Summer Beach Condominium Association, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on Nassau County, Florida at on the 11th day of February, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

UNIT NO. 6C, BUILDING 3, HARRISON COVE VILLAS AT SUMMER BEACH, SECTION 3, MINIMUM, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED SHARE IN THOSE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANCE THEREOF, AS SPECIFIED IN THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 1370, PAGE 1244, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A 95024 BARCLAY PLACE #6C, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated in Nassau County, Florida this 9th day of January, 2009.

John A. Crawford, Clerk of the Circuit Court Nassau County, Florida By: /s/ C. Easterwood Deputy Clerk Florida Default Law Group, P.L. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 07-03590

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at (904) 630-2564, within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. 21 01-21-28-2009 7204

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization Association, Inc. will hold a Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the Ios Room, Racquet Park, Amelia Island, Florida. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should call 432-1723 at least 24 hours in advance to request such accommodations. 21 01-28, 02-04-2009 7210

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FLORIDA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 45-2008-CA-000765

WELLS FARGO BANK N.A. Plaintiff,

vs. PATRICK B. WHEELLESS, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: PATRICK B. WHEELLESS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 9241 Ford Road Bryceville, FL 32009

CURRENT ADDRESS: NETLAVANH WHEELLESS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 9941 Ford Road Bryceville, FL 32009

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

UNKNOWN UNKNOWN CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in NASSAU COUNTY, Florida: LOT 1, CALICO RIDGE, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 42 AND 53, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Florida Default Law Group, P.L.

Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 19 Corporate Lakes Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Fernandina Beach News Leader. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 15th day of January, 2009.

John A. Crawford, Clerk of the Court By: /s/ Heather Nazworth As Deputy Clerk Florida Default Law Group, P.L. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 NMNC-VA-R-khartmaier-F08101016

Americans with Disabilities Act

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance please contact the circuit court at (904) 321-5709. 21 01-21-28-2009 7208

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROCEEDING

FILE NO. 45-2009-CP-02

DIVISION B

IN RE: ESTATE OF ADELAIDE SHERWOOD RAY ROBB, Deceased.

CREDITORS The administration of the estate of ADELAIDE SHERWOOD RAY ROBB, whose date of death was November 25, 2008, is pending in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida. Probate proceedings are being conducted at the address of which 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, FL 32097. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

CREDITORS The administration of the estate of ADELAIDE SHERWOOD RAY ROBB, whose date of death was November 25, 2008, is pending in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida. Probate proceedings are being conducted at the address of which 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, FL 32097. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL OTHER CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF ADELAIDE SHERWOOD RAY ROBB, whose date of death was November 25, 2008, is pending in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida. Probate proceedings are being conducted at the address of which 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, FL 32097. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO BE PRESENT AND TO BE HEARD, IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD, AGENCY OR COMMISSIONER OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA. FOREST RIDGE VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at NASSAU JUDICIAL ANNEX, 76347 VETERAN'S WAY, YULEE, FLORIDA at 11:30AM, on the 25th day of February, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THAT CERTAIN CONDOMINIUM PARCEL LOCATED IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMPOSED OF CONDOMINIUM BUILDING "I" UNIT NUMBER 390, A PART UNDIVIDED SHARE OF CONDOMINIUM FOR FOREST RIDGE VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM, MADE BY SPONSOR, CHELL AMERICAN, A FLORIDA GENERAL PARTNERSHIP PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 718, OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES, WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 380, PAGE 237, AS AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 384, PAGE 75; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 390, PAGE 112; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 392, PAGE 695; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 398, PAGE 380, OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 398, PAGE 382; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 402, PAGE 611; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 409, PAGE 413; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 436, PAGE 65; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 602, PAGE 120 AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 925, PAGE 887, AS RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN AMENDING ORDINANCE 81-8, AS AMENDED, WHICH ADOPTED A PURCHASE POLICY FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF NASSAU COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 3, DEF-

initions, to INCLUDE LOBBYING SERVICES AS AN EXEMPTION UNDER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF PURCHASE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Copies of the Ordinance are available at the Clerk's Office of the Judicial Annex, Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ C. Easterwood Deputy Clerk Florida Default Law Group, P.L. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F07049170 NMNC-SPECFHLMC-R-ajayska Americans with Disabilities Act

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance please contact the circuit court at (904) 321-5709. 21 01-21-28-2009 7209

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSIDER ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, at a Regular meeting to be held on Monday, the 9th day of February, 2009, at 7:00 PM, at the Commission Chambers, located in the James S. Bopp Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida, intends to consider for adoption the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2009- AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 98-26, AS AMENDED, WHICH AMENDED ORDINANCE 81-8, AS AMENDED, WHICH ADOPTED A PURCHASE POLICY FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF NASSAU COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 3, DEF-

initions, to INCLUDE LOBBYING SERVICES AS AN EXEMPTION UNDER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF PURCHASE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Copies of the Ordinance are available at the Clerk's Office of the Judicial Annex, Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ C. Easterwood Deputy Clerk Florida Default Law Group, P.L. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F07049170 NMNC-SPECFHLMC-R-ajayska Americans with Disabilities Act

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Individuals with disabilities needing a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance please contact the circuit court at (904) 321-5709. 21 01-21-28-2009 7213

Individuals with disabilities needing a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance please contact the circuit court at (904) 321-5709. 21 01-21-28-2009 7213

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Individuals with disabilities needing a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no

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835 ELLEN ST. - (off Tarpon), 2BR/1.5BA TH. Close to beach. \$875/mo. Nick Deonas Realty, Inc. (904)277-0006

2BR/1BA LOWER UNIT DUPLEX - North end of island. \$850/mo. + \$800 deposit. (904)753-2155

NICE 2BR/1BA - Newly refurbished. \$480-\$580/mo. (904)315-1757 or 613-8401.

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OCEAN VIEW 2BR - No lease. Service animals only. \$800/mo. + security deposit. Call (904)261-7750 after 6pm.

857 Condos-Furnished

Furnished Oceanview Condo for Rent
2BR, beautiful hardwood & ceramic tile floors, all new appliances incl flat-screened TV. \$875/month. 904-430-0244.

RENT TO OWN - 3BR/2BA, 1100 sq ft. Newly remodeled w/private balcony, pool, tennis courts, \$950/mo., includes utilities. Call (904)277-8993

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2BR/1.5BA TOWNHOUSE - 1 & 1/2 blks to beach. Renovated. Patio, W/D, new appliances. \$1000/mo. 833A Tarpon Ave. (904)206-0817

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859 Homes-Furnished

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860 Homes-Unfurnished

3/3 ON PINEY ISLAND - Fully remodeled, large fenced yard, screened lanai, 2-car garage. \$1300/mo. negotiable. Lease purchase possible. Amelia Island Properties (904)415-1053.

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THE PRESERVE AT SUMMER BEACH - 3BR/2BA custom home, 2-car garage. \$1400/mo. AMELIA RENTALS (904) 261-9129.

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3BR/2BA NEW HOME - for rent. \$1300/mo. + \$1300 deposit. Gated community off island. Please call (904) 491-4383 or (904)237-7324.

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ALMOST NEW - 3BR/2BA. Yulee, Heron Isles. Month to month. \$850/mo. (916)622-3754

3BR/2BA - 2 car gar, 1600 sq. ft. newer home, cul-de-sac, free cable, large yard, pond. No smoking. \$930/mo. Heron Isles in Yulee. (617) 899-5280

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