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More turmoil roils Animal Services

SIÂN PERRY
News Leader

Chris Barnes is out and Mimi Vitale is in as the new interim director of Nassau County Animal Services, said Sheriff Tommy Seagraves, who took control of the agency last April. Seagraves said Vitale is a certified animal control officer and has "a whole list of qualifications," but said he

was unable to fax or e-mail those to the *News Leader*. The newspaper has made a public records request for the documents, including any showing Vitale's experience running county animal control facilities. Two employees have quit since Vitale took over - adoption coordinator Susan Perry and animal control



Seagraves



Vitale

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New phone numbers save county money

RYAN SMITH
News Leader

Several Nassau County departments now have new telephone numbers. The change comes as a result of changing from AT&T to an in-house phone service, said Technical Services Director Mark Johnson. "We're moving off of the AT&T system and going onto our own system. It's a huge cost-saving measure. It basically upgrades performance at lesser cost," Johnson said. "We actually moved about 50 telephone numbers,

New county numbers

Human Resources: . . . 491-7322
 Growth Management: . . . 491-7328
 Code Enforcement: . . . 491-7326
 Engineering Dept.: . . . 491-7330

which is a total of about 16 lines we were able to cancel because we're putting them on the county's voice-over-IP system."

The plan to switch numbers was
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City to explore privatizing marina



GALE JAMEYSON/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

Dense fog hangs over the city marina on the Amelia River waterfront Tuesday, looking south from the deck at Brett's Waterway Café.

City won't return federal marina grant

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News Leader

In spite of some bad memories from two decades ago, Fernandina Beach Commissioners agreed Wednesday to look into the possibility of leasing the city marina to a private operator. Commissioners also agreed, in general, that it would be a mistake to give back a grant that the city received in 2006 to make improvements for transient boaters. The Waterfronts Florida Partnership recently suggested the city should take another look at the BigP grant and its requirements, but according to Patricia Harrell of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission, which administers the grant, the city would have to pay back \$800,000. Commissioner Ron Sapp reminded that the city's leasing the marina to a private operator in the 1980s had been a disaster for the city. "The city marina" was losing \$18,000 to \$20,000 a year," he said. "We looked at leasing it out. We essentially looked at one group. ... They created a corporation

'It's like the Three Stooges' half-wit cousins are trying to run a marina.'

MAYOR BRUCE MALCOLM



within a corporation and they paid themselves ... and what was left over, we got a percentage of that." "The marina operators" went in with very big plans," Sapp said, "I think some of them lost interest in it. Finally, the commission said 'we want the marina back' and it cost a lot of taxpayer money." Wednesday's workshop started with a comprehensive financial analysis of the city marina operation by Dave Lott, who put together the study from marina management sources and the city finance department. Lott explained that, although the marina has done a good job of containing operating expenses, fuel sales and dockage fees have been flat since around 2003. And two major sources of revenue

the marina does not have, said Lott, are dry boat storage and boat/engine maintenance and repair. "Without those revenue sources," said Lott, "it's going to be extremely difficult for the marina to really ever generate enough income to recover its debt service." His suggestion was for the city to "set some parameters, look at scenarios and put together a business case analysis." Lott also said it would be "financially foolish" to turn away the BigP grant, which was awarded to the city in 2006, and is meant to help the city marina attract visiting boaters. "We've already accepted just under \$800,000, which would have to be turned back over," said Lott.

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Cruise ship terminal worth \$400 million, study says

Community Newspapers

An economic study sponsored by the University of North Florida determined that a cruise terminal at Mayport fishing village would have more than a \$400 million impact on the local economy in its first six years. After receiving the report at a meeting Monday, Jaxport's board authorized staff to solicit quotes for the design and construction of a cruise terminal in the Mayport area. According to port officials, the decision to move ahead will allow the board to refine initial estimates to let the board know exactly how much it will cost to build a cruise terminal. Port board members will still have to vote on whether or not to proceed with actual design and construction at a future board meeting. That vote could be contingent on the Jacksonville City Council approving rezoning of property in Mayport. In addition, Mayport residents and others opposed to the cruise ship oper-

ation have filed a lawsuit to block ships from using the village. If a cruise terminal were not to be approved for Mayport, it is possible that Jaxport could consider Amelia Island, where some Fernandina Beach city officials have encouraged the prospect. Jacksonville Councilman Art Graham, who represents much of the county's beaches on the county board, said a vote on the zoning decision will not be this week. He also said that he believes that a workable arrangement is possible, but "what we have currently on the table won't work." I think that this going to a legal battle will drag this out and probably kill it," Graham said Tuesday. At the Jaxport meeting, three PowerPoint presentations detailed the cruise ship industry and economic impacts. The presentations included information on a new terminal; the cruise market outlook and potential in

CRUISE Continued on 4A

CLOSING THE SHUTTER

Nassau County native Bill Zetterower shoots film for First Coast News, TV Channel 12 in Jacksonville. Zetterower, 61, has retired from the station, where he began in 1975 and ultimately became chief photographer, managing a staff of a dozen. Zetterower has won an Emmy, the Unsung Hero award from Gannett Corp., and was the honoree of the 2008 Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival. More than 200 guests attended a retirement party Saturday, including local TV personalities Jeannie Blalock, Donna Deegan, Tim Deegan, Deanna Fene, Phil Amato, Steve Smith, Patty Crosby and Angela Spears. The event was emceed by Dan Hicken, and there were video congratulations from Matt Lauer, Meredith Vieira, Kerry Sanders and Lester Holt of NBC News. A special dedicated service award was given by Nassau County Sheriff Tommy Seagraves. Zetterower said he plans to slow down and enjoy life with his wife of 41 years, Kathleen, their children and eight grandchildren.

SUBMITTED



Church for arts study suggested

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News Leader

The Fernandina Beach Arts Council has called for an additional study of the former First Baptist Church downtown as a performing arts center. The former sanctuary at Fifth and Alachua streets is being considered for a multi-function space for special events in the city. Its purchase could be part of a plan that includes moving City Hall to the downtown post office and construction of a new library. According to an e-mail from staff coordinator Scott Mikelson to recreation director Nan Voit, the city arts council needs \$2,000 for architectural consultant Surber, Barber, Choate & Hertlein to make floor plan sketches for the project. It was also suggested that the architectural firm use a

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LOOKING BACK

50 YEARS AGO

Fund purchase list. January 25, 1984

The Blue Seas restaurant was robbed for the fifth time, with losses set at \$350. January 29, 1959

25 YEARS AGO

More than 300 acres adjacent to Fort Clinch State Park was included on the State Land Acquisition Trust

10 YEARS AGO

The family of Mary Lee Jones, who lived at the old Harrison Plantation in the 1880s, donated her 112-year-old wedding gown to the Amelia Island Museum of History. February 3, 1999

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Table with 5 columns: Day (Fri 1/30, Sat 1/31, Sun 2/1, Mon 2/2, Tue 2/3), High/Low, and Weather description. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

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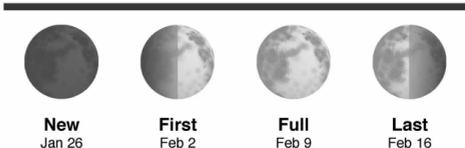
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Moon Phases



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WEEKLY UPDATE

Meeting canceled

The Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board meeting scheduled for Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. has been cancelled.

TLC moving

TLC Pregnancy Center will be relocating to The Salvation Army Hope House on the corner of Ninth and Date streets in Fernandina Beach.

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

Coping with blindness

The Nassau Council of the Visually Impaired and Blind will meet Feb. 2 from 1-3 p.m. at the Council on Aging, 1367 South 18th St.

River meeting

The next meeting of the St. Marys River Management Committee is Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. in the County Building, 45401 Mickler St., Callahan.

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.

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.

Ariel Patterson, JALA staff attorney and Equal Justice Works fellow, presents topics including debt collection, small claims, bankruptcy, foreclosure, and ID theft.

ing Cynthia Johnson of JALA at (904) 356-8371, ext. 307, or Sue Powell of the Nassau County Clerk of Courts office at 548-4551.

AARP meeting

The East Nassau County Chapter #4608 of AARP will hold its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Feb. 10 at the Council on Aging building.

The chapter faces many challenges and needs new members so that seniors may be counted in the future of the country. Current members are urged to attend and bring a new member.

Any senior who is a member of the national organization of AARP may join the local chapter, or the chapter will sign them up for national if they are 50 or older.

Library board

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

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

Open house

Florida Community College at Jacksonville is hosting a free Collegewide Open House at its Advanced Technology Center (ATC) on Feb. 19 from 5:30-8 p.m.

The ATC is located at 401 W. State St. For more information call (904) 680-3225 or visit www.fccj.edu

Financial workshop

The Northeast Florida Community Action Agency will host a free financial workshop on money management on Feb. 21 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The workshop will focus on "Turning it around is as easy as A-B-C: Assets - Claim your Earned Income Tax Credit and get paid for saving money. Banking - Open or re-open a bank or credit union account to save check-cashing fees.

To reserve your space, call the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency at 261-0801, Monday through

Free tax assistance

The Nassau County Public Library System and the Nassau County Council on Aging are offering free tax assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

Appointments will be taken first. Please bring: Photo ID, Social Security card, last year tax return and economic stimulus payment.

Dates and locations are: In February, 1-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Council on Aging, 1367 South 18th St., and 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the MLK Center, 1200 Elm St.

Aging and 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the MLK Center. April, through April 13, 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Council on Aging and 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the MLK Center.

To make appointments call your local library branch: Fernandina Beach, 277-7365; Yulee, 548-4467; Callahan, (904) 879-3434; Bryceville, (904) 266-9813; and Hilliard, (904) 845-2495

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate should call 277-7365 or the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771 at least 72 hours in advance.

OBITUARIES

Margery Huston Freas

Margery Huston Freas of Amelia Island, formerly of York and Felton, Pa., died peacefully on Jan 26, 2009 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.



She and husband, Arthur Freas, who survives her, were married June 19, 1948, in Des Moines. She is also survived by sons, Lawrence H. Freas, wife, Carole, of Charlottesville, Va., and Donald A. Freas of Olympia, Wash.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, from New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Fernandina Beach, with the Rev. Jeremiah Robinson officiating. The cortege will assemble and depart from the residence. Mr. McHenry will be laid to rest in Bosque Bello Cemetery.

Guests and friends are invited to visit from 5-7 p.m. tonight at Oxley-Heard Funeral Home.

Please share his life story at www.oxleyheard.com. Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Ernest James Franklin Melton

Ernest James Franklin Melton, 63 of Callahan passed away on Jan. 21, 2009 at Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville.

He was born on Oct. 12, 1945, to the late Malgo Mae Garvin Melton and Allen Melton Sr. in Callahan. Ernest received his education at Pine Forest High School and was employed as security person-

nel with William M. Raines High School in Jacksonville. He was a member of Greater Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Callahan, and was also a member of the City Wide Male Chorus and the Champion Lodge #2 of Callahan.

Survivors include: a wife, Dorothy Cleopatra Melton, his children, Ernest Melton Jr., Renard Lucas, Michael Forte, Mary Helen (Slaver) Forrest, Amy Brown, Miriam Hands and Felicia Barnes, 18 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, his father, Allen Melton Sr., siblings, Joyce (Joseph) Melton, Evang. Betty (the Rev. Eugene) Williams, Carolyn Moore, Allen (Brenda) Melton Jr., Vernita Thomas, Freddie Melton, Annette Melton, Rodell (Patricia) Melton, George L. Melton, Archie (Catherine) Melton, Eddie L. Melton, Claudia (Darryl) Simmons, Cecil Haynes, Randy (Cora) Boatwright, Violet, Barbara (Clyde), Rose Mary, Brenda, Deborah (Derriel), Ingrid (Joshua), Carla, Antoinette (Jackie), Gladys (Kelvin), Stacey, Latreae (Darryl), Valerie, Benjamin Jr. (Roberta), Derrick Sr. and Gladys Henry. A longtime, dedicated and devoted companion, Janet "Jeanette" Deneffield; godchildren, Chantay Ford and Erin Simmons; godmother, Lula M. Williams; godbrother, Eddie L. "BB" Jordan; special friends, the Rev. Tyrone, the Rev. Thomas III, Dea. Thomas Jr., Terrell and Travis Blue and a host of other relatives and friends also survive.

Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight at Greater Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 45031 Historical Lane, Callahan. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009 at 1 p.m. at Greater Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 4531 Historical Lane, Callahan, the Rev. C.J. Brown officiating. Interment will be in Callahan Community Cemetery.

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Luther McHenry Sr.

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

Born in Fernandina, he was a son of the late Johnny and Drudella Young McHenry. He had attended Peck High School in Fernandina. Mr. McHenry had resided in Jacksonville from 1959 until 2008, during which time he commuted to and worked at ITT Rayonier in Fernandina Beach as a Recovery Boiler Operator for over 30 years.

After retiring, he could always be counted on to provide transportation to friends needing a ride to various appointments. He was a Charter Member, joining the B.P.O.E. Oceanfront Lodge No. 1410 of Fernandina in July of 1954. During his lifetime, he regularly attended New Zion Missionary Baptist

Church in Fernandina Beach. He leaves behind, a daughter, Drudella M. Calhoun, Fernandina Beach, a son, Luther McHenry Jr., Jacksonville, one brother, Richard McHenry and his wife, Sherry, Tampa, one sister, Cornelia Johnson, Columbus, Ga., a dear friend, Dollie Watkins, Fernandina Beach, six grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, from New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Fernandina Beach, with the Rev. Jeremiah Robinson officiating. The cortege will assemble and depart from the residence. Mr. McHenry will be laid to rest in Bosque Bello Cemetery.

Guests and friends are invited to visit from 5-7 p.m. tonight at Oxley-Heard Funeral Home.

Please share his life story at www.oxleyheard.com. Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

FOR THE RECORD

The Nassau Humane Society Dog Park sells lifetime memberships at \$1,000 for one dog and \$1,200 for two.

It does not have that number of membership contracts, as was misstated in a story on page 4 Jan. 23.

The Council on Aging's third annual "Drive One for COA" golf tournament Feb. 16 will raise funds to purchase vans for its transportation program. The beneficiary was misidentified in the Jan. 21 Golf News column.

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Obituary for Elliott James Richo, Sr., acknowledging deep appreciation for his long illness and this time of bereavement. Signed by the Medical Staff at Baptist Medical Center Nassau.

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officer Gil Mixson. "They didn't give me a reason, neither one," said Seagraves. "We all have our speculations, but that would be just speculation," he said, referring to rumors that they could not work with Vitale. "If it's her, I'd like to know why it's her," the sheriff said.

According to the Florida Animal Control Association, Vitale took an Animal Control Officer exam in October. Its website also shows she took a chemical immobilization class last July. However, John Mays of the National Animal Control Association said, "We have no record of anyone by that name as attending a NACA certification course."

Vitale will be handling the "day-to-day operations" at the shelter and a person named "B.J." will work on training personnel, the sheriff said. "She's just there temporarily," Seagraves said of Vitale, whose husband, Larry, donated \$300 to the sheriff's reelection campaign. Seagraves said a national search is on for a new director and he hopes to have a qualified person in place within 60 days. Sunday is the cutoff date for applicants.

"Hopefully we will have a fast response," he said.

As for how much Vitale will be paid, Seagraves said "we're still working on that - I think she's wanting it to go to her res-

cue groups and we're trying to determine whether legally we can do that." Barnes' salary was about \$60,000 a year.

