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## City may raise fees to help balance budget

ANGELA DAUGHTRY  
*News-Leader*

Fernandina Beach Commissioners and staff began thrashing out ways to cut spending and raise revenues at a budget workshop Monday.

Commissioners debated whether to implement paid parking, add a new stormwater fee for residents and businesses, increase fees on residents' electric bills, assess fees to organizations that use city ballfields, charge nonresidents more to use city facilities and sell

city property for condo development. They indicated they may not approve pay raises for city employees and will take new steps to cut nonessential city spending.

The commission did not respond to seven non-profit organizations that appealed for funding at the meeting.

There will be at least one more budget workshop on Aug. 24 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 204 Ash St. Two public hearings on the proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 will follow in September.

*New fees could be levied for parking, stormwater collection, electricity use and parks and recreation.*

City Manager Michael Czymbor, in an overview of the proposed budget, told commissioners that property tax changes and the economic climate were responsible for significant budget shortfalls. Rising electrical and fuel costs and an increase in city pension contributions have also depleted funds,

among other factors, he said.

In addition to putting a freeze on "all non-critical measures" back in February, Czymbor and staff have come up with a number of budget cutbacks as well as some "creative" revenue opportunities.

One of those revenue generators

was a proposal to erect parking kiosks, including at the beach and downtown — a proposal that has proven particularly unpopular with residents. Most commissioners, however, said they would not be completely opposed to parking kiosks somewhere in the city.

Commissioner Tim Poynter, even though he owns a restaurant downtown, said he would be in favor of a pilot program for paid parking, as long as it was at no cost to the city. "We

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### ENJOYING THE SOUNDS



Hundreds of people enjoy Sounds on Centre on a warm Friday night in downtown Fernandina Beach a week ago, above. Face for Radio played and people — and dogs, left, — danced to the music. The free community concerts are held the first Friday of each month during the warm weather and are sponsored by the Historic Fernandina Business Association and local business sponsors.

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## County lobbyists 'earn' \$135,000

RYAN SMITH  
*News-Leader*

The Nassau County Commission renewed Monday the contracts of its state and federal lobbyists for a combined expenditure of \$135,000.

The law firm of Jacobs, Scholz and Associates, hired last year to lobby at the federal level, was given a new contract worth \$75,000 for the next fiscal year.

State lobbyist Mark Anderson's \$60,000 contract also was renewed.

Nassau County received higher federal stimulus funding per capita this year than any of the surrounding counties — about \$876 per person compared to Duval's \$163, Clay's \$136 and St. Johns' \$80, according to the commission. Nassau is ranked second statewide in per capita federal funding, behind Marin County.

That's because \$55 million of Nassau's \$61 million in federal funds is slated for one project long on the county's wish list — additional lanes and repair along A1A near Callahan. Commissioners said Nassau



Jacobs

County's extra funds were directly attributable to the efforts of the lobbyists. They dismissed the idea that the money, from President Obama's American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, would have come

to the county in the same amount without the lobbyists' efforts.

"I think they've made quite a record of accomplishment," said Commissioner Mike Boyle. "One of the things I've heard around the community is, 'Well, the money was coming here anyway. Are they really responsible for this?' ... I think surrounding counties are probably wondering, 'How did Nassau County get all this money?'"

"We've gathered all the facts, all the figures, and brought them together," said lobbyist Buddy Jacobs. "That's what we do."

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## Board admonishes county fire chief

RYAN SMITH  
*News-Leader*

Nassau County Fire Chief Chuck Cooper has been directed to issue a formal apology to a firefighter under his command.

Nassau County Commissioners instructed Cooper to apologize to Lt. Curtis Bollinger after they upheld Wednesday part of a grievance filed by Bollinger in May. This is a separate complaint against Cooper, who was accused in July of endangerment and abusive conduct by the firefighters' union.

Bollinger's grievance claimed Cooper violated his rights under the Firefighter's Bill of Rights, along with Nassau County rules and regulations, during an investigation the fire chief conducted into Bollinger's qualifica-



Cooper



Bollinger

tions to teach a class for firefighters.

The investigation began in April when Cooper received word Bollinger was teaching a Firefighter 1 class, which requires a state-certified instructor, and possibly accepting money to do so. Those charges were subsequently determined to be unfounded

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## Council on Aging moves ahead on new building

ANGELA DAUGHTRY  
*News-Leader*

The Council on Aging relocation project approved by city commissioners in 2008 has quite a few hurdles to jump, but according to executive director Ken Willette, will still meet its 2011 deadline.

Because it must vacate its current location at South 18th Street by the end of 2011, a suitable spot for the senior services center was found at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and

North 14th Street, where the Nassau County Annex building is now located. Also the site of the former Humphrey's Memorial Hospital, the property belongs to Nassau County but a lease with the city is being negotiated.

Willette, who became executive director of the senior center last January, says the county wishes to retain ownership of the property, and both city and county attorneys have been working on drafting a lease. And because the center is using a capital grant from the Department of Elder

Affairs, a restrictive covenant also is being written that will guarantee the property is used for senior services.

Willette says an environmental analysis has been completed, which showed the site was clean of certain hazardous materials, but since both lead-based paint and asbestos have been found in the building, it must be demolished. Demolition, he said, would be funded by both the city of Fernandina Beach and Nassau County.

"The building has also had break-ins and vandalism," said Willette. "It's

not cost-effective to keep the old building."

The grant from DEA is \$500,000, but Willette says total cost for construction will be about \$2.1 million. The center is looking toward state and federal grants, charitable foundations and fundraising efforts to cover the cost. The city also has committed to \$150,000 over three years for the entire project.

Willette says the economy has affected charitable foundations, because many of them are "at the

mercy of investments." Fundraising also has been difficult, he said, because "even people that have money are being cautious ... we're all kind of in a similar boat." Willette added, however, that recently "things are beginning to pick up."

There is no federal stimulus money available for the relocation project, said Willette, although the center is under contract to receive \$30,000 in stimulus money for elderly nutrition.

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SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON  
 2009 Nests: 79 Hatchlings: 1587  
 2 nests lost due to storms  
 Please turn off or redirect lights shining  
 directly on the beach. For a detailed count  
 see www.ameliainlandseaturtlewatch.com.

LOOKING BACK

50 YEARS AGO

Dr. G.B. Brewton, county physician, announced he would resign effective Sept. 1.

September 1, 1959

25 YEARS AGO

State officials rejected a proposal by Amelia Island Waterworks to dump treated

wastewater into the south Amelia River.

August 15, 1984

10 YEARS AGO

Home sales in Florida jumped 16 percent over the same month the previous year, according to the Florida Association of Realtors.

August 11, 1999

Today's Weather  
Local 5-Day Forecast

| Fri 8/14   | Sat 8/15                            | Sun 8/16                                 | Mon 8/17                                 | Tue 8/18                                 |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
|  |                                     |  |  |  |
| 86/74  | 88/76                               | 90/76                                    | 89/75                                    | 90/75                                    |
| Mixed clouds and sun with scattered thunderstorms. High 86F. | Scattered thunderstorms possible.   | Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm. | Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. | Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm. |
| Sunrise: 6:52 AM<br>Sunset: 8:09 PM                          | Sunrise: 6:53 AM<br>Sunset: 8:08 PM | Sunrise: 6:53 AM<br>Sunset: 8:07 PM      | Sunrise: 6:54 AM<br>Sunset: 8:06 PM      | Sunrise: 6:55 AM<br>Sunset: 8:05 PM      |

Florida At A Glance



Area Cities

| City            | Hi | Lo | Cond.   | City             | Hi | Lo | Cond.   |
|-----------------|----|----|---------|------------------|----|----|---------|
| Clearwater      | 87 | 76 | t-storm | Ocala            | 89 | 73 | t-storm |
| Crestview       | 90 | 69 | t-storm | Orlando          | 91 | 76 | t-storm |
| Daytona Beach   | 89 | 75 | t-storm | Panama City      | 88 | 75 | t-storm |
| Fort Lauderdale | 91 | 82 | t-storm | Pensacola        | 89 | 75 | t-storm |
| Fort Myers      | 91 | 73 | t-storm | Plant City       | 90 | 75 | t-storm |
| Gainesville     | 86 | 73 | t-storm | Pompano Beach    | 90 | 80 | t-storm |
| Hollywood       | 90 | 80 | t-storm | Port Charlotte   | 91 | 73 | t-storm |
| Jacksonville    | 87 | 77 | t-storm | Saint Augustine  | 86 | 74 | t-storm |
| Key West        | 89 | 83 | t-storm | Saint Petersburg | 89 | 79 | t-storm |
| Lady Lake       | 89 | 73 | t-storm | Sarasota         | 90 | 75 | t-storm |
| Lake City       | 85 | 72 | t-storm | Tallahassee      | 85 | 71 | t-storm |
| Madison         | 87 | 72 | t-storm | Tampa            | 88 | 76 | t-storm |
| Melbourne       | 88 | 77 | t-storm | Titusville       | 90 | 75 | t-storm |
| Miami           | 90 | 82 | t-storm | Venice           | 90 | 75 | t-storm |
| N Smyrna Beach  | 88 | 75 | t-storm | W Palm Beach     | 90 | 79 | t-storm |

National Cities

| City        | Hi | Lo | Cond.     | City           | Hi | Lo | Cond.     |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Atlanta     | 88 | 69 | mst sunny | Minneapolis    | 92 | 72 | sunny     |
| Boston      | 82 | 64 | sunny     | New York       | 82 | 67 | mst sunny |
| Chicago     | 86 | 65 | mst sunny | Phoenix        | 99 | 81 | mst sunny |
| Dallas      | 97 | 77 | pt sunny  | San Francisco  | 78 | 56 | pt sunny  |
| Denver      | 84 | 59 | t-storm   | Seattle        | 69 | 54 | rain      |
| Houston     | 95 | 74 | pt sunny  | St. Louis      | 90 | 69 | sunny     |
| Los Angeles | 78 | 61 | pt sunny  | Washington, DC | 85 | 70 | pt sunny  |
| Miami       | 90 | 82 | t-storm   |                |    |    |           |

Moon Phases



UV Index

| Fri 8/14  | Sat 8/15  | Sun 8/16  | Mon 8/17  | Tue 8/18  |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 9         | 9         | 10        | 10        | 10        |
| Very High |

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

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E-scams on rise as economy slumps



JACKSONVILLE – In the face of the current economic slump, consumers are more concerned about being duped by scams. Scammers are still relying on old phone and Internet tricks – and even applying old scams to new technologies. AT&T is educating consumers by sharing information about the most common communication scams and threats, along with tips to keep them from falling victim to fraud.

According to the 2008 Internet Crime Report, the total dollar loss from all referred cases of fraud was \$264.6 million in 2008 – up from \$239.1 million in 2007.

To protect themselves, consumers should be aware of the following top scams:

- **Phishing:** Also known as “spoofing,” phishing is a common trick Internet scammers use to “fish” for consumers’ financial information and password data using fake company e-mails and websites. The scammers send e-mails that appear to be from well-known companies but contain links to fraudulent web pages disguised to look nearly identical to legitimate companies’ sites. The sites ask consumers to enter current financial and personal information such as user IDs, Social Security numbers, bank or credit card account numbers and ATM passwords.
- **Use caution if you receive any e-mail requesting personal and/or credit card account information. AT&T never sends e-mail requests to its customers asking for personal**

account or credit card information. Make sure a website is secure by checking to see whether there is an “s” after the “http” in the address and a lock icon at the bottom of the screen. Both are indicators that the site is secure.

- **SMiShing:** Phishing scammers have even taken the leap from wired services to wireless, with the cell phone equivalent dubbed “SMiShing.” This new form of identity theft also attempts to compromise consumers’ financial information and password data by directing them to a counterfeit website or to a toll free number. Consumers receive text messages (also known as SMS messages) that direct them to the counterfeit website trying to get their personal information.

Avoid clicking on links in an unsolicited text message.

- **Cramming:** Cramming occurs when unauthorized charges appear on consumers’ wireless or home phone bills. To avoid being a victim of cramming, consumers should pay close attention to their bills. When consumers believe they are victims of cramming, they should call the service provider associated with the charge and dispute the charge. It is necessary for the consumer to contact the actual service provider to conclusively resolve the issue and to

avoid possible collection actions. Consumers should pay close attention to their bills. If unauthorized charges appear, customers should first call the vendor to have the charges removed from their bill.

- **Slamming:** Much like cramming, “slamming” involves changes to customers’ phone service without their knowledge, in this case by switching their communications providers. Scammers will call and misrepresent themselves to customers and ask questions about their account information.

When a caller offers to switch your phone service to a new provider or requests sensitive information, ask questions. Always verify the identity of the company, what it offers and at what price, and get contact information for the service representative.

- **809 Area Code:** The 809 area code is a legitimate area code for the Dominican Republic. However, in this scam, consumers usually receive a message telling them to call a phone number with an 809, 284 or 876 area code in order to collect a prize or find out information about a sick relative. The caller assumes the number is a typical three-digit U.S. area code, but the caller is actually connected to a phone number outside the United States, often in Canada or the Caribbean, and charged international call rates. Unfortunately, consumers don’t find out until they

receive their bill. AT&T advises customers to return calls to familiar numbers only. They may call directory assistance or long distance operator to check the area code location.

- **E-mail viruses and worms:** The recent Conficker worm is just the latest example. Viruses and worms are computer programs that may arrive in an e-mail attachment and can be destructive to computers. Viruses can hide in a computer’s program or system files, and often look like something they are not, such as a picture, screen saver or even a web link. Worms are software components capable of infecting a computer and then using that computer to infect another computer, spreading rapidly without assistance.

AT&T offers e-mail protection that customers can configure so that it detects viruses and worms before the e-mail is delivered to the computer, and also offers downloadable PC protection for AT&T high speed Internet customers.

Customers can also make sure they are safeguarded against e-mail viruses by making sure their software is always up-to-date.

To learn more about protecting yourself, visit [www.att.com/safety](http://www.att.com/safety).

The Internet Crime Report, [www.ic3.gov/media/annualreport/2008\\_IC3Report.pdf](http://www.ic3.gov/media/annualreport/2008_IC3Report.pdf), is published by the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3).

WEEKLY UPDATE

Aviation classes

Florida State College at Jacksonville is offering fall term Aviation and Air Traffic Control classes at the Betty P. Cook Nassau Center. Registration is in progress for the following classes that begin the week of Aug. 31 and end the week of Dec. 18. Classes are held in the state-of-the-art aviation lab. Aviation Weather is Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m.; Environment of the Air Traffic Controller is Wednesdays from 6-9:15 p.m.

To register for classes or for information call the Nassau Center at 548-4432.

NACDAC meets

Members of the community interested in the prevention and elimination of underage drinking and drug use within Nassau County are invited to attend this month’s Nassau Alcohol, Crime and Drug Abatement Coalition (NACDAC) meeting on Aug. 18 at 4 p.m.

NACDAC is a non-profit coalition created to support and encourage drug-free lifestyles for the youth of Nassau County. It meets the third Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. at the County Building at 86026 Pages Dairy Road, Yulee. For information, visit [www.nacdac.org](http://www.nacdac.org) or call Jean Bardeas at 753-2551.

Diabetes education

The Nassau County Health Department is offering a series of four, two-hour diabetes classes on Wednesdays Aug. 19, 26, Sept. 2 and 9 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Callahan Tax Collector’s office, 45401 Mickler St., Callahan. Registration fee is \$20 and \$10 for NCSA employees. For questions or to register contact Jen Nicholson, RD, LD/N, Healthy Communities Healthy People program manager at 548-1853 or e-mail [Jennifer\\_Nicholson@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Jennifer_Nicholson@doh.state.fl.us).

Stroke support

A Stroke Support Group meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 19 at Savannah Grand of Amelia Island, 1900 Amelia Trace Court, Fernandina Beach.

Guest speaker Rick Davis will talk about “Preventing a New or Recurrent Stroke.” Davis was president of the Salt Lake City Convention & Visitors Bureau, preparing to host the 2002 Winter Olympics, when he had a stroke. He made a long and remarkable recovery, eventually hiking across the Grand Canyon, and is currently president of The

OLEY Foundation, a national non-profit association for patients with chronic conditions. He recently moved to Amelia Island. Call Renee Stoffel at 321-0898 for information.

Alzheimer’s support

The Alzheimer’s/Dementia Support Group for Nassau County meets 1:30-2:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Council on Aging, 1367 South 18th St. The next meeting is Aug. 20 with Heather Wellman, Events and Community Outreach coordinator for the Alzheimer’s Association who will discuss plans to organize a community event to promote Alzheimer’s Awareness. If you have an interest in helping plan an event, please attend to give your input. This meeting is open to the public. For information, call Ann Smith, R.N. at 491-3222.

Homeless coalition

A membership meeting of the Coalition for the Homeless of Nassau County will be held Aug. 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the Peck Center. For information about the coalition or the meeting call Tom Washburn at 491-1753.

Health talk

A “Federal Healthcare Reform Conversation” hosted by State Rep. Janet Adkins, the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Inc. and Florida CHAIN, in cooperation with Florida Community College at Jacksonville, has been rescheduled to Aug. 27 from 6-8 p.m. at the Betty P. Cook Nassau Center in the “Red” Bean Technical Career Center, Room T126, 76346 William Burgess Blvd., Yulee. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Amanda Young, communications director, at 491-3664.

Healing retreat

A Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat is scheduled for the Jacksonville area the weekend of Sept. 11-13. This weekend retreat offers men and women a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment to express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions and to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

To register call (904) 221-3232 or e-mail [rachelvineyardjax@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelvineyardjax@yahoo.com). Other locations and dates for retreats throughout Florida and the U.S. can be viewed at [www.rachelvineyard.org](http://www.rachelvineyard.org) or call 1-877-HOPE 4 ME.

VOLUNTEERS

Drivers needed

The Council on Aging is in need of volunteer drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels to clients living on the West Side of the county.

The meals would be picked up at the Senior Center in Hilliard on Tuesday mornings and delivered in the Callahan, Hilliard and Bryceville areas.

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

Hospice help

Community Hospice of Northeast Florida needs volunteers to help at Nassau County residences, long-term care or assisted living facilities.

