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## Amelia Island Co. files for Chapter 11

MICHAEL PARNELL  
News-Leader

Amelia Island Plantation continues to function normally for now while awaiting a bankruptcy judge's decision about its future management and operations.

Amelia Island Co. filed for reorganization Friday under Chapter 11 of U.S. bankruptcy law, which allows operations to continue while a court-approved reorganization is sought. The company told employees there would be "business as usual" during the months-long process.

The company also announced Friday it has signed an agreement with a new investor group, Red Maple Investors, LLC, to provide both short- and long-term financing. Funds are



Healan

needed immediately for the company to meet payroll and other continuing obligations. The investors, all residents of the island, would provide "immediate interim financing and long-term financial planning and expertise while assuring the uninterrupted operation of the resort," according to a company press release. The investors have committed more than \$20 million for future operations.

But that assumes the court recognizes the bankruptcy plan put forth by company attorneys in U.S. Middle District Court. Prudential Financial

Services Inc. has a \$29 million claim on Plantation property, the largest, and was expected to ask that the company be forced to Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which is liquidation of its assets.

That might benefit Prudential, but not other creditors. The judge is expected to rule later this week on that initial request. Typically, judges do not force a company into Chapter 7 this early in the process, and there was optimism that would be the case this time.

"This is good news, great news," Amelia Island Co. President Jack Healan said Friday after the court filing. He said he was pleased that 22 investors, "people that feel that strongly" about the Plantation, formed Red Maple with the intent of preserving the

*'All of us want to protect this little paradise we have come to love. And we are willing to put up our own money to assure its success far into the future.'*

ROBERT C. SMITH  
RED MAPLE INVESTORS

resort. He said he expected the bankruptcy process to be completed within 90-120 days, and for it to result in a restructuring of debts, including Prudential's mortgage.

Healan lauded the local investors – "such an affection from people that live here for this place" – for their willingness to play the lead role in the

restructuring. RMI is a group of high net-worth Amelia Island Plantation homeowners formed and led by 19-year resident Robert C. Smith.

"All of us in RMI want to protect this little paradise we have come to love. And we are willing to put up our own money to assure its success far

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### BUSINESSES CLOSING



ANGELA DAUGHTRY/NEWS-LEADER

The Hoyt House bed and breakfast inn at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and South Eighth Street, left, will close by the end of November and will not participate in the Amelia Island Bed and Breakfast Association Holiday Cookie Tour on Saturday. The Ash Street Inn also was scheduled to participate, but it closed earlier this fall. (The tour will go on; see page 9B.) Burger King employee Fletcher Norton, right, fills an order Thursday before the restaurant, 1940 S. Eighth St., closed Saturday. The building is scheduled to be demolished, and a new Burger King built.



RYAN SMITH/NEWS-LEADER

## Fire chief opts to resign

RYAN SMITH  
News-Leader

Nassau County Fire Chief Chuck Cooper resigned under duress Friday after months of clashes with the firefighters' union and an ongoing investigation into his professional conduct.

Cooper, who had served as chief since 2004, accepted a severance package worth about \$53,000, according to County Coordinator Ed Sealover. The severance includes two months' salary, three months' payment of health insurance benefits and about \$40,000 in unused leave.



Cooper

Monday was Cooper's last day on the job, Sealover said. Assistant Chief Sam Young was named interim fire chief, a position Sealover said Young would hold for at least the next six months.

Sealover said the internal tumult in the fire department over the last few months had raised concerns in the county commission. Cooper blamed his dismissal on "politics."

"I think that there had been some difficulties over the last several months," Sealover said Monday. He pointed out Cooper's handling of a grievance filed by Lt. Curtis Bollinger, a firefighter accused, and later exonerated, of teaching a class without proper qualifications. In August, the commission sharply criticized Cooper's handling of the case and directed him to issue a formal apology to Bollinger.

"You also had the issues that were raised by the union relative to the chief's management of the department and how two fires were managed specifically," Sealover added, referring to the ongoing investigation. "Then you also had those issues related to the report itself."

The investigation was opened in July after a letter to Sealover from Nassau County Fire Rescue Professionals Local 3101 President Matthew Waggoner. In it Waggoner alleged Cooper's actions at two structure fires caused concern for firefighters' safety. He also charged Cooper with "a consistent pattern of abusive language used toward subordinate employees."

Cooper denied the accusations, but was rebuked last month after he injected himself into the investigation by calling Florida State Fire College Safety Programs Manager Charlie Brush, who was looking into the alleged safe-

FIRE Continued on 3A

## State 'fraud' may have cost county cash

RYAN SMITH  
News-Leader

A state investment fund that crashed in 2007 – and in which Nassau County had about \$7.8 million invested – is currently under investigation for fraud by the federal Securities and Exchange Commission. However, most of the county's money is now out of the fund and invested safely, according to Clerk of Court John Crawford.

The State Board of Administration (SBA) handled funds for hundreds of local governments in Florida, which pooled their money to attain larger investment returns. But those were threatened when the fund melted down in 2007. The SEC is now investigating whether the state of Florida and three Wall Street firms – JP Morgan Chase, Credit Suisse and Lehman Brothers, which collapsed last year – misled investors about the risk of the SBA's investments.

Nassau County had about \$7.8 million in the fund when it faltered. The SBA lacked liquidity to pay out at once all the money it owed local governments and froze 14 percent of it in a so-called Fund B for distressed assets. The money frozen in that fund, Crawford said, could be stuck there for up to nine years. The remaining 86 percent, in Fund A, was initially available if governments paid a 2 percent fee to withdraw it. As Fund A became stronger, the fee was discontinued.

Crawford said while some of the county's money remains in Fund B,

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CLERK OF COURT JOHN CRAWFORD



the majority is now out of the SBA entirely.

"We've pulled all of our Fund A money out, which at one time was about \$5.5 million," he said. "The only thing left is a small amount from Fund B, which we're forbidden from withdrawing. We're actually taking a book loss on that money right now while we're waiting for the underlying securities to mature."

The county currently has about \$2.7 million still frozen in Fund B. However, the radically reduced value of those securities currently makes the county's investment worth only about \$1.6 million, Crawford said – although he called the total loss a "moving target."