In the past Vitale has said she was with Adopt a Rescued Kitty Inc., based in Neptune Beach, and its "rescued dog division," Animals In Need USA. The former is registered as a charitable organization with the IRS and the Florida Division of Consumer Services.

Edith Alcorn, listed as the director of Adopt a Rescued Kitty Inc., was investigated by Neptune Beach Police and Jacksonville Animal Care and Control in July 2006 after "dozens and dozens" of cats were found in her home along with stacks of canned cat food, empty litter boxes and other items stored outside.

Neighbors reported the situation to law enforcement when the odor of cat waste could be detected three houses away, according to news reports at the time. Police estimated up to 100 cats may have been in the house, and said while there did not appear to be cruelty to the animals, the environment was a health hazard to humans. Alcorn was ordered to relocate the cats and clean up the property or face possible demolition of the building.

Gay Lou Rutledge, a neighbor in the same 300 block of Oceanwood Drive as Alcorn, said the problem was cleared up and since it was resolved,

"it's pretty much stayed the same." She said Alcorn does not live at the house, but "she's there off and on" to tend to the cats still living there.

Meanwhile, Barnes, who was hired by Seagraves last April from Alachua County Animal Control, has accepted a position as a corrections officer at the Nassau County Jail, and a pay cut of more than \$30,000. Jan. 15 was his last day at the shelter.

"Chris was an excellent worker, but leadership abilities ... I think he was lacking in that," said Seagraves.

As for the future of Nassau County Animal Services, which suffered from years of mismanagement and lack of funding under the county's control and was transferred to the sheriff's department by the county commission last April, Seagraves said he is "still on board for right now."

"It assumes a good amount of my time," he said, and admitted that at times he has been ready to hand the job back to the county. "I've had some days where I just about did. But I just remember the purpose for why we took it over. As it stands today, I'm in it heart and soul."

"We've come a long way," he added. "We've seen (the number of complaints) go down and we are getting a lot of positive feedback in letters and cards." sperry@fbnewsleader.com

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comprehensive feasibility study done in June 2007 to "help with the visualization."

An e-mail from Thomas F. Little of Surber, Barber, Choate & Hertlein to City Manager Michael Czymbor indicates the firm has proposed up to six floor plan sketches of the sanctuary space, plus sectional sketches, a conceptual scope of the work, electronic copies and a cost estimate.

The Atlanta-based firm is asking for a base fee "not to exceed \$2,400," plus up to \$900 for travel expenses.

"To assist with this effort," writes Little, "we are able to use our earlier research, including existing drawings and photographs, to study how the sanctuary, and in particular, a recon-

figured altar and stage area might serve a variety of performance types."

According to an e-mail from Czymbor, the additional work by the architectural firm will not require city commission approval because the Arts Council has already received a \$5,000 appropriation from the city in this fiscal year. The council, says Czymbor, will have to decide whether it wants to pay for the architectural firm's proposal for the additional work.

Surber, Barber, Choate & Hertlein was hired in 2007 by Friends of the Library, Fernandina Beach, to conduct a \$50,000 feasibility study of the "civic relocation project" for downtown, which included the First Baptist Church, the downtown post office, City Hall and the Fernandina Beach branch

library. Funds for the study came from the city of Fernandina Beach, Nassau County, Friends of the Library and the Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach Restoration Foundation.

The 2007 feasibility study came up with three possible options for the relocation project, with the least expensive alternative costing about \$12 million. The study also concluded that the First Baptist Church sanctuary was suitable to be adapted as "a meeting or small performance space." adaughtry@fbnewsleader.com

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ROAD TO BE CLOSED



RYAN SMITH/NEWS-LEADER

Traffic cones guide motorists around road construction at the intersection of 14th Street and Amelia Island Parkway, where a roundabout is being constructed. The work will lead to the closure of 14th Street starting next week, according to signs in the area. A detour route will be set up along Simmons and Amelia roads. The road could be closed until March 4, according to the county, which is funding the project.

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Johnson's brainchild. "I get tasked to try and save money if we can, and find feasible methods where we don't cut down on service but can cut down on costs," he said.

The Code Enforcement, Growth Management, Engineering and Human Resources departments all have new phone numbers.

"We've actually got one department left - that's the Road and Bridge Department out in Hilliard, and they're slated to switch over next month," Johnson said.

For the departments that have completed the switch, the

old numbers went offline Wednesday - but customers calling those numbers will hear a recorded message advising them of the new numbers.

The savings will be significant, Johnson said. "Initially we're looking at 16 telephone lines at about \$25 per line per month," he said. "That's about \$5,000 per year, and that's not even making any phone calls - that's just the cost of service. When you add phone calls on top, we're probably saving about \$15,000 per year."

Even with the savings, it took awhile to make the change. "We've been trying to get it implemented now for the last three to four months,"

Johnson said. "...There's an initial cost for the telephone. It was hard. Budgets were tight, and nobody had the initial outlay even though it paid for itself within six months. That's one of the reasons it took so long. The departments were for it - it was just finding the funding."

Johnson said the change would also simplify life for the departments' customers. "This makes it easier for the citizens too, because there's only one telephone number for each department," he said. "It doesn't block calls - that one telephone number can take four to five calls at any given time." rsmith@fbnewsleader.com

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FPU to Announce Energy Conservation Challenge Winner at Big Tent Event

(Fernandina Beach, Fla.) - The first ever Florida Public Utilities (FPU) 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 the conservation-oriented Big Tent Event on February 4, FPU will announce the NE 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 8th Street, 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 Energy Saver Kits to help customers implement the conservation tips they learn. Refreshments will also be served.

"I am looking forward to the Big Tent Event and the naming of our Energy Conservation Challenge winner," said Jay Smith, FPU energy conservation representative. "The event is an opportunity for me to work one on one with customers to answer questions about conserving energy and offer FPU's expert knowledge in energy efficiency."

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.

"I am so proud that a large number of customers signed up to participate in the Energy Conservation Challenge," said Mark Cutshaw, general manager for FPU's Northeast Division. "The Energy Conservation Challenge is a great opportunity to make conservation fun for the entire family while establishing energy saving habits that will produce reductions in electric bills."

Florida Public Utilities Company is a publicly traded utility company, which since 1924, has provided safe, reliable and competitively priced energy as well as value added services to over 94,000 customers in growing markets throughout Florida.



Tornado warning (drill) Wednesday

Feb. 1-7 is Florida's Hazardous Weather Awareness Week, and a live tornado warning drill will occur Wednesday.

At approximately 10:10 a.m., National Weather Service forecast offices serving Florida will transmit a practice tornado warning. This warning will be transmitted through NOAA Weather Radio. Some local

radio and TV stations and Emergency Management offices may also relay this warning.

The practice tornado warning will be canceled at 10:30 a.m.

In the event of adverse weather the drill will be postponed until Friday from 10:10-10:30 a.m.

The NWS Jacksonville Drill

Tornado Warning will be issued for North Florida counties including Nassau and Duval. All Florida counties will participate through their regional National Weather Service office.

National Weather Service offices in Georgia will conduct a similar live tornado drill from 9:10 to 9:30 a.m. that same morning.

City to honor activist with street dedication

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

Verna Haynes Bell, a well-known community activist who died last October, will be honored with a portion of an Amelia Island highway dedicated to her memory.

City commissioners voted unanimously at their Jan. 20 meeting to dedicate part of South Eighth Street, to be called "Verna Bell Way," to the well-loved resident who died Oct. 10 at age 55.

Commissioners voted to add the item to the agenda as an emergency request, and agreed that a portion of A1A, or South Eighth Street, between Lime and Beech streets should be designated in recognition of Bell's contribution to the city of Fernandina Beach. They also agreed to send a letter out to county commissioners in support of the dedication.

Angie Hall of Bryceville, along with County



Bell

Commissioner Danny Leeper, brought the request forward at the city commission meeting, Hall told commissioners she had attended the Nassau County Legislative Delegation and already broached the subject with State Rep. Janet Adkins and State Sens. James King and Stephen Wise.

Leeper expressed his support for the request, saying that he could take back the minutes of the city commission meeting for approval of county commissioners, so that some portion of A1A could be memorialized to Bell. He would then take the request to the state before the Sunday deadline.

"I think that's appropriate, that area (on Eighth Street), because Verna spent so much

time with the Democratic Club," said City Clerk Mary Mercer.

Bell was known in the community as a devoted Democrat, and served as the vice chair of the Nassau County Democratic Executive Committee as well as president of the Democratic Black Caucus of Nassau County. She also was active in the NAACP and was former chair of the city's Housing Authority. She also led school-supply drives and a package drive for U.S. Army soldiers serving in Iraq.

Although Bell met President Barack Obama while he was campaigning in Jacksonville, and was excited about his nomination, she did not live long enough to see him elected.

"Ms. Bell is certainly worth everything we've said here tonight," said Commissioner Ron Sapp. "There are so many people that have given so much, that I wish we could do this for a lot more people."

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MARINA *Continued from 1A*

"The only (grant requirement) left to do is the Marine Welcome Center, and we would have to (maintain) the docks anyway."

"I think we should proceed with the BigP grant," said Commissioner Eric Childers. "I think we would jeopardize our credibility for receiving future grants."

"I've been most concerned with the BigP grant," said Commissioner Susan Steger. "We're building a welcome station we don't really want. ... We would have to borrow money to pay back \$769,000 that we have already spent. We would still need to work on our docks ... that would be about \$280,000, and then we've got bathrooms that need to be fixed up and exteriors that need to look inviting. We're looking at \$1 million, \$1.1 million."

"We can learn a lot if we go out to bid (for a private marina operator)," said Steger. "We may not want to do it but let's start the process and get going."

"It doesn't cost us a dime to get somebody in here and make a proposal," said Mayor Bruce Malcolm. "If we want to tell them to take a hike, there's

the door right over there. To preclude that kind of discussion seems pretty shortsighted to me. ... I've been involved with this marina for a long time. ... It's like the Three Stooges' half-wit cousins are trying to run a marina."

Sapp said he was not opposed to getting proposals on a marina lease. But, he said, "Logic dictates that someone is not going to want to come in and take it over as is."

"The likelihood of ever running this marina at a profit is zero," said resident Lynn Williams. "And therefore the notion that somebody's going to come in and we're going to pay the debt service so they can make a profit ... is likely zero, too."

"They will have to report monthly to the BigP program manager," Williams continued. "Perhaps most onerous of all is that they will have to open their books as a subcontractor to the city ... private companies don't like to do that."

Real estate broker Tony Quattrocchi said he was approached about eight months ago by a national marina operator who has also met with private landowners on the north side of the waterfront. Their goal, said Quattrocchi,

was to have a marina to lease on a long-term basis to complement their other 15 marinas on the East Coast.

"If the commission decides to let the city manager go out for request for proposals," said Sapp, "I would encourage you not to make the same mistake the commission made in the mid-'80s and start listening to (just) one group first, because then you develop relationships within the commission, and the commission doesn't hear anybody else."

City Manager Michael Czymbor said that any RFPs would have to include grant and other provisions in the terms and conditions. "The leaseholders) would be bound by the terms and conditions of the lease," said Czymbor, "and understanding that we have a contract with the state and federal government."

The city's last marina loan, according to Lott's study, was in 2005. The city took out a 15-year loan of \$5.1 million from Bank of America, with a fixed interest rate of 3.77 percent. Most of the available funds of \$2.4 million, said Lott, went for marina dredging in fiscal year 2006, with roughly \$218,000 left to draw from that loan.

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MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC BULLETIN
Public Information Notification

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.

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was created by the industry during the same period, with a payroll of \$120 million, Rubin said.

The numbers do not include any economic impact from construction spending. It has been estimated that it will cost \$60 million to build a cruise terminal and install cruise-related amenities. Rubin said that number is based on a concept and not actual designs.

Port officials noted that the market outlook includes projections, but Jaxport currently does not have cruise contracts beyond its current contract with

Carnival Cruise Lines for passenger service aboard the Carnival Fascination.

Financial reports presented to the board stated that the cruise terminal project would pay for itself based on projected revenues.

Prior to issuing revenue bonds to finance the project, Jaxport would need to obtain an updated market and financial analysis from a qualified feasibility consultant showing that it could support the additional indebtedness, the report stated.

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Crenshaw votes no on stimulus plan

U.S. Rep. Ander Crenshaw was among those who voted against a proposed federal economic stimulus bill Wednesday.

The U.S. House of Representatives approved H.R. 1, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, by a vote of 244 to 188. The legislation will provide the federal government with \$825 billion to spend with the intention of stimulating growth in the U.S. economy.

All Republicans voted against the bill, which had the support of President Barack Obama and the Democratic majority in the House. Crenshaw, who represents Florida's Fourth Congressional District, is a Republican.

"Everyone agrees we can't afford to sit on the sidelines and do nothing, but we also can't afford to do the wrong thing," he said in a press release Wednesday night. "This bill is loaded with waste and projects that won't grow the economy or create jobs. The only thing this bill will grow is the size of government."

Congressional Budget Office Director Douglas Elmendorf recently acknowledged that the federal government's cost in borrowing the \$825 billion would amount to \$347 billion between 2009 and 2019, bringing the total cost of the stimulus package to more than \$1.1 trillion.

"The price tag of this package isn't the only scary thing. The closer we look at it, the more non-stimulative, non-job creating and questionable spending we find - like \$335 million for sexually transmitted disease (STD) education and prevention programs. Most Americans are asking the same question as I am, 'How will that jump start the economy?'" said Crenshaw.

Other items in H.R. 1 that Crenshaw cited include \$650 million in coupons for digital TV converter boxes, \$400 million in climate change research, \$3 billion for pre-



Crenshaw

vention and wellness programs and \$137 billion to create 32 new government programs. It also provides \$1 billion for the census and \$600 million for new government vehicles.

"Any stimulus package ought to be targeted, timely, and temporary. This package fails to meet all three criteria," Crenshaw said. "It is 152 different appropriations with no strategic vision. It is not geared toward items that will create jobs and much of the money won't be spent until after 2010 - when the recession is predicted to be over. There are no sunset provisions to keep these programs from becoming permanent."

The CBO recently forecasted that the federal budget deficit will reach a record \$1.2 trillion this year, and much of the \$1.1 trillion expense of the stimulus package could be added to the existing debt.

"I voted against this bill because it is too big, too expensive and too slow. This plan would produce twice the jobs for half the cost," said Crenshaw.

POLITICS IN BRIEF

Fair Tax presentation

The Westside Republican Club will host a Fair Tax speaker at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Hilliard Community Building, 37077 Pecan St., Hilliard. The presentation is open to the public.

The regular meeting will take place after the speaker has concluded, and non-Republicans may leave.

Waterfront is topic

The Amelia Island Association will sponsor a panel discussion at 7 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Fernandina Beach Police Station community room focusing on the history, status and future plans for the completion of the city's waterfront redevelopment.

Participants will include City Commissioner Ron Sapp; Chuck Hall of the city's Historic District; a member from the city's Waterfront Florida Partnership Committee; and a member of the city planning department.

The meeting is free and open to the public. AIA's two major goals are to encourage effective and efficient government and to protect and improve the quality of life for the Nassau County communities, both on and off the island. For more information on AIA, go to ameliaislandassociation.com.

Floridians more optimistic in January than last month

University of Florida

GAINESVILLE - Consumer confidence among Floridians inched up in January despite worse than expected holiday retail sales and the state being tied for 10th place in the percentage of unemployed workers, a new University of Florida study finds.

The makeup of the results was quite different from last month, with perhaps the biggest change in the component measuring perceptions of personal finances now compared with a year ago. It broke a four-month trend downward.