Community Hospice’s inpatient care centers or Community Hospice’s Yulee office at 96084 Victoria’s Place. Schedules are flexible and there are a variety of volunteer opportunities. Call (904) 407-7064.

Truck needed

Micah’s Place needs a box truck to pick up donated furniture and other items to be used by survivors of domestic violence or at its resale center. As a 501(c)(3) organization, the donation of a truck is tax deductible. Please call 491-6364, ext. 102.

RAIN Train

Rescuing Animals in Nassau’s RAIN Train trans-

ports pets from shelters in Nassau County to shelters in higher-population centers where they stand a better chance of adoption.

Anyone planning a trip to the west coast of Florida (Tampa/Lakeland) or the Ft. Lauderdale area can help by transporting an animal or two when they go.

RAIN supplies everything needed. Drivers go to the shelter before heading to their final destination; shelter staff will unload the animal.

E-mail Susan Davis Perry at [susandaviserry@yahoo.com](mailto:susandaviserry@yahoo.com) or call 557-6501 for information and so she can contact the receiving shelter ahead of time.

OBITUARY

Ronald F. Shenk

Mr. Ronald F. Shenk, age 80, of Fernandina Beach, passed away on Tuesday morning, August 11, 2009. He was a resident of Quality Health Care since October, 2005.

Born in Schuylkill Haven, PA, he had been a Fernandina Beach resident since moving from Lancaster, PA in 1994.

Mr. Shenk had worked in the Retail Store Display Industry for many years. He worked for Macy’s Federated Department Stores in New York City as a Display Manager and in later years owned Ed Ron Fixtures of New York.

He was Episcopal by faith. He was the only child born to Robert Shenk and Ulrica (Walker) Shenk, who predeceased him.

He leaves behind, his companion, Ron Kurtz, Fernandina Beach, FL.

A private service is planned at a later date. Please share his life story at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

DEATH NOTICE

**Dustin James Crone**, 19, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009. He was a native and lifelong resident of Jacksonville. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11 in the Stephens Chapel at Green Pine Funeral Home with the Rev. Gary Blanton officiating. Interment followed in Ferreira Cemetery.  
Green Pine Funeral Home

Playground board seeks applicants

The First Coast Freedom project is expanding its board and accepting applicants with an interest in having a universally accessible playground in the city of Fernandina Beach.

It is the organization’s dream to have a place to play in Northeast Florida for people of all abilities and ages. The park design takes local history, art and nature into consideration. The project has been granted use of land by the city of Fernandina next to Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center, and designs have been produced by a landscape architect with experience designing accessible playgrounds. Supporters are in the fundraising stages.

Anyone is encouraged to apply – the only qualification is that you must share the dream to have a place to play for people of all abilities. Contact Aaron Morgan at 335-7253 or [aaronmorgan4@gmail.com](mailto:aaronmorgan4@gmail.com).

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**COUNTY**

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"I think this is a testament to the hard work you've done," said Commissioner Walter Boatright.

"I've seen first-hand how these people do their job from Washington, D.C., to Tallahassee, so I'm probably a bit biased in their favor," Commission Chair Barry Holloway said.

Holloway also praised Anderson's efforts at the state level.

"I've spent quite a lot of time in Tallahassee with Mr. Anderson, and I can tell you he works hard," he said.

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**Boatright**

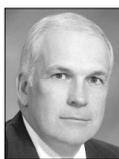
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Those funds will go toward the center's Meals on Wheels program as well as meals in senior centers.

Federal stimulus funds were available for medical facilities, Willette said, but center did not qualify for those.

Elderly services are becoming more crucial, Willette says, because of the aging baby boomer population. "The forecast for the future is astounding," he said, noting that in 2030 more than 30 percent of the population would be over 65 years old, while the number of people over 80 will quadruple in that same time period. "The need is growing at a rapid rate," he said.

Willette said he was not worried about the 2011 deadline for the new building. "There's still adequate time, but we need to be making significant progress ... there are separate but connected issues that have to



**Willette**

architect Jose Miranda has been chosen to design the new facility.

The Nassau County Council on Aging has one facility on South 18th Street in Fernandina Beach, which is owned by Baptist Medical Center, and its own facility in Hilliard. The centers offer in-home services, transportation, health care, adult daycare and meals to the area's senior citizens. The Council on Aging also coordinates services with many other local agencies to offer legal aid, emergency referrals and many other services.

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come to a head simultaneously."

A 10-member board of directors and steering committee are helping with the search for grants. Local

**FIRE** *Continued from 1A*

Bollinger was training firefighters, but only in accordance with his duties as a lieutenant and the investigation was dropped.

However, Bollinger claimed Cooper violated his rights by withholding information about the complete nature of the charges before questioning him and by not telling Bollinger who made the complaint against him until asked.

Bollinger's grievance was denied by Deputy Chief Sam Young, who was present at the interrogation in April, Cooper and County Coordinator Edward Sealover before coming before the commission.

"My ruling was basically this: Lt. Bollinger alleged that Chief Cooper willfully violated the Firefighters Bill of Rights. ... My ruling was that he did not violate them," Sealover said Monday. "I spoke to the chief about the interview and the investigation - about how it was conducted and how it should be conducted in the future. ... I notified Lt. Bollinger that no documents relating to the investigation would be placed in his personnel file, and I restored one day of leave to him."

Bollinger insisted his rights were violated, however, and appealed.

In a letter dated April 29, Cooper informed Bollinger that he would be questioned about whether he was teaching a Firefighter 1 class. The letter did not address whether Bollinger received compensation or name the complainant who made the charges.

"This was the only piece of paper I was given when the investigation started," Bollinger said.

Cooper began by asking Bollinger about the class, but soon veered into another line of interrogation, Bollinger said. "It changed from, 'Are you teaching classes?' to, 'Are you being compensated?' I replied that I was not," he said. "At this point I finally asked who my complainant was. According to my Firefighter's Bill of Rights, before the first question is asked they are required to tell me who my complainant is. They did not do that, and I finally had to ask."

The complainant was Matt Waite, a volunteer in the Nassau County Fire Rescue reserve program, who was taking classes under Bollinger. According to Bollinger's grievance, Cooper said Waite made the complaint of his own accord. However, Bollinger said Waite told him he was asked to come to Cooper's office and felt pressured to make a statement.

"Before I was questioned, I think it's pretty clear my rights

were violated," Bollinger said. "I believe that the chief willfully departed from the truth, and he did omit information that he knew. ... The possible outcome of this investigation based on that omitted information could have endangered my career, and that would have devastated me and my family."

Bollinger did take money from Waite for a registration fee, but passed it along to Waite's instructor of record, he said.

Cooper said his hope during the investigation was to clear Bollinger, whom both he and Young described as one of the best firefighters in the department.

"The information that was given to Lt. Bollinger by me was a broad-brush view of the investigation," he said. "I believe the information I gave was sufficient. ... I did not withhold anything from Lt. Bollinger."

Commissioner Danny Leeper, a former Fernandina Beach fire chief, disagreed. "I believe you purposely withheld information to induce him to make a statement, and I don't believe that your letter of the 29th identifies you as the complainant," he said.

After Cooper's testimony, Bollinger was allowed a rebuttal statement.

"Make no mistake - I don't believe my department heads or my supervisors don't have the right to question something they feel is improper," he said. "If they had called me into the

office and given me all the pertinent documentation, we wouldn't be here. If my rights hadn't been violated, we wouldn't be here.

"... (But) every time it was, 'Here's another paper, here's another paper, here's another paper.' I never knew what was around the corner. I felt cornered and coerced."

The commission voted unanimously to uphold Bollinger's contention that his rights were violated. However, they dismissed the charges of violating Nassau County policy and procedures. They reinstated two leave days Bollinger had taken during the investigation and instructed Cooper to write a letter of apology to Bollinger.

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# West Side schools get better grades

KATHIE COLGROVE  
Community Newspapers

Both West Side high schools won state appeals to have their FCAT scores raised a letter grade.

West Nassau High School's grade rose from a D to a C, while Hilliard Middle-Senior High School's B went to an A.

Administrators from each school filed appeals with the Florida Department of Education last month.

An appeal for WNHS was filed after a data review revealed an error in the 11th and 12th grade retake column, resulting in a loss of points necessary to give the school a C letter grade.

"We were one point from a B initially. This score gives us 10 bonus points which puts us at a C," said WNHS Principal Ron Booker Tuesday. "One point, one student makes the difference."

The appeal asked that bonus points be recalculated after removing a student that had already passed the graduation requirements and ACT/SAT tests, according to an Aug. 11 letter from the state education department.

"We had indicated that on our report to the Florida Department of Education. They forgot to take him out. It was a mistake," said Booker.

He added that administrators and teachers would focus on improving the grades of students in the lower quartile, another factor in the C grade.

"We still know the lower quartile is a group we need to work with," Booker said. "We're relieved and felt confident the appeal would be approved."

Hilliard's improved grade delighted former principal Dale Braddock. "That put us repeat, those two A's, back-to-back in Hilliard," he said.

The school was eligible for 10 bonus points, but did not receive them because the ESE students' scores were not considered when calculating the percent of juniors and seniors who passed the retake exams.

"They had excluded our ESE students and we appealed that because that's discriminatory," Braddock said.

With the school now receiving an A, the teachers will be eligible for recognition funds.

Overall, Braddock, in his new role as director of secondary education, said, "Everybody should be happy for the West Side."

Hilliard resident Brent Tilley began serving as HMSHS principal July 1.

The changes are reflected at [www.schoolgrades.fldoe.org](http://www.schoolgrades.fldoe.org).

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# State DCF moves to new office in Yulee

The Florida Department of Children and Families office in Nassau County has moved to a new location in Yulee.

The new location is 463688 SR 200, Suite 3, Yulee, adjacent to the UPS store.

The same services that have been available at the Fernandina Beach site will also be offered at the Yulee site. These services include the department's ACCESS Florida program for Food Stamps, Temporary Cash Assistance and Medicaid.

Computers will be available for persons who need to apply for these services. However, it is not necessary to come to the office to apply for any of these services. Persons can

apply for public assistance on any computer with Internet access by going to [www.myflorida.com/accessflorida](http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida).

People who are already receiving food stamps or other economic assistance from the department and have questions about their services can call 1-866-762-2237. They can also go online to [myflorida.com/accessflorida](http://myflorida.com/accessflorida).

Additionally people are encouraged to sign up for the "My ACCESS Account" service at the website. This service provides convenience for those receiving food stamps and economic assistance.

Those who need to contact the Family Safety office can call 548-9300.

# Counterfeiting charges dropped

JASON YURGARTIS  
News Leader

Charges have been dropped – at least temporarily – against a Fernandina Beach man and two Georgia residents arrested in Collier County on July 17 for possessing 10 or more counterfeit bills and fraud to obtain property under \$20,000.

The state was unable to file charges Aug. 7 in Collier County Circuit Court against Joseph Edward Rimes, 35, of Fernandina Beach, William David Rodeffer III, 32, a former Fernandina resident who now lives in Folkston, Ga., and Valerie Marietta Carver, 25, of Alma, Ga.

The State Attorney's Office of the 20th District, which handled the case, cited insufficient evidence as the reason.

Collier County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Michelle Batten said the detective handling the case was to meet Thursday with the prosecutor to discuss why the charges were dropped.

"Whether there will be additional charges filed depends on



Rimes



Rodeffer



Carver

what comes out of this meeting," she said.

Rodeffer's attorney, Naples-based Rodolfo Linares, said his client is "an upstanding citizen and justice was served."

Linares, who did not represent Rimes or Carver, said, "It's my understanding that (the prosecution) didn't have enough evidence to prove their case."

The arrests were made when authorities alleged they found 42 counterfeit \$100 bills, two counterfeit \$20 bills, a laptop, two printers, crayons, colored pencils and a laptop bag with documents belonging to Rimes – including test patterns for the counterfeit U.S. currency – inside Rodeffer's white 2006 GMC pickup.

According to reports, Rimes said he and his girlfriend, Carver, reprinted the money in Rodeffer's truck as the three were heading south

for an overnight offshore fishing trip to the Dry Tortugas.

Rimes said he got the idea to wash \$1 bills with a household cleaner, then print \$100 currency on them after watching a Chris Hansen undercover special on the NBC show "Dateline" that described a similar scheme in Las Vegas, reports stated.

Carver reportedly told police she spent about \$1,000 of the counterfeit money to purchase food and other items and Rodeffer allegedly admitted to washing, producing and spending the counterfeit currency.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office was tipped off July 16 about the trio's alleged scheme by the mother of the man who guided their fishing trip. While

the group was out at sea, Rodeffer's truck was parked in the woman's driveway and was obstructing entry to the home. As part of a standing agreement, owners of vehicles parked in the driveway for fishing trips are required to leave an ignition key for easy movement if necessary.

According to reports, the woman looked in the unlocked truck for the key, and upon opening the glove box, saw several washed out bills and some suspicious looking \$100 bills. She then notified local authorities.

On July 17, the group returned to land, at which time detectives from the Collier County Sheriff's Office Economic Crimes and Surveillance Units along with agents from the U.S. Secret Service made a traffic stop on the pickup due to the license plate being completely obscured by a non-transparent cover. Rodeffer consented to a search of the vehicle and the contraband was confiscated, authorities reported.

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## ▼ HELPING OTHERS

# She helps those with low vision

HEATHER A. PERRY  
News Leader

Five years ago, an eye exam revealed that Marsha Riley had the beginnings of age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

"Thankfully, after four years of monthly injections into both eyes, my vision has been saved as I continue receiving them. I look forward to the next medical breakthrough," said Riley, whose mother was not quite so lucky. Her AMD was diagnosed at age 82 and she is now legally blind.

Riley has been involved in the Nassau Council of the Visually Impaired and Blind since its creation in 2007 and is currently serving a two-year term as president of its board.

"Being a volunteer has been a catalyst for my own healing," said Riley. "Learning the news that you are going blind is hard to take – catastrophic! Since I am visually impaired also, my understanding and compassion of the trials of others similarly handicapped, is acute."

"These men and women are enjoying life as they learn to accept the handicap and work with it. My life is enriched by being able to help them accomplish the things they didn't realize they could still do."



President Marsha Riley addresses a meeting of the Nassau Council for the Visually Impaired and Blind on Aug. 3.

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Originally from Prince William County in Northern Virginia, Riley "fell in love with Amelia" after visiting her sister in 1993.

She and her husband, Bob, moved to Fernandina Beach in 2000. They share their Fernandina abode with a five-year-old rescued Shih

Tzu, Patches.

Anyone, whether visually impaired or blind or not, can join the council, which is a member of the Florida Council of the Blind. Membership fees are \$10 per year.

Group members have varying degrees of visual impairments, caused at birth or by injuries and disease. They inspire one another with life stories, discuss advances in eye care, learn Braille, listen to books on tape and learn about computers. The group also plans social events such as fishing, visiting museums or going out to lunch.

Volunteers are welcomed as members. Drivers are always needed, as are computer gurus who can teach basic skills on two computers donated by the Council on Aging.

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Meetings are held the first Monday of each month except July from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Council on Aging. For information call Riley at 583-1317 or e-mail [ncvib@comcast.net](mailto:ncvib@comcast.net).

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# 'The War of Wars'

Three years, eight months and seven days after the brutal attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, Americans would experience the finale to their second World War. A little after noon-time on Aug. 15, 1945, Tokyo time, (Aug. 14, North American time) the Emperor of Japan announced over the radio Japan's unconditional surrender to Allied Forces. This day in history is known as V-J Day, Victory over Japan, the day the Japanese Empire surrendered in defeat, ending World War II in the Pacific.



## VETERAN'S CORNER

Debbie Walsh

continued, the Japanese Empire started its own act toward retribution.

The horrific and devastating bombing of Pearl Harbor officially severed America's neutral stance and

on Dec. 8, 1941 the U.S. declared war on Japan. Two days later, Germany declared war on the United States.

The U.S. would never be the same after Pearl Harbor and soon after in February 1942 President Roosevelt signed an executive order directing approximately 120,000 people of Japanese descent living in the U.S. to be placed in internment camps. The rampant fear that many of those people were or would be spies for the Japanese Empire set the fate of these people and would see them imprisoned until the end of the war.

A too-close-for-comfort event occurred on April 11, 1942 when an American tanker carrying fuel oil from Texas to New York was torpedoed and exploded into flames just four miles off Jacksonville Beach.

Weeks later on Sept. 2 aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay a formal, unconditional surrender ceremony was performed.

World War II was the deadliest and most expensive war in human history. Financial costs totaled an estimated one trillion dollars. It was a war conducted in both Europe and the Pacific where two opposing military alliances, the Allies and the Axis powers, embarked on a campaign that would eventually record the mobilization of 100 million military personnel worldwide. It was also a war where the United States would mourn the loss of over 400,000 American lives.

For years the United States persisted in its impartiality and vowed neutrality towards the war in Europe which began in 1939. The Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 requiring men ages 21-30 to register with local draft boards indicated Americans were preparing for the possibility of war. The Lend-Lease Act of 1941, allowing the U.S. to supply Allied nations with vast amounts of war materials signified the U.S. sympathized with Allied powers. The Atlantic Charter between the U.S. and Britain of 1941 established a vision for a post-World War II world, despite the fact that the United States had yet to enter the war. All these indications had the Axis powers assuming the United States would no doubt enter the fight. And while the war in Europe

dam Declaration established terms for an unconditional Japanese surrender. It was issued on July 26, 1945 by Harry Truman, Winston Churchill and Chiang Kai-shek. Though the Japanese losses were staggering, the Japanese refused to concede, flatly rejecting the proclamation.

On Aug. 6, 1945 U.S. radio stations began playing a prepared statement from President Truman. "The United States has dropped an entirely new type of bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima - an atomic bomb." He warned if Japan still refused an unconditional surrender, the United States vowed to attack additional targets with more devastating effect.

More pressure was added when on Aug. 8 the Soviet Union declared war on Japan. On Aug. 9, a second nuclear bomb was dropped, this time on Nagasaki, Japan, and on Aug. 14 Japan surrendered.

By the end of World War II records show 248,000 Floridians had served in both Europe and the Pacific. Accounts also reflect 3,540 of those soldiers died serving their country.