"...It's a moveable figure, depending on the maturity of underlying investments," he said. "All in all, we fared very well compared to some other entities. Thankfully, we didn't put any more money in there thinking they'd healed their ills."

Crawford said the SBA's meltdown was inexcusable.

"I have this memory etched – and it will always be there – of when we first realized SBA was in trouble. ... We hooked up the Internet and had it on a big screen in the conference room, and we watched the SBA meeting," he said Friday. "Gov. Charlie Crist said, 'Now, why are we involved in this again?' And he's the chairman (of the SBA). I about fell out of my chair. The governor and the chief financial officer of the state of Florida couldn't see this coming?"

The allegations of fraud, he said, make the situation even more bitter.

"It's a horrible violation of the trust of public officials across the state of Florida. This is a government-run entity, and if they violated the trust of public officials with the funds that were put there, they should be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law," he said. "On a smaller scale, this is exactly what's been making us come undone across the country – misleading by Wall Street and government officials. And I don't think it has stopped, frankly."



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**LOOKING BACK**

**50 YEARS AGO**

Residents were urged to "fight tuberculosis with Christmas seals" on letters and packages.

November 19, 1959

**25 YEARS AGO**

Two Jacksonville youths, ages 16 and 17, were arrested and charged with murder in the death of Fernandina

Beach High School teacher Gerald Merritt.

November 21, 1984

**10 YEARS AGO**

Walmart said it would seek a Yulee location for a "supercenter" after opponents thwarted its effort to locate on South Eighth Street, where the First Baptist Church is now.

November 17, 1999

**Today's Weather**

**Local 5-Day Forecast**

Wed 11/18	Thu 11/19	Fri 11/20	Sat 11/21	Sun 11/22
<b>79/59</b> Cloudy skies early, followed by partial clearing.	<b>78/60</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>77/62</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>75/57</b> Scattered thunderstorms possible.	<b>72/55</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:55 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:28 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:56 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:27 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:57 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:27 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:58 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:26 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:59 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:26 PM

**Florida At A Glance**



**Area Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Clearwater	78	59	cloudy	Ocala	81	56	cloudy
Crestview	67	35	sunny	Orlando	81	61	pt sunny
Daytona Beach	80	59	cloudy	Panama City	70	47	sunny
Fort Lauderdale	82	69	pt sunny	Pensacola	66	44	sunny
Fort Myers	83	61	pt sunny	Plant City	82	59	cloudy
Gainesville	80	55	pt sunny	Pompano Beach	84	68	pt sunny
Hollywood	84	67	pt sunny	Port Charlotte	82	60	cloudy
Jacksonville	81	62	pt sunny	Saint Augustine	79	61	pt sunny
Key West	78	73	pt sunny	Saint Petersburg	76	64	cloudy
Lady Lake	80	58	cloudy	Sarasota	79	61	cloudy
Lake City	78	53	pt sunny	Tallahassee	73	43	pt sunny
Madison	77	52	pt sunny	Tampa	80	60	cloudy
Melbourne	81	61	cloudy	Titusville	81	60	cloudy
Miami	82	70	pt sunny	Venice	82	62	cloudy
N Smyrna Beach	80	60	cloudy	W Palm Beach	81	66	pt sunny

**National Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	60	43	pt sunny	Minneapolis	49	39	rain
Boston	54	34	sunny	New York	56	46	pt sunny
Chicago	49	41	rain	Phoenix	75	48	sunny
Dallas	67	47	sunny	San Francisco	61	40	pt sunny
Denver	53	29	sunny	Seattle	46	44	rain
Houston	73	52	sunny	St. Louis	44	42	rain
Los Angeles	68	49	pt sunny	Washington, DC	58	49	cloudy
Miami	82	70	pt sunny				

**Moon Phases**



**UV Index**

Wed 11/18	Thu 11/19	Fri 11/20	Sat 11/21	Sun 11/22
4	4	4	3	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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

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**Anna Juanita "Nita" Howell**

Mrs. Anna Juanita "Nita" Howell, age 79, of Fernandina Beach, passed away on Monday morning, November 16, 2009 at Quality Health Care of Fernandina Beach.

Born in Bryson City, NC; as a young girl, she and her family came to Fernandina. While attending Fernandina Beach High School, she met a young Navy recruit, Buckley Leroy Howell, whom she married in 1945. After his discharge from the military, they moved to Minneapolis, MN to be near his family. In the mid 1950s they moved back to Fernandina where their youngest daughter was born. In 1957 they moved their family to West Palm Beach. As their children grew up in West Palm, Mr. Howell worked for Pratt Whitney and Mrs. Howell worked for RCA. She remained with RCA until the plant closed in 1985.

In May of 2006, Mr. Howell passed away. In 2005, she came back to Fernandina Beach where she made her home.

She leaves behind, their children, Gregory Jack Howell, M.D. (Sharon), Ocala, FL, Pamela J. Murdock (Tommy), Palm Beach Gardens, FL, Suzelle Kay (Bobby), Palm Beach Gardens, FL, two sisters, Sue Pipkin Laurie and Mary Powell, both of Fernandina Beach, FL, eight grandchildren, Shanae Engelman, Jason Tompkins, Shannon Cavallo, Meghan Howell, Devin Tompkins, Lindsay Howell and twins, Kristin and Natalie Howell, three great grandchildren, Gaven, Kayla and Brenna and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services to honor the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Howell will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 12, 2009 from the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 am until the hour of service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Howell will be laid to rest in Hughes Cemetery.

Please share her life story at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

**Robert Earl "Bobby" Jacobs**

Mr. Robert Earl "Bobby" Jacobs, age 68, of Fernandina Beach, FL passed away Monday afternoon, November 16, 2009 at his home.

Born in Norwood, NJ, he has been a resident of Amelia National since moving from Pensacola, FL in 2006. Mr. Jacobs had worked as a Computer Science Engineer in the Airline industry for many years.