In other changes, perceptions of personal finances a year from now, perceptions of national economic conditions over the next year and perceptions of national economic conditions over the next five years all fell. Perceptions of whether it is a good time to buy big-ticket items rose.

"Overall, Floridians are more optimistic this month than last month, although the overall numbers are still his-

torically low," said Chris McCarty, director of the UF's Survey Research Center at the Bureau of Economic and Business Research. "Moving forward there is no reason to believe that the economy will improve dramatically for the next two quarters. This recession is more severe than most, and there are some aspects that are different than others."

Employment nationally has fallen dramatically, and Florida's high number in the percentage of jobless is the result of a combination of factors, McCarty said. Construction, which two years ago represented one of the largest percentages of employment in the state, has ground to a near halt, and there have been declines in service sector jobs related to the real estate crisis as well as the tourist industry - another casualty of a pullback in consumer spending, he said.

"Retail sales for the holiday season ultimately proved to be even lower than many forecasts, and sales will continue to be weak as consumers cut back in reaction to the recession," McCarty said.

Most economists forecast higher unemployment through 2009 and some even into 2010, although most of these predictions do not take into account any intervention by the government, he said.

Florida's 8.1 percent unemployment in December - the latest month for which statistics are available - is higher than the national rate of 7.2 percent, McCarty said.

McCarty said he was not surprised that the component measuring perceptions of personal finances compared with a year ago rose this month, given that it was so low before. But Floridians remain very pessimistic.

"At some point things cannot get much worse, or at least we hope they won't," he said.

Similarly, the optimism last month about national economic conditions over the next five years, may have been out of line with actual events and more about expectations relating to the transition to a new presidential administration, he said.

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OPINION

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The right decision

The letters bemoaning the Nassau County Commission's decision to appeal the judge's ruling on the Crane Island issue don't surprise me but the complete lack of appreciation of the legal "process" and ignorance of what "centralized authority" portends for not just Nassau County but for the entire state just boggles my mind.

First, if the decision had gone the other way is there any doubt in your mind the other side would have appealed, as is their right? What's good for the goose is good for the gander; both sides would and should have their legal rights available.

Second, it is my understanding that the judge overreached in his decision and the appellate court is the place to resolve that issue. The only way to do that is to go through the appeal process.

And last, folks, a sure lesson in life is that "one size does not fit all" - what may be good for Palm Beach County is not necessarily good for Nassau County. And that is a root cause of the appeal; does Nassau County have the right to assert their own comprehensive plan, constructed by local officials, with local input, or do we accept a one size does fit all form of centralized government control.

This is an insidious and dangerous concept where all the power to decide one's property rights and all community planning would rest in the hands of a very small and powerful few, where only those who are dogmatic and politically active have any influence. It is a sure way to minority control.

I don't think anyone in this county would accept the tax anything that moves policies of the politicians in New York and New York City, but relinquishing local control to a centralized governing authority can lead to just such a situation here. The anointed few (and un-elected) will decide the fate of the rest of us.

When I was young I was taught we all have rights; paramount among those was property rights. We now have a small, activist minority that wants to limit and take away our rights, and the quickest way to

do that is through a central authority.

The commission made the right decision; now let's sit back and let the process work.

Roy Stafford
Jacksonville

Lack of principle

Recently the Board of County Commissioners voted 4-1 to appeal Judge Brian Davis' ruling on Crane Island. The judge found the BOCC had approved increasing the density of development fourfold on the Island, and that it had circumvented state mandated procedures required to gain approval of the increase. Judge Davis also ruled that the island, which is designated as conservation land, was a legitimate interest of the three citizens who brought suit against the county.

One of the faults of the perspective of the commissioners voting to appeal the ruling is that we as county residents have little or no right to take a tangible interest in lands designated as conservation in the comprehensive plan. Even though we do not own these properties, the very designation of these lands speaks of their importance as a resource for all. The three citizens who brought suit took an active and well-documented role in their appreciation and understanding of Crane Island as a conserved resource.

In 1993 the county commission moved to identify Crane Island as conservation land, officially sanctioning the significance of the island to the public at large. But since that action, the county has attempted to rescind the designation on numerous occasions. As a result, when the designation of the island became threatened, many members of the public recognized the benefits of its conservation and supported legal actions against the county.

The county commission must pause to reflect on its lack of principle in its attempt to change the density of Crane Island. When the county commission proposes to make a major change to the comprehensive plan as it did on Crane Island there must be a "compelling argument" to make that

change. An argument is compelling if any reasonable person recognizes it as having some merit or gravity even if disagreeing with the statement.

In a recent e-mail I asked a commissioner who later voted to appeal the ruling if he would please produce such an argument so we could at least understand why the commission has acted the way it did. The commissioner, who is quite articulate normally, was unable to produce any fundamental reasons or guiding principles why the commission chose to change the density on Crane Island after it had been officially designated as conservation. So for lack of any compelling argument explaining their action, one must assume the county commission acted without principle.

For lack of any clear compelling reason or principle in their action we must assume there was no rationale for the county commission's action other than the self-evident pecuniary benefit a fourfold increase of density would bring to the landowner. In the case of Crane Island we can only conclude the county commission has placed the monetary interests of influential landowners above the interests of the public in protecting its natural resources.

William B. Brainard,
Member
Board of Directors
Amelia Island Association
Local control is best

Four of our Nassau County Commissioners deserve a big "attaboy" for their decision to appeal the recent Circuit Court decision relating to the planned density on Crane Island. Not only did the Board of County Commissioners have the right, they also have the responsibility to interpret and apply the Nassau County Comprehensive Plan. Local control in land use matters is an important right that needs to be protected and preserved.

Local officials - elected and accountable to the voters - know what is best for Nassau County, and it is not a responsibility that should be ceded to Department of Community Affairs bureaucrats in Tallahassee. Our county com-



DAVID FITZSIMMONS/ARIZONA DAILY STAR

missioners work hard to balance the many competing interests making demands on county government. They also recognize that people's opinions differ in regard to positive economic growth in the face of a group trying to hijack our county for a "no growth" movement. Unfortunately, rookie Commissioner Stacy Johnson has already allowed herself to be manipulated by sweet talking gadfly Robert Weintraub.

I applaud the county commissioners for facing up to tough decisions and for wanting to "get it right." Despite letters to the contrary, Commissioner Mike Boyle's words and actions are framed in the best interests of all of the county's citizens, not just a vocal few.

The board's vote to appeal the ruling supports development that is controlled and attractive, including a never-before-seen local park on the river for our enjoyment and that of our children.

Their actions represent me, and the majority of people I know. They have heard the other side of the Crane Island

debate, and they realize the benefits and responsibilities of keeping development controlled within our county.

Further, Commissioner Boyle and his fellow thoughtful colleagues, who had done their homework, are well aware that over the projected 10-year build-out, tax receipts from Crane Island residents will generate \$8 million for Fernandina Beach and a total of \$30 million for all of Nassau County.

How City Commissioner Ron Sapp could walk away from \$8 million is beyond comprehension!

Hopefully, the appeals court will acknowledge the wisdom and leadership of Commissioner Boyle and reverse Judge Brian Davis.

J.T. King
Fernandina Beach

Noise

Now that the State Attorney's Office declared the city of Fernandina Beach's noise ordinance unconstitutional, City Manager Czymbor, will you please work with our elected officials to come up with

a real noise ordinance that specifies decibel levels that cannot be exceeded during set times.

Fernandina Beach has to be the only city in America with a noise ordinance that does not have decibel levels established. Now we are left with no ordinance on the books.

Why was the noise ordinance changed a few years ago anyways? The old ordinance had established levels during set times. When I e-mailed you on Dec. 2 to complain about our arbitrary noise ordinance, you replied to me that "The city amended our noise ordinance a few years ago to comply with previous court rulings." Well, now you have to amend the ordinance again!

How did our city attorney, Tammi Bach, let this go on for so long? It is her job to advise the city officials on what is legal and to prevent wasting taxpayers' money on issues that cannot be prosecuted. Too much of our taxpaying dollars were wasted in court cost and police involvement over this conflict between the Florida House/Frisky Mermaid and the Green Turtle Tavern. They are simply two businesses that are in competition for the same customers.

It is a shame that during this tough economic time and with local businesses closing every month that the Green Turtle Tavern was forced to deal with an unconditional ordinance that has cost the owner tens of thousands of dollars. Police used Gestapo tactics to clear out the porch of the Green Turtle Tavern on its most busy nights. Those are the nights that every business owner needs to survive the off-season.

If the city of Fernandina Beach truly does not want the Green Turtle Tavern to be located at its current spot like it permitted it to be, then you must buy out the business.

Trying to change ordinances to favor your opinion is unlawful. The cost of buying the business is far less on the taxpayers than the court costs and police involvement.

Hopefully the owner of the Green Turtle Tavern does not sue the city for harassment and loss of business as that would cost the taxpayers even more. From this taxpaying citizen's vantage point, it sure seems like he has a good case.

Anyway, good luck in the lawsuit filed by the Florida House over the neon sign ordinance. If you win that and they are forced to pay their outstanding fines, then we will be able to recoup some of the losses spent on this unconstitutional ordinance.

Patrick Higgins
Fernandina Beach

Close call

The other day I was driving on AIA eastbound, there was a log truck traveling not far behind me in the other lane, when the light changed, but not suddenly. I stopped, yet the log truck kept going, even though it could have stopped. Another car had to wait that had the green light until he got through the intersection. Thank God the person was looking and didn't go just because they had a green light.

I understand that you are getting paid by the load, but no load is worth losing your life, or killing someone else, just to save a few minutes. Drive safe my fellow truck drivers, and may God bless.

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We all have reason to be grateful

Duplicity and insincerity surround us. The face that smiles at us publicly often conceals sharp teeth that would tear out our throats in private. The hand that shakes our hand often is a decoy to divert our attention from the other hand that wields a dagger aimed at our heart. The arm draped around our shoulder in a show of camaraderie can prevent us from noticing the ugly but deadly little gun jammed into our ribs. Words can conceal hatred, conceit, jealousy and prejudice even when coated with confectioner's sugar and drizzled with milk chocolate.

Over a lifetime we become cynical and jaded. We mistrust others even when their intentions are good. We assume the worst when the best is offered. We devise all sorts of ways to justify the way we isolate ourselves from fellowship with others. Once bitten, twice shy. Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. Nothing in life is free. There's always a catch. Someone's always wanting something for nothing.

I'm guilty of it. You're guilty of it. We're all guilty of it. It's how we get by in a world that judges us all, the quick and the dead alike, and then casts us all into the same inferno.

But every now and then, someone comes along who causes us to take our own inventory and realize that we're all in the lifeboat together and that the only way we're going to survive the storm is to put aside petty differences, bend to the oars and pull together. In the days of yore, such people were called prophets.



CUP OF JOE

Joe Palmer

This isn't about me. This is about something much, much bigger than a man sitting at his computer amusing himself writing columns and schmaltzy short stories.

I'm not going to go so far as to call Johnny Standridge a prophet, although, for all I know, maybe he is. I do know this. The clarion call he issues for us to take stock of ourselves and to keep in mind that no matter how bad we think we have it, someone else always has it worse, resonates.

For the life of me, I can't remember who Johnny Standridge is, even though it's as clear as the waters of an Appalachian mountain stream that he remembers me. That I can't remember having crossed paths with this sincere sounding young man is embarrassing. That something I did had such a profound impact on him is humbling.

Perhaps you didn't see Johnny Standridge's letter in the paper recently. If not, the loss is yours. It was one of the most eloquent letters I've read in awhile, and not because he said something nice about me. No, it was the bare appraisal of his own circumstances that struck home with me. I've read many letters from prisoners. Too often they're larded with self-pity, anger, blame and totally lacking in appreciation for their own shortcomings or the consequences thereof. Johnny Standridge makes no excuses for whatever landed him behind bars 12 years ago. He doesn't try to convince us that he's found the image of Jesus, Allah or Buddha in a peculiar stain on the wall of his cell. It's not a sly shill for commissary money or free legal help. It's not a prison scam. Rather, it seems to be the self-assessment of a man who's come to terms with his own sins and imperfections, who uses the tragedy of his own fall to urge us all to be grateful for what we have, even when we believe we have little reason to celebrate.

"As I sit and ponder my less than ideal situation, I also realize that there are those a lot worse off than I am," he wrote. "Not only inside the prison system, but also out in the world. So let's all stop and cherish our individual stations in life. Be thankful for those things that so often go overlooked."

Sometimes the note that rings truest comes from a tarnished bell.

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Let sun shine on public's business

No doubt a lot of news people picked up on one thing that President Obama said in his inaugural address. It was this: "And those of us who manage the public's dollars will be held to account — to spend wisely, reform bad habits and do our business in the light of day — because only then can we restore the vital trust between a people and their government."

The key phrase, of course, is "do our business in the light of day." Does he mean it? He probably does right now. Will he remember what he said six months from now? We'll see.

Pardon me if I sound a bit cynical. Actually, I thought Obama gave a good speech. But ever since I got into journalism at the naïve age of 15, I've heard state, local and federal politicians promise to "do our business in the light of day." And then, a few months after entering office, they found they sometimes preferred the cover of night. They thought it was better, in some cases, if the public didn't know what was going on.

I've covered public bodies — county commissions, city councils, school boards — in four states, and I found only a handful that seemed to do all public business in the light of day.

But I learned at a tender age from a great editor, the late Sylvan Meyer, that the sun needs to shine on every governmental body.

I remember Meyer's story about going to city hall in Gainesville, Ga., where he was to become editor of a new daily, and finding a government committee meeting behind a closed door. He beat on the door demanding admittance and shouting through the keyhole: "No closed sessions! No closed sessions!"

Then, on an impulse, he pounded on the door and yelled, "Fire! Fire!" He was promptly escorted to the street by two irate policemen. But government officials got the point from Meyer's editorial in the newspaper the next day: Secret meetings will not be tolerated; the public has a right to know.

Now, I'm not advocating that someone yell "Fire! Fire!" at the door of a secret meeting, but you must understand Meyer's frustration. He had found a lot of secret meetings going on, and he was put out.

You all know this, I'm sure: News people have no more rights to public meetings or public records than you do. If a governmental body is keeping the press out when it doesn't have a legal right to do so, then it's keeping you out, too. These are public meetings and public records. News reporters are only part of the public.

Yes, there are times when most public bodies can go into "executive session," a flimsy euphemism for closed meeting. But are they all legitimate? No. Do they all need to be closed? No.

So let's see how much light of day will be shining in the White House a few months from now. Let's hope a lot. It's about time.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

We need newspapers

A recent *New Yorker* magazine has an article that begins "The newspaper is dead."

Our newspapers are in trouble, but dead? Major papers have folded, the local papers cannot compete with the media 24/7 national and international news, costs rise and the papers shrink. I've talked to (*News-Leader* Editor Michael) Parnell, the editor of the *Times-Union* and our daughter-in-law (who has worked for 30 years on the *Lakeland Ledger*), and they are worried.

Maybe we should be worried, too. We could lose our local newspapers, but do we want to?

Not have a newspaper? How will we know the best buys at the grocers? Or any of the ads? Or know actions of our county and city commissioners? How about the school board and our school sports? Or deaths, the arts or churches or clubs? Don't we need the reports of crime in our midst? The op-ed section is my favorite, what will take its place? How many local businesses will fail for lack of advertising? There is no other source that will provide all the local information we need.