Some historians say World War II should claim the title "The War of Wars" since it involved a global military conflict of the majority of the world's nations. For me and others of my generation it is not difficult to empathize with what our parents and grandparents of the World War II era had to deal with regarding an attack on our homeland. All we have to do is think of 9/11.

Today, Aug. 14, we'll commemorate the anniversary of the end to this blockbuster war. I was very dismayed to see so little media coverage regarding the anniversaries of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and I only hope V-J Day will hold more significance. Either way, we the veterans and family members of veterans will always remember and continue to mourn the loss of hundreds of thousands. To soldiers still living that fought this War of Wars, thank you. We appreciate your sacrifices, the losses you incurred and your patriotism to a nation that is a leader among leaders.

Debbie Walsh is a 22-year veteran, retired Senior Master Sergeant in the Air Force and a Life Member of The American Legion Post #54, Fernandina Beach. whitelabaron@yahoo.com

## PAW PRINTS SALE



Terry Simmons of Fernandina Beach inspects a birdhouse at the Paw Prints Book and Plant Sale Saturday at the Fernandina Beach airport. Proceeds from the sale went to the Nassau Humane Society.

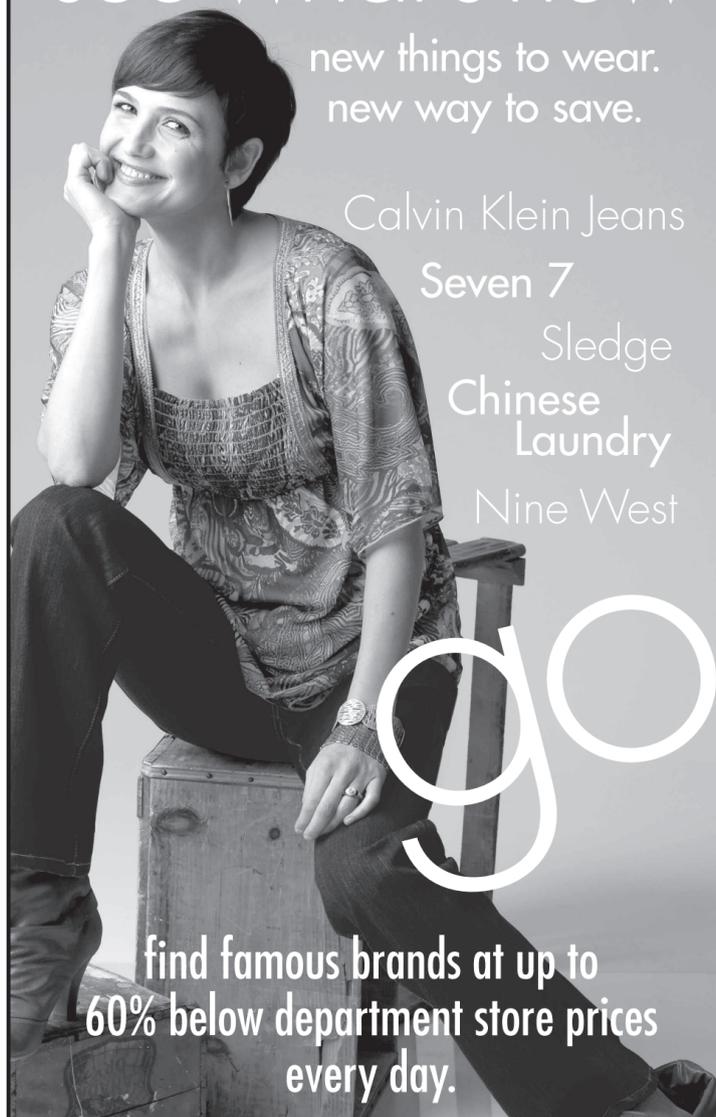
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**Fair Tax meeting**

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The meeting will last about an hour with a general discussion of the fair tax, questions and answers and a discussion on the impact of eliminating the federal Internal Revenue Service.

All Americans are welcome to attend regardless of political persuasion.

**Low Country Boil**

The Nassau County Democratic Party's 11th Annual Low Country Boil will be held Saturday at Kraft Athletic Ten Acres, 961023 Buccaneer Trail, on Amelia Island.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a Low Country Boil menu, barbecue, music and a silent auction.

State Sen. Dan Gelber of Miami Beach, a candidate for attorney general, will be the keynote speaker. Others attending will be candidate for governor Michael E. Arth of

Deland and commissioner of agriculture candidates Eric Draper of Tallahassee and Randy Hatch of Branford.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling NCDEC Chairman Jay Paul Thibault at 556-4105 or by e-mailing info@nassaudems.org.

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**Special elections set**

The Florida Division of Elections has called for special elections to fill the vacancy of the Senate District 8 seat formerly held by the late Sen. Jim King. The special primary election will be on Sept. 15, and the special general election will be Oct. 6 for Nassau County Precincts 101, 102, 202 and 204 on Amelia Island.

Candidates interested in qualifying for the state senate seat must do so by the petition process or by paying the qualifying fees. Petitions for candidates qualifying by the petition method must be submitted to the supervisor of elections in the county in which signatures are collected no later than 5 p.m. Monday in order that the supervisor of elections can

verify the signatures and certify the results to the Division of Elections in Tallahassee.

Interested candidates may qualify to fill the current vacancies beginning at 8 a.m. Aug. 20 and ending at noon Aug. 21.

Qualifying by petition requires 854 valid signatures. Qualifying by fees requires \$1,915.92 for party-affiliated candidates and \$1,277.28 for non-party-affiliated candidates.

In order to vote in the special primary election, Nassau County citizens in Precincts 101, 102, 202 and 204 on Amelia Island must be registered on or before Monday.

Call the Supervisor of Elections office at 491-7500, 904-491-7510 TDD, or visit [www.votennassau.com](http://www.votennassau.com) to update your voter record or to receive information about the upcoming elections.

**GOP to meet**

The Republican Party of Nassau County executive committee will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the County Building on Pages Dairy Road. Guest Speaker will be Ken Mertz, who will speak

on the "Fair Tax." Please refer to [www.nassaugop.org](http://www.nassaugop.org) for information. All Republicans are invited.

**Health care reform**

A "Federal Healthcare Reform Conversation" will be hosted by State Rep. Janet Adkins, the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Inc., and Florida CHAIN from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 27 at Florida Community College at Jacksonville, Betty P. Cook Nassau Center in Yulee.



Adkins

For more information, contact Amanda Young at 491-3664.

**College fund-raiser**

The Florida State College Foundation will host a fundraiser for scholarships by "roasting" state Sen. Steve Wise on Sept. 17.

There will be a VIP Sponsorship Reception at 5:30 p.m., general reception at 6 p.m. and the roast will be 7-9 p.m.

The event is at the Wilson Center Theater, South Campus, Florida State College at Jacksonville, 11901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville.

The purpose is to provide scholarships for promising jobs for Florida's students preparing to graduate from Pathways Charter School (a return-to-school initiative located at Florida State College at Jacksonville).

Gold tickets are \$2,500, which includes four tickets to VIP reception and event, logos displayed on screen in the theater, preferred seating at the roast and program recognition.

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## Wounded warriors need help

This past week, I was fortunate to play in the Wounded Warrior charity golf tournament. This commendable project aims to raise awareness and enlist the support of the public's aid for severely injured servicemen and women while at the same time creating an environment of support that allows these injured heroes to recuperate with high-quality care and treatments.

As a result of our Global War on Terror, nearly 35,000 United States service personnel have been seriously wounded in combat. Shockingly, out of the 755,000 veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, the Department of Veterans Affairs says more than 181,000 are collecting disability benefits of some type — many requiring grueling physical therapy and continuing care in an attempt to get about with their daily lives. And not surprisingly, many young men and women are returning with emotional scars that may take years to uncover and resolve.

Only half of the wounded are able to return to duty. The rest of these courageous veterans who have suffered so much not only deal with the physical loss, but also the loss of their livelihood and community. This difficult transition requires not only the support of family and friends, but also practical training and tools.

These men and women have put their lives



### MAKING SENSE

Michael Reagan

The Wounded Warrior Project, and others like them, has put their full resources behind advocating for these heroes. It's time to ensure that not only are our veterans given the resources they need, but also that those of us who benefited from the protection of our armed forces work not only for the quality of their medical care, but also their quality of life. This includes support for continued GI Bills, for caregiver relief, family support, counseling and job training.

In the defense of our nation, a small share of our citizenry continues to sacrifice so much for the greater good. Now it is our time — as

neighbors, as Americans — to ensure that each of these patriots and their families receive the care necessary to live their lives to the fullest.

Over the last several months, so many politicians have felt the need to apologize for America. After participating in an event yesterday where so many people came out to show their support for our wounded heroes, it makes you realize why we are better off applauding America.

We have a chance to serve our wounded warriors, not simply out of a sense of duty, but in celebration of the freedom and nobility of this country and those who have bled to make it so. I am honored to stand beside these men and women in any way I can, knowing that while our roles have been different, our fight is the same, and this great country is our shared heritage.

I ask each of you to visit [www.woundedwarriorproject.com](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.com) to learn more about their efforts. As your situation allows, I ask that you take the extra step of volunteering your time or donating to their effort. Those who have fought for us, who continue to fight for us, must never be forgotten.

Mike Reagan, the elder son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is chairman and president of The Reagan Legacy Foundation ([www.reaganlegacyfoundation.org](http://www.reaganlegacyfoundation.org)).

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### Cats need us

It has been said that man's inhumanity to man is exceeded only by his inhumanity to animals. At no time has that ever been more true than now. As the economy continues to flatline, people are tossing out their pets like yesterday's newspapers — with little to no thought as to what will become of the animal once it's left to fend for itself. Once secure in knowing they would be fed tomorrow, these poor creatures find themselves wandering the streets, confused and disoriented, with no idea what they have done wrong or how they will find their next meal.

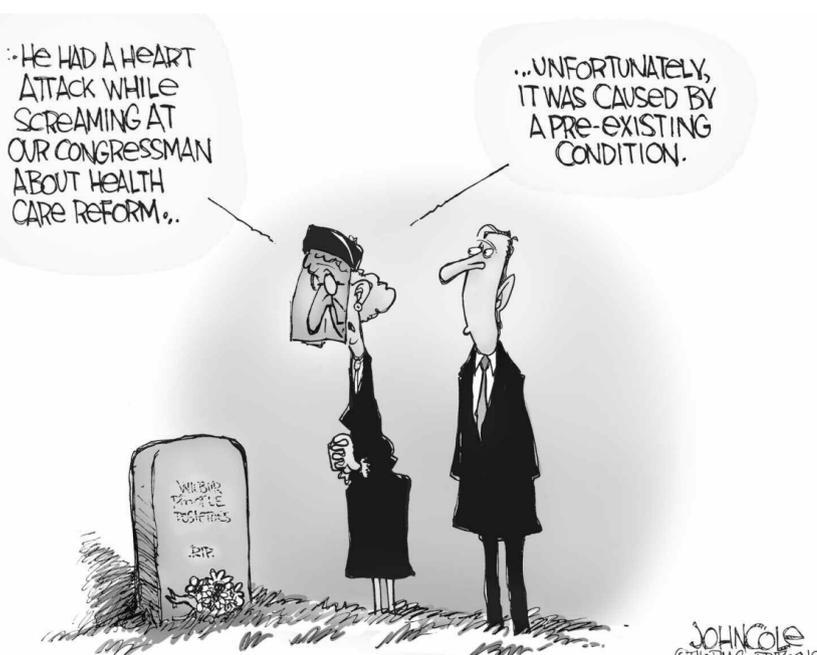
I have long been involved in cat rescue. It's not that I don't like dogs; I do. But it is cats' helplessness, their very vulnerability, that speaks to me. Scan any newspaper and you'll see the headlines: Kittens used to train pit bulls. Man arrested for torturing, killing cat. I cannot read them. Just the headlines bring tears to my eyes.

The upside is that I am not alone. Increasingly, animal cruelty is simply not tolerated. (Yet at the same time, in neither Jacksonville nor Fernandina is there an SPCA chapter to address the all too many cruelty cases that still DO exist.) And as I go about my rounds, feeding colonies of castoffs grateful for a handout and a simple kind word, and as I hear of yet another case of a tiny kitten being thrown from the window of a speeding truck, I can bear it, but barely, knowing that at least there are a lot of good people out there who share my concern.

They share my concern because they know these gentle, helpless creatures have virtually no chance of making it on their own. They share my concern, because they know there is nowhere for these animals to go. And on the streets it is only a matter of time before they meet an untimely death. The cards are simply too stacked against them.

It heartens me that throughout the country, caring groups and individuals are doing what they can. More and more, people are devoting their time, energy and resources to provide safe havens for abandoned and unwanted cats. A sanctuary in South Florida, founded in 2002 to address the problem of the state's overcrowded shelters, currently houses some 600 felines. Says its owner: "These guys are all healthy and beautiful. But (in a shelter) they would all be killed. Here at the sanctuary, they can live out the rest of their lives."

There is no such sanctuary in



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Northeast Florida. One is sorely needed. With real estate sales at a standstill, there must be property available. Anyone interested in donating land or funds, or who simply wishes to share ideas on how to improve the life of abused and abandoned cats in Northeast Florida, is invited to contact Patti Connor at [pattic1121@aol.com](mailto:pattic1121@aol.com). Donations are tax deductible.

Patti Connor  
Fort Caroline

### Where are we?

I recently read a story in *Folio Weekly* about Felix the vendor. The story referenced an "out of town" that enquired about opening a hot dog stand and complained that Felix could vend but they could not.

I believe that person would be me, however, the second part of the story would be incorrect as I did not even know who Felix was.

I had visited the island on spring break and decided I would spend the summer here as I found it very beautiful. I enquired about a setting up a little Vienna hotdog stand downtown and was told it was not allowed because the town did not want to "dirty up" the streets with

vendors. This was the end of it. I never said anything about Felix as one, I did not even know of him and two, I was actually hoping to find someone exactly like him to run said hotdog stand!

This story really saddened me. To think that my inquiry may have been an impetus for the town trying to make Felix leave is a sin. I'm not really surprised however. When I came here at the beginning of the summer, I experienced racism at its finest.

My friend drove down here with us and spent the first week. I took her shopping downtown and I watched as many store owners watched her as if she was a thief. One in particular who did not know we were together followed her everywhere. I was shocked. My friend is African-American. We are from Chicago and we usually do not face this type of thing at home. My friend said the best way to deal with racist people is to ignore them, but it really bothered me that she had to be treated as if she was a common thief.

My friend is a reporter for a major Chicago newspaper. She was not fazed by this at all, rather used to it in fact. It made me really, real-

ly sad that she was treated this way in a town I now called my own.

"We are in the South," she said accepting this. "Yes, but isn't it still America?" I thought.

Michelle DiGiacomo  
Chicago

### Racism

Last fall I participated in a program called "Study Circles on Racism." The sessions were held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Fernandina Beach. Group members varied in age, sex and skin color. No one I knew was involved when I joined the program. That soon changed.

Now I've learned that this program will be offered again this coming fall. It offers a unique opportunity to exchange ideas with folks from diverse backgrounds. They live nearby, but you may not have had the chance to exchange ideas in an informal small group setting. Here's that opportunity!

Look for specific information about the meetings on community bulletin boards, church bulletins and the *News-Leader*.

Jo Merman  
Amelia Island

## COMMUNITY THANKS

### Paw Prints book sale

The Nassau Humane Society's annual "Paw Prints Book Sale" Aug. 7-8 was a fantastic success!

Special thanks go to Steve and Mary Stubbs of First Coast Storage for donation of the storage units, Sean McGill and his staff for use of the hangar and facilities, and to Publix, Winn Dixie and Harris Teeter for supplying all the banana boxes.

To all the volunteers who worked so diligently in the heat to organize the event, and to all of our friends in the community who attended and gave us such generous and heartwarming support, a huge thank you from all of us at Nassau Humane Society and the homeless animals in residence.

Sandra Terry, Gail Sasanfar,  
Marie Kortz  
Nassau Humane Society

### Life after cancer

On Tuesday, Sept. 8, First Coast Oncology — Nassau will host its inaugural "Celebration Of Survival" event from 4-5:30 p.m. at the First Coast Oncology office located at 1340 South 18th St. in Medical Building A, Suite 103.

This program provides the opportunity to celebrate cancer patients who were treated at First Coast Oncology — Nassau and who have become cancer survivors. In addition, there will be an educational component that will delve into what life is like after cancer. The event is free and light refreshments will be served.

The event is sponsored by First Coast Cancer Foundation. For more information, or to RSVP — please call (904) 387-5312.

At the First Coast Cancer Foundation, we understand that each cancer patient faces a unique journey. We strive to make a difference in the lives of patients and their families affected by cancer.

The foundation is committed to providing cancer patients with necessary financial assistance, supportive resources and educational programs to pave the way for a successful journey toward survival.

Kathleen Garrett  
First Coast Oncology

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## A love affair with books goes digital

So I got myself a little gadget a few months back, and I have to admit that it has immeasurably lowered my productivity. The little gadget is called a Kindle, and I have become addicted to it.

For those of you not in the know, a Kindle is an electronic reading device manufactured by online bookstore Amazon.com. The way it works is this: You order books either online or directly from the Kindle, and Amazon magically beams them to your device. The gizmo holds literally hundreds of books — a deadly temptation for a guy like me. I can sit in my favorite coffee shop and think, "What should I read today — Pope's translation of the *Odyssey*, Gibbons' *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* or Shatner's autobiography?"

I have never been faced with a choice like that before, and the sense of power it gives me is intoxicating. Gibbons or Shatner? The lady or the tiger? Now I can actually have both. Wherever I go, in a package the size of a paperback, I carry an entire library. Books, books, books, shelf upon shelf of them, all crammed into a few ounces of plastic and wiring.

My love affair with books began early, though not as early as my English-teacher mother and newsman father would have liked. Much to their horror, I hated reading when I was in the first grade. Loathed it. My teacher,



### NEWS-ROOM VIEWS

Ryan Smith

that stupid red ball. My vitriol toward this insipid trio translated, eventually, into a burning hatred for the written word itself.

And the very next year, all that changed. I still remember the book that did it: an Illustrated Classics edition of *War of the Worlds*. It was a pocket-sized paperback, thick and squat. Its cover featured an illustration of a Martian tripod terrorizing a city, all against the background of a bizarre pink sky.