He began his career with TWA as well as working with Saudia, United Airlines and US Airways. He retired in 1996 after forty years of airline service. After retirement, he and his wife moved to Minnesota where he worked with the State on MN as a Data Processing Manager. In 2001, they moved to Pensacola, FL where they remained until coming to Amelia National in 2006. An avid tennis player, he was a member of the local Seniors Men's Tennis Group playing at the Atlantic Avenue complex. Mr. Jacobs was a member of the Amelia Island Men's Newcomers Club, a Volunteer

Bluff address. Green Pine Funeral Home

The Rev. James T. Dunnam, 80, of Leakesville, Miss., died Monday, Nov. 16, 2009. He was pastor at First Baptist Fernandina Beach twice - from 1962-68 and 1989-2005. A wake will be held from 6-9



**OBITUARIES**

with the Nassau County Humane Society, Fort Clinch and the Red Cross.

He was a Presbyterian by faith. Mr. Jacobs leaves behind, his wife, Jutta M. Jacobs, Fernandina Beach, FL, his children, Russell Jacobs, Las Vegas, NV, Valerie Jacobs, San Diego, CA, his parents, Robert V. and Edith A. Jacobs, Mandarin, FL, two brothers, Alan Jacobs, St. Augustine, FL, Craig Jacobs, Norwood, NJ, a brother in law, Joachim Pricha, Ansbach, Germany, one niece, Laurie Shreve and three nephews, Scott, Matthew and Ryan Jacobs.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 - 4:00 pm on Friday at the Oxley Heard Funeral Home.

Mr. Jacobs will be laid to rest at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231.

Please share his life story at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com)

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**MSGT (ret) Alfred G. Lewis "Red Hawk"**

MSGT (ret) Alfred G. Lewis "Red Hawk" Creek/Seminole Indian, 4th great-grandson of William "Red Eagle" Weatherford and Osecola, died on Friday, November 13, 2009.

A resident of Fernandina Beach, Florida, he served in the US Army from 1948-1964, Medical Corps Airborne & Infantry and in the US AIR Force from 1964-1970, retiring after 22 years of honorable service.

A combat veteran who saw action in Korea, Lebanon and Vietnam, he was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Purple Heart (3 clusters), Combat Infantry Badge and numerous other service medals. A graduate of the University of South Alabama with a BA in Criminal Justice, he worked in law enforcement for the State of Florida for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Gloria L. Lewis; daughter, Gloria Lynn Duncan of Fernandina Beach, FL; sons, Alfred Gary Lewis, Jr. of Orange Park, and Michael J. Lewis (Lee Parker) of Yulee, FL; 7 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; brothers, Robert F. Robertson, Jr. of Bay Minette, AL, and James A. Robertson of Evans, GA, and a sister, Vicky R. McDaniel of Bay Minette, AL.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, November 18th, with Full Military Honors at the Jacksonville National Cemetery, Jacksonville, Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any cancer society in his memory.

Please visit our online Tribute at [www.quinn-shalz.com](http://www.quinn-shalz.com).

Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home, Jacksonville Beach

**Polly Mitchell Mullin**

Mrs. Polly Mitchell Mullin, age 92, of Fernandina Beach passed away on Friday morning, November 13, 2009 at Quality Health Care of Fernandina.

Born in Waycross, Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Minnie Jones Mitchell. Mrs. Mullin had made her home in Daytona Beach, FL for many years before moving to Fernandina Beach in 1996 to be near her son. She was an avid Bridge player, winning many tournaments; as well as teaching Bridge for many years. Mrs. Mullin enjoyed her friends and time working in her garden. She was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church in Fernandina

and a longtime member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She leaves behind, her son and daughter in law, Michael S. and Kelly Mullin, her grand daughter, Walker Marie Mullin and her grandson, John Michael Mullin, all of Fernandina Beach, FL.

A private service was held for her family. She will be laid to rest in the Mitchell family section of Oaklawn Cemetery, Waycross, Georgia.

Memorial contributions may be made, in her memory, to Hospice of North East Florida, 4255 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257.

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**Larry Raulerson**

Larry Raulerson, 62 of Callahan, passed away on Nov. 12, 2009 at Community Hospice Morris Center. The Lake City native was born on June 18, 1947 to Ernie & Myrtle Yarbrough Raulerson.

Mr. Raulerson proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, was a long-distance Truck Driver for 38 years, and was a loving father, husband, uncle & grandfather.

In addition to his parents, Larry is also predeceased by a son Larry Raulerson, Jr. and a step-daughter Tina Lovett.

Survivors include his wife Wanda Raulerson of Callahan, daughter Buffy (Michael) Davis of Jacksonville, son Ernie (Jesse) Raulerson of Callahan, 2 step-children Richard Sours, Jr. & Amos Lovett, a sister Beatrice (James E.) Williams and 2 brothers George & Wayne Raulerson, all of Jacksonville, as well as 6 grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Larry's name may be made to Community Hospice of N.E. Florida.

Committal Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. in Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Callahan Funeral Home, Inc.

**DeLores Logue Weaver**

Augusta, GA - Mrs. DeLores Logue Weaver, beloved wife of John W. Weaver and daughter of the late John Wallace and Etta Lawson Logue, died Monday, November 16th, 2009.

Born in Edgefield, SC, she was a graduate of Ridge Spring Monetta High School and the University of South Carolina at Aiken. She was the owner of Best Friends Childcare, North Augusta, SC. Over the past decade, DeLores and John have lived and worked in Montreal where DeLores gave her time to various charities and fundraisers including the American Women's Club of Montreal. DeLores was a member of Little Stevens Creek Baptist Church, Edgefield, SC.

In addition to her husband and parents, family members include children, John-Arthur Erwin, Charleston, SC, Adam Weaver, (Amy) Frisco, TX and Ryan Weaver, (Holly) Evans, GA; brothers, Kenneth Logue, (Laura) North Augusta, SC and the late Jerry Robert Logue; sisters, Sharon Sweeney, (Tom) Gilbert, SC and Carolyn Logue, (Lee Swan) Rock Hill, SC; and grandchildren, Anne Weaver, Ross Weaver and Noah Weaver.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, November 19th, 2009, at 1 o'clock at Sacred Heart Cultural Center, Augusta, GA, with Chaplin Dexter Lambert and Rev. Mike Hatfield officiating.

If so desired, memorials in memory of DeLores may be made to the ALS Association of Georgia. (alsaga.org)

Hatcher Funeral Home, Langley, S.C.