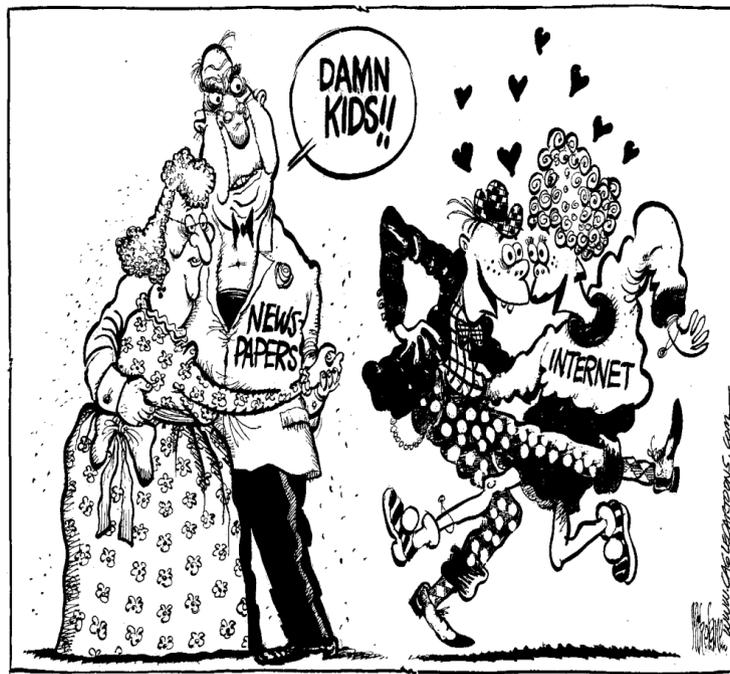
I read the paper cover to cover. *The Rapid City Journal*, my father and the *Sunday Denver Post* helped me learn to read. In our many travels across this country, we always picked up a paper to sample the thinking there. I can't imagine being without a newspaper. (Did I mention the crossword?)

My unsolicited advice would be: provide the widest and best possible coverage of local news, feature articles, columnists and editorial pages. The brief headlines of state, national and international news will suffice, we get it on TV ad infinitum and ad nauseum all day. Encourage readers to become a part of the process by calling in news or items of interest. If you have to raise the price to stay alive, do it without apologies; we're in this, too, and we need you!

Mavis Jump
Fernandina Beach

Family Bible returned

I would like to thank our local papers for printing my letter sometime in November. I received three responses, all of which were clearly related to the family members listed inside the Bible. I have returned the Bible to the one who seemed to be the closest related to the names



MIKE LANE/CAGLE CARTOONS

inside. I do not want to disclose the names inside of the Bible due to confidentiality and privacy reasons, but she is certainly welcome to write a letter if she would like to share more.

A few interesting facts that I learned included that her family lived on Cumberland Island in the 1940s and '50s. She stated the name of her mother and that they lived in a two-story white house across the small road where Beulah was a black lady that cooked for the workers. This would have been the kitchen on the south end. Her grandmother was a companion to one of the family members on Cumberland and her grandfather was a boat captain.

It was a very primitive Bible that I found on one of our many bookshelves in our home while dusting one day. My husband lived in the Beulah

Alberty House on the north end of Cumberland in front of the church during the 1970s. Many items had been left in the house by the former owner, Beulah Alberty, all of which have little or no monetary value. He donated the original crude tin communion set to the National Park Service at that time. We have not seen it since; perhaps when the park eventually receives a full-time superintendent we can discuss having it put on display.

I would like to use this information to encourage all of you to seek out the rightful owners of antiques, etc.; if you can find their rightful owner, it is sometimes more rewarding than their monetary value.

Sandra Henderson
Cumberland Island, Ga.

VIEWPOINT/THE REV. JAMES L. SNYDER/OCALA

Man cannot live by bread alone

Normally, I'm a rather calm, cool and collected person. Actually, my creditors trying to collect things from me, mostly money, are responsible for this and I have been officially collected. If I could only just collect my thoughts but the pieces are too small and too few.

Anybody who knows me knows I am not easily rattled by anything. I let the chips fall where they may because I know from whence they came. I am not susceptible to the various rumors that make their way around on a regular basis.

All the debate about global warming, for example, has not in the least disturbed my personal serenity. Some say the Earth is getting warmer while others insist it is getting cooler. Who in the world are you to believe?

Then there was the hullabaloo about how harmful chocolate was to a person only to be discovered later that it has marvelous health benefits. Pass me another bonbon.

Others took potshots at coffee. Again, it was found that a morning cup of Joe is just the thing to get a person on the go.

I took all of these things in the good-natured way that is typical of Yours Truly. I try not to let anything get my dander up. In fact, I am quite proud of the humble way in which I respond to all of these negativities. Usually with a cup of coffee in one hand and a bonbon in the other.

All was going well until one morning the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage rattled my cage. She takes great pleasure in doing something like this.

"Have you seen the trouble they are having with peanut butter?" she said.

This actually caught me by surprise because I had not heard any such thing. My wife went on to explain that in some cases they were recalling certain peanut products. Personally, I know a few nuts that need to be recalled.

He needs a little bit of peanut butter to hold it all together.

I do not mind if they fool around with global warming, and recall every car on the planet. I care not what they say about chocolate and coffee, but I go by one simple rule; do not mess with my peanut butter.

My basic philosophy is, man shall not live by bread alone, he needs a little bit of peanut butter to hold it all together.

I am not sure who invented peanut butter — it might have been God Himself — all I know is it is the food of the gods. According to Wikipedia, there has never been a time in history when there was not some form of peanut butter. It is one of the few essential items in this world that nobody can get along without. I can hardly imagine a world without this marvelous concoction, either creamy or crunchy.

There are many things I can get along without, but I cannot get along without my daily ration of peanut butter.

Some people have chocolate as a comfort food. Some people's comfort food of choice is a bag of salty potato chips. Others pamper their comfort with ice cream. And I say, to each one his own. My comfort food is simply peanut butter, preferably crunchy.

The thing about peanut butter that is so amazing is it can be used in a variety of ways. I would guess that the list is all but limitless. Hardly a month goes by that I do not discover a new way to enjoy peanut butter.

There, of course, is the traditional peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Every thoughtful and loving mother starts her young brood off on a nutritious and delicious peanut butter and jelly sandwich. If your mother was quite like my mother, she affectionately trimmed the

edges, which made the peanut butter all the more delightful.

Need I mention peanut butter cookies, peanut butter fudge, Southern peanut butter soup with pepper jelly (www.peanutbutterlovers.com/recipes/soup_jelly.html), peanut butter cheesecake (www.peanutbutterlovers.com/recipes/cheesecake2.html), peanut butter candy and a peanut butter and chocolate sundae?

I'm not alone in this appreciation. "To me, peanut butter is the breakfast of champions!" opined Greg Louganis, Olympic diver. And if anybody should know what a championship eats for breakfast he should.

Peanut butter can be used for breakfast, lunch and supper. And for all those snacks in between.

Those who know the history of our country will remember that two presidents of the United States were peanut farmers (Jefferson and Carter). I'm not sure of this, but I think it helped them deal with the nuts at Washington.

Of all the ways to enjoy peanut butter there is one I prefer above all else. That is simply a nice tablespoon of peanut butter right out of the jar. If a tablespoon is not handy, several fingers will do the trick admirably.

Really, there is no bad way to enjoy the marvelous taste of peanut butter.

Speaking of comfort food, the Bible has the perfect recipe. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." (Psalms 23:4 KJV)

God has a marvelous way of taking our attention away from the trials of this world and focus our thoughts on Him.

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COMMUNITY

First Presbyterian Church welcomes new members

My, how time seems to fly by the older we get! The Christmas holidays were filled with many activities as the church's Sunday School classes always begin planning their parties first. The senior adult party with Larry Williams leading assisted by his devoted wife, Jewell, and others giving a devotional, singing, giving testimonies, etc. They always have a great turnout. The meal is catered and always special. This is always a "memorable get together." Larry wears a smiling face, which makes the occasion a special one indeed.

First Presbyterian Church, 9 North Sixth St., has some new members. The Granger family moved to Fernandina from Matthews, N.C., in June. With the exception of five-year-old Davis, who was born in Matthews, N.C., the Grangers are all native Floridians (Peg McKee Granger is a native of Fernandina). Bayley, 22, is a senior at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.; Morgan, 20, is a sophomore at University of Edinburgh in Scotland; Davis is a proud kindergartner at Southside Elementary. David is employed by Wachovia and Peg is an exceptional student teacher at Yulee Elementary School. A great little family. Peg's mother is Margaret McKee. Leroy McKee was her late father.

John Brooks comes by transfer of letter from the North Jacksonville Baptist Church. Max and Joann Hord are close friends who invited John to First Presbyterian Church. John is a single dad with a four-year-old son. He grew up on the north side of Jacksonville in the Yellow Bluff area. John graduated from UNF in 1996 and works in a partnership that provides service to a local paper mill.

Through "Party of Eight" at Fernandina Presbyterian Church, adult dinner groups of eight will meet in February, March, April and May to share a meal and each other as we build fellowship in the body of Christ. Don't miss out on the pleasure of gathering around the table with other members of First Presbyterian Church. We all have different gifts, talents and interests, and therefore, have much to offer one another. Groups were introduced Jan. 23 at the kick-off dinner in Jim Thomas Hall. There you met other dinner partners, enjoyed a fine meal, delightful entertainment and some "getting to know you better" conversation. It's a lot of fun making new friends.



HILDA'S HEAR-ABOUTS

Hilda Higginbotham

The Beast Feast at Callahan First Baptist was held yesterday and again today. Tickets are \$8 at the church office. Guest speaker is Scott Sanders. Last year they had a large group to enjoy this feast.

Their Sunday School Outreach Strategy banquet was Jan. 11. Some mission spots are still open. Call the noted team leader as soon as possible. Honduras Feb. 7-14, Dan Goodpaster at 879-2172, construction, Upward; New Orleans Feb. 7-14, Guy Purvis at 879-1513, construction, evangelism; Slovakia April 4-11, Doug Hodges at 879-2172, VBS, revivals; New Orleans April 12-17, Todd Carr at 879-2172, construction, evangelism; Senegal July 3-11, Mike Browning at 879-4730, upward, evangelism; Worcester, Mass., July 11-18, Larry Tipton at 879-6851, evangelism; Kenya July 25-Aug. 8, Doug Hodges at 879-2172, evangelism, youth trips.

A word from Pastor Jackie Hayes of Springhill Baptist Church: "While preaching recently, I made the following statement: 'Even though 2008 has been a tough year for many, the blessings of the Lord still outweigh the burdens of life!' And that is true, isn't it? It is easy to see our burdens, and even our blunders, but don't forget to reflect upon all the blessings that have come your way this past year."

"I thought I would listen to one of my own messages and do just that for 2008. So here goes: Kathy and I celebrated 30 years of marriage; we welcomed our first grandchild into our family; we discovered we are expecting a second in May; our health has been very good; God continues to allow me to be pastor at Springhill; we were able to sell our house; plus a thousand more! You know how it works — if you want to focus on what is wrong, then that is about all you will see. But if you choose to focus on how God has blessed you, then you will begin to see those. So, look up. God is good, even in the midst of struggles and disappointments. He is still good. Amen!"

"What will 2009 bring our way? Boy, if we

only knew. Not sure all our new president will be able to do. Not sure if revival will come to our churches and ultimately to our nation. Not sure about a lot of things, but I do know one thing — and it is the most important: God is still God and he is in control. Hang on to that. You might just need to know that somewhere along the way. So keep your eyes on him. The storms may come, but we will make it through. Blessings from God on you."

Pastor Chris Taylor, former youth director of Gray Gables, Callahan, who has been pastor of Clear Springs Baptist in Mascot, Tenn., for three years now, sends me some interesting news every month as I asked him to do in our last phone conversation the afternoon he was leaving for the new church.

Pastor Chris writes: "What a year 2008 proved to be for this church! God allowed us to be involved in many areas and aspects of ministry. We were able to minister here in our community through benevolence, physical work and spiritual guidance. Also, we had the privilege to reach outside our community through Missions of Hope mission trips to Wilmington, N.C., and Jamaica. Not to mention the ministry that we were allowed to do through WMU, women's and men's ministries, our youth and senior adults ministries and the Living Christmas Tree. All in all, God was good to us in 2008!"

"Now, as we have turned the page to 2009, I believe it is time for us to move even deeper in our relationship with the Lord, both as individuals and as a church. Our theme for this will be 'To Know Christ and Make Him Known.' All that we do this year will have that thought as its driving force. Our goal as individuals should always be to know Christ more each and every day. However, we are also called to tell others about Him or make Him known to those who are lost and hurting. As a church, everything we teach, everything we say, everything we do should have the end result of helping us know Christ deeper or to make Him known to others, or both."

"Happy New Year. I pray that your one resolution this year will be to know Christ and to make Him known."

From Dr. L. Holton Siegling Jr., pastor of First Presbyterian Church: "On Dec. 16, the session of our church extended a formal and heartfelt welcome to the Rev. Scott Burton and

his family to participate in a pulpit exchange with our church family from July 5 to Aug. 2.

"Scott is the minister of the St. Matthew's Parish Church, which is located in Scotland in the city of Perth. He has been there for two years, having previously served as the pastor of the Kelly Kirk in Kelly Fife. Scott has studied at both St. Andrews University and Aberdeen University. He is 38 years old and will be accompanied by his wife, Jill, and their two young daughters, Eilidh and Sara, who are 10 and seven years old, respectively."

"Scott had this to say about our upcoming exchange: 'Exchanging pulpits and homes with Holton and his beautiful family in 2005 was a true joy and privilege. We have such wonderful memories of the benefits to one and all in each congregation. To repeat such an uplifting personal and professional opportunity in Fernandina Beach and Perth will without doubt only enhance the ecclesiastical skills and Christian relationships already developed. We look forward to sharing with you all so very much indeed.'

"During the exchange, Scott will ably fill the pulpit and lead in worship on Sundays; he will also provide any necessary pastoral care throughout his stay. Scott and his family will surely welcome your hospitality and appreciate your recommendations of places to go and things to see while they are in our part of the world."

"The Burton family will reside in our home and have use of our vehicles; any housing or automobile concerns that may arise during their stay will be handled by the property committee and resolved upon our return. There is no financial payment involved for Scott's professional services since it is expected that each of us will continue to receive our salary as normal."

"Throughout this exchange, I pray that God will bless all of us with a heightened sense of vision and renewed commitment to Christ and his Church. By God's grace, may we eagerly learn about the Presbyterian Church elsewhere in the world, further explore our identity as children of God, and share how we live out our calling as Christ's Church in Fernandina Beach."

"May Our great heavenly Father continue to watch over us and keep us in His loving care."

Edward Waters choir in concert Feb. 1

To help celebrate Black History Month, The Amelia Island Museum of History is presenting the Edward Waters College Choir in concert at the Macedonia American Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church at 4 p.m. Feb. 1.

The choir, started more than 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 direction of Dr. Samuel D. Shingles, fine arts department and choral director, the choir promotes and fosters an understanding of the African-American heritage and displays a well-rounded knowledge and appreciation for the music of Western Europe.

Advanced tickets are available at the Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 South Third St. Advance ticket prices are \$8 for museum members, \$10 non-members, \$5 for students ages 7-18 and accompanied children 6 and under are free. At the door adult tickets are \$15, students and accompanied children \$5. For information call Phyllis Davis at 261-7378, ext. 100, or e-mail phyllis@amelia-museum.org.

"Evening of Story and Song" featuring the Queen of Hearts is Feb. 7 at Burns Hall, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Fernandina Beach, with a wine bar opening at 7:15 p.m. and the performance at 8 p.m.