I started the book grudgingly, at my mother's insistence. I finished it in a white-hot frenzy, then went to my mother and asked for

something else, anything else, to read.

From that moment, I was hooked. I devoured Illustrated Classics so quickly my mother couldn't keep up with me, and was reading adult novels by the fourth grade for the simple reason that I couldn't find enough children's books to keep me occupied.

The addiction has never waned. From politics to criminal psychology to poetry, from the Bible to Beowulf to T.S. Elliot, Herman Melville to Stephen King, the written word has become my lifeline. I don't care if it's high literature or trashy pulp fiction, as long as the story sucks me in. Like the man said, as long as it's got a good beat and you can dance to it.

I am always shocked and even vaguely offended by people — of my generation, especially, I am ashamed to say — who flat-out admit, as if they're proud of it, that they hate to read. How empty your life must be, I want to say, when there's not a television nearby. How crippled your imagination if beautiful words cannot stimulate it. How little of wonder must you know if you've never finished a book and felt you were somehow a different person than the one who began reading it.

Our disposable 21st century culture doesn't help. Other forms of entertainment once led back to books. As recently as a few years ago, a movie like *Memento* might inspire you to

read up on cognitive psychology, or lead you to the novels of early noir masters like Hammett and Chandler. Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey" might lead you to Arthur C. Clarke's novel, and through Isaac Asimov to the fantastic heights of H.G. Wells and Jules Verne.

A movie like this year's "Transformers" sequel inspires nothing but a visceral satisfaction at seeing stuff blown up real good, and you leave the theater thinking of nothing but your next meal. And don't even get me started on reality television. There's nothing wrong with good trash in its proper place, but when trash becomes the predominant art form, it is poisonous to thought. And therein lies my abiding distrust of such disposable entertainment, and my abiding love of books. A movie like "Transformers" requires nothing of its audience. It does all the work for you; it tells you exactly what to think. It leaves no room for your own imagination to take over after the final reel.

A book doesn't do that. A book tells you not what to think, but simply, think. And that's the beautiful part — because if you're willing to do the work, willing to think, where you go from there is up to you.

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# COMMUNITY

## 'Living Proof Live' at First Baptist

Beth Moore is bringing "Living Proof Live" to her hometown of Green Bay, Wis., Aug. 28-29. Thanks to simulcast technology, she'll spend that weekend here at First Baptist Church too as she speaks on "Coming Home to the Heart of Our Desires" from Psalm 37.

"Living Proof Live" is a weekend you'll never forget. And you won't even have to leave town. For information or to purchase tickets, contact the church office at 261-3617.

It's more than a sport, it's more than a game, it's Upward basketball and cheerleading. Upward is an evangelistic sports ministry specifically designed for kindergarten through sixth grade boys and girls that promotes salvation, character and self-esteem in every child. Early registration cost is \$65 per child. After Sept. 1, cost is \$75. To sign up or get information call First Baptist at 261-3617.

Mark your calendars. The annual meeting is Oct. 8 at Amelia Baptist Church, 96117 Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach. "Service in the Midst of Adversity." Business meeting is at 5 p.m.; finger foods and fellowship at 6 p.m.; second session at 7 p.m.

Mobile Dental Unit is Sept. 28 through Oct. 2 at First Baptist, Callahan, 45090 Green Ave., Callahan. Appointments are Sept. 21-23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 225-5941.

Training for medical and financial screeners will be Sept. 15 at the association office. All screeners must be trained by the Florida Department of Health before screening patients.

Who qualifies to be seen in unit? If you are an adult at least 18 years of age; you have no dental insurance; your household is in the 200 percent poverty level; you only need basic dental work, either fillings or extractions.

From our Director of Missions Dr. David Drake: "Key Leader Workshop is at First Baptist Church on Aug. 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Evangelism strategies for the 21st century, led by Will McRanev. Prayer ministry "Building Praying Churches" led by Rich Shepherd. Stewardship "Consider your Ways" led by Ken Westbrook. Music led by Terry Williams. Discipleship "Making Disciples Who Make Disciples" led by Bill Carmichael. Ministry assistant/secretary "Office Teamwork" led by Lynn Stone. Deacon training "How Deacons Help Manage Church Conflict" led by Roy Lee Saint. "Women's Missions and Ministries" led by Cindy Goodwin. "Passion in Leadership Spanish" led by



**HILDA'S HEAR-ABOUTS**

*Hilda Higginbotham*

Warren, ministry assistant at Cedar Bay for nine years; Bruce Jernigan, minister of children for 15 years at Dunns Creek; Dorothy Coleman, financial secretary 12 years at Five Points Baptist Church; Theresa Scanlon, ministry assistant 10 years at Amelia.

Who knew Bible study and worship could be so much fun? First Baptist Church.

If God should tarry for 150 more years, what will our legacy be? I want to invite you to step up and take your place of service on "Build the Church Day" on Aug. 30. As we honor God with our commitment to live for Him. Then join us for homecoming on Sept. 27. This year is made even more special as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of First Baptist. The new church address is 1600 S. Eighth St. Phone: 261-3617.

God is faithful and he calls us to follow Him. This God who have us this wonderful post will lead to a glorious future. Let's commit to do whatever it takes to honor Him. In His love, Pastor Jeff.

"Sam's Stanzas." We began to look and listen to our Christmas music Wednesday. We have books and CDs for those who wish to be part of the tree. Trish and Kay will be asking some of you to step forward for very special parts. Sue is busy keeping our feet to the fire. This will be the most moving message of all our presentations. You will want to be part of it.

All music Sunday evening is Aug. 30. Special guest musicians plus our own people leading us in worship.

Global Impact Celebration runs through Sunday at First Baptist Church, Callahan. Gary Crawford spoke Wednesday evening. He has been senior pastor of Westside Baptist Church in Gainesville for 27 years. He has served

as president of the Florida State Board of Missions and as a trustee of the International Mission Board Convention. His church is very active in missions.

Tom Williams was the Sunday morning and evening speaker. He is the regional leader for Western Europe for the Southern Baptist Convention. He served as a missionary to Thailand from 1981-4 and as mission administrator in Bangkok from 1990-5. He served as associate area director, Southern Asia and the Pacific, from 1996-7 and as regional leader for Western Pacific from July 1997 to June 2004.

Our Global Impact Celebration musical guest was Michael O'Brien. He is a gifted singer, songwriter and musician. You can listen to his music and more about him on his website at michaelo.org.

"And you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8.

Grief Share, led by Doug Hodges and Malcom Adams, begins Aug. 26 at 6:45 p.m. in Room C203. This is a weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. First Baptist Church, Callahan, 45090 Green Ave.

Angie McClellan is choir music adult minister at Yulee Baptist Church. Pray before every worship service as you're getting ready for the service, traveling to the service, waiting for the service to begin and throughout the service, especially during the invitation time. Confess any known sin to God and to others, if needed. Play worship music throughout your home while getting ready for church and in the car on the way.

Worship is our response to who God is and what He has done. Gerry Bre-shears states that "Jesus said, 'Worship is an ongoing, unbroken life of communion empowered by the Holy Spirit and informed by the truth.'" God wants to spend time with us and wants to tell us things that will help us glorify Him.

Are we listening? Are we then responding to what we are told? Expect that you will encounter God in a personal way. As a worship leader, I am expected to prepare for the worship service, as is the pastor. I work hard each week to prepare for the worship service, to prepare the music that will bring each one of us closer to God. However, the most important preparation is that of my own heart for my own encounter with Him. And just think, God is right there in our midst. Expect to meet with Him.

### WEDDING

#### Turner-Cotner

Allison Marie Cotner and Nathan Franklin Turner of Fernandina Beach were married at 7 p.m. Friday, June 12, 2009, in a beach service on the north end of Amelia Island.

The bride is the daughter of Patsy and Edwin Carter and Charles Cotner, all of Fernandina Beach.

The groom is the son of Ronnie and Diana Turner of Milton, formerly of Yulee.

The bride's maternal grandparents are Gertie Schreffler of Fernandina Beach and Mark Schreffler of Lewisburg, Pa.

The bride's paternal grandparents are Lloyd and Jane Cotner of Fernandina Beach (the couple was married on the Cotners' 61st wedding anniversary).



**Mr. and Mrs. Turner**

The Turners reside on Amelia Island with their dogs, Britney and Miley.

### BIRTHS

Debrah and Steve Ritter are proud to announce the birth of a son, Jack McKane Ritter, born on July 31, 2009, at the Women's Center Northside Hospital in Atlanta, Ga. Jack weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and measured 21 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Marty and Myra Goldapple of Miami. Paternal grandparents are Rankin and Adeline Willis Morris of Panama City and Carol Ritter of Charleston, S.C.

Moriah and Chris Everson of Jacksonville announce the birth of a

daughter, Maggie Danielle, born at 1:18 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2009, at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville. The baby weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and measured 18 inches in length. She joins big sister, Eden, 2.

Paternal grandparents are Jane Everson of Jacksonville and Andy Everson of Conyers, Ga. Maternal grandparents are Donnie and Kathie Foster of Nassauville. Great-grandparents are Ed Cook and the late Stella Cook of Nassauville, Peg Poulton and the late George Everson of Killingworth, Conn.

### CAMPUS NOTES

Julia Michael (JB) Belcher, along with other outstanding high school scholars from around the world, participated in the Global Young Leaders Conference, which took place in Vienna, Austria, Budapest, Hungary, and Prague, Czech Republic, from July 4-14.

Students interacted with key leaders and newsmakers with powerful influence over politics, finance, culture and diplomacy and took part in a carefully designed curriculum, which included thought-provoking simulations that build leadership skills.

"The Global Young Leaders Conference aims to provide scholars with the opportunity to collaborate with their peers from around the world to both study and resolve global conflict," said

Marguerite C. Regan, dean of academic affairs for the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors GYLC. "When ideas and points of view are shared, the true results of the conference are realized."

GYLC culminated with the Global Summit, in which students applied what they learned throughout the conference as they debated, negotiated and built coalitions dealing with issues such as foreign aid, global warming, cooperative efforts in space, terrorism and human rights. Belcher is a senior at Fernandina Beach High School, a member of the National Honor Society and Lady Pirates basketball team and president of FBHS Student Government.

### CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Amelia Island Chess Club meets from 2-5 p.m. the first and third Saturday at Café Karibo, 27 N. Third St., Fernandina Beach. Call Dan Doulet at 261-0070.

Amelia Island Genealogical Society for anyone interested in tracing ancestry meets the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Community Room at the Fernandina Beach Police Department on Lime Street. Call Marie Santry 321-3460.

Amelia Masonic Lodge #47 meets every second and fourth Tuesday at the Masonic Lodge, 1101 S. 14th St., Fernandina Beach. All Master Masons are invited to attend. For information, contact Gene Botts, secretary, at 261-6394. Orlando Avila, Worshipful Master. E-mail ameliamason@bellsouth.net or visit www.mastermason.com/Amelia.

Amelia Island Group of Narcotics Anonymous for anyone needing help dealing with drugs meets at 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays at First Assembly of God Church, 302 South 14th St. Call 800-576-4357. Visit firstcoastna.org.

Amelia Island Quilters Guild meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday from September to June at the Woman's Club, 201 Jean LaFitte Blvd., Fernandina Beach. Call Pam Wise at 321-4118 or visit aiq.homestead.com.

Amelia Cruisers Car Club service organization for car enthusiasts meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and from 6-9 p.m. the second Friday for a cruise-in at Murray's Grille, 3134 E. SR 200, Yulee,

and fourth Saturday from 5:30-8:30 at Do Wop Diner, 461379 SR 200, Yulee. Call Gary Marlow 277-8693.

Amelia Island Sailing Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday at The Kraft Athletic Club-Ten Acres, 961023 Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach. Call Commodore Charles Steinkamp at 261-5213 or Vice-Commodore Joe Bowen at 277-1614.

American Legion Post #54 veterans organization meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday at 12 South 11th St. Call Tom Gora at 583-4597.

Books Plus Book Club for those interested in book discussions meets at Books Plus, 107 Centre St., Fernandina Beach. Call Don Shaw for scheduling and book information at 261-0303.

Bosom Buddies breast cancer support group meets the first Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Room at the Fernandina Beach Police Department on Lime Street. Call Betty Armenti at 225-0067.

Bunco Amelia meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at traveling locations. Ladies of all ages are invited to join for a fun time, no experience necessary. Call Marjorie at 491-8622.

Byrd Wallace Veterans of Foreign Wars Post meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday at Kraft Athletic Club-Ten Acres, 961023 Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach. Call Post Quartermaster Pat Beamer at 261-6416.

Centre'd Women is a proudly disorganized group of wonderful women

that meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Monday at Art & Antiques, 702 Centre St., Fernandina Beach. Call Eileen Moore at 277-2717.

Cumberland Sound Woodcarving Guild meets at 6:30 Wednesday at various locations. Call Bob Schlag at (912) 729-2282.

Eight Flags Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association is a organization of women with diverse occupations who gather together to provide opportunities to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, national recognition and community service. The group meets at 6 p.m. the fourth Thursday at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club. Call Esther Schindler at 491-5790 or e-mail ABWA8flagsinfo@gmail.com.

Eight Flags Needlepointers/American Needlepoint Guild to promote interest in needlepoint as an art meets at 10 a.m. the third Saturday. Call Chris Bryan at 261-5444.

Fernandina Pirates Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at Ten Acres. Call Jerry or Billie at 548-1163.

The Optimist Club of Fernandina Beach meets every Wednesday at noon in the banquet room at Sliders. Join and become associated with other civic-minded men and women in activities dedicated to voluntary, constructive service to youth and community. Contact Pierre LaPorte at 261-7803.

## Welcome to God's House

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## An Inordinate Fondness for Beetles

British naturalist J.B.S. Haldane, when asked what his study of nature led him to infer about God, reputedly remarked that the Creator must have an inordinate fondness for beetles. Indeed, one-fifth of all known species are beetles, and many of them are really very beautiful, or are equipped with features that are truly amazing. For instance, the Bombardier beetle combines chemicals from two separate chambers, the combination of which produces a blast of hot gas that is very effective at warding off predators. Creationists and Evolutionists sometimes quarrel about such seemingly well-designed defenses, because it isn't readily apparent how such a complicated system could evolve in small incremental steps. Perhaps the opposition between creationism and evolution is unnecessary. Could not God have created a universe in which evolution works to continually create new species? Many biologists have thought so, and thus they see their work as unraveling the incredible and ongoing mystery of creation. When we learn something new about nature, in the process we get a glimpse into the mind of God.

*O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy creatures.*  
R.S.V. Psalm 104:24

### HELPERS

For people who struggle to lose weight, Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 5 p.m. on Mondays in the community room of the Fernandina Beach Police Department on Lime Street. Call Loretta Clark at 261-4041.

The Nassau County Veterans' Service Office at the Nassau County Judicial Annex in Yulee serves veterans and the surviving spouses. For information or appointments, call John F. Martin at 548-4670 or e-mail jmartin@nassauclerk.com. Hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Al-Anon Family Group, a support group for family members and friends of alcoholics meets each week at the Alachua Club, 32 N. Third in Fernandina Beach at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and at 7 p.m. on Thursday. For information, call 261-7175 or 261-1813.

The Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group for Nassau County meets the third Thursday from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging, 1367 South 18th St., Fernandina Beach. No pre-registration is required and meetings are open to anyone who has an interest. Call Ann Smith, R.N., at 491-3222.

Amelia Island Group of Narcotics Anonymous for anyone needing help dealing with drugs meets at 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays at First Assembly of God Church, 302 South 14th St. Call 800-576-4357. For additional meeting times or information visit firstcoastna.org and click on meetings.

American Cancer Society services available in Nassau County include free transportation to and from cancer treatment; support groups for breast cancer and prostate cancer survivors/pa-

tients and a program that teaches techniques to people undergoing cancer treatment to help combat appearance-related side effects. Programs for men, women and teens.

Volunteers are needed. Call (904) 249-0022 or e-mail mariann.reid@cancer.org.

The Association for Retarded Citizens of Nassau County is the only non-profit organization located in Yulee providing adult day training, employment opportunities, personal care services and community inclusion for individuals with developmental disabilities. Call Faye Johnson at 225-9355 or visit www.arc-nassau.org.

Barnabas Center, 11 South 11th St., Fernandina Beach, provides food, clothing, household goods, medical and dental care and subsidies that cover rent and utilities to the needy in the community. It also operates the New to You resale store at 930 South 14th St. Contact Carol Reader at 321-2334. E-mail Barnabas Center@comcast.net or visit www.barnabascenterinc.org.

The Bereavement Support Group meets on the second Thursday of each month from 5-6:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, corner of Eighth Street and Atlantic Avenue. Call Kathy Washburn, 491-1753.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters seeks qualified adults to mentor children one-on-one in the community and school programs. Also needed are Little Brothers and Little Sisters. Call 261-9500.

Bosom Buddies of Amelia Island offers support, education and friendship to breast cancer survivors. Meetings are the first Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Fernandina Beach Police Department on Lime Street. Call Betty Armenti at 225-0067.

# RELIGION

## Passing the test and embracing your future

"Are you afraid of heights?" he asked, eying me carefully for my response.

"Not a whole lot," I replied.

"Good," he said. "I need to be sure though. Come with me." With that, I jumped into his golf cart and off we went.

I was getting ready to be the personal assistant of the paper mill's fire chief. Looking back, I had absolutely no clue what that meant — other than a paycheck, of course. To this day I still don't know why it was me they chose instead of one of the other new employees, but either way I was grateful for the opportunity.

As we drove further away from the comforts of the guard shack, the fire chief's question about my capacity for heights began to make me



**PULPIT NOTES**

Pastor Rob Goyette

think, "I wonder what I'm going to be doing?" That was just about the time I figured it out. As we came around the corner and entered the huge storage building, my eye fell on the lone piece of equipment standing in the middle of the room — a cherry picker. You know, one of those four-wheel vehicles with an extension arm that lifts people into the air. This particular one had the ability to go extremely high.

"Come on," the chief said, "get in.

We've got to check some pipes." And so we did. Now let me tell you, it's one thing to get into a little basket and extend several stories up into the air while you're standing still, but it's another thing altogether to be up that high and then start driving around the entire building.