**DEATH NOTICES**

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**WEEKLY UPDATE**

**Angel Food notice**

Angel Food Ministries announces that the coupon codes for November are still valid and do not expire until the end of the month. Customers can still use these codes to place orders for December. The current coupon codes are "Turkey5," which gives 5 percent off the "Signature Box" of Angel Food, and "NOVSP2," which gives 5 percent off the "Special Meat Box #2." For information on the program, visit [www.cocfb.org](http://www.cocfb.org) and [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com).

**Food giveaway**

The Northeast Community Action Agency, Inc. (NFCAA) will distribute a small amount of U.S. Department of Agricultural Surplus Food Commodities on a first-come, first-served basis until the food is depleted from 12:30-3 p.m. today at the Martin Luther King Center auditorium, 1200 Elm St.

**Alzheimer's support**

The Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group for Nassau County will meet Nov. 19 at Savannah Grand Assisted Living Community, 1900 Amelia Trace Court, Fernandina Beach. Savannah Grand will provide lunch from 12:30-1:30 p.m., followed by the meeting from 1:30-2:30 p.m. The meeting is free and open to the public. 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 on Nov. 19 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, corner of Eighth and Centre streets in Fernandina Beach. Call Tom Washburn at 491-1753.

**Shabbat service**

Jewish Community of Amelia Island will hold a Shabbat Service at the home of Deborah and Ronald Price on Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m. For further information contact Deborah Price at (904) 310-6060 or [DEB203@aol.com](mailto:DEB203@aol.com).

**'Can-Can' drive**

The Optimist Club of Fernandina Beach will hold its annual Can-Can Food Drive Nov. 21 at Food Lion and Winn Dixie from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., as well as area neighborhoods. Donations will go to the Barnabas Center. Call Matt at 624-6400 for large donations.

For more information about the Optimist Club of Fernandina Beach - Friends of Youth, call President John Crow at 261-5625 or come as a guest to a meeting, held each Wednesday from noon-1 p.m. at Sliders' banquet room.

**Mount Olive celebration**

The Mount Olive Historical Restoration Society invites the community to join the Hooper family of Nassauville in a Thanksgiving praise service and history presentation on Nov. 28 at 4 p.m. at Little Mount Olive Baptist Church on Old Nassauville Road. The society will present part three of its series on the Rural Black History of Nassau County with a discussion on rural education in the early 20th century. All who wish to join the worship and share their memories of rural education are welcome. The program is presented in cooperation with the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Committee of Northeast Florida. Call (904) 502-1992.

**Candlelight memorial**

The annual Bereaved Parent Candlelight Memorial Service will be held Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. at the Angel of Hope Statue, St. Peter's Episcopal Church Cemetery, North Eighth St., and then proceeding to St. Peter's Sanctuary for the service.

The Candlelight Memorial Service honors our children and celebrates their lives. To reserve an Angel for your child and for more information please call 261-5981.

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**RESORT** Continued from 1A into the future," said Smith in the company press release. He could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

One of the RMI investors is John A. Griswold, president of Harbor Hotel Investors, LLC. Griswold has more than 30 years' experience in the ownership, operation and management of hotels and resorts.

There will be no "interruption" in Plantation management, employees were told, though changes are coming. Longtime Amelia Island Co. vice presidents Norman Bray, who is retiring, and Richard Goldman, who has resigned, will be leaving before year's end.

Goldman will become director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau in St. Augustine. He said his move was "not connected" to the bankruptcy filing but was a "pop-up opportunity" that had arisen unexpectedly.

Healan will continue in his position through the bankruptcy process, if not longer. "If we have new owners - they have the right to make a change later," he said. He said he would move to fill the management positions being vacated.

Employees were told in an e-mail Friday there would be "adequate financing to sustain operations at current levels, including maintaining facilities and amenities like golf courses, tennis courts, restaurants, spa and shops."

Chapter 11 protection "will affect how much vendors and other creditors are paid on past invoices and debt. ... Those vendors who continue to do business with the Plantation will be paid on a current basis," the company wrote.

The Plantation has numerous local vendors, from fishmongers to carpet-cleaners, that might lose out on payment for services already rendered. (The News-Leader is one of the vendors that might not be paid a relatively modest amount for advertising serv-

ices.) The company payroll has dropped by more than 200 employees from its peak of 1,100, and remaining employees have had their pay cut 40 percent after mandatory furloughs. Among those cut were the top golf course manager, executive chef and other administrative positions.

Property owners were reported to be apprehensive as they attended small coffees at which representatives of the company and new investors group offered reassurance. Hundreds attended the monthly meeting of the Amelia Island Club on Monday.

"We don't really know where all this is headed," said Al Watson, president of the club's board, after the meeting. "Our position is to look at this as a positive move by the company."

"We welcome the decisive step they've taken. We're optimistic."

Amelia Island Co. owns all of the resort and recreational facilities and amenities on Amelia Island Plantation, including the Amelia Island Club. The club has about 1,400 members who pay initial deposits and monthly dues for use of the Ocean Club, fitness center, golf and tennis facilities and other social facilities, depending on their level of membership.

Club members were not listed as creditors in the filing, which means their initial deposits, which can be as much as \$75,000, are still refundable. The club might take ownership of its facilities and be established as a separate entity as part of the proceedings.

The Amelia Island Plantation Community Association is the homeowners' association under Florida law that owns, manages and maintains roads, common areas and provides for security, landscaping, drainage and the like. The association is funded by residential and commercial property owner assessments and the company.

Bob Hanks, association president, said it "is continuing

with business as usual" though some expenses have been deferred. The company has not paid about \$175,000 owed to the community association, according to the court filing.

Hanks said the association has been "well managed and operates conservatively" and is deferring nonessential expenses, such as road paving, while keeping essential services such as security and landscaping at normal levels.

The association is acting on the assumption that "this is temporary, that we will all get through" by the end of 2010, Hanks said.

The Plantation has been bankrupt before. Richard L. Cooper, an Ohio businessman who died last year at 82, purchased the property from the Sea Pines Co., in 1978. Sea Pines Co., which developed Hilton Head Island, S.C., originally bought 3,000 acres on the south end of Amelia Island that was proposed for a strip mine, but ultimately ran into financial difficulties in redeveloping it.