This is a return engagement for Queen of Hearts and will sell out so get your tickets now. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at event sponsor First Coast Community Bank, 1750 South 14th St.

Need something different to do for Valentine's night, Feb. 14? How about Amelia Island Film Festival's cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a movie



PLANTATION NEWS

Lauren Lowe Barry

Aging of Nassau County's third annual "Drive One for COA" Golf Tournament is Feb. 16 (Presidents' Day) at the North Hampton Golf Club. All proceeds benefit the COA transportation program's efforts to purchase new vans. Consider a hole or tee sponsorship to advertise your business. Fee is \$100 and includes golf, cart and cookout dinner. Hole and tee sponsorships are \$100. Mulligans will be sold for \$5 each. There will be door prizes, raffle items and wine tasting, all for a very good cause.

The next Men's Newcomers Club of Amelia Island luncheon meeting is at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 19 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club. The speaker is Maarten van de Guchte, Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens director.

The Cummer is the largest fine arts museum in Northeast Florida and van de Guchte will preview the upcoming exhibition, Georgia O'Keeffe and Her Times: American Modernism from the Lane Collection of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. All men are invited. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. For reservations, call Bob Keane at 277-4590.

"Rocking Reunion" is a fundraising evening for Amelia Community Theatre on Feb. 21 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach. The Amelia River Band, starring Tullye and Alan Ralph, Scott Kessler and Mike Hendrix, will play during the barbecue supper and live auction of items with Aaron Bean as the auctioneer.

Cost is \$50 per person and island casual attire. Contact the theater's box office at 261-6749 for tickets. All proceeds will go to the ACT Building Fund. The new theatre is scheduled to open next fall and this support will help with lighting, curtains, costumes and all the other things that make the productions so special.

The National Park Service is pleased to announce Dr. Johnetta Betsch Cole, former president of Spelman and Bennett colleges and descendant of Anna and Zephaniah Kingsley, as the keynote speaker at the 11th annual Kingsley Heritage Celebration. This event is scheduled for Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. and also features a musical presentation by the Edward Waters College Choir, a historically black college in Jacksonville.

Another event highlight is a drumming and storytelling presentation by Howard "Xhabbo" Lewis on Feb. 7.

Visitors can also learn more about ongoing archaeological work in the park at the Public Archaeology Day Feb. 29. The Kingsley Heritage Celebration events are family-friendly, free and open to the public each Saturday afternoon in February.

January couples bridge winners were Carol and Steve Kimmel, first place; Janet and Doug Petersen, second; Nancy and Chuck Sheahan, third; Jeanne and Kishore Doshi, fourth. Congratulations, couples. Dora and Cy Yelk are the Feb. 12 hosts. Call for reservations.

WEDDING ENGAGEMENTS



Miss Spears, Mr. Clardy

Spears-Clardy

Katelyn Elizabeth Spears of Fernandina Beach and William David Clardy of Yulee will be married a 3 p.m. Nov. 7, 2009, at Yulee Baptist Church with Tom Keisler officiating.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Shreve of Fernandina Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Spears of Lorain, Ohio.

The groom-elect is the son



Mr. Way, Miss Wilson

of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Clardy Jr. of Yulee.

Wilson-Way

Kendrah D. Wilson of St. Marys, Ga., and Everette L. Way of Fernandina Beach will be married Feb. 14, 2009, in St. Marys, Ga. The reception will follow at 5:30 p.m. at the Kings Bay Conference Center.

The groom-elect is the son of Rosella Pelham of Fernandina Beach.

BIRTH

Jason and Chereese Harris of Fernandina Beach announce the birth of a son, Jason Brandon Harris Jr., born at 1:36 a.m. Dec. 28, 2008, at Shands of Jacksonville. The baby weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and measured 15 inches in length. The baby joins siblings

Meshella Harris, Jashayla Harris and Myasia Grant. Paternal grandparents are Shawn White of Fernandina Beach and Earley Glover Jr. of Orlando. Maternal grandparents are Kenneth Harris and Francine Baker, both of Fernandina Beach.

CAMPUS NOTES

Katie J. Keffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keffer III of Fernandina Beach, was named to the dean's list for the fall term

2008 at Furman University. Undergraduate students who earn a grade-point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system are on the list.

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R.S.V. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

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RELIGION

Sliding through life without dealing with your past is dangerous

It happened so fast no one knew what to do. Though Rick – that's my brother – was not the kind of guy known for exaggerating things, his cries for help were hard to believe. If it hadn't been for the bright blood, now staining the snow where he was lying, I think we would have told him to just shake it off and that he would be all right.

I don't remember how old I was, maybe 11 or 12, which would have made Rick about 14, but the place where it all happened I will never forget: Joe's Hill.

Now if you had grown up in Burlington, Vt., and in the neighborhood where I did, you'd know all about Joe's Hill. It was the best spot to go sledding for miles around. Joe's Hill, or "Joe's Road" as we



PULPIT NOTES

Pastor Rob Goyette

wanted to go sledding. As a kid, it all seemed so big. The hill, the canopy of trees that covered the road, the jump we made from an

sometimes called it, was little more than a downhill dirt road that led to old farmer Joe's property – a beautiful piece of land that bumped up to our neighborhood and hugged the banks of the Winooski River. During the winter months, the old road was the neighborhood hot spot for anyone who

old tree stump and the long climb back to the top. It all brings back such great memories, except for the day that Ricky tore his leg open that is.

What made things such a mystery was that my brother hadn't done anything unusual. He hadn't gone over the jump, crashed into a tree or run into another person. Really, the whole thing made no sense at all. I suppose the only thing that was different was that he had coasted a little further than usual and ended up just slightly off the beaten trail.

That's when it happened. Covered in a few inches of soft, powder-like snow was an old car hood with a jagged edge. As my brother Ricky slid by it, his leg was sticking

out just enough to hit it and, as a result, he received a nasty cut that we still talk about to this day.

I've often thought about that old car hood and what happened to my brother, and I consider how dangerous things can be that get covered up but are never really dealt with. You know what I mean. If we don't properly dispose of the garbage from our past, like that old car hood, it's only a matter of time before it shows up and hurts someone. For me, that's what makes the message of Jesus Christ so appealing. Not only does He offer us forgiveness for our sins, but He also promises to remove those very sins as far as the east is from the west. Now that's a deal you can't find anywhere else.

Whether we are talking about

past failures, relationships that have gone bad, or just plain stupid things we've done, there's no need to leave all those jagged edges lying just underneath the surface of our lives.

Proverbs 28:13 says this: "He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whosoever confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy." Again, Psalm 103:11-12, "For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

As for me, I've never once regretted letting Jesus carry away all my sin and shame.

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

RELIGION NOTES

New pastor

Five Points Baptist Church, 736 Bonnevieu Road, Fernandina Beach, welcomes its new pastor, Dr. Alan Brown and family. For additional information, visit 5pointsbaptistchurch.org. Call 261-4615.

Gospel concert

The sounds of Southern gospel music will ring loudly at North Jacksonville Baptist Church in Jacksonville as popular Southern gospel recording artist, Ivan Parker, is featured in a concert at 7 p.m. tonight. Parker, who has spent more than 25 years ministering in churches and arenas, sharing his testimony and vocal talents, has more than a dozen solo recordings to his credit. In 2007 he enjoyed his first No. 1 hit, the ballad "I Choose." Call (904) 735-5850 or visit www.ivanparker.com.

First Baptist

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

Special speaker

Hear Dr. Richard Stratton, president of Clearwater Christian College, and the college musical team at Bible Baptist Church, 829 South 14th St., Fernandina Beach, at 11 a.m. Feb. 1. Everyone is invited. For a ride or more information, call 261-1712.

Night of empowerment

New Jerusalem, 816 South 10th

St., invites you to a Night of Empowerment, "Are You Up For The Job?" at 6 p.m. on Feb. 7. There will be anointed singers and praise dancers and speakers to encourage and empower. Dr. Ruby Baker, pastor.

Dinner cruise

New Zion Missionary Baptist Church invites you to enjoy a time of fun, relaxation and beauty on the Jungle Queen Dinner Cruise Ship, March 13 and 14.

Bus departs from Publix shopping plaza at 6:30 a.m. on Friday, March 13. Cost starts at \$135 per person (depending on the number of people sharing accommodations) and includes transportation aboard the luxury liner, dinner cruise ticket, and hotel accommodations for one night at the Sheraton Inn and Suites, Fort Lauderdale. A \$50 deposit is due by Feb. 8 and the final payment by March 1. For more information, call Evelyn Sergeant at (904) 849-7149 or (305) 331-6862.

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., is open to the public. For information, contact the church office at 261-3617.

Divorce help

DivorceCare is a 13-week support group and seminar for people who are experiencing separation and divorce. Each session features video-

tapes with nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics, and an opportunity for group discussion of the emotional and painful issues surrounding this topic. This is a nondenominational group, open to all persons and participation by non-church members is encouraged. A new group is forming now and will start on Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Amelia Baptist Church, 961167 Buccaneer Trail (corner of Buccaneer Trail and Gerbing Road). For information, call Dave Parker at the church, 261-9527.

Pfeifers in concert

Christian recording artists The Pfeifers will be featured at Orange Park Nazarene Church in Orange Park during the 10:45 a.m. service on Feb. 15. Their music has been enjoyed by worldwide audiences via the popular Gaither Homecoming video series, as well as performances on the Trinity Broadcasting Network, Gospel Music Television, the DISH Network and the Sky Angel Network.

For information call (904) 269-8140 or visit www.pfeifers.com.

Women for Christ

Shaunti Feldhahn will be the speaker at the 24th Women For Christ luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 17 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Cost is \$25.

Feldhahn began her career as an analyst on Wall Street and today is a best-selling author, speaker, and nationally syndicated newspaper columnist. Her recent best sellers, For Women Only: What You Need to Know About the Inner Lives of Men, and For Men Only: A Straightforward Guide to the Inner Lives of Women, have sold more than a million copies in 18 languages.

For more information visit www.jaxwomenforchrist.org or call (904) 387-9298.

Salt and Light series

Dr. Cecilio N. Lajara, who heads a Christian ministry, Evangelism Explosion, out of Atlanta aimed at Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula will be the Salt & Light speaker on the evening of Feb. 19 at Amelia Plantation Chapel, 36 Bowman Road. His topic will be "Christianity in Cuba: Surviving Castro." On Friday morning, Feb. 20, Lajara will speak to the Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, providing a more general assessment of Christianity in Latin America. The series, which focuses on Christianity's impact on the world and the world's impact on Christianity, is open to the entire Amelia community. For information, contact the chapel at 277-4414.

Prayer breakfast

United Methodist Women from Memorial United Methodist Church will host their third annual Women's Community Prayer Breakfast on Feb. 21 in Maxwell Hall at Sixth and Centre streets.

The speaker will be the Rev. Hollie Tapley, associate pastor at Memorial UMC, on "Discovering Sacred Spaces."

Make reservations by Feb. 19 by calling 261-5215, or by e-mail to maurine@msn.com. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast and program to follow. The cost is \$6.

This is a special time of preparation for the Lenten season, which begins with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Lenten schedule

Providence Presbyterian Church, 96537 Parliament Drive, Suite C, in Nassauville, will hold an Ash Wednesday Soup and Bread Supper at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 25, followed by worship at 7 p.m. to begin the Lenten disciplines.

A mid-week Lenten worship serv-

ice will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. This series will include a brief devotional from the pastor and the opportunity to talk back about your own feelings about the scripture lesson.

Holy Week worship begins at 9:30 a.m. April 5 with Palm Sunday services. Worship will begin outdoors, weather permitting, with the Palm Sunday gospel from Mark, then process into the church with palms.

From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 6, 7 and 8 the church will be open for prayer and reflection, with guided prayer at 11:30 a.m.

The Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7 p.m. April 9. The Tenebrae service will include a scripture, prayer, communion, sermon and choral music.

The Good Friday service of solemn worship to help reflect on the crucifixion will be held at noon April 10. The church will remain dark all day on Holy Saturday, April 11.

For information, call 432-8118, visit www.providenceyulee.com or e-mail providenceyulee@comcast.net.

Live telecast

On Feb. 28 Amelia Baptist Church will sponsor the area's only live telecast of Focus on the Family's simulcast of "Seeing Your Marriage through the Eyes of God." Speakers include the following nationally recognized Christian family advocates: Beth Moore, Gary Smalley, Dr. Del Tackett, John Trent, Francis Chan and Gary Thomas.

The event will be held from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Amelia Baptist Church, 961167 Buccaneer Trail. Lunch will be provided. Childcare will be provided for birth through four years of age on a reservation basis. Call 261-9527 to reserve tickets and childcare needs. Tickets are \$55 per couple (\$30 for singles) if purchased by Feb. 10.

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Pirates host county teams in Johnny T. Smith tourney

BETH JONES
News-Leader

It's rivalry time in Fernandina Beach. The 16th annual Johnny T. Smith Classic tips off tonight at Fernandina Beach High School.

West Nassau and Hilliard, two West Side teams that haven't met in a few seasons, will play at 6 p.m. The East Side rivals, Yulee and Fernandina Beach, play at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday is championship night. The consolation game is at 6 p.m. with the Nassau County championship tilt set for 7:30 p.m.

Tip-off

The West Side rivalry kicks off the 16th annual Johnny T. Smith Classic tonight. Hilliard and West Nassau play at 6 p.m. East Side rivals Yulee and Fernandina play at 7:30 p.m. The consolation and championship games are at the same times Saturday.

"What makes it interesting is that Yulee beat us and West Nassau beat Yulee," said Matt Schreiber, head boys basketball coach at FBHS. "West Nassau's playing better, so they're probably feeling good about their chances."

The Pirates — 20-2 overall, 7-1 in the district and ranked seventh in 3A in the state this week, one spot ahead of district

forerunner Ribault — have dominated the annual tournament, held in memory of Smith, the late hoops coach at FBHS. The Pirates won back-to-back titles in 2006 and 2007, giving them nine titles in the last 11 years.

"As people change districts and coaches, it's pretty rare for a tournament to last for a long period of time," Schreiber said. "This tournament has had changes throughout the years and we've been able to adapt."

So far this season, the Pirates are 5-1 against county teams with their only loss coming at the hands of Yulee, which avenged an earlier loss this season to the Pirates. West Nassau got revenge too, beating Yulee last week.

"It's probably more exciting this year than in years past because everyone feels they have a chance," Schreiber said.

Admission is \$4. Play is in Pirate Gym off Citrona Drive.

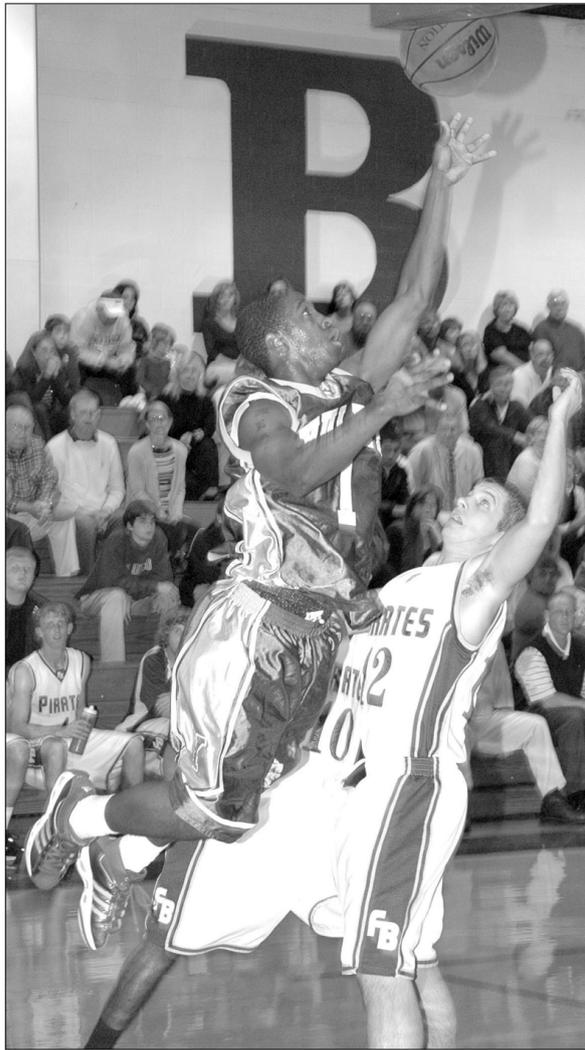
The Pirates are coming off a 74-47 win over Bolles Tuesday.

"I thought we came out very focused and played with a lot of passion, which is probably due to the fact that you see the light at the end of the tunnel right now," Schreiber said. "I think the players realize it's not an endless season and they're going to get as much out of each game as they can from this point on."

"When you have 21 assists and only eight turnovers, it shows that your players are doing a great job taking care of the basketball and being unselfish with it."

FBHS took a 21-8 first-quarter lead and extended it to 40-22 at halftime. They outscored the Bulldogs 23-9 in the third quarter. Bolles won the fourth, 16-11.

Tai Alford and Jake Brogdon paced the Pirates with 16 points apiece. Brogdon had four three-pointers. Alford had two rebounds, three assists and four steals and Brogdon had three rebounds and three steals.



FILE PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER
The Pirates and Hornets will square off again this season tonight in the nightcap of the 16th annual Johnny T. Smith classic basketball tournament at Fernandina Beach High School. The county title is on the line and the Hilliard Flashes and West Nassau Warriors get things started in the first game at 6 p.m. The consolation game is slated for 6 p.m. Saturday with the championship at 7:30 p.m. Left, Yulee's Demetrius Small shoots while Pirate Zach Rocheleau defends the basket in an earlier matchup this season. Right, Yulee's Jarell Mitchell and Fernandina's Terin Dallas catch air earlier this season. The Pirates won the first battle and Yulee avenged the loss in their second meeting. The Pirates also host the nine-team District 3-4A tournament Feb. 9-14. Ribault is unbeaten in district play and holds the top seed. The Pirates are the second seed and the Hornets are seeded third.

Zach Rocheleau was in double figures also, scoring 13 points for the Pirates with a trio of three-pointers. He also had six assists. Carlos Holcey had seven points, four rebounds and four assists. Terin Dallas and Patrick Garvin pulled down four boards apiece.

The Pirates cap the regular season with a trio of home games, including the tournament this weekend. They host Bishop Snyder Thursday for the regular season finale.

"We had a long stretch of away games," Schreiber said. "I don't want to jinx us but we haven't lost at home this year."

They'll be back home for the District 4-3A tournament too. The Pirates, seeded second ahead of Yulee, host the tournament Feb. 9-14.

Yulee is coming off a win over Hilliard on Tuesday. The Hornets wrap up the regular season Tuesday at

home with Trinity Christian. • The FBHS Lady Pirates (4-13) lost to Baker County 51-42 Tuesday in the regular season finale.

"The girls played well throughout the entire game, not letting Baker get the lead stretched out too far," said Mike Landtroop, head girls basketball coach at Fernandina Beach High School. "The first time we played Baker was at home and they beat us by 20. This game was a definite improvement."

"Baker is a very good team with some good athletes. The Lady Pirates handled the half-court press well and made some big baskets when they were needed."

Whitney Small led the Lady Pirates with 10 points and two assists. Ebony Peterson added nine points and Mackenzie McBride chipped in eight. J.B. Belcher had five rebounds.

The Lady Pirates play in the district

tournament next week at Baldwin. FBHS faces Bishop Snyder at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

• The Yulee High School girls basketball team finished the regular season with a 9-9 record after Tuesday's 50-46 win over the visiting Hilliard Lady Flashes.

"They were leading most of the game because we were in foul trouble early," said Brian Shuster, head girls basketball coach at Yulee. "We pulled ahead in the fourth quarter. The game wasn't decided until six seconds were left. Hillary Fuller hit the front end of a one-and-one and put us ahead by four. She missed the second shot, which caused most of the time to run off."

The Lady Hornets defeated Fernandina Beach Jan. 23. Fuller led all scorers with 23 points, Brittany Register had 10 and Quanisha Garrett chipped in nine.

"Most of the teams have been double-teaming Jennifer (Pelham)," said Brian Shuster, head girls basketball coach at Yulee. "It has opened up things for the other players, especially Hillary."

"Hillary has also helped on the boards to give us a big advantage in the front court. It has allowed Quanisha to take more of the responsibility to distribute the ball to the other players."

"Our freshman guards (Andrea Peterson and Ja'Lisa Thompson) have come along during the season and have been more productive. Brittany Register has been hitting her shots outside, which makes us an even more dangerous team when the district tournament starts."

"We've gone 7-2 since the break and have played much better. I'll be interested to see how well we play in the district tournament."

Steelers' Ward to play Sunday

Will he play or won't he? Steelers' receiver Hines Ward's game status has been one of the most talked about topics the past week heading into the Super Bowl. Injured in the playoff game against the Ravens, Ward sustained a tear of his MCL. He left the game in the first half and did not return.

I have expected all along Ward will play and on Tuesday he announced he is going to play, while wearing a brace to stabilize the knee. This is the Super Bowl. Of course he was going to play. I don't think it was really ever in doubt.

The MCL is a thick band that runs between the femur (thigh bone) and tibia (shin) on the inner aspect of the knee. Tackling injuries, where the knee goes inward while the foot goes outward, puts stress on this ligament and will tear it if the force is great enough.

This is the most commonly injured ligament in the knee. Often it is torn in players who get hit from the outside of their knee while they still have their foot planted. When torn, a player will notice some instability with attempts to cut or turn. A brace will help stabilize the knee and may give the player enough security and confidence that he may be able to compete.

Ward will be wearing just such a brace. Many years ago, it was common practice to try to surgically repair isolated MCL tears. However, a study in 1983 by Dr. Pete Indelicato, team physician with the University of Florida, showed in most cases surgical repair of the MCL was not necessary when a proper rehabilitative and bracing program was followed. In fact, his study showed equal results among those athletes treated non-surgically versus those treated surgically. So, the conclusion was you really had noth-



SPORTS MEDICINE
GREGORY SMITH, M.D.

ing to gain from surgery, so why do it? Furthermore, with non-surgical treatment, athletes were able to return to the field of competition sooner.

When it comes to the Super Bowl, legends are made there and, if there is ever any way possible a player can walk on to the field, he is going to play. This was really no different than the situation of another Steeler great who returned to competition despite a terrible knee injury. Hall of Famer Rod Woodson had a 17-year career and played from 1987-1996 with the Steelers. During the middle of the 1996 season, Woodson went down with an ACL tear and underwent surgery.

Most commonly a player returns to play after an ACL injury about 6-9 months after surgery. Woodson was not going to miss his opportunity to play in the Super Bowl and returned to action an amazing four months after surgery to rebuild his knee. Unfortunately, the Steelers still lost to the Cowboys, who were led by Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith.

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



BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER
Coy Tyre, 8, collected 62 points to take second place in the 2008 Jacksonville Grand Prix season in the boys eight-year-old division.



Tyre takes second on tourney trail

BETH JONES
News-Leader

Coy Tyre, 8, of Fernandina Beach has been playing tennis half his life. He started taking lessons with Lanny Kalpin at the Central Park courts when he was four and, just last summer, started competing heavily in junior events.

He collected 62 points during the 2008 Jacksonville Grand

Prix season and finished second in the novice division, which included 17 players, despite missing the first half of the season.

The Atlantic Elementary School second-grader has moved up to the boys 10-year-old division for 2009.

"Although he is very small for this division, he worked hard and still wins games," said his father, Mac Tyre.

Tyre also plays in the USTA boys 10-year-old division and competed in five tournaments last year.

"This division is much tougher as kids from all over Florida compete in it," Mac Tyre said. "He expects to play many more USTA tournaments this year."

"This last year he has shown much more interest," Kalpin said. "He wants to win."

SPORTS SHORTS

Surf contest

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.

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).

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.

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 tryouts are Jan. 30-31. Fee is \$75 per child (\$50 for siblings). Birth certificate and proof of residency required. An 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.

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.

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.

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.

Gator get-together

The Nassau County Gator Club will meet from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 12 at The Surf on South Fletcher Avenue in Fernandina Beach. Marty Cohen will speak at 7 p.m., updating Gator fans on the latest recruits and sharing his insights on the 2008-9 national championship team. Steak and baked potato is the special and other items will be available. Call Tommy Roberts at 277-4111.

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 skills. 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.ameliainlandsailing.org.

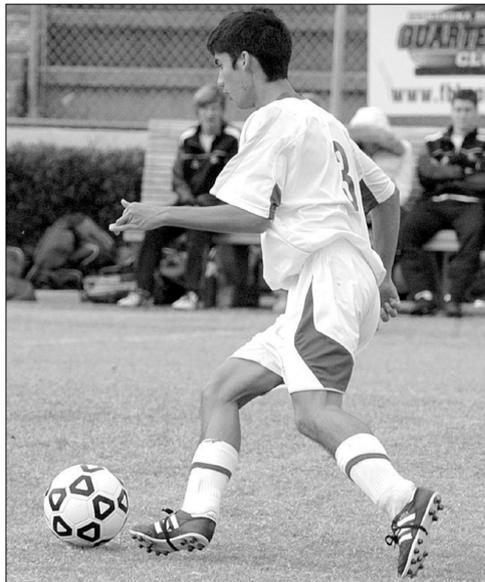
Challenger Bowling

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/Amrit 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.

TITLE FIGHT



FILE PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER

The Pirate soccer team advanced to the District 4-3A championship tonight with Wednesday's ousting of host Episcopal 3-2. Pirate keeper Davis Haney, below left, stopped two kicks in the tie-breaker. Also pictured are Jazz Tomassetti, above, and Chris Castro, below right.



Pirates take on Bolles for District 4-3A crown

BETH JONES
News Leader

individual efforts by Drew DeAngelo and Davis Haney.

The Pirate soccer team will take on Bolles tonight at 7 p.m. in the District 4-3A tournament at Episcopal. The Pirates defeated host Episcopal 3-2 Wednesday night to improve to 17-1 on the season.

"We needed a penalty kick tie-breaker to beat one of the best 3A teams in the state," said Joshua Dunn, the Fernandina Beach High School boys soccer coach. "Our great team effort was bolstered by outstanding

"Drew scored an extraordinary goal after beating two defenders and shooting from 30 yards out. Davis stopped two kicks in the tie-breaker.

"Our captains Brian Valdes, William Hunt and Robby Phillips were key factors. Their experience, determination and grit led the way in a hard-earned victory."

Regardless of the outcome of tonight's game, both teams advance into the regional tournament next week.

2009 SCHEDULES

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		Boys Basketball	
Jan. 30-31	JOHNNY T. SMITH (county)	April 2	Consolation game
Feb. 9-14	DISTRICT TOURNAMENT	April 14	Championship
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		April 16	at Camden County spring tourney
Boys Basketball		vs. Wayne County	TBA
Jan. 30-31	Johnny T. Smith (FBHS)	vs. Coffee County	TBA
Feb. 3	TRINITY CATHOLIC	runner-up and championship	TBA
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		Varsity Baseball	
Girls Basketball		Feb. 13	at Hawthorne pre-season classic
Jan. 30	District	vs. Gainesville-Eastside	7:00
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		Feb. 14	vs. Hawthorne
Girls Basketball		Feb. 16	vs. ROBERT E. LEE
Feb. 2-7	District 4-3A at Baldwin	Feb. 17	WEST NASSAU*
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		Feb. 19	at Hilliard
Wrestling		Feb. 23	MANDARIN CHRISTIAN
Feb. 7	District 3-1A	Feb. 24	BALDWIN*
Feb. 13-16	Region 1-1A at Starke	Feb. 27	HAWTHORNE
Feb. 19-21	State at Lakeland	March 5	ST. JOHNS CO. DAY
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		March 6	at Episcopal*
Boys Soccer		March 9	at Camden County, Ga.
Jan. 26-30	District at Episcopal	March 10	HILLIARD
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		March 13	at Fernandina Beach*
Varsity Baseball		March 17	at Mandarin Christian
Feb. 10	First Pitch at Palatka	March 18	FIRST COAST
Feb. 13	First Pitch at Palatka	March 20	at Hawthorne
Feb. 17	at Baker County	March 24	at Bishop Snyder*
Feb. 18	FLEMING ISLAND	March 26	at Orange Park
Feb. 20	PONTE VEDRA	March 27	at Trinity Christian*
Feb. 26	at Bishop Snyder	March 31	FERNANDINA BEACH
Feb. 27	UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN	April 4	at St. Johns Country Day
March 6	at Writter Haven	April 6	at Robert E. Lee
March 7	at Lake Wales	April 14	BOLLES*
March 10	at Bolles	April 17	ANDREW JACKSON
March 13	YULEE	April 21	BISHOP SNYDER (seniors)
March 20	at West Nassau	April 23	at Andrew Jackson
March 21	WAYNE COUNTY, Ga.	April 24	at Gainesville
March 24	Nease at Baseball Grounds	April 27-30	District at Episcopal
March 26	at Trinity	* District game	
March 27	at University Christian	FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	
March 31	at Yulee	Softball	
April 3	EPISCOPAL	Feb. 3	Preseason at West Nassau
April 4	at Wayne County	Feb. 5	Preseason at West Nassau
April 8-11	DIAMOND CLASSIC	Feb. 10	at Baldwin*
April 14	at Baldwin	Feb. 12	STANTON
April 16	at Fleming Island	Feb. 13	YULEE*
April 17	at Lake City-Columbia	Feb. 17	at Bishop Snyder*
April 20	at Camden County	Feb. 18	TBA
April 24	LEE	Feb. 20	BAKER COUNTY
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		Feb. 24	at Episcopal*
Junior Varsity Baseball		Feb. 26	TRINITY*
Feb. 20	at Fleming Island	Feb. 27	at West Nassau*
Feb. 23	at West Nassau	March 2	at First Coast
Feb. 24	ORANGE PARK	March 4	FLETCHER
Feb. 26	YULEE	March 6	BALDWIN*
March 2	at University Christian	March 10	EPISCOPAL*
March 6	FLEMING ISLAND	March 11	BISHOP SNYDER*
March 9	ENGLEWOOD	March 13	at Yulee*
March 10	BOLLES	March 17	at Trinity*
March 13	at Ponte Vedra	March 23	at Stanton
March 16	UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN	March 26	WEST NASSAU*
March 18	at Englewood	April 1	at St. Joseph
March 19	at Yulee	April 2	BOLLES*
March 24	PONTE VEDRA	April 3	at Ed White
March 25	WEST NASSAU	April 16	UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN
March 26	TRINITY	April 17	ST. JOSEPH (seniors)
March 30	at Bolles	April 20-25	District at Bolles
April 1-2	Tournament at Yulee	* District game	
April 6	at Orange Park	FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		Tennis	
Junior Varsity Baseball		Feb. 20-21	at St. Johns Classic
Feb. 17	at West Nassau	Feb. 24	WEST NASSAU (AIP)
Feb. 19	BOLLES	Feb. 26	CAMDEN COUNTY (AIP)
Feb. 20	HILLIARD	March 4	at Bishop Snyder
Feb. 24	at Baldwin	March 6-7	at Camden Invitational
Feb. 26	at Fernandina Beach	March 9	at Bolles
Feb. 27	HAWTHORNE	March 10	BISHOP KENNY (AIP)
March 2	at Camden County, Ga.	March 11	at Stanton
March 4	WEST NASSAU	March 17	BAKER COUNTY
March 7	at First Coast	March 19	at St. Johns Country Day
March 9	BISHOP SNYDER	March 20	PAXON (AIP)
March 12	at Hilliard	March 24	at West Nassau
March 13	BALDWIN	March 25	BISHOP SNYDER (AIP)
March 19	FERNANDINA BEACH	March 31	at Yulee
March 20	EPISCOPAL	April 13-14	DISTRICT 3-2A
March 23	CAMDEN COUNTY, Ga.	FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	
March 25	FIRST COAST	Weightlifting	
March 27	TRINITY CHRISTIAN	March 4	at Union County
April 1	FIRST COAST/WEST NASSAU	March 18	at Bradford County
Fernandina Beach-Yulee	7:00	March 27	Section qualifier at Baker
		April 1	COUNTY MEET
		April 6	Section qualifier at Baker
		April 11	Section 3-1A meet at Baker 10am
		April 25	State 1A at N. Port Richey

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Television personality Roland Martin is pictured with an eight-pound Florida largemouth bass. Bass will begin bedding during the next few weeks with a full moon arriving Feb. 9.

Bass begin bedding with full moon

Now is the time of year to land that once-in-a-lifetime largemouth bass, so don't allow the time of year to slip by you. The weather is sometimes uncomfortable for fishing and it's much easier to work on the boat or simply watch fishing action on TV. Like many fishermen, I am also guilty of letting days slip right by without casting a



ON THE WATER

TERRY LACOSS

outdoor activity, much less navigating the blustery cold, wave-swept waters of the St. Johns River. But the winners found a deep hole where bass were staging to spawn and weighed in a seven-bass limit, tipping the scales at over 40 pounds.

This weekend's weather is calling for lows Saturday and Sunday morning, dipping down into the low 20s, and air temperatures will only warm up into the mid 50s, perfect conditions for finding a big school of trophy largemouth bass holding up in a deep hole and staging to spawn.

Look for deep turns in the St. Marys, Little St. Marys rivers and Lofton and Boggy creeks to hold pre-spawn bass this weekend. Cast a Bomber 7-A in the fire tiger color pattern to the shallow edge of the deep hole and slowly crank the minnow-type plug down into the deep hole and hang on.

Offshore fishing has been excellent for black sea bass with FA fish haven producing good eating bass weighing to three pounds. Begin fishing with fresh local squid on the bottom and, when a grunt or pinfish is boated, cut the small fish into three- to four-inch strips for sea bass baits.

Surf fishing has been slow during the last few days, particularly at the southern end of Amelia Island. High tide Saturday arrives at 11:52 a.m. with a low tide staging at 5:48 p.m. Fish with fresh shrimp on the bottom during the high falling tide for whiting, blues and flounder.

Sheepshead fishing should be running during the late afternoon as the tide falls. Fish close to the low areas of the jetty rocks with fiddler crabs or barnacles.

Sea trout weighing to four pounds are running at the Nassau Bridge and Nassau Sound during the last of the incoming tide. Drift a live shrimp deep under a long trout float.

Remember to dress warm if you plan on getting out on the water early this weekend. A good rain suit is a must to keep the wind and cold away.

The News-Leader encourages local anglers to submit photographs of their catches. E-mail photos to bjones@fnewsleader.com, mail them to P.O. Box 766, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035 or drop them by 511 Ash St., Fernandina Beach. Call Beth Jones at 261-3696.

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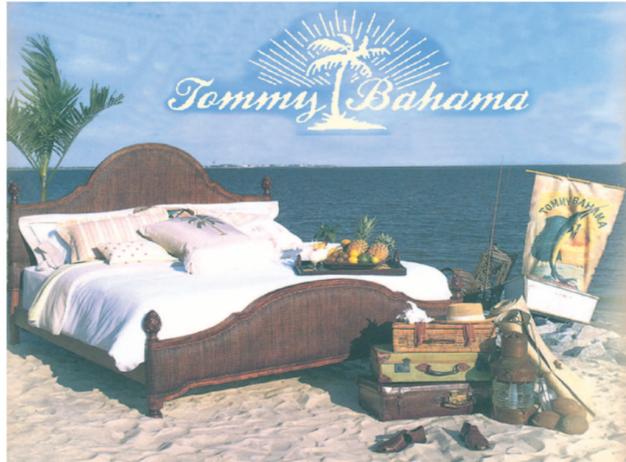
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OUTDOOR BRIEF

Emergency radio beacon coverage ends

For boaters cruising offshore, having a way to summon help in an emergency is critical. For years cruisers and racers making offshore passages relied upon Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons utilizing the 121 MHz radio frequency. However, with better technology available in the newer 406 MHz EPIRBs, the U.S. Coast Guard will cease monitoring the old frequency Feb. 1.

"406 MHz EPIRBs are now the standard for offshore distress signaling," said BoatU.S. Foundation Rental EPIRB Program Manager David Carter. "They have better accuracy, fewer false alerts and greater reliability. Search and rescue agencies are able to respond quicker and pinpoint offshore boaters in trouble."

The BoatU.S. Foundation highly recommends boaters who make frequent offshore passages — generally consid-

ered to be at least 20 miles out from shore and too far for VHF radio or cell phone coverage — purchase and install a new 406 MHz EPIRB. Current retail pricing starts around \$500. The foundation also rents the 406 MHz EPIRBs for just \$40 a week for those with a temporary need who only go offshore occasionally.

"Our BoatU.S. EPIRB Rental Program is perfect for someone entering an occasional offshore race or making that once or twice a year passage to a new cruising ground such as Mexico or the Bahamas," said Carter.

The decision to no longer monitor the 121 MHz radio frequency was made by the international satellite-based search and rescue organization, COSPAS/SARSAT, nearly nine years ago, giving time for mariners to transition to the newer technology.

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'Evening of Story and Song' celebrates fifth season

For the News Leader

There are several venues around Fernandina Beach that offer "live music," but there are few places where you can actually listen to the words and music, celebrating the singer/songwriter's craft.

In Nashville, there are at least a dozen or so such places, with hundreds of aspiring singer/songwriters seizing the opportunity to perform; but it's such a commonplace occurrence that audiences tend to be sparse. So it's no wonder that a number of Nashville's finest performers and recording artists are surprised and thrilled to see how many people turn out for "An Evening of Story & Song," the popular series presented by First Coast



Queen of Hearts

Queen of Hearts, from left, BethAnne Clayton, Helen Lewis Moore, Ellen Britton and April Amick, lend their beautiful voices to blend unique songs and harmonies with great chemistry.

They'll perform at the Parish Hall of St. Peter's Episcopal Church (corner of Eighth and Atlantic) on Feb. 7. Seating is limited for the 8 p.m. show; doors open at 7:15. 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 and Donna Paz Kaufman at 277-2664. For a sneak preview, visit www.QueenofHearts.info.

Community Bank and hosted by Mark and Donna Paz Kaufman.

Like other industries, the music business has changed dramatically over the past few years. There are many songwriters who also happen

to be outstanding performers and recording artists; they go virtually unnoticed in Nashville, and have more and more difficulty finding venues across the country where they can ply their trade and earn a

living. The Kaufmans, whose work-life is devoted to supporting independent bookstores, thought they could do the same for independent recording artists. They had come to know a number of singer/songwrit-

ers when they lived in Nashville, since Donna had introduced a regular Friday night music series at the bookstore she managed.

In the fall of 2004, they made arrangements with Mark Elliott, a good friend with a few albums to his credit, to "test the waters" by coming down to perform in January. They struck a deal with The Palace Saloon as their first venue, although they had no idea how many people would attend. Much to their surprise — and to Elliott's delight, since he was entitled to 100 percent of all ticket and CD sales proceeds (as are all their guests) — more than 90 people turned out. After the show, the response was overwhelmingly positive, and all the Kaufmans heard

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Renowned choir kicks off celebrations on Sunday

Celebrating 80 years of musical excellence, the renowned Edward Waters College Concert Choir has been applauded for presenting a repertoire of inspirational music and is recognized for exhilarating interpretations of the classics, spirituals, gospel and contemporary music.

It will bring its music to the Macedonia American Methodist Episcopal Church in Fernandina Beach on Sunday at 4 p.m. to kick off the Amelia Island Museum of History's celebration of Black History Month.

Constantly in demand, the choir has toured extensively throughout Florida, the United States, Canada and the Bahamas. Each year it performs at area schools and embarks upon regional and national tours with concert appearances inclusive of the 11th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME).

The choir also holds a benefit concert with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, which in past concerts has had special guests such as Stephanie Mills, Nancy Wilson, Issac Hayes, Dionne Warwick and Ray Charles.

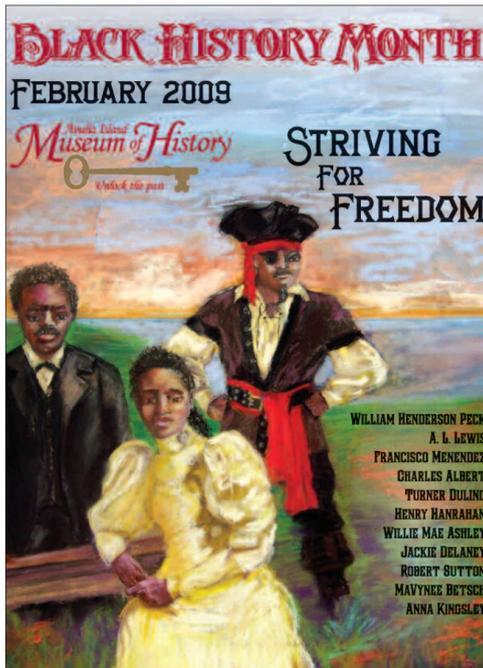
Historically, as the primary ambassa-

dors of Edward Waters College, the choir entertains at the highest level of excellence.

Through its performances, the choir promotes and fosters an understanding of African-American heritage and displays a well-rounded knowledge and appreciation for the music of Western Europe to audiences near and far.

The African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, founded in 1787 in Philadelphia, was started on Amelia Island by Samuel Irving in 1872. It was located at the corner of Beech and Seventh streets and in 1899 under the leadership of the Rev. J. T. Mark, the congregation moved to its current location at Beech and Ninth streets. The current pastor is Godfrey Taylor. Retired Bishop Allen Hildebrand is the associate pastor. He will be celebrating his 93rd birthday on Sunday.

Advance tickets are \$8 for museum members, \$10 for non-members and \$5 for students age 7-18 (under age 6 free) and available at the museum, 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.



The Amelia Island Museum of History is offering a limited edition poster commemorating Black History Month 2009 on Amelia Island, signed by the artist, Mikolean Longacre. Call 261-7378 for information.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Museum events

- 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, visit www.ameli museum.org or call 261-7378.

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

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Pianist Wendy Chen, left, and cellist Andres Diaz, above.

Festival presents 'Romantic Cello' concert

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival will present a concert, "The Romantic Cello," featuring internationally acclaimed pianist Wendy Chen and cellist Andres Diaz on Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. at the Amelia Plantation Chapel. The festival's artistic director and cellist, Christopher Rex, also will perform as well as preview the festival's upcoming 2009 season.

Tickets, which are offered at the special price of \$25, can be ordered online at www.aicmf.org or by calling 261-1779. Credit cards are accepted.

The romantic cello program will

consist of works for piano and cello by Menotti, Martinu and Rachmaninoff.

Pianist Chen debuted with the Los Angeles Philharmonic under conductor Andre Previn at age 15. Since then, she has soloed with many orchestras around the world. Born in Santiago, Chile, cellist Diaz has made many orchestral and recitalist appearances with symphonies in the United States, Europe, the Far East and South America. Rex is principal cellist of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

A recurring venue for many Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival concerts, the Amelia Plantation Chapel is located at 36 Bowman Road, Amelia Island. The 2009 season of the festival will run from May 21-24 and May 31-June 14. Tickets go on sale in April.

Entering its eighth season, the non-profit Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival is dedicated to bringing classical music to the public, schools and senior centers of Amelia Island and communities of Northeast Florida.

OFF & ON THE ISLAND

'SUNSHINE STATE'

The Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St., will kick off Black History Month with a preview of its new movie system in Baker Hall and a screening of the classic movie, "Sunshine State," at 6:30 p.m. tonight.

The movie, directed by John Sayles and starring Angela Bassett and Edie Falco, 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 the impact on those who originally lived here. After the screening there will be an opportunity for discussion and 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.

Call 261-7378 or visit www.ameli museum.org.

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.

CATCH THE BEAT

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

Featuring a large cast of colorful and flamboyant performers from America's top historically black colleges and universities, the production presents the rousing and rhythmic sounds of the great brass past including Earth, Wind, and Fire and Tower of Power side by side with the hottest contemporary hip hop and R&B. Tickets range from \$30.50 to \$65.50. Call 1-888-860-BWAY.

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.

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.



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OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

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. The Fernandina Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Seventh and Centre streets. Call 491-4872 or visit www.fernandinafarmersmarket.com.

The Nassau County School District **countywide spelling bee** will be held on **Feb. 4 at 1 p.m.** in the boardroom at 1201 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach.

Pharmaceuticals and personal care products such as "nutraceuticals," fragrances, and sunscreen agents are having an impact on marine animals such as rays and sharks, according to Jim Gelsleichter, Ph.D., assistant professor at the University of North Florida, who will be the featured speaker at the **Feb. 4 Nassau Sierra Club meeting.**

The meeting will be held at the Council on Aging, South 18th Street in Fernandina Beach. Gelsleichter will describe his ongoing research on how pollutants from personal care products are affecting the developmental health of shark and ray populations on the eastern United States coast.

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. All card games, board games, Dominoes and Mahjongg are welcome. Get a group together and come on out. The cost is \$5 per person and dessert will be served. For reservations call 321-1752 or contact a Woman's Club member.

The **Nassau County Writers and Poets Society** will meet at **9:30 a.m. Feb. 14** at the Fernandina Beach

Municipal Airport. All writers and poets in the county are invited; bring two double-spaced pages of your original prose or two to three of your poems. Be prepared to read and discuss your work. For information, contact Cara at www.wordsmyshe@net-magic.net.

"Love the Environment" is a **Nassau Sierra Club fundraiser** to be held **Feb. 14 at 10 a.m.** that involves dropping numbered golf balls from a helicopter onto the Bailey Road soccer field. The three closest balls to a "hole" painted on the field will win cash prizes.

The closest ball will earn its "owner" 3 percent of the gross donations for the event; second closest will win 2 percent and the third closest 1 percent.

A donation to the Nassau Sierra Club of \$20 will "buy" one numbered golf ball; \$50, three balls; \$85, five balls. Tickets for the balls are available at merchants and locations around Amelia Island and Nassau County. For information call Bob Weintraub at 491-6817.

Life and relationship coach Christine-Anne Platel will offer a **Valentine's Workshop for Singles and Couples: Opening Your Heart with Voice Movement Therapy (VMT)** on **Feb. 14 from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.** at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Explore your feelings, and learn how to communicate better. Channel your emotions into creative processes such as sounding, moving, singing, artwork, writing, and performance. Be ready for some pleasant surprises, a release of tension, a lot of new energy and laughter. Call (904) 583-0231 or e-mail cplatel@bell-south.net.