As we bounced up and down and jerked from side to side, I could see the fire chief looking at me out of the corner of his eye. Though he took the opportunity to show me a few leaking pipes, his real goal was to see if I could handle the height.

Actually, I think he bounced us around a whole lot more than was necessary but, I suppose, that's why we were there. He needed to be sure that I was the guy for the job. And, as it turns out, by God's grace I

passed the test.

Now that brings me to the focus of this article — passing the test. Let's just say it. At times life can be a little scary. With all its ups and downs and jerking back and forth, you can't help but wonder what the guy who is driving this whole thing is really up to. I know it's not always the case, but I've come to believe that a lot of life's hard rides are really God's way of qualifying us for our future. It's just that simple. If you can hang on and trust God when things seem out of control, then you're ready to be promoted to the next level of God's grace and blessing for your life.

I suppose for me what really made the difference was the fact that the fire chief was in the basket

with me. I concluded that if he felt we were safe, then I should too. Though I realize that not every human being can be trusted — God can be. As the Apostle Paul said so well in the book of Romans, chapter 8:31, 38 and 39, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" And again, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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### RELIGION NOTES

#### Donations needed

The Salvation Army Hope House, 410 South Date St., is in need of the following types of donations:

- Personal hygiene items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors, shaving cream, feminine products and toilet paper
- Canned foods not requiring cooking: non-condensed soups, pastas, beanies, tuna, chicken, fruits, fruit juices and powdered milk
- Starchy foods: rice, instant mashed potatoes, pastas, cereals and breakfast bars.

Call 321-0435.

#### Community orchestra

If you would like to be part of the Community Orchestra at Memorial United Methodist Church as it prepares for Christmas, call Director of Music Ministries Beth Jurovick at 261-5769, ext. 3, or e-mail beth@mumconline.com. Rehearsals begin Sept. 8 from 7-8:30 p.m. Call or e-mail to have a part waiting for you.

#### New member weekend

Grace Community Church is offering a membership weekend seminar for those interested in joining the church. The seminar begins at 6:30 p.m. tonight and continues from 8:30 a.m.-noon on Aug. 15. Alternate dates and times are also available.

According to Grace Community Church, the Christian scriptures instruct believers to join a local church to place themselves under the spiritual care of its leadership. The church worships Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at Yulee Middle School's cafeteria, 85439 Miner Road. It is a mission church for the Presbyterian Church in America's

North Florida Presbytery. There is no fee to join. Contact Pastor David Bradsher at pastor@gracenasau.com, 491-0363 or http://gracenasau.com.

#### Worship and lunch

Join Salvation Army Hope House each Tuesday at noon for its Weekly Worship Service and Fellowship Lunch. Pastor Ray Ramsburg of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will share the Gospel message on Aug. 18. For more information, call 321-0435 or 410 South Date St.

#### Yard sale

Solid Rock Church of God by Faith will host a yard sale from 7 a.m.-noon Aug. 15.

#### 'One Heart'

First Assembly of God will feature "One Heart," a Southern gospel group with a deep love for God and a great music ministry on Aug. 16 at 10:45 a.m. at the church, 302 South 14 St. Call 261-6448.

#### 'Ministry Fair'

First Presbyterian Church will host a Ministry Fair on Aug. 23 in Jim Thomas Hall from 9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Booths representing the missions, ministries, studies, events and opportunities available at First Presbyterian will fill the hall. There will be games, door prizes, lots of food, an Ugly Tie Contest. Nursery and preschool available.

#### 'Living Proof simulcast'

On Aug. 28-29 Beth Moore is bringing Living Proof Live to her hometown of Green Bay, Wis. Thanks to simulcast satellite technology, she'll spend that weekend at First Baptist Church, too. Tickets are

#### BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

##### Community study

Community Bible Study is an interdenominational organization committed to helping people of every age grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. Individuals from all backgrounds and levels of Bible knowledge are invited to join one of the weekly classes that begin in September. For further information, contact the appropriate class coordinator:

- Wednesday morning women and children (infant and home schooled): Kathleen Minor 225-8125.
- Monday evening men: Tony Taylor, 321-0785
- Monday evening women: Linda Bell, 261-0569
- Monday evening teens: Jeanne Scott, 491-9849
- Monday evening E-teen (middle school): Bobbie Burch, 261-2533

##### Women's study

The Amelia Island Women's Evening Community Bible Study invites you to join an in-depth, non-denominational study of the Book of Acts.

Meetings will be Monday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. at

Amelia Baptist Church, 961167 Buccaneer Trail across from Harris Teeter. The study begins Sept. 14 and continues through May 3.

For information and to register, call Michal Polese at 548-9971 or Linda Bell at 261-0569. Visit [www.communitybiblestudy.org](http://www.communitybiblestudy.org) and [www.ameliainlandevcebs.org](http://www.ameliainlandevcebs.org).

**Beth Moore study**

Amelia Plantation Chapel will begin an eleven-week Beth Moore women's Bible study — Jesus The One And Only — starting Sept. 22 at 10 a.m.

This is an in-depth study of the life of Jesus based on the book of Luke. Through video and group study, participants will join Moore on a life-changing journey that leads through the hills of Galilee with the Teacher, across the lake with the Master, and finally on the road toward the cross with the Savior — getting to know Jesus intimately, as though walking with Him during His earthly ministry. The study includes a workbook for a cost of \$15. A nursery will be provided upon advance notice. For information or to register call the chapel office, 277-4414, or e-mail [sandyshawaif@bellsouth.net](mailto:sandyshawaif@bellsouth.net).

\$10 and may be purchased at the church. Call 261-3617.

#### 'God's Active Men'

Historic Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal Church, 202 S. Ninth St, presents "God's Active

Men" at 11 a.m. Aug. 30. The call is out to join the men of Fernandina Beach as they give thanks and praise to God. There will be scripture, a gospel jubilee, gospel choir and praise band, and a word from God by Pastor Ewing. Everyone is welcome.

For information call 261-4114 or (904) 310-6377.

#### Grace promotion ceremony

Grace Community Church will hold a promotion ceremony as children graduate to new church classes on Sunday, Aug. 30. In addition, the children's ministry is expanding with an additional class.

New curriculum for children's programming starts that Sunday. Contact Pastor Dave Bradsher at [pastor@gracenasau.com](mailto:pastor@gracenasau.com), 491-0363 or <http://gracenasau.com>.

#### Rally Day

Rally Day for children and youth will be Aug. 30 at First Presbyterian, beginning at 9:50 a.m. Nursery, toddlers, preschool and kindergarten will meet in their classrooms in Noah's Place. First and second graders will meet in the Power Lab and third through fifth graders will meet in the Kidmo theater. Middle school students will meet in the Skate Room in the Youth Center. Senior high youth will meet in Faith Cafe at 12:15 p.m. for lunch and Bible study.

Parents, call the church office to confirm your attendance no later than Aug. 27.

#### Catholic class

St. Michael Catholic Church is sponsoring an inquiry class for those who wish to know more about the Roman Catholic faith and what Catholics believe. The program, called R.C.I.A., will start on Sept. 1 and continue each week through Easter 2010. Call the church office at 261-3472 for more information or to register.

## "Worship this week at the place of your choice"

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| <p><b>AMELIA PLANTATION CHAPEL</b><br/>An Interdenominational Community Church<br/><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP</b><br/>August 9, 2009 • 9:15 a.m.</p> <p>MESSAGE: "Prayers for the time you have no words."<br/>MUSIC: "We are yours, Lord"<br/>(Nursery Provided)<br/><b>~ALL ARE WELCOME~</b></p> <p>The Chapel is located behind The Spa &amp; Shops at Amelia Island Plantation<br/>36 Bowman Road<br/><b>(904) 277- 4414</b><br/><a href="http://www.ameliachapel.com">www.ameliachapel.com</a></p> | <p><b>AMELIA PLANTATION CHAPEL</b><br/>An Interdenominational Community Church<br/><b>BLOG WITH US</b><br/>Share your opinions with Pastor Ted Schroder of Amelia Plantation Chapel. Access: <a href="http://ameliachapel.com">ameliachapel.com</a> Pastor's Corner, and then Ted's Blog. Faith-based subjects that make us all think!</p> | <p><b>St. Peter's Episcopal Church</b><br/>Welcomes You!<br/>Located at the corner of 8th &amp; Atlantic</p> <p>Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 am &amp; 10:00 am</p> <p>Wednesday Holy Eucharist 12:10 pm</p> <p>904-261-4293<br/><a href="http://www.stpetersparish.org">www.stpetersparish.org</a></p>   | <p>In the heart of Fernandina<br/>9 N. 6th Street<br/>Dr. Holton Siegling<br/>Senior Pastor<br/><b>Worship 8:30 &amp; 11a</b><br/><b>Sunday School 9:50a</b></p> <p>Nursery<br/>Children<br/>Youth<br/>Adults<br/>261-3837<br/><a href="http://www.1stpres-fb.com">www.1stpres-fb.com</a></p>  | <p><b>St. Michael Catholic Church</b><br/>Rev. Brian Eburn, Pastor<br/><b>MASS SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>Saturday Vigil Mass - 4 pm &amp; 5:30 pm<br/>Saturday 4 pm Mass at Yulee United Methodist Church<br/>Sunday Masses 8:00 &amp; 10:00 am &amp; 12 Noon<br/>Daily Mass - 8:30 am Mon., Wed., Thurs &amp; Fri. 6 pm - Tuesday<br/>Holy Day Masses Vigil 6:00 pm; Holy Day 8:30 am<br/>Confessions: Saturday 3:15pm - 3:45 pm or by appt</p> <p>Telephone Numbers:<br/>Parish Office: 904-261-3472; Fax 904-321-1901<br/>Emergency Number: 904-277-6566, also call 904-277-0550<br/>Founded 1872</p> | <p><b>CELEBRATION BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Innovative Style, Contemporary Music, Casual Atmosphere</p> <p><b>Pastor Mike Kwiatkowski</b></p> <p>85520 Miner Rd<br/>Yulee, FL 32097<br/>Sunday Worship 10:30<br/>Nursery Provided</p> <p>Small group bible study Sunday morn. @ 9:15am<br/>KidKreddie Children Ministries Meeting @ 10:30am Sunday Youth "Body Shop" Wed. @ 6:30pm<br/>Connecting with Christ... Connecting with People</p> <p><b>FOR MORE INFO: (904)225-0777</b></p> |
| <p><b>Springhill Baptist Church</b></p> <p>Sunday School.....9:30 am<br/>Sunday Worship.....10:45 am<br/>Wednesday AWANA.....6:15 pm<br/>Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 pm<br/>941017 Old Nassauville Road • County Rd-107 South<br/>Fernandina Beach, FL 32034<br/>261-4741<br/><a href="http://www.springhillbaptistfb.org">www.springhillbaptistfb.org</a></p>  | <p><b>St. Peter's Episcopal Church</b><br/>Welcomes You!<br/>Located at the corner of 8th &amp; Atlantic</p> <p>Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 am &amp; 10:00 am</p> <p>Wednesday Holy Eucharist 12:10 pm</p> <p>904-261-4293<br/><a href="http://www.stpetersparish.org">www.stpetersparish.org</a></p>                                       | <p><b>BLACKROCK BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>96362 Blackrock Rd., Yulee 261-6220</p> <p>Senior Pastor: Rev. Michael S. Bowen<br/>Sunday Morning Worship Services 10:30am<br/>Sunday School 9:15am<br/>Friday 6:45 - 9:00 Awana<br/>Worship Service 10:30 (Childrens Church)<br/>Sunday p.m. Service 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.<br/>Nursery Provided<br/><a href="http://www.blackrockbaptist.com">www.blackrockbaptist.com</a></p>                  | <p><b>FIVE POINTS BAPTIST</b><br/>"MORE THAN A CHURCH. WE'RE FAMILY"<br/>Pastor : Dr. Alan Brown</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:45A.M.<br/>Worship Service ..... 10:55A.M.<br/>Discipleship Training ..... 6:00P.M.<br/>Evening Worship ..... 6:00P.M.<br/>Wednesday Fellowship Supper ..... 6:00P.M.<br/>Wednesday Prayer Service ..... 7:00P.M.<br/>736 Bonnieview Road (across from Sadler Rd.)<br/>904-261-4615 (church office)<br/>EVERYONE WELCOME<br/>Nursery provided<br/><a href="http://Spoinbaptistchurch.org">Spoinbaptistchurch.org</a></p>   | <p><b>YULEE BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Visitors Always Welcome!</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 am<br/>Morning Worship 8:15am and 11:00 am<br/>Sunday Evening 6:00 pm<br/>Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm<br/>Wednesday Team Kid 6:15 pm<br/>Wednesday 1-79 Youth 6:30 pm<br/>Classes For All Age Groups Including Youth<br/>Nursery Provided For All Services<br/><a href="http://www.yuleebaptistchurch.com">www.yuleebaptistchurch.com</a></p> <p>85971 Harts Rd., West Yulee, FL 32097<br/>904-225-5128<br/>Fax 225-0809</p>  |   |
| <p><b>the ANCHOR</b><br/>Contemporary Worship<br/>Sunday @ 11:00<br/>515 Centre Street<br/>First Presbyterian</p>  | <p><b>YULEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Please join us for SUNDAY SERVICES:<br/>Church School 9:30AM Worship 11AM<br/>Wednesday Study 6:30PM</p> <p>A1A &amp; Christian Way, Yulee<br/>225-5381 • Rev. Mark Stiles</p>   | <p><b>"Discover the Difference" at Amelia Baptist Church</b><br/>Pastor: Dr. H. Neil Helton<br/>Sunday Worship Service - 10:30am<br/>Bible Study - 9am<br/>Nursery provided for all services<br/>Small group studies-Adults 6pm<br/>Wednesday - Prayer Service 6:30pm<br/>Preschool and Children Activities</p> <p><b>961167 BUCCANEER TRAIL</b><br/>Corner of Buccaneer Tr. &amp; Gerbing Road, Fernandina Bch.<br/>For More Information Call: 261-9527</p> | <p><b>Living Waters world outreach</b><br/>Contemporary Worship<br/>SUN 9:30am<br/>WED 7:00pm</p> <p>Youth, Nursery &amp; Children's Ministries<br/><b>321-2117</b></p> <p>Rob &amp; Christie Goyette<br/>Senior Pastors On A1A 1 mile west of Amelia Island<br/><a href="http://www.LivingWatersOutreach.org">www.LivingWatersOutreach.org</a></p>  | <p><b>FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>20 South Ninth Street 261-4907<br/>Rev. Darlen K. Bolden Sr., Pastor<br/>The Church in the Heart of the City<br/>With the Desire to be in the Hearts of All People</p> <p>Sunday New Members Class 9 a.m.<br/>Sunday School 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship 11 a.m.<br/>Wednesday Noon Day Prayer<br/>Wednesday Mid-week Service 7-9 p.m.<br/>Ministries: Bus &amp; Van, Complex, Singles, Youth</p>   |   |
| <p><b>PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Ray Ramsburg, Pastor</p> <p>--- Every Sunday ---<br/>Traditional Worship: 8AM &amp; 11AM<br/>Praise Worship: 9:30AM<br/>Nursery provided at all services<br/>--- Vacation Bible School ---<br/>July 12 thru 17</p> <p>2600 Atlantic Avenue • Fernandina Beach<br/>Across from Fort Clinch State Park<br/>261-6306<br/><a href="http://www.poplcamelia.org">www.poplcamelia.org</a></p>  | <p><b>Holy Trinity Anglican Church</b><br/>In Amelia Park</p> <p>1830 Lake Park Drive (across from the YMCA)</p> <p>Sunday worship times<br/>8:00 a.m.<br/>10:00 a.m. (with music)</p> <p>904-430-0274<br/><a href="http://www.holytrinityanglican.org">www.holytrinityanglican.org</a></p>  | <p><b>BETH MOORE LIVING PROOF LIVE</b><br/>August 28-29<br/>Tickets \$10<br/>For 2-Day Event<br/>First Baptist Church<br/>1600 S. 8th Street<br/>Fernandina Beach, FL<br/>904-261-3617<br/><a href="http://www.FBFirst.net">www.FBFirst.net</a><br/>Rev. Jeff Overton, Sr Pastor</p>   | <p><b>Memorial United Methodist Church</b><br/>Making disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, study, service &amp; community</p> <p>601 Centre Street 261-5769</p> <p>Brett Opalinski, Pastor<br/>Hollie Tapley, Associate Pastor</p> <p>Traditional Family Worship ..... 8:30am + 11:00am<br/>Contemporary Worship ..... 9:45am in Maxwell Hall<br/>Youth Worship ..... 9:45am in Youth Center<br/>Sunday School for all ages ..... 9:45am + 11am<br/>Wednesday Midweek Supper (Aug-May) . . . 5:15-6:30pm<br/>Middle School Youth (Wed.) ..... 6:30pm<br/>Senior High Youth (Wed.) ..... 6:30pm</p> <p>Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors<br/>The people of the United Methodist Church</p> <p>Music programs and small groups available<br/>Nursery services available for all services</p> | <p><b>Providence Presbyterian Church</b><br/>YULEE, FLORIDA<br/>Everyone is welcome</p> <p>Rev. Robert Phelps<br/>96537 Parliament Drive, Yulee (Corner Old Nassauville Rd.)<br/>Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. (904) 432-8118<br/><a href="http://www.providencyulee.com">www.providencyulee.com</a><br/><a href="mailto:providencyulee@comcast.net">providencyulee@comcast.net</a></p>   |   |
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## Laurel wilt find 'alarming'

TALLAHASSEE – Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson has announced the confirmation of laurel wilt disease in an avocado sample from Homestead.

"This find is alarming for the avocado industry," Bronson said. "Since laurel wilt disease was first found in North Florida, the department has been working cooperatively with other agriculture agencies to track the spread of this disease and beetle, and retard artificial movement. Despite these efforts this unwanted pest/disease complex has spread rapidly via redbay trees within Florida."

Laurel wilt is a destructive disease of redbay, avocado and other trees in the laurel family (*Lauraceae*). The disease is caused by a fungus (*Raffaelea lauricola*) that infects the sapwood of host trees, restricting the flow of water, causing the leaves to wilt and the trees to die.

The fungus is carried into trees by a non-native insect, the redbay ambrosia beetle (*Xyleborus glabratus*), that was first detected in the United States near Savannah in 2002 and subsequently found in Jacksonville in September 2007. Laurel wilt has caused high levels of mortality in redbay trees in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida – including Nassau County – and has affected several other hosts including sassafras and avocado.

Laurel wilt was discovered in an avocado tree that showed

signs of wilt in a commercial grove in southern Miami-Dade County.

A University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF-IFAS) researcher in Miami-Dade County collected the sample, which was confirmed as laurel wilt.

Currently, there are four additional suspect samples from three avocado groves in Homestead that have laurel wilt symptoms, but these samples have not yet been confirmed by laboratory diagnosis.

A working group of industry members, agriculture agencies and local agriculture groups was assembled earlier this year to review and chart an effective management strategy to mitigate the potential impact of the redbay ambrosia beetle and laurel wilt on Florida's avocado industry. As part of this group, UF-IFAS is currently working on treatment and management recommendations. These recommendations will be available at <http://trec.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

Since June 2007, the Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) program has monitored traps in eight Florida counties from Pensacola to Miami. The traps are baited with a tree oil that is attractive to the beetles. The traps are checked once a month and processed at Gainesville headquarters of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry. A distribution map showing counties with laurel wilt disease symptoms can be found at [www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/enpp/pathology/laurel\\_wilt\\_disease.html](http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/enpp/pathology/laurel_wilt_disease.html).

The Florida Agricultural Statistics Service reports the avocado industry represents a production value of \$12.7 million with over 6,500 production acres located in Miami-Dade County and Collier County.

The public can help prevent the spread of the redbay ambrosia beetle and laurel wilt by following these suggestions:

- Become familiar with the signs of laurel wilt disease and redbay ambrosia beetle and be on the lookout for evidence of the pest/disease on your trees. For photos and information visit [www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/enpp/pathology/laurel\\_wilt\\_disease.html](http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/enpp/pathology/laurel_wilt_disease.html).
- Use local firewood only. Do not transport firewood from other states because destructive pests and diseases, such as redbay ambrosia beetle and laurel wilt, can hitchhike into Florida on infested firewood. View video at [www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/videos.html](http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/videos.html).
- Do not transport host trees (redbay, swamp bay, avocado, sassafras, pondspice, pondberry and others in the Lauraceae family) unless purchased from a registered nursery.
- If your Lauraceae-family tree dies, use one of UF/IFAS's recommended methods of disposal.

If you suspect your trees may be infected with laurel wilt or you think you have found a redbay ambrosia beetle, please contact the DPI helpline at 1-888-397-1517.

## HOME AND GARDEN BRIEFS

### Farmers market

Capt. Jack's Crab Cakes has joined the Fernandina Farmers Market as a vendor. Many shoppers will recognize Derek of Proper Pie who has started a new booth featuring his crab cake specialty using real lump crabmeat and his blend of unique seasonings.

Capt. Jack's will have jumbo crab cakes that are perfect for dinner. For appetizers, mini crab cakes and shrimp-stuffed mushrooms are also available. All crab cakes are made fresh and then frozen for ease in taking home and the convenience of just popping in the oven for a few minutes to enjoy.

Also at the market on Aug. 15, Checkers Cracker Cookin' with their unique Southern fare and Reflections of Nature with herb plants.

The market is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Seventh and Centre streets. Call 491-4872 or visit [www.fernandinafarmersmarket.com](http://www.fernandinafarmersmarket.com).

### Birding Walk

Join Our Greenway on Aug. 15 at 8 a.m. for a birding walk on the Greenway. You can expect to see a variety of wading and songbirds as well as birds of prey. Visit [www.ourgreenway.org](http://www.ourgreenway.org) to download a Greenway specific bird list. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, water, sun protection, bug juice, comfortable walking shoes and optionally field guides and spotting scopes.

Meet in the parking lot at the entrance to the Greenway behind the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center, 2500 Atlantic Ave. The walk is free and open to the public. For information call 277-7350 or visit [www.ourgreenway.org](http://www.ourgreenway.org).

### Bird club

The Nassau County Bird Club will hold a field trip to Huguenot Memorial Park on Aug. 15 and Sept. 5 at 8 a.m., rain or shine. Park entry is \$1 per car.

The park is located off Heckscher Drive about 8 miles south of the Nassau Sound bridge. Meet in the parking lot of the general store. Target birds include the Piping Plover, Oystercatcher, Whimbrel, Reddish Egret, gulls and terns. Bring your binoculars, field guide, bug juice, sunscreen, rain gear, sunglasses, layered clothing and water.

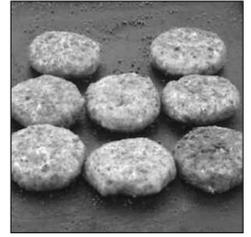
For information call Carol Wyatt at 262-9272 or e-mail [carolinewy@aol.com](mailto:carolinewy@aol.com).

### Mortgage specialist

Ray Seeley, reverse mortgage specialist, will speak about how to finance home repairs with Unity Mortgage – a reverse mortgage specialist company – on Aug. 19 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. at the Council on Aging Senior Center located at 1367 South 18th St., across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau. For more information call Frances Bartel at 261-0701, ext 102.

### Kayak/canoe trip

Nassau Sierra Club will host a guided kayak/canoe trip to Simpson Creek (Little



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Talbot Island) on Aug. 29. This trip is open to the public.

The three- to four-hour trip will depart the "Kayak Amelia" concession at Little Talbot State Park at 9 a.m. It will be about a five-mile paddle, with a stop for lunch on the sandbar or Bird Island.

Paddlers will experience maritime forests, desert-like dunes, undisturbed salt marsh and a variety of wildlife and native and migratory birds. Little Talbot is one of the few remaining underdeveloped barrier islands.

Participants with their own boats can launch at Kayak Amelia; those without kayaks can rent either single (\$30) or tandem (\$45). Kayak Amelia will waive the launch fee and offer renters a 10 percent discount.

The paddle will be in calm water and is suitable for beginners. A personal flotation device is required; they can be rented from Kayak Amelia. Also recommended are sun protection, insect repellent, food and drinking water.

The trip will be led by Len Kreger, a certified Sierra Outings Leader; RSVP at [L.Kreger@comcast.net](mailto:L.Kreger@comcast.net) or (904) 432-8389.

### Landscape workshop

On Sept. 29 the Extension Service will offer a Limited Certification Workshop for Commercial Landscape Maintenance. Trainers are Rebecca L. Jordi, Erin Eckhardt and Ray Zerba, extension agents for Nassau, Duval and Clay counties.

Register by Sept. 18 by e-mailing Rebecca Jordi at [rjordi@ufl.edu](mailto:rjordi@ufl.edu), or call 548-1116. The workshop will be held at the FCCJ Betty P. Cook Campus. Sessions are 8:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m., a full six-hour day required to sit for the LCLM test.

A partial session is offered for recertification from 8:45 a.m.-1:30 pm. Recertification requirement is 4 CEUs. Full day cost is \$50 and includes 2 textbooks, notebook, handouts and lunch; the half-day session costs \$25 and includes handouts, refreshments and lunch.

Once payment is received, the participant will be registered. Make checks to Nassau County Extension, 543350 US 1, Callahan, FL 32011.

This class is required by the state of Florida in order to sit for the Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance test. A passing grade on the test will enable the licensee to apply pesticides to flower beds and ornamental plants. No money will be accepted at the door.

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## Florida honey has new 'standard'

TALLAHASSEE – Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson has announced that his department has instituted the first regulation in the nation – and perhaps the world – prohibiting any additives, chemicals or adulterants in honey that is produced, processed or sold in Florida.

The regulation, which went into effect July 14, provides the first-ever "Standard of Identity" for honey.

"We want to assure consumers that the product that they are buying is pure," Bronson said. "Too often in the past, honey has been cut with water or sugar, and sometimes even contaminated with insecticides or antibiotics. In the future, when you're paying for honey in this state, pure honey is what you will get."

The new law came after state honey producers sought regulation as a result of a flood of adulterated honey from overseas into Florida in 2006.

Under terms of the new regulation, honey containing any-

thing other than the "natural food product resulting from the harvest of nectar by honeybees" is considered an adulterated or mislabeled product. Such products are subject to a "stop sale" order in which a manufacturer, processor or merchant would be served with an order prohibiting the product's sale. Repeat offenders would face fines of up to \$500 per violation.

Florida is the fourth-leading honey producing state in the country with cash receipts to beekeepers of more than \$15 million in 2008 and an industry that has an economic impact estimated at \$40 million a year. It employs more than 500 Floridians.



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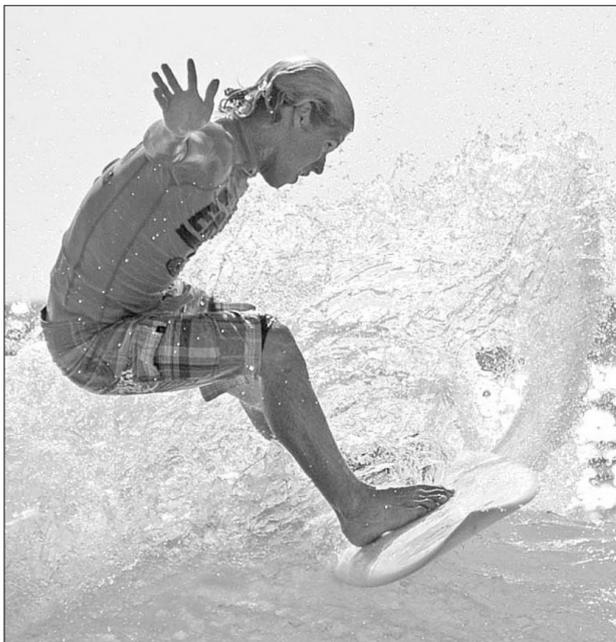
# SPORTS



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2009  
NEWS-LEADER/FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA



Chris Igou, left, and Zack Miller compete Saturday in a surf contest just south of Slider's restaurant. The First Coast District of the Eastern Surfing Association held the tournament and has another one planned for Aug. 29. Below, contestants in the water Saturday.

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## ESA surf contest held Saturday just south of Slider's

The First Coast District of the Eastern Surfing Association held another contest of the summer Saturday just south of Slider's restaurant.

The next contest will be at 8 a.m. Aug. 29, also just south of Slider's. For information on the Eastern Surfing Association, contact Brad Long at 415-6033.

In the menhune division (11 and under), Sutton Kerlin took first place, Gage Kropff was second, Scotty Rivenbark finished third and

Gavin Johnson was fourth.

Bradley Dunham won the boys division. Matt Kane was second and Jessie Chapman finished third.

Walter Obszarski took first place in the junior division. Toby Williams was second.

In men's shortboard, Chris Igou was first. Nick Isabella was second, Jake Coombs placed third, Zack Miller was fourth, Chance Bennett placed fifth and Scott Kellogg finished sixth.

Eric Hatton took first place in the masters division.

In senior men, Long was first, followed by Kyle Conger.

Kevin Leary won the grand masters division. Frank Blake was second.

Leslie Baker took first place in women's and women's longboard divisions.

Williams was first in junior longboard. In the men's longboard division, Isabella fin-

ished in first. Hatton was second, Kellogg was third and Todd Burwell placed fourth.

Long took first place in the masters longboard division. Leary was second, Conger third and Blake was fourth.

In the open shortboard class, Miller was first, Hatton was second, Igou was third, Leary was fourth, Obszarski was fifth, Coombs was sixth, Isabella was seventh and Dunham placed eighth.

## Treat those water injuries with care

Living where we do, we are surrounded by water and have the opportunity for many marine-based activities. Surfing, fishing, boating and skiing are a few examples of how we have fun on the water. However, the water also provides a unique environment for the development of infections. For example, one can easily become cut while climbing into a boat or from the shells on the shore. Fisherman are susceptible to getting stuck, not only by hooks, but also by the spines of fish. These types of injuries can cause serious infections and, therefore, they should be taken seriously and properly treated.

Wounds which occur in water-based situations have much higher infection rates than similar injuries which occur on land. Lakes, streams and the ocean contain multiple bacteria. For example, there are likely 100 million bacteria contained within a liter of seawater. So, when a wound does occur here, it should be considered contaminated and potentially infected.

While there are common bacteria such as staph and strep in water-based environments, there are also different bacteria in the water than those commonly found on land, and these can be much more aggressive. One such bacteria species, called Vibrio, produces severe skin infections that can lead to rapid skin destruction and



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death in as short as 24-48 hours after injury. Wounds which occur on the water should be thoroughly cleaned with soap and water. If it is deep or a penetrating puncture wound, this should be evaluated by a doctor to determine the need for possible surgical treatment and antibiotics. Small wounds are often left open to facilitate drainage should an infection develop despite antibiotic treatments. Especially in situations of potential foreign body penetration, such as a shell or fish spine, X-rays should be performed to make sure nothing was left behind. *This column is written to discuss issues regarding sports, medicine and safety. It is not intended to serve as a replacement for treatment by a doctor. It is only designed to offer guidelines on the prevention, recognition and care of injuries and illness. 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. Call 261-8787 for appointments or visit [www.gsmithmd.com](http://www.gsmithmd.com).*

## POKER RUN



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Sunday Mornin' Jazz crosses paths with Jade during the recent Poker Run, left. Bob Canon, above, captain of Jade, displays his winning certificate for a four-day, three-night stay at Amelia Island Plantation.

## Amelia Island Sailing Club holds Poker Run

JOHN BURNS  
For the News-Leader

The Amelia Island Sailing Club held its annual Poker Run, co-sponsored by Amelia Island Yacht Basin, on Saturday. Unlike its other races, the Poker Run is more of a social event, where sailboaters and powerboaters participate together. Heck, if one so chose, they could row the course.

The committee chairman chose an eight-mile course, starting at the downtown marina, around the outer range marker in Cumberland Sound, out to buoy 20 and then a similar return course, finishing at buoy 10 near the downtown marina.

Every time a boat passes one of the designated buoys, rules require the captains to radio the committee boat of their progress and a playing card is dealt to an

envelope with the participating boat's name on it. After the all boats completed the course, the crews met at the Amelia Island Yacht Basin, which was concurrently celebrating Clean Harbor Day with a cookout.

After feasting on hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings, the committee chairman, Joe Bowen, called the crews together. With the crews assembled, he handed sealed envelopes containing seven playing cards to each boat captain. When so directed, the captains opened the envelopes and, choosing the best five cards, they played their "poker hand."

Bob Canon, captain of the sailboat Jade, with two pair (aces high), won first prize, a three-night, four-day stay at Amelia Island Plantation. It should be noted that Jade and the Mary Wanderer with Commodore Charles Steinkamp were the only sailboats

to actually sail part of the course. All others chose to simply enjoy the wonderful weather and motor the eight miles.

Of course, part of the decision to motor might have been the fact that, during Poker Run, the participating boats were also competing in a fishing contest, using artificial lures trolled behind the boats. As usual it became clear why they call it fishing and not catching. The fish just did not cooperate. However, Capt. John Burns aboard the sailboat Mast Confusion succeeded in landing the only fish hooked, a three-foot shark.

Canon and crew hooked but did not land the Outer Range Marker.

Anyone with questions concerning the Amelia Island Sailing Club or who wishes to participate in club races or cruises should contact Steinkamp at 583-3156.



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A jetty boat is pictured anchored close to the jetty rocks during an incoming tide and fishes for a variety of inlet species, including redfish, shark, cobia and more.

## Best action at the jetties

Jetty fishing has picked up during the last few days and should produce excellent fishing action this weekend for area fishermen. Some of the best action is coming from the tip of the St. Marys north jetties, where big schools of redfish are holding weighing to 25 pounds. Look for the larger, "bull," reds to be holding close to the rocks in deep water while the smaller schooling size reds, weighing from 5-10 pounds, are holding over the flooding jetty rocks and close to the rocks as well in deep water.



### ON THE WATER

TERRY LACOSS

Sea trout are also holding at the very tip of the St. Marys south jetty rocks during the high falling tide. Drift a live shrimp under a sea trout float over the flooded rocks so the depth of the live shrimp is adjusted to drift just above the submerged rocks.

A few reds and king mackerel are holding at the tip of the St. Marys south jetty rocks during the incoming tide as well. Live mullet or menhaden continue to be prime kingfish baits when

fished right on the surface with the aid of a balloon or corks attached to the terminal fishing line.

Keeper-size red drum are taking live menhaden fished with a one-ounce lead head jig cast to the shallow edge of the jetty rocks. Barb the live menhaden up through the bottom of the mouth and right through the top of the mouth. Bump the live bait combo slowly over the submerged jetty rocks out into deep water and hang on.

Menhaden schools have been holding just north of Atlantic Avenue and close to the breakers. During last year's summer fishing season, Capt. Benny Hendrix guided his fishing charter to a 16-pound flounder at the tip of the St. Marys south jetty rocks while fishing with live menhaden on the bottom.

Best bet for offshore fishing includes FC and FA fish havens, where grouper, red snapper, cobia and sea bass continue to please



Live mullet are excellent baits when fished on the bottom close to jetty rocks when targeting cobia, red drum, flounder, tarpon and sharks. Chris Forehand is pictured with a successful net full of mullet.

drift fishing boats. Big schools of cobia have been sighted holding just off the surf south of the St. Johns inlet, where beach fishermen have been hooking up to more than 20 cobia per fishing trip. Apparently the schools of cobia have been migrating south, but may change their migration plans and migrate north, so be prepared.

The best kingfish bite has been coming north from Doboy Sound and in 20 feet of water, where king mackerel fishing boats are hooking up to more than 20 kingfish weighing to 35 pounds in just a half day of kingfishing.

The News-Leader encourages local anglers to submit photographs of their catches. E-mail photos to [bjones@fbnewsleader.com](mailto:bjones@fbnewsleader.com), mail them to P.O. Box 766, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035, or drop them by the office at 511 Ash St. in Fernandina Beach. Call Beth Jones at 261-3696 for more information.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Time to cheer

The Fernandina Beach High School cheerleaders will hold their first practices for the 2009-10 school year from 8-9:30 a.m. Aug. 20 and 21 in the multipurpose room. Once school starts, conditioning will be held from 3:15-3:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and practices will be held from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Uniform fees (\$40) are due the first day of school, Aug. 24.

A parent meeting will be held from 6-7 p.m. Aug. 25.

### Back to School beach run

The second annual Back to School Beach Fun Run/Walk 5K (3.1 miles) or 2K (one mile) will be held Oct. 17 at Peters Point on A1A. The event starts at low tide, 4 p.m. Registration information will be available in August. The day includes music, food and awards. Begin training now. Students participate for free. Proceeds benefit Communities in Schools.

### Run Wild! at White Oak Plantation

Run Wild! at White Oak Plantation in Yulee, which benefits Girls on the Run of Northeast Florida, will be held Oct. 25 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Registration closes Oct. 20. The field is limited to the first 65. No event-day registration. Fee is \$150. No refunds. All participants must be 18 or older. All runners are required to sign a waiver the day of the race.

The adventure includes entry to the 10-mile run (approximately 10.5 miles) through the trails of an unspoiled, natural setting; swimming in the pool after the race; picnic lunch; raffle; tour on an open-air bus through Wild Oak's wildlife preserve; goody bag. Visit [GOTRneofl.com](http://GOTRneofl.com) or call (904) 619-6763.

### Mad Sunday Shoot

Amelia Shotgun Sports will host two tournaments in the Mad Sunday Shoot. Shoot either or both, morning or evening. The event will be held Aug. 30 at 86300 Hot Shot Trail in Yulee for NSCA registered shooters. Fees are \$60 for NSCA and hunter, \$45 for junior and sub-junior and \$7 for warm-ups. Fees include breakfast, lunch and awards.

For information, call 753-4619 or 548-9818 or e-mail [clyde@ameliashotgunsports.com](mailto:clyde@ameliashotgunsports.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.; meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Call Commodore Charlie Steinkamp at 261-5213 or visit [www.ameliasailingsailing.org](http://www.ameliasailingsailing.org).

### Turtle Trot Sept. 5

An earlier start and some free extras are in store for participants in this year's Turtle Trot 5K/10K race and 1.5-mile walk on Labor Day weekend. The annual event will begin at 7:30 a.m. Sept. 5, a half hour earlier than last year.

After the race, runners can freshen up with a free shower at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center and spend the rest of the day on Amelia Island. Those who use the showers should bring their own towels. Runners and walkers can present their race bib for free admission to Fort Clinch State Park for the remainder of the day. An awards ceremony with door prizes will follow the event with a grand prize of a four-day, three-night stay at the Amelia Island Plantation.

The race will again feature professional scoring from 1st Place Sports in Jacksonville, using an electronic chip-timing system. The 5K, 10K and 1.5-mile non-competitive walk will start and finish at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center with the last half of the 10K running through Fort Clinch State Park.

Half-mile and one-mile fun runs for children 10 and younger will begin at 9 a.m. In another change this year, the kids' runs will be free. The goal is to encourage young people to run and make the entire event more affordable for families, Hill said. Registration is required and youth finishers will receive a ribbon at the end of their run.

A popular feature is returning this year — original T-shirt artwork by Fernandina Beach artist and sea turtle volunteer Sandra Baker-Hinton. All pre-registered walkers and 5K/10K runners will receive a T-shirt with shirts available on race day while supplies last. Proceeds benefit the Amelia Island Sea Turtle Watch and sea turtle patrols inside Fort Clinch State Park along with the running club's youth running programs.

Entry fees through Aug. 28 will be \$20 per person or \$15 for members of Amelia Island Runners. After Aug. 28 through race day, the fee will be \$25 for everyone. Pre-registration ends at 2 p.m. Sept. 3, but there will be race-

day registration from 6-7 a.m. at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.

Entry forms and online registration are available at the club's website, [www.AmeliasIslandRunners.com](http://www.AmeliasIslandRunners.com). Forms are also available at Club 14 Fitness, Red Otter Outfitters and other locations. Visit the AIR website or call 277-3676.

### Sports association

The Nassau County Sports Association meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the county building, Yulee. Call 261-1075 or 277-1609 for information.

### Soccer referee course offered

The following soccer club is hosting the Grade 8 (entry level) referee course. Visit <http://fsr-inc.com/Welcom.aspx> to register. Contact Mike Goodman, director of coaching of Amelia Island Youth Soccer, at [aiydoc@aiysoccer.com](mailto:aiydoc@aiysoccer.com) with questions.

Jacksonville Soccer Club from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 22 and from 1-6 p.m. Aug. 23 (test night) at Chuck Rogers soccer park behind First Christian Church of Jacksonville, 11924 San Jose Road, Jacksonville.

### 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 meditation and relaxation classes. For information, call 277-3663 or visit [domehealingcenter.com](http://domehealingcenter.com).

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

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

• Go Yoga, Inc. offers Power Vinyasa at Bean School of Dance, 25 N. Third St. Call (904) 335-0539 or visit [www.goyogainc.com](http://www.goyogainc.com).

### Zumba classes

• Kinderstudios, 1897 Island Walkway. Call Alexandra Carroll at 415-0954.

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

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

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

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

### Fitness programs

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

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

• The McArthur Family YMCA, 1915 Citrona Drive, offers various fitness programs. Call 261-1080. Visit [www.firstcoastymca.org](http://www.firstcoastymca.org).

• Amelia Island Personal Fitness, Amelia Parkway Medical Plaza, 2416 Lynndale Road, Suite 100, is a personal training studio dedicated to promoting lifelong health and fitness through appropriate exercise and nutrition, focusing on preventing diabetes, cancer and heart disease. Call 261-0698 for information.

### 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.

### Umpires recruited

Baseball and softball umpires can earn extra cash by joining the fastest growing umpires association in Northeast Florida, the River City Umpires Association. Contact Terry Padgett at (904) 879-6442 or Aaron Knowles at (904) 962-7184.

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This season the JSO welcomes, among others, Dirty Martini, above, and Itzhak Perlman, right.



## New Zealand sauvignon blanc still outshines

ROBERT M. WEINTRAUB  
For the News-Leader

Judging a wine by someone else's opinion, regardless of how expert, can drive you nuts! Nothing beats your own taste and preferences, which reinforces my oft' stated mantra: Never fear a new wine.

Sauvignon blanc has been one of my favorite white wines (and that of many others, judging from



the reaction to last month's chardonnay exposé). I recently came across a column in the *New York Times* that lamented a decline in New Zealand sauvignon blanc. A panel of "experts" sampled 25 kiwi SBs and "found too many wines that seemed aimed at being commercially inoffensive ..." and "the style has definitely changed."

Curious, and always prepared to challenge my assumptions, we assembled a panel of six ranging from expert to novice to sample nine locally found SBs recommended by aficionados. (I had winnowed the list from 15 as several were not up to my standard.) Included in the selection were three from New Zealand, three from South Africa, one from Chile and two from California. They were priced between \$7 and \$18. French Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé were more than \$20 and so were not included.

For those who rave about New Zealand sauvignon blanc and fret over the *Times*' experts' declamations, have no fear. The three wines from the South Island were the clear favorites, with Chilean and Napa contestants close behind. One of the South Africans is our Best Buy.

The sauvignon blanc grape owes a lot to New Zealand. Thirty years or so ago it was virtually unknown. While it is a component of white Bordeaux, and it makes delicious white wines in the Loire Valley, particularly in Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé, and it is part of the blend in the great sweet wines of Sauternes, the grape's name never appears on those French labels. I discovered Sancerre a half century ago and loved its crisp, citrus flavor; but it was only recently that I discovered sauvignon blanc wines from New Zealand as French wines became too pricey and hard to find in Northeast Florida. Robert Mondavi didn't help. He

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## JSO season a reason to celebrate

PAUL WITKOWSKI  
For the News-Leader

This is certainly Jacksonville's year to celebrate a legacy of great music, from awe-inspiring classics to fabulous guest artists and entertainers to a landmark 60th Anniversary Concert with Itzhak Perlman.

Undeniably the reigning virtuoso of the violin, Perlman is synonymous with landmark events and crowning artistic achievements. The 60th Anniversary Celebration Concert featuring Perlman with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra takes place on Jan. 9, 2010, in Jacoby Symphony Hall.

Over the decades, the Jacksonville Symphony has elevated the community with the highest quality of artistry. And for the past 10 years, Music Director and

Principal Conductor Fabio Mechetti has collaborated with JSO to continually reach new heights.

Some of the highlights with Mechetti at the helm for next season's Fidelity National Financial Masterworks series include Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique," Beethoven's "Eroica," the Van Cliburn Gold Medalist Debut, Pictures at an Exhibition and a Fresh Ink World Premiere. We also welcome to the stage such stellar guest artists as conductor JoAnn Falletta, violinist Chee-Yun, cellist Alisa Weilerstein and pianist Arnaldo Cohen.

Enjoying the finest in live symphonic entertainment is what Northeast Florida audiences have come to expect, and the JSO's 2009-10 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Pops Series is no exception,

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Music Director and Principal Conductor Fabio Mechetti, above.

## 'Jazz at Palace' offers musical 'potpourri'

For the News-Leader

The Dynamic Les DeMerle Jazz All Stars are set to swing in a variety of jazz styles for its preview of the 2009 Les DeMerle Amelia Island Jazz Festival, Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the newly renovated Palace Saloon in Fernandina Beach.

The event, which will benefit the educational programs and concerts of the festival, will present a crack seven-piece jazz ensemble led by DeMerle on drums and will feature some of the country's finest musicians, including multi-instrumentalist Dr. Bill Prince, formerly with, among others, Buddy Rich and Clark Terry, trumpeter Marvin Ferebee, University of North Florida music professor Marc Dickman on trombone, the dexterous and ever exciting pianist Doug Matthews, bassist Ernie Ealum and sizzling vocalist Bonnie Eisele.

This year's Palace show promises to be another fun-filled and informative evening in the festival tradition which will showcase a potpourri of music — big band, be-bop, Dixieland and smooth — along with announcements of all festival activity, events and schedules.

A special DVD presentation, produced by festival board member Stan Cottle, will be shown which includes footage of the 2009 headliner David Sanborn. The Amelia Island Jazz Festival runs 10 days from Oct. 2-11, and Sanborn will appear two nights, Oct. 9 and 10, at the new First Baptist Church Auditorium, 1600 S. Eighth St.

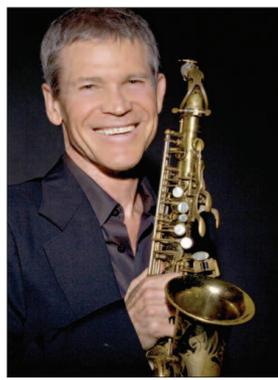
DeMerle and Eisele, who recently returned to Fernandina Beach from a three-month European cruise schedule via Celebrity Cruises, are excited to be back home and primed to kick off the Jazz Festival season.

"We always have a great time at the Palace show, and this year will be truly special," said DeMerle. "It was fun making so many new fans and friends while performing on the ship, some of whom hope to attend the festival," he added. "But there's nothing like playing in front of our home crowd."

Advance tickets to "Jazz At The Palace" can be purchased for \$25 at the UPS Store in the Island Walk Shopping Center, 1417 Sadler Road, 277-0820, at the UPS Store, 46368 State Road 2000, Suite 1, Yulee, 225-8840, online at [www.ameliainlandjazzfestival.com](http://www.ameliainlandjazzfestival.com), or at the door if not sold out prior to the show.

From 6-7 p.m. before the show, Amelia Island Carriages will be offering complimentary carriage rides around the downtown area to all ticket holders.

All proceeds benefit the Amelia Island Jazz Festival, a not-for-profit



David Sanborn will perform at this year's Amelia Island Jazz Festival.

501(c)3 corporation, and its newly established jazz scholarship pro-

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## OFF & ON THE ISLAND

### GULLAH/GEECHEE FESTIVAL

The Gullah/Geechee Nation International

Music & Movement Festival will take people on a historic three-day journey to the Golden Isles Aug. 21-23. This annual celebration, which culminates with events on Aug. 23 in O'Neil, Nassauville and American Beach, highlights authentic presentations of Gullah/Geechee culture by natives of the Gullah/Geechee Nation. It starts in Savannah, with events also at St. Simons Island, Jekyll Island and Brunswick, Ga.

For more details, including group discounts, call (843) 838-1171 or e-mail [GullGeeCo@aol.com](mailto:GullGeeCo@aol.com) or [AMPTurnItUp@aol.com](mailto:AMPTurnItUp@aol.com).



the pavilions courtesy of Trinity United Methodist Church and Pastor Mark Garvin. There will be free physicals and free vision screenings from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., courtesy of the Wal-Mart Vision Center, and from 9-11 p.m., enjoy the movie "Free Willy" by the pool.

### MUSIC AND SKATE DEMO

A "Back 2 Skool Rock-N-Rollers Musik Fest & Skate Demo" will be held Aug. 22 from 5 p.m. to dusk at the Skate Park at Main Beach in Fernandina Beach. Performers include Dear Dakota, The Shoreline, American Science and Love Always. Admission is free.



### QUILT SHOW

A Yulee Quilt Group fundraiser, Traditions and Treasures quilt show, will be held at Yulee United Methodist Church on Aug. 21 from 5-9 p.m. A \$12 donation includes the quilt show (over 50 quilts), door prize ticket, one raffle ticket for a full/queen quilt, plus a catered dinner (parmesan crusted chicken plus dessert buffet) and Julie's trunk show, "A Florida Quilt Collage." Seating is limited. Call or e-mail for tickets. Proceeds go to the

Health Ministry at YUMC, toward the purchase of a heart defibrillator machine.

Contact Julie Mainor at (904) 571-9172 or [cheezdoodle02@yahoo.com](mailto:cheezdoodle02@yahoo.com).



### SPAGHETTI DINNER

Rescuing Animals in Nassau, or RAIN, will hold its annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 4-8 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center in Fernandina Beach.

Tickets are \$10 and include spaghetti with sauce of choice, salad, bread, drink and dessert. There will also be a silent auction and entertainment.

Tickets are on sale at the Fernandina Beach Animal Clinic, Lofton Creek Animal Clinic, Nassau Veterinary Clinic, Bark Avenue Pet Boutique and Bucky's Best Friends Card and Gift. For information call RAIN at (904) 879-5861 or e-mail [rainhumane@yahoo.com](mailto:rainhumane@yahoo.com).



### BACK TO SCHOOL WEEKEND

Enjoy a back to school weekend from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 21 at the MLK Center, 1200 Elm St., Fernandina Beach, including a school supplies giveaway and cookout under



# OUT AND ABOUT

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Join **Team Seth Atkins** for a **Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A in Yulee** to bring awareness and support to **Down syndrome from 5-8 p.m. tonight**. A portion of sales inside or through the drive-through will be donated to the Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville in the name of Team Seth. There will also be raffles for all ages to participate in as well as face painting and a craft.

**American Beach author, Annette McCollough Myers, will sign copies** of her latest book, *The Big Sand Dune and The Beach Lady*, at Books Plus, 107 Centre St., Fernandina Beach **today and Aug. 15 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Aug. 16 from noon-5 p.m.**



This is a fascinating historic non-fiction storybook narrative for children to adults ages 100-plus about the history of American Beach, the big sand dune named "Nana" and MaVyne the "Beach Lady."

Contact the author at [annettemyers@bellsouth.net](mailto:annettemyers@bellsouth.net) or 261-4396.

Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Woodstock with **Woodstock at the Nassau Humane Society Dog Park on Aug. 15 from 5-10 p.m.** Enjoy mellow music by Hupp and Ray. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids and includes catfish and hotdogs, coleslaw, fries and dessert. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Best-dressed wins a prize.

Tickets are available at the Dog Park (across from the Fernandina Beach airport) and Redbones Dog Bakery on South Eighth Street in the Pelican Palms Plaza.

**Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA** will hold its **annual Walk and Candlelight Vigil** commemorating International Homeless

**Animals Day on Aug. 15** at Central Park on Atlantic Avenue in Fernandina Beach. The two-mile walk starts at 6:30 p.m. and is followed by a candlelight vigil. Contact Cats Angels at 321-2267, e-mail [catsangels@bellsouth.net](mailto:catsangels@bellsouth.net) or visit the Thrift Store and Adoption Center at 709 S. Eighth St.

**Miss Kate's Pre K**, 1303 Jasmine St., Fernandina Beach, is offering "I'm Ready for Kindergarten," a two-day refresher session for children entering kindergarten, Aug. 17 and 18 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Fee is \$22; enrollment is limited. Parents provide lunch. To register your child, contact Miss Kate at 321-0049 or at [misskatesprek@yahoo.com](mailto:misskatesprek@yahoo.com).

The next **WIN WIN meeting** is **Aug 17 at 6:30 p.m.**, hosted by Karen Lee of Heron's Swim & Sport and Judy Richardson of Divine Finds, 4924 First Coast Hwy., Amelia Island.

Women in Nassau helping Women in Need is a networking group to benefit women dealing with cancer, through Gerri's Corner.

Bring a \$35 check payable to WIN WIN, which includes dinner and a beverage. To RSVP contact Connie at 759-0745 or e-mail [connie@win-winnassau.com](mailto:connie@win-winnassau.com).

On **Aug. 17 at 7 p.m.** the **General Joseph Finnegan Camp 745 and the Order of the Confederate Rose** will **muster at the Pig BBQ in Callahan**. Some members and guests come earlier to complete their meal before the program begins.

Guest speaker, electrical power generation engineer Michael L. Thornton of Jacksonville will share "Confederate Thoughts on Self Defense." There will be music and poetry of the 1861-1865 period. Call (904) 571-1177.

**Savannah Grand** of Amelia Island Assisted Living Community will hold a "**Luau Party**" on **Aug. 21**, with entertainment at 4 p.m. by

## Whitby Quinn

Whitby Quinn will perform the New Hollywood Songs from 8-11 p.m. tonight at Cafe Karibrew, corner of Alachua and North Third streets.

As Whitby Quinn, Fernandina Beach songwriters, Robert H. Sanders (lead vocal/acoustic guitar) and Michael J. Howerton (vocals/acoustic and electric guitar) combine their performance and songwriting talents in an acoustic eclectic sound that is reminiscent of America, the Eagles and James Taylor.

The duo's CD "She's Gone" will be available for a special price, when you ask for the "Hollywood" deal. Come hear some of the new songs to be released on the upcoming project, "Down In Hollywood."

## Jazz and wine

The Interoceanic Wine Company, 10 N. Second St., will present Fernandina's own, Gabriel Arnold, a saxophone soloist who brings a diversified blend of styles ranging from classic jazz, swing to Latin and R&B on Aug. 15 from 7-9 p.m. Couple his sax music with the great art of Susi Sax, for the makings for a great evening. Call 321-1300.

## Summer jazz series

The Historic American Beach "Summer Jazz Series" continues its free concerts with Instant Groove. The band will provide great

"Pearls of the Pacific" Polynesian dancers and dinner at 5 p.m.

Cost is \$5. Reservations are required. RSVP to Wendy at 321-0898 by Aug. 17.

On **Aug. 22, Redbones Dog Bakery and Boutique** will host its **next free dog wash and pet adoption from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**, along with specials on its baked dog treats. All donations benefit the Nassau Humane Society. Redbones is located at 809 S. Eighth St. in the Pelican Palms shops. Call 321-0020.

Join the **Nassau Humane Society** on **Aug. 25** anytime from 5-10 p.m. at Chili's restaurant in Yulee for the **'Give Back' Night** supporting the non-profit shelter.

Ten percent of your bill will be donated to the Nassau Humane Society. Flyers will be provided via e-mail, at the Dog Park, local merchants, the Chamber of Commerce, and at the restaurant. They must be attached to your dining bill for the rebate.

For information call Sandy Balzer at 491-6146.

**Nassau County Gators** will gather for a **social and dinner** at Sliders Seaside Grill on Fletcher Avenue, Fernandina Beach, **Aug. 27** at 6 p.m. At 7:15 p.m. guest speaker Dan Hicken, First Coast News sportscaster and radio talk show host, will share his insight and humor

## MUSIC NOTES

jazz among the ocean breezes at Burney Park (corner of Gregg and Burney) at American Beach from 5-8 p.m. on Aug. 22. Bring your chairs to enjoy this free event at the beach, with food by Woody's BarBQ of Yulee. For information call 277-7960. Donations to American Beach Property Owner's Association (ABPOA) for outstanding projects are appreciated.

## Story & Song

The next Evening of Story & Song in Burns Hall at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Sept. 5 will feature award-winning Welsh singer/songwriter David Llewellyn.

Coal dust and the small coal mining valleys of South Wales supplied a down to earth upbringing whose values and early lessons Llewellyn still holds dear. But at 17, with a jacket and guitar in hand he left home to begin what has been a lifelong passion. In 2007, he won the Kerrville Folk Festival "New Folk" Competition, and last year, won the prestigious John Lennon Songwriting Contest.

Enjoy the wine bar before the show. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the show is at 8 p.m. Proceeds benefit St. Peter's. Tickets are \$15, and may be purchased in advance at First Coast Community Bank on South 14th Street (across from Wal-Mart), or at St. Peter's Administration Office.

Presented by The Founders of St. Peter's and Mark and Donna Paz Kauffman.

about the National Champion Gators. All fans are welcome.

Contact Tommy Roberts at 277-4111 or (904) 335-7326.

The **Amelia Island Ballroom Youth Academy** will hold a **community dance on Aug. 29 at the Peck Center** auditorium. A complimentary class starts at 7 p.m., followed by the dance from 8-11 p.m. Students also will present a dance exhibition. Tickets are \$10. Children 17 and under accompanied by an adult admitted free. Proceeds will benefit the academy. Contact Felix at (904) 707-6762.

**A Passion 4 Pooches Pet Spa** is holding a **Suds 4 Shelters Bath-A-Thon** event on **Aug. 29 beginning at 8 a.m.** All the proceeds from dog baths that day will benefit the Nassau Humane Society. To schedule your dog's beauty appointment, call 491-1767. A Passion 4 Pooches Pet Spa is located at 1881 South 14th St. in Fernandina.

**A Labor Day get-together for 1970-75 FBHS students from Yulee** will be held **Sept. 7, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**, at Chem Cell. Cost is \$20 per person. A meal will be served at noon. Reservations and payment must be made by Sept. 1 at First Coast Community Bank in Yulee or mailed to FCCB—Attn: Susan Murray, P.O. Box 1739, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035. Make checks payable

to Yulee/FBHS Classes of 1970-1975.

E-mail Starr Davis at [yulee\\_fbhs.gettogether@yahoo.com](mailto:yulee_fbhs.gettogether@yahoo.com) or call Kathy Gillis Spivey at 225-9560. This is an alcohol-free event. All 1970-75 FBHS students and faculty/staff are invited.

On **Sept. 8 First Coast Oncology** — Nassau will host its **inaugural Celebration of Survival** event from **4-5:30 p.m.** at the office at 1340 South 18th St. in Medical Building A, Suite 103.

This is an opportunity to celebrate cancer patients who were treated at First Coast Oncology — Nassau and who have become cancer survivors. There will be an educational component that will delve into what life is like after cancer. The event is free and light refreshments will be served.

The event is sponsored by First Coast Cancer Foundation. For more information, or to RSVP, please call (904) 387-5312.

## FILM/THEATER

The **Bryceville Library and the Bryceville Friends of the Library** will be hosting free movie nights. The first movie is "**Hotel For Dogs**" on **Aug. 20 from 5-7 p.m.** at the library, 7280 Motes Road, Bryceville. The movie is free and open to everyone and soft drinks and popcorn will be

available for purchase. For more information call the library at 266-9813.

**Amelia Community Theatre** will hold **auditions for "Educating Rita"** at 4 p.m. Aug. 22 and 23 at 209 Cedar St. One man and one woman are needed for the cast of this English comedy about a disillusioned professor who agrees to take Rita, a hairdresser who's hungry for an education, as a private student. Performances are between Nov. 5-21. Call 261-6749 for more information or to check out a script.

**Fernandina Little Theatre** will hold **auditions** for two short classic suspense stories, "**The Tell-Tale Heart**" and "**The Lottery**" on **Aug. 22 at 11:15 a.m.** and **Aug. 25 at 7:15 p.m.** The productions require minimal rehearsal.

Performers are needed, no previous experience required, ages 16 and up, five women and six men; and ages 8-12, three to four boys and girls. Five performances are scheduled Oct. 24, 25, 29, 30 and 31. E-mail [fltbiz@peoplepc.com](mailto:fltbiz@peoplepc.com).

The next **Free Movie in Central Park**, sponsored by Prosperity Bank, is "**Karate Kid**" on **Aug. 29 at 8:30 p.m.** Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, concessions will be available for purchase.

Tickets are now on sale for Norman Beirn's comedy, "**Archie's Comeback**," the opening production of the **Fernandina Little Theatre's 18th season**.

Believing that her husband Archie drowned, Lily has decided to remarry after seven lonely years — but suddenly, in pops Archie, freshly rescued from a desert island where he's been having a wonderful time!

Regular performances are Sept. 5, 10, 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 6 at 2:30 p.m.; tickets are \$16. A special "Tuesdays for Twelve" performance is Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m. for \$12. Tickets can be purchased at The UPS Store in the Publix shopping center and at FLT, 1014 Beech St.

## ART/GALLERIES

Island Art Association member Susi Sax and selected works by Sid Sax, in retrospect, will be on exhibit at the Interoceanic Wine Company during August, September and October. The show is titled, "**Bowl of Lemons**," the art of **Sid Sax** and "**the not-so-square-mind**" of **Susi Sax**.

An Artist Reception will be held Aug. 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 10 N. Second St.

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## CATS & DOGS ACROSS

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- "\_\_\_ cats and dogs"
- "Popular sports car
- Compass point between NE and E
- Often taken with bible
- Cousin to "The Addams Family"
- European sea eagles
- Principles of right and wrong
- "They often need to be cut out
- Voice in election
- Luxurious ride
- Spooky
- "It's where the tail is
- Movie " \_\_\_ Last Night"
- Italian money
- Artist's inspira-

- Picture with many pieces
- A rate or tax
- Seat in church
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- Positive electrode
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- Web journal
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- "He \_\_\_ and drank the precious words..."

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- Stay out of its way
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- "Some dogs do it to cats or cars
- Spread by scattering
- Arctic jaeger
- Irish name of Ireland
- One who relieves
- "Cat of the Hundred Acre Wood
- Twin \_\_\_\_, as in engine
- L. Carroll and J. Heller's characters
- \_\_\_ Tooth Tiger of the Ice Age
- The People's Princess
- Tear in panty-hose
- Baloney
- It comes to mind
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## WINE Continued from 1B

dumbed down sauvignon blanc wine to a bland, more generic white and called it Fume Blanc, borrowing from the famous Pouilly-Fume of the Loire. Some California vintners challenged the Mondavi trend and put classic sauvignon blanc on the market, and one of them was rated No. 4 in our tasting.

Only when New Zealand successfully produced bold, pungent, refreshing sauvignon blanc wines did the rest of the world embrace the grape. South Africa and Chile

began making delicious sauvignon blancs.

Sauvignon blanc is a green-skinned grape that originates from Bordeaux. It gets its name from the French sauvage ("wild") and blanc ("white") due to its origins as an indigenous grape.

When slightly chilled this wine pairs well with fish or cheese. It is also one of the few wines that go well with sushi. The Sicilian Contessa matched our SBs with spiced shrimp, deviled oysters and ahi tuna. The wine is usually consumed young, as it does not benefit from aging, except for some oak-aged white Bordeaux that can age up to 15 years.

Sauvignon blanc has a tart citrus pungency. It is an instantly recognizable flavor that combines lemon, lime or grapefruit and tropical fruit with a grassy herbaceousness. The climate in which it is grown plays an important role, as does the ground in which the vines are rooted. Cool maritime climate (Bordeaux, Marlborough and the Cape of Good Hope) bring out the vibrancy of the grape. The gravel and chalk marl of the Loire adds a minerality and floral quality to Sancerre and Pouilly-Fume that sets these wines apart.

Our tasting panel had difficulty choosing between the three New Zealand wines. Whitehaven (\$15 at Harris Teeter) had the edge. It is introduced by a strong floral citrus aroma with a touch of peach; a burst of grapefruit flavor fills the mouth and it held up best with full-flavored food. Despite the sharp initial taste it smoothes out quickly and its long finish blended

nically with the ahi tuna.

3 Stones (\$15 at Amelia Liqueurs) was preferred by two of our tasters who preferred its smoothness over the sharper flavor of Whitehaven. It was also judged to have slightly more fruit on the pallet, which contributed to the smoothness.

Kim Crawford (\$18 locally but \$15 in Jacksonville) was very similar to Whitehaven, but several panelists felt there was a slight bitterness in the finish.

Anakena (\$8 at Total Wines), from Chile, was quite different than the others: A luscious flowery nose, full of peach, jasmine, orange blossom; strong fruit flavors dominated by grapefruit; a long aftertaste. Three tasters had rated it best before they sampled the New Zealand wines. It was considered more of an aperitif wine than a food wine, however.

St. Clements (\$11 at Amelia Liqueurs), a traditional sauvignon blanc from Napa Valley, was rated third best by two of the tasters because its length held up well with food. It would have been the Best Buy when compared with the New Zealanders except for the South African Douglas Green (\$7 with a \$1 coupon at Harris Teeter), which scored high with three panelists, but rejected by two others because of bitterness with the ginger/garlic marinated shrimp.

Which only proves that for each of us to find the "best" wine we have to sample many and (at the risk of losing my job) not depend on the word of "experts"; what is delicious to some can be bitter to others.

## SUDOKU

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**JSO** Continued from 1B  
with Principal Pops Conductor Michael Krajewski and headliners such as Sandi Patty and Pink Martini, and tributes to Charlie Chaplin, Ray Charles, John Williams and modern Broadway.  
The JSO's annual opera production continues with Mozart's lighthearted Cosi fan tutte (Feb. 13, 2010), and its musical theater collabora-

tion with the cast of the Alhambra Theatre features a semi-staged concert version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" (Sept. 18-20, 2009).  
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### HIGHLIGHTS of 2008-2009

- 98% students enrolled remain in Take Stock
- 19 Take Stock graduates received scholarships
- 43 new students given Take Stock opportunity
- State-wide Excellence in Mentoring Award
- Over 2500 volunteer hours donated
- 5th "Hollar for a Dollar" benefit by FCCJ Staff
- 3rd Annual Mentor-Student Luncheon
- Field Trip to Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus
- 13th Annual Awards Celebration Event
- 5th Light Up a Life Benefit at Spa & Shops of Amelia Island Plantation

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| <b>NEW LISTING</b><br><b>DEAL OF THE DAY!</b><br>Fenced 1/2 acre lot in Yulee w/AS-IS DWMH. New roof & new siding in 2007. Home needs work but has great potential.<br>#49852 \$65,000         | <b>NEW LISTING</b><br><b>NATURES GATE</b><br>Custom 3/3 concrete block home built in 2003 has inground pool, double lot. Home has oversized MBR, SS appliances & granite tops.<br>#49900 \$370,000   | <b>NEW LISTING</b><br><b>AMELIA SOUTH</b><br>Furnished 2/2 "end unit" w/Southern exposure. Oceanfront pool and great vacation rental possibilities.<br>#50009 \$460,000               | <b>NEW LISTING</b><br><b>FLORIDA AVENUE</b><br>Perfect starter or retirement home in Yulee. Remodeled kitchen & bath. tile & laminate. new HVAC.<br>#49929 \$122,900   |
| <b>NEW LISTING</b><br><b>OCEAN PLACE</b><br>Fabulous furnished 2/2 offers 1341SF of oceanfront luxury living next to the Ritz-Carlton. Great vacation rental!<br>#50004 \$689,000              | <b>NEW LISTING</b><br><b>SAILMAKER</b><br>Absolutely beautiful 3/2 has been completely redone top to bottom. Everything is new and all on one floor!<br>#49992 \$472,000   | <b>NEW LISTING</b><br><b>HIGHLAND DRIVE</b><br>Spacious 3/3 brick home on double lot has new kitchen, wood floors, tile, new paint.<br>#49979 \$429,000                               | <b>NEW LISTING</b><br><b>HIGH POINTE</b><br>Magnificent 4/3 brick home in gated community. Tons of upgrades, cul-de sac lot, handicap accessible.<br>#49970 \$439,000  |
| <b>REDUCED \$54,900</b><br><b>CLUB VILLA</b><br>Serene marsh view condo in Amelia Island Plantation. Steps to pool and close to Amelia Links Golf Club.<br>#47011 \$345,000                    | <b>REDUCED \$40,000</b><br><b>BLACKROCK HAMMOCK</b><br>5454 SF of luxury living in this 6/6.5 executive home! Screened & heated pool, summer kitchen, guest suite and RV/boat garage.<br>#50073 \$659,000  | <b>REDUCED \$40,000</b><br><b>NORTH HAMPTON</b><br>Beautiful 4/3 two-story overlooks the 4th fairway. Three bedrooms upstairs & guest suite down.<br>#49533 \$315,000                 | <b>REDUCED \$57,000</b><br><b>GRANDE OAKES</b><br>Spectacular riverfront living in this brand new 5/4 beauty. Gourmet kitchen, 3-car garage & more.<br>#44921 \$689,000  |
| <b>REDUCED \$125,000</b><br><b>S. FLETCHER AVENUE</b><br>Spectacular 3-year old ocean-view home sits on a double lot and has every imaginable upgrade. Call for details.<br>#48550 \$1,550,000 | <b>REDUCED \$8,000</b><br><b>LOT &amp; ACREAGE</b><br><b>Amelia Island</b><br>Avery Rd \$45,000<br>Barrington \$119,900<br>Blackbeard's Way \$1,065,000<br>Calhoun St. \$99,500<br>First Ave \$295,000<br>Gaines Ln. \$110,000<br>lan Drive \$45,000<br><b>Off-Island</b><br>Amberwood Ln \$67,500<br>Bennett Ave \$225,500/\$350,000<br>Brady Point Rd. \$480,000<br>Cayman Circle \$69,000/\$134,900<br>Edwards Road \$59,000<br>Gravel Creek \$69,900<br>High Pointe \$119,900<br>Lafitte's Way \$89,900<br>Lina Road \$417,900<br>Little Piny Island \$300,000<br><b>High Pointe</b><br>12 acre wooded lots in gated subdivision off Barnwell Road. Bring your own builder with no time limit to build.<br>\$119,900 | <b>REDUCED \$9,100</b><br><b>LOFTON POINTE</b><br>Pride of ownership shows in this well appointed 4/3 home. Bonus room with full bath over garage. home warranty.<br>#48773 \$239,900 | <b>REDUCED \$15,000</b><br><b>RIVER GLEN</b><br>Nearly new 4/2 home on nicely landscaped lot with sprinkler system in new family neighborhood close to I-95. Built in 2008 and in perfect shape.<br>#48541 \$177,000 |

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**PROPERTIES FOR SALE**

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| <b>11th St.</b> 2 homes under construction, affordable., on island 3 bedroom 2 bath with 2 car garage \$149,900. MLS# 50109. | <b>NORTH 14TH STREET 4BR/1.5BA</b> block home on island, needs TLC. \$137,500 MLS# 47266 | <b>3/2 MOBILE HOME</b> on over an acre. Corner lot and fenced. Great setting. \$89,900 MLS #48333 | <b>3 BR / 2 BA IN SPANISH OAKS.</b> Nice neighborhood, 2,174 sq. ft. Beautifully maintained home. Mature shade trees. Florida room (31 x 12) \$257,900 MLS #49718 |
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**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT RENTALS**

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| <b>ON ISLAND</b>  | <b>OFF ISLAND, Cont.</b>                                       |
| • 536-A N. Fletcher, 2BR/2BA, 2 blocks from beach. \$975/mo.    | • 86356 Calloway Dr. 3BR/1BA block home \$775/month            |
| • 210 S. 10th Street 2 bedroom 1 bath Avail Now \$575 a month.  |  |
| <b>OFF ISLAND</b>   | <b>COMMERCIAL</b>  |
| • 85399 Brooke St., 3BR/2BA mobile home. Now Available \$800/mo | • Corner of 8th & Beech, office space available. 1,200 sq. ft. |