Healan was an accountant with Sea Pines Co., and he and Bray, also with Sea Pines, have been part of Plantation management for more than three decades. The company is now owned by the Cooper family trust.

A proposed merger with Redquartz Developments Atlanta, a real estate investment company affiliated with Redquartz Developments, Ltd., of Dublin, Ireland, fell apart earlier this year. That company signed a memorandum of understanding in January that could have led to \$60 million in investment at the Plantation, but the deal was not consummated.

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# Most Nassau students not vaccinated for swine flu

RYAN SMITH  
News-Leader

*The health department has received parental consent to vaccinate less than a third of schoolchildren.*

The Nassau County Health Department is offering vaccinations against H1N1 swine flu in county schools. However, the majority of students have not been vaccinated through the program.

The vaccination program is ongoing, said Environmental Health Director Wade Sparkman. "We went into the K-5 age group in the schools, and we've administered approximately 1,900 doses in the school system. That's countywide," he said. "We project around the first week of December, depending on the shipment of the vaccine, we will go into the high schools and the middle schools, and we'll be administering approximately 1,200 doses then."

Parents must sign consent forms for their children to

receive the vaccination, Sparkman said. Thus far, the health department has received consent to vaccinate less than a third of the county's 11,070 students.

"We have, countywide, 3,107 parental consents total," he said. "It's around 30 percent, 31 percent (of the total student population), approximately."

The Health Department has so far provided 269 doses of vaccine for Callahan Elementary School, 313 for Callahan Intermediate, 96 for Bryceville Elementary, 254 for Yulee Primary, 310 for Yulee Elementary, 300

for Hilliard Elementary, 160 for Southside Elementary and 230 for Emma Love Hardee Elementary. Some of those doses were unused due to student absences, Sparkman said. Sparkman stressed that it's hard come up with a definitive total of students vaccinated, since some receive the vaccine elsewhere.

"We see children in the clinics, too - especially home-schooled and private schooled," he said. "We offer the vaccines to private schools too. We've contacted them and are working with them. And we have, of course, private providers who've received the vaccine too, and they're administering it from their offices."

Swine flu has killed 160 people in Florida, according to the state health department. There have been no confirmed deaths from the illness in Nassau County.

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violations. Although Brush has not issued a final report, Sealover said it appears Cooper will be cleared of the alleged safety violations.

"In the verbal calls I've had with Mr. Brush, he said in neither case were the lives of the firefighters involved in those fires put in jeopardy," he said.

However, Sealover said the union's allegations of unprofessional conduct had raised concern.

"Would I say that alone? No,

I think it was a combination of factors," he said. "... There was some concern about his management style on the part of the board, and there was also some concern about what was the relationship between management and labor, and its implications for the future."

"It's a situation where there was, particularly on the side of the county commissioners, a lack of confidence and a desire to go in another direction."

Cooper, for his part, blamed political machinations within the firefighters union for both the investigation and his resig-

nation. "They offered me a chance to resign or a chance to be terminated. I've got a family to look after," he said. "I was naive - I believed that the simple truth would suffice. I had no idea politics would play so heavily into it."

Still, Cooper said, he has high regard for the firefighters he's worked with.

"The people of Nassau County are protected by some super folks," he said. "The men and women of Nassau County Fire Rescue and all the volunteers are super people."

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HEATHER A. PERRY  
News Leader

Matt Dawkins wears many hats at Amelia Auto Mart. For the past three years, his days have been busy doing "whatever it takes" to keep the automobile dealership running smoothly.

"I have never sold cars before working for Amelia Auto Mart," said Dawkins. "I have been in the repair side of automotive since high school."

Dawkins says the best part of his job is working with the public.

"This area is filled with awesome people. I love what I do. It's a great feeling when you are out to eat with your family and you see a customer that you sold a vehicle to months prior and they tell you how much they love their ride."

Owner Lane Mashburn receives high praise from Dawkins.

"It's nice to find someone to work for who really cares about his employees. I learn new things from Lane every day."

Mashburn reflects his employee's praise by offering some of his own.

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HEATHER A. PERRY/NEWS-LEADER  
Matt Dawkins affixes a dealer tag to a car at Amelia Auto Mart.

our customers the same way I would."

Originally from Virginia, Dawkins has lived in Nassau County eight years. He shares his Yulee home with his wife, Mary, and children Maurice, 4, and Madison, 3, and a menagerie of pets

including two dogs, two cats, two parrots, two pigs and a rooster.

Amelia Auto Mart is located at 2266 S. Eighth St. Call 321-1720 or visit the website at [www.ameliaautomart.com](http://www.ameliaautomart.com).

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## 'DEBONAIR'



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Manager Lori Lancaster adjusts a display at the newly opened "debonair" at 2380 Sadler Road. Offering designer handbags from such well-known names as Hobo, Hype, Lodi and Helen Kaminski, the store also features designer jewelry and gifts. Animal-friendly, synthetic leather handbags by Rampage are also available. Store hours are Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Call Lancaster at 261-6993.

# 550 appeal property values

This is truly one of those bad news/good news dichotomies.

The bad news is that property values in Nassau County have declined – precipitously in some cases. This includes both residential and commercial properties.

The good news is that your property taxes should have also declined – in most cases. If your property is worth less – or likely a lot less – it is logical that the assessed value used for taxing purposes would be lower. (The assessed value is set by the property appraiser; it is multiplied by the tax rate to determine your property taxes.)

But not so fast. The property valuation formula is not a perfect science; subjectivity is involved. Here in Nassau County, most assessed valuations have indeed fallen along with actual property values. This decline in the assessed value is not always as severe as in the market value, however.

As a property owner, your recourse is to appeal your property assessment – if you do not agree with it, or think it is too high. It only costs \$15 to file. And many owners are doing just that – in record numbers.

Over the last three years, the number of appeals has increased from 100 to 212, and for this year to 550 (contesting the valuations of 1,600 parcels).

The reasons may be varied. There is no denying that appeals have increased dramatically – by 100 to 150 per-



STEVE'S MARKET PLACE

Steve Nicklas

cent per year. However, more appeals have reportedly been filed by homeowners associations as well as developers, who are sitting with bunches of empty, unsold lots right now.

In addition, property owners are more inclined to challenge their assessed values during the worst real estate market in 30 years. When values are going up, property owners are probably more accepting of higher assessments – and the higher taxes.

According to the property appraiser, assessed values have indeed dropped over the past year. About half of the 40,000 residential properties received lower assessments this year; for commercial properties, some 1,300 of 1,500 properties were assessed lower.

The property appraiser did not indicate how much the assessments were reduced. Regardless, that means the assessed values of several hundred commercial properties were either maintained or increased. In this market, you wonder how this could happen.

For residential properties, many are homesteaded, which means they are protected by a limit on their assessments. Apparently, homesteaded properties faced a slight increase in assessed values this year

because of required changes in a state amendment.

Also, the assessments for this year are based upon sales from last year. But again, the activity for last year was abysmal by normal standards, as market values of residential and commercial properties plummeted.

The property appraiser is obligated to reduce valuations commensurate with the current market conditions. Many residents with second homes or investment properties, and business owners, feel this is not being done timely and accurately.

If market values decline 40 percent, the assessed values should also. The property appraiser contends that assessed values are already 15 percent below market values; so if market values decline by 40 percent, the assessed value will only fall 25 percent (reflecting the 15 percent already factored into the equation).

This does not seem equitable. In current market and economic conditions, residents and business owners deserve a break on property taxes. Local government agencies should reduce their tax rates (as the county commission has done), and the assessed values should reflect the miserable market conditions.

The bad news is, well, bad enough as far as property values. Let's not make matters worse with unwarranted taxation.

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### Hampton Inn & Suites

In December, the Hampton Inn & Suites in downtown Fernandina Beach will begin renovations to the hotel interior and exterior. The updates will include new corridor carpet and wall vinyl, lobby drapes, ceiling paint and furniture. Additionally, the guestrooms will be updated with new drapes, carpeting, chairs and ottomans, plasma flat screen televisions, suite sleeper sofas and mirror frames in guest bathrooms. The hotel will also add new carpeting, wall coverings, tables and table linens in meeting rooms, as well as granite countertops and a large flat-screen HDTV in the café.

To learn more about the property, visit [www.hamptoninnandsuitesameliasland.com](http://www.hamptoninnandsuitesameliasland.com).

### España

Specializing in traditional flavors from Spain and Portugal, España Restaurant & Tapas has renovated its patio seating area. España now offers a two-tiered brick patio, integrating several garden paths. The upper area sits up to 10 patrons, while the lower tier seats four. The restaurant also purchased new chairs and tables for outside dining. For information, visit [www.espanadowntown.com](http://www.espanadowntown.com).

### New sales associate

ICI Homes, which is developing the Amelia National Golf & Country Club, has promoted sales associate Jean Johnson to sales associate at Amelia National. Johnson, who joined ICI Homes in 1994, formerly served as sales associate at Victoria Lakes, a luxury community ICI Homes is developing in north Jacksonville.

### Geiger joins Angus

Linwood Geiger of Hilliard is a new member of the American Angus Association, which has nearly 31,000 active adult and junior members and is the largest beef cattle registry associa-

tion in the world.

The association records ancestral information and keeps production records on individual animals for its members. These records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the American Angus Association. These Angus are used by U.S. farmers and ranchers who raise high quality beef for consumption.

### Banking officer promoted

BB&T has promoted Lori Bryson Drake, a Fernandina Beach native, to banking officer. Drake, who joined the bank in 2004, is a process engineer in BB&T's IT Process and Quality Support department in Wilson, N.C.

Drake earned her bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of North Florida. She recently earned her quality improvement associate certification from the American Society for Quality and is now pursuing her Six Sigma green belt certification.

Drake's husband, Kevin, is the pastor of Pinkney Baptist Church in Fremont. The Drakes have three children. Their oldest son, Sgt. Brenton Kirk Drake, is now serving the U.S. Marines at the U.S. Embassy in Bamako, Mali, West Africa.

### New role for Sopp

Fernandina Beach criminal defense attorney Teri Sopp has a new role: Los Angeles Police Department Senior Fingerprint Analyst. Sopp is a named character in Michael Connelly's newest novel, *9 Dragons*.

In *9 Dragons*, LAPD Detective Harry Bosch investigates a murder in south Los Angeles, which leads him to a wild ride of an adventure in Hong Kong and to an astonishing conclusion in the City of Angels. As an LAPD fingerprint specialist, Sopp's character experiments with a new, high-tech procedure to obtain a fingerprint from a fired bullet, and leads Bosch to the murder weapon.

Sopp met Connelly at a fundraiser for the Orlando Literacy League last April, and submitted a silent auction bid for the right to be a named character in Connelly's novel.

For information call Sopp at 277-2737, or visit [www.michaelconnelly.com](http://www.michaelconnelly.com) or [www.adultliteracyleague.org](http://www.adultliteracyleague.org).

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## POLITICS IN BRIEF

### Republicans to meet

The Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Nassau County will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 19 at the County Building, 86028 Pages Dairy Road West. Guest speaker will be Cal Atwood, retired college professor and World War II veteran.

All Republicans are invited. Refer to [www.nassaupop.org](http://www.nassaupop.org) for additional information.

### Baker fundraiser

Sen. Carey Baker, Republican candidate for Commis-

sioner of Agriculture in 2010, will appear at a fundraiser from 5:30-7 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Amelia Island Plantation Racquet Park Conference Center. Attire is casual. RSVP at 261-2213 by Nov. 28.

The host committee for Baker includes State Rep. Janet Adkins, Sheriff Tommy Seagraves, Clerk of Court John Crawford, Tax Collector John Drew, County Commissioners Danny Leeper and Stacy Johnson and School Board member Jim Adams.

For information about Baker, visit [www.careybaker.com](http://www.careybaker.com).

### Patriots dine

The Patriots of Nassau County will have breakfast at Murray's Grille in Yulee on Saturday. Cost is \$6, with proceeds supporting "the freedom movement in Nassau County."

Patriots will have dinner Saturday at Woody's Bar-B-Q in Yulee. Woody's will have a menu of special items and will donate to the Patriots of Nassau County for each one served.

### LeMieux office hours

U.S. Senator George LeMieux (R-FL) has announced the locations of his regional offices in Florida, which provide residents with a local contact when seeking assistance with federal issues or concerns.