The **Amelia Island Genealogical Society** will meet on **Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.** at the Fernandina Beach Police Department Community Room, 1525 Lime St. Guest speaker will be **Dr. Carolyn Williams**, associate professor of history at the University of North Florida. Her expertise is on women and reform in antebellum America.

The title of her presentation is **"From Slavery to Freedom: The Local African American Experience in the Post Civil War Era."** The event is free and open to the public.

The **Men's Newcomers Club of Amelia Island** will meet at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club at **11:30 a.m. Feb. 19.** The speaker will be **Maarten van de Guchte, museum director.** He will talk about the **Summer Museum of Art & Gardens**, the largest fine arts museum in Northeast Florida. He will also pre-



view the upcoming exhibition: Georgia O'Keeffe and Her Times: American Modernism from the Lane Collection of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. All men are invited. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. For reservations, call Bob Keane at 277-4590.

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

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

The **Amelia Island Montessori School** will host the **Third Annual Amelia Island Chili Cook-Off** from **noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 21** on Third Street between Centre and Beach.

In addition to a variety of prizes to be awarded, the overall winner will have the chance to designate prize money to the charity of their choice. There will be live entertainment and a kids' fun zone. Tickets are \$5 for kids and \$10 for adults and may be purchased at Amelia Island Montessori School. Call 261-6610 for information.

"Rocking Reunion," a fun-filled fundraising evening for **Amelia Community Theatre**, will be held from **5:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 21** at the Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach.

The evening will feature the **Amelia River Band**, starring Tullye and Alan Ralph, Scott Kessler and Mike Hendrix and including a catered barbecue supper and a live auction with Aaron Bean, auctioneer. Tickets are \$50. Attire is island casual. Call 261-6749. All proceeds go to the ACT Building Fund. The new theater is scheduled to open next fall

and the fundraiser will help furnish lights, curtains, scrims, props, costumes and more.

The Fernandina Beach High School Foundation Board of Directors and the Amelia Island Plantation will host a **Wild Game Dinner** on **Feb. 26 at the Plantation.** The evening will begin with a reception from 6-7 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. Attire is business and resort casual. Sponsorship levels include Friend of FBHS, \$100 — dinner only; Bronze, \$400 — dinner for two and special recognition; Silver, \$750 — dinner for four and special recognition; Gold, \$1,500 — dinner for eight and special recognition. Call the school at 491-7937 or 261-5713.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., will host a **low country boil and live music in Burns Hall** on **Feb. 28** to raise money for its mission work in the Caribbean and communities here at home. Its major project this year is work on St. John's Cathedral on Antigua in the West Indies.

Tickets are \$20. For information, call 261-4293.

Faith Christian Academy presents the **Ninth Annual Father/Daughter Ball** from **7-10 p.m. Feb. 28** at the **Amelia Island Plantation Ballroom.** There will be live music featuring Les DeMerle, professional photography and hors d'oeuvres.

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

Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA, announces the first **Nassau County Animal Expo** on **March 21 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** at the **Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center**, featuring animals, fun for kids, baked goods, pet care information and more. Many activities are planned with a special focus on adoption, rescue, spaying and neutering, responsible pet ownership and awareness of our natural resources.

Rescue groups from surrounding areas will attend along with Halo The Cat and her special guest, Neutered Ned. Activities are planned for kids to help teach responsible pet ownership. River City Community Animal Hospital will offer information on low-cost spaying and neutering as

well as a peak inside its state-of-the-art mobile surgical unit. Pets will be available for adoption, and a silent auction will be held to raise funds for the Cats Angels Spay Neuter Program. Admission is at least 5 pounds of either feline or canine dry food, to be divided amongst the rescue groups at the end of the day.

Call 321-2267 or visit www.catsangels.com.

Rescuing Animals In Nassau will hold its first spay/neuter gala, **"An Affluurr To Remember,"** on **March 28 from 6-10 p.m.** at the **Fernandina Beach Woman's Club.**

Chef Rick will present a full dinner buffet and singer Steffanie Renae will provide entertainment. Dress is resort casual. All proceeds will help furnish RAIN's low-cost spay/neuter clinic with equipment. Tickets are \$100 per person or \$700 for a table of eight.

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

FILM/THEATER

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. Contact Felix Solis at (904) 707-6762 or visit www.classicballroom.net.

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.

"A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline" starring Gail Bliss, documenting Cline's career from the age of 14 through her untimely death at the age of 30 in a plane crash in Camden, Tenn., is at the **Alhambra Dinner Theatre** through **Feb. 15.** For tickets and show times, call (904) 641-1212 or visit www.alhambra-dinnertheatre.com.

Fernandina Little Theatre presents **"Jewel Thieves,"** a conspiracy comedy by Norman Beim, starring Maggie Carlson, Amelia Hart, Doug McDowell, and Joe Parker, and directed by Jackie Eaton.

When the legendary Mandarin necklace disappears from former film star Gloria Desmond's safe, it becomes apparent that three individuals — the visiting countess, the new butler and the mysterious stranger with car trouble — may not be who they claim. Performances are **Feb. 20, 21, 26 and 27 and March 5, 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m.** and **March 1 at 2:30 p.m.** The Feb. 26 performance includes a special meet the cast party at Kofe Hous. Tickets are \$13.50-\$14.50, and available at FLT, 1014 Beech St., and The UPS Store in the Publix shopping center. E-mail flitplay@peoplepc.com or call 277-2202.

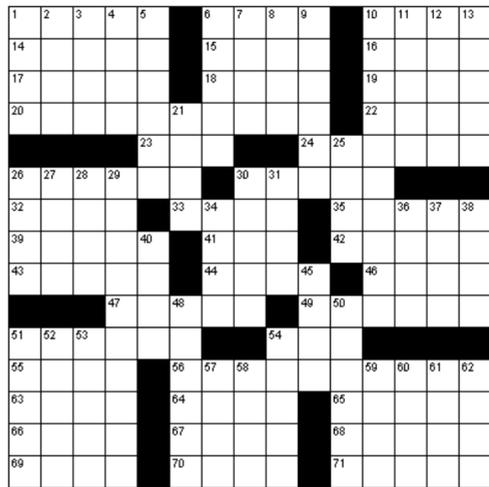
Beau School of Dance, 25 N. Third St., Fernandina Beach, offers **adult dance classes** including Zumba at 6:30 p.m. Monday and 10:30 a.m. Friday; ballroom at 8 p.m. Tuesday; jazz and stretch at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday; and clogging at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. A free senior citizen tap class is Monday at 2 p.m. For information call 261-DANC.

ART/GALLERIES

When the **Plantation Artists' Guild and Gallery** opens on Feb. 4, visitors will find exciting new works to view. After three months of operation, all member artists submitted new works for a complete re-hanging of the gallery. With over 30 artists represented, a wide range of subjects and styles are on display.

The gallery, located at the Spa & Shops at Amelia Island Plantation, is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday and evenings for special occasions such as the Friday Night Boardwalk Bash and Arrageous Walk.

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- Initial wager
- List of choices
- US bird symbol
- Rude person
- Computer symbol
- Mistake
- Notion
- Put away
- Female flight attendant
- Receptacle
- Apple or rhubarb
- Worn away
- Giggles
- Moses' brother
- Backside
- Avid
- Customize
- Fragrance
- Ottoman officer
- Russian currency
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- Fodder holder
- Tribe
- Relaxes
- Potential
- Decrease in size
- Family
- Partially carbonized vegetable matter
- Someone who attacks cherished ideas
- Hindu princess
- Relocate
- Respect
- Therefore
- Supplication
- Convex molding
- Biblical garden
- 3 feet
- Prepare

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- Notices
- Male deer
- Monster
- Turn over earth
- Angel
- Put up with something
- Connecting point
- "Little piggies"
- Found at the end of a pencil
- Wrongdoing
- Outer or exterior
- Hangman's knot
- Not married
- Hazard
- Lion sound
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- Part of a foot
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- Contemporaries
- Patronage
- A Freudian stage
- Where the sun rises
- Competent
- Scheme
- Canvas dwelling
- Adolescent
- Hodgepodge
- Insufficient
- Fix firmly
- Bender
- Took heed
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- Work dough
- Coke or Pepsi
- Not under
- Passion
- Dwarf buffalo
- Dealt
- Helen's city

Solution For Jan. 28



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p.m. at the Fernandina Beach branch. The local read-in is part of the 20th National African American Read-In. Come prepared to share a 1-3 minute reading from a book authored by African-Americans. Call 277-7365 or 548-4467.

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*.

SUDOKU

www.americanprofile.com Sudoku Medium Puzzle #23

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Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2008
Sudoku Difficult
Puzzle #123

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SONG

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was, "When will you do this again?" And so "An Evening of Story & Song" was born. Other friends who also appeared that first year were blues and jazz artist Tricia Walker, now the director of the Delta Music Institute in Cleveland, Miss., and Ellen Britton, one of Nashville's premier guitar instructors.

When the space was no longer available at The Palace, Amelia Community Theatre kindly offered the use of their venue on a "space available" basis, though seating was limited to 85 guests. Because of the growing popularity of "Story & Song" and some scheduling conflicts, the Kaufmans found a new home for the series in the Parish Hall at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, thanks to the Founders of St. Peter's. With the larger space, they were able to recreate an "in-the-round" experience much like Nashville's legendary Bluebird Cafe when Britton returned in January 2007 with three friends who perform together as "Queen of Hearts."

The Queens, described by Amy Kurland, The Bluebird's owner, as "kind of like grown-up Dixie Chicks, with great harmonies, a fun attitude and strong songwriting," must have struck a chord — their show was standing room only, with more than 200 people in attendance. Since the artists and their audience both had such a good time, they made a pact to return annually. (Queen of Hearts will kick off the fifth season of "An Evening of Story & Song" on Feb. 7).

The 2009 season also features the Kerrville Folk Festival award-winning duo of Culley & Elliott, Welsh storyteller and songwriter David Llewellyn, and The Refugees, another group of women singer/songwriters comparable to Queen of Hearts. Thanks to the friends who volunteer to help with production logistics and to the generosity of corporate sponsors like First Coast Community Bank, "An Evening of Story & Song" continues to attract songwriters and recording artists to Amelia Island, offering unparalleled entertainment at an affordable cost.

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

If You Have Lost Your Pet - please check the Nassau Humane Society facility located at 675 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

104 Personals

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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
NOTICE OF INTENT TO FIND
NASSAU COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
AMENDMENT(S) IN COMPLIANCE
DOCKET NO.
08-CIE1-NOI-4501-(A)-(I)

The Department gives notice of its intent to find the Amendment(s) to the Comprehensive Plan for the Nassau County, adopted by Ordinance No(s). 2008-18 on November 24, 2008, IN COMPLIANCE, pursuant to Sections 163.3184, 163.3187 and 163.3189, F.S.

The adopted Nassau County Comprehensive Plan Amendment(s) and the Department's Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report, (if any), are available for public inspection Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, during normal business hours, at the Nassau County Office of Growth Management, 96161 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida 32097

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Any affected person, as defined in Section 163.3184, F.S., has a right to petition for an administrative hearing to challenge the proposed agency determination that the Amendment(s) to the Nassau County Comprehensive Plan are in Compliance, as defined in Subsection 163.3184(1), F.S. The petition must be filed within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice, and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C. The petition must be filed with the Agency Clerk, Department of Community Affairs, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100, and a copy mailed or delivered to the local government. Failure to timely file a petition shall constitute a waiver of any right to request an administrative proceeding as a petitioner under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. If a petition is filed, the purpose of the administrative hearing will be to present evidence and testimony and forward a recommendation to the Department. If no petition is filed, this Notice of Intent shall become final agency action.

If a petition is filed, other affected persons may petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding. A petition for intervention must be filed at least twenty (20) days before the

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final hearing and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. A petition for leave to intervene shall be filed at the Division of Administrative Hearings, Department of Management Services, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060. Failure to petition to intervene within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such a person has to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to participate in the administrative hearing.

After an administrative hearing petition is timely filed, mediation is available pursuant to Subsection 163.3189(3) (a), F.S., to any affected person who is made a party to the proceeding by filing that request with the administrative law judge assigned by the Division of Administrative Hearings. The choice of mediation shall not affect a party's right to an administrative hearing.

~*~ Mike McDaniel, Chief
Office of Comprehensive Planning
Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100

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- 997 Ocean Bluff - 4BR/2BA with swimming pool and tile throughout main living. Built in book selves in family. On Island. \$1,895/mo
- 95125 Sago Drive - The Preserves - 3BR/3BA home w/study and screened in lanai - all the floors throughout main living. Short walk to beach - Summer Beach membership available for small fee. Lawn care incl. On Island \$1,850/mo
- 1984 Burnham - 3BR/3BA with formal living and dining. Hardwood floors throughout main living with upgraded kitchen and stainless steel appliances. 2 Masters. 2 car garage. On Island. \$1,795/mo
- 95020 Buckeye Ct - 4BR/3BA in gated golf community: approx 2700 sq ft. LR, DR and family room; huge master suite; large backyard with "invisible fence"; use of pool, clubhouse and other social amenities. Off Island \$1,695/mo
- 86059 Remsenburg - 3BR/2BA 1,500 sq. ft. home. Huge back yard. Includes wireless access. Off Island. \$1,550/mo
- 86205 Eastport - 3BR/2BA home on golf course. Open and bright. Irrigation and security. Lawn care included. Available Jan. Off Island. \$1,500/mo
- 989 Ocean Overlook - 4BR/2BA and backs up to pond. Screened lanai and split floor plan. On Island. \$1,500/mo
- 32439 Fern Parke Way - Almost new 3-4BR/2BA home with brand new upgraded pool and spa; approx 2100 sq ft. LR & DR, upgraded kitchen; washer and dryer; includes pool care. Avail mid Feb. Off Island. \$1,495/mo
- 2157 Pebble Beach - 3BR/2.5BA w/upgraded kitchen, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances. 2 car garage, swimming pool. W/D, lawn care included. On Island. \$1,450/mo
- 823 N. Fletcher - (up) 2BR/1BA furnished, ocean view with sunroom. On Island. \$1,400/mo
- 1887 White Sands Way - 3BR/2.5BA Hardwood floors throughout main living. Granite counter tops and stainless steel appliances in kitchen. Marble and tile in master and guest bath. On Island \$1,350/mo
- 2184B 1st Ave - 3BR/2.5BA brand new carpet, fresh paint, many upgrades, 2 car garage. On Island. \$1,300/mo
- 4944 Windward Cove - 4BR/2BA home with split floor plan, screened in porch, fenced in back yard. Short walk to beach. Lawn care. On Island. \$1,300/mo
- 41 Oak Grove - 2BR/1BA with inground swimming pool and fenced in back yard. Hardwood floors throughout. Study with built in bookshelves. pool and lawn care incl. On Island \$1,300/mo
- 2642 Delorean - 3BR/2BA home with bamboo floors throughout main living. Upgraded kitchen. Screened in lanai and fenced in back yard. On Island. \$1,250/mo
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- 76143 Long Pond Loop - 4BR/2BA home with many upgrades. 1903 sq. ft. and 2 car garage. Off Island. \$1,200/mo
- 96679 Arigo - 3BR/2BA 1,650 sq. ft. home with covered lanai. Off Island. \$1,200/mo
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- 97099 Coopers Way - 3BR/2BA house on large lot. Wood floors and 1 car attached garage. Off Island. \$1,100/mo
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