The Jacksonville office is at 1650 Prudential Drive, Suite 220. Phone (904) 398-8586 and the fax number (904) 398-8591.

### First Friday Coffee

The Patriots of Nassau County have scheduled their First Friday Coffee at Woody's Bar-B-Q at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 4 for anyone who would like to get involved or learn more about the Tea Party and freedom movements.

The First Friday Coffee is for new patriots to get acquainted with the freedom movement in Nassau County.

All are invited and to attend. For information, call 261-5289 or e-mail [douglasnewberry@yahoo.com](mailto:douglasnewberry@yahoo.com).

# Filkoff is first candidate for city commission seat

Arlene Filkoff has announced her intention to file for candidacy for the Group 1 seat on the Fernandina Beach City Commission.

That seat is currently held by Ken Walker, whose three-term expires in May. Walker, who is completing his second three-year term, may not seek reelection because of term limits.

"Fernandina Beach has felt like home to me since I first crossed the bridge in 1996," Filkoff said in a press announcement. "My husband Steve and I were so lucky to be able to join this community full of wonderful people who truly care about their city. We all want our city to be the best it can be. I am confident that our best days are ahead of us, and I am willing to work hard to make progress in meeting our community's goals."

Filkoff was reared in Pass Christian, Miss., and received her B.A. from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. She spent 27 years heading systems organizations for Fortune 500 companies in Hartford, Conn. There she earned accolades for helping companies significantly improve customer satisfaction levels.

She said she believes that her extensive experience in improving the quality of processes within large private



Filkoff

business organizations can serve her well in local government.

"We need to make sure that our government is both efficient and effective and that we are taking the city in the right direction," Filkoff said. "That means understanding where the people of Fernandina want it to go. Making sure we have the right information to make the right decisions is critical to our future. We need to ask the right questions and get things done in the most cost conscious way without sacrificing service to our citizens."

As a community volunteer, Filkoff has worked with many local non-profit organizations to assist them in their strategic planning process. She has served on several boards, including Joy to the Children, Fernandina Little Theatre and Friends of the Library. She has held leadership positions in organizations devoted to children and education. Filkoff serves on the Leadership Council for Take Stock in Children; she also mentors a student in that program.

She continues to serve on the city's Parks and Recreation

Committee, where she worked to help bring about more recreational opportunities for local youth, such as the new Atlantic Avenue Teen Center and the upcoming Freedom Playground. Through her recent service on the Fernandina Beach Arts Council she worked to improve local access to cultural activities. She has firsthand experience on the local cultural scene as a performer as well. She earned praise for her Amelia Community Theatre stage debut in their recent production, 6 Dance Lessons in 6 Weeks.

"During my campaign I look forward to talking with people and listening to their ideas and concerns about our city's direction and goals," Filkoff said. "I encourage people to call or e-mail me. If I can chat with them even in the supermarket or on the beach, I will welcome the opportunity."

To contact Filkoff and find out more about her campaign, call 583-8629 or e-mail [arlene-filkoff@bellsouth.net](mailto:arlene-filkoff@bellsouth.net)

Filkoff is married to Steven Filkoff, who shares her enthusiasm for civic involvement through his service with the Police and Coast Guard auxiliaries.

She is the first candidate to announce for the city election next year. Walker's is the only seat that will be on the ballot for the April election. The other four seats - held by Mayor Susan Steger and Commissioners Jeffrey Bunch, Eric Childers and Tim Poynter - do not come open until 2011 or 2012.

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# Thankful for our quality of life

Ah, Thanksgiving, probably my favorite time of year — family, a little nip in the air (hopefully), way too much food, evening walks on the beach; a fall beach, fairly deserted, the best kind of beach in this best time of year.

Thanksgiving is a time, a special time, when all of us are encouraged to stop, slow down and mentally go over that list of things in our lives for which we should be thankful. Everyone's list is different, but a few things are universal: family, friends, health, etc., and some things previously taken for granted, like a job, a house, a business, aren't so automatic anymore and are put back on the list.

For me, a list of other "stop and think about" items includes:

- Our island's quality of life. I know many of us are concerned about such unromantic things like infrastructure, comprehensive plans, future land use maps and increasing densities, but, at least in my mind, I still describe our quality of life, our way of life, as unique and special. So, thank you to all of those people who've worked so hard to keep this a special place.

- Our city's park system and green space. It would be difficult to find a Florida community of similar size with over 40 public beach accesses, three oceanfront parks, numerous inland parks and over 300 acres of publicly owned green space. These have been gifts to ourselves and future generations; priceless gifts, the real value of which cannot even be imagined. Thank you, people of Fernandina Beach, for putting into practice that core value of a progressive community — "We are stewards of the land."

- Nearby state parks. Fort Clinch, Little



## DEBATE AND TACKLE

Ron Sapp

sure, have their individuals and groups of dedicated, community-minded people, but there seems to be an overwhelming number here. Most go unnoticed by the greater community, but those directly involved in the effort, or cause, know who they are. Thank you to all those people who serve our community in so many ways.

- All those people who worked to get the Hometown Democracy — Amendment 4 — issue on next fall's ballot. For me, growth management, Florida style, is defined as "assisting developers and their allies to destroy the state's natural resources and the quality of life in Florida communities as efficiently as possible." Developers, pro-growth politicians, pro-growth staff and pro-growth business-oriented interest groups have controlled the political decision-making process for growth management for decades and the results of that control are painfully evident throughout the state — Amendment 4 will change all that.

Talbot Island, Big Talbot; natural places filled with hiking trails, picnic areas, and beach and tidal creek access. These sanctuaries offer peace and solitude to the weary participants in a modern lifestyle that is becoming increasingly complex and stressful. So, thank you, state of Florida, for maintaining and even expanding these sanctuaries, and thank you to all those people who work to keep them part of our lives.

Amendment 4 requires the people of the community to approve any change to the local government's comprehensive plan, the community's plan for managing growth. If Amendment 4 passes, the people who have to live with the effects of growth, the impacts, will actually control the process that causes the effects, the impacts. Logic, reason, sanity would prevail concerning the growth management process — the process would be democratized, and I thank those people who've given me the opportunity to work for passage of the constitutional amendment — Amendment 4 — that would make that possible.

- A "public first" waterfront, at least that was the commitment. Imagine a public boardwalk along the entire riverfront, with adequate parking, visual corridors and green space. Imagine a waterfront where public space and public access was the primary consideration. Those are the plans, and I'm thankful for past city commissions who put them in place and to the citizens who were involved in the decision-making.

These are just a few of the things — community-wise — that I have on my list, and I'm sure you have yours. So, on Thanksgiving Day, let's stop, slow down and remember all of the things that are great about our community, the things on our lists, the things that make ours a special place to live, a place that's still unique among Florida communities. I'm also going to pay a special tribute to those people who came before us, who helped build this community into the kind of place we're all proud to call home. Thank you to those who built and thank you to those who continue to build.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Ron Sapp is a former city commissioner.

## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### A remarkable man

Our friend, Captain Bob "Mac" MacGregor, was a remarkable man. My husband and I sailed home to Fernandina Beach in the summer of 2008, and we met Mac shortly thereafter. As fellow live-aboard sailors, my husband and I became fast friends with Mac because we immediately had something in common. Mac had sailed from Casco Bay, Maine to Fernandina Beach in 2006. He was always helping out his fellow sailors any way he could.



MacGregor

Most of his adult life, Mac had worked as an arborist, and his skill in climbing trees professionally translated magnificently to climbing the masts on sailboats. Typically, "going up the mast" is a task most sailors prefer to avoid. Not Captain Mac! He would scurry up the mast and feel right at home as he easily worked on a tangled halyard, changed anchor or spreader lights, mounted antennas or wind speed gauges or any type of mast work that needed to be done.

Sometimes, you could be walking down the dock, and you'd hear a pleasant "Mahalo!" coming from out of the sky! Looking up, there would be Mac — the source of the traditional Hawaiian blessing — perched like a seabird on a sailboat's mast! Mac was very handy with engine repairs, also. He loved motorcycles, and he was also very adept at keeping a generator or dinghy motor in good running order. But if you wanted to see Mac's spirit really shine, all you had to do was ask him about his beloved daughter, Amanda. He was so proud of her, and he told me that she was his best friend.

Mac was quite a talented musician, and he enjoyed "jamming" with friends regularly. He told us that he liked every kind of music, but especially enjoyed playing blues or bluegrass. Mac's favorite aspect of those jam sessions was simply to enjoy sharing the fun

that goes along with playing music with friends.

It was in that spirit of friendship and respect that a gathering of many of Mac's close personal Fernandina Beach friends was held at the Green Turtle Tavern in Mac's memory. It was an honor to share our stories of our friendship with Mac's father and stepmother, Jim and Carmen MacGregor. A memorial service was also held in Wheaton, Ill. on Nov. 14, with another memorial service to be held in Wolfeboro Falls, N.H., on Nov. 21.

Mac died suddenly on Nov. 1, as he prepared to go sailing with a friend. He lived life on his own terms, and he died in the prime of life — gone too soon. Two days after his untimely passing, I was walking down the dinghy dock at the marina where Mac was keeping his sailboat. There was Mac's dinghy tied to the dock — a gray inflatable distinguished by two painted yellow stripes on each side — with Mac's maroon crocs casually tossed into the boat, and in plain view. It was as if Mac would be returning any moment, but he will not be coming back, and to those of us who loved him, there is nobody who can ever fill his shoes.

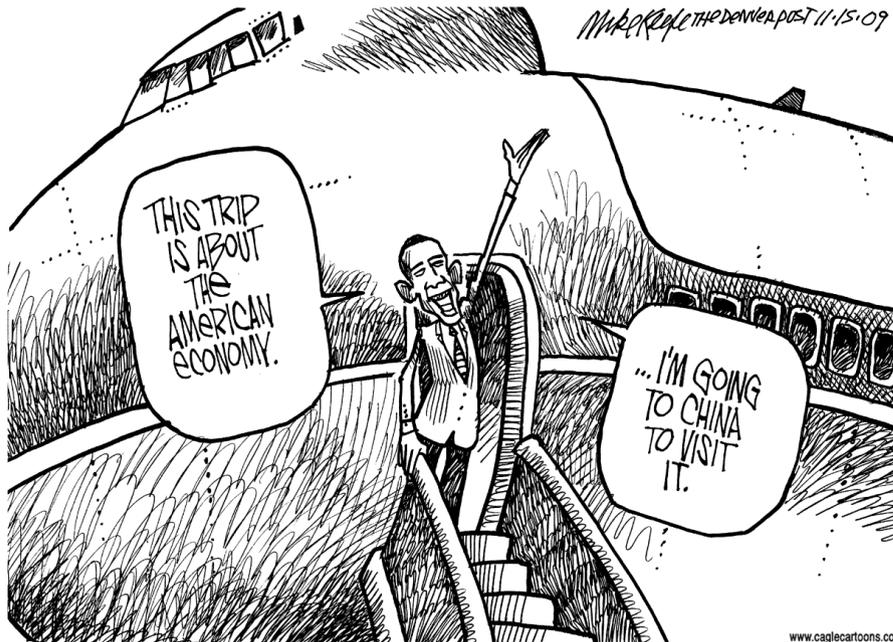
Leigh and Larry Keller  
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### Medicare reform

A quote by Abraham Lincoln: "If we could first know where we are ... we could then better judge what to do and how to do it."

If all the time and effort used by Washington politicians and the White House Administration to push through the current bill to overhaul Medicare and Medicaid had been used to clean up the fraud and theft in Medicare and Medicaid, we probably wouldn't need Obama's major overhaul that is being crammed down our throats. How much will his overhaul cost ... \$100 gazillion dollars? How much is the estimate of fraud and theft within our current Medicare and Medicaid system ... \$100 gazillion dollars? Duh.

Is there a Medicare/Medicaid fraud "czar" hard at work focusing on this



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problem? Is there anyone in Washington focusing on this? Is there anyone anywhere focusing on this?

Why don't we put our politics and all the party bull aside and demand the cleanup of the current system and then see what kind of overhaul we really need? The health and care of We the People shouldn't be split down party lines and the outcome of the "reform" should not be in the hands of Democrats or Republicans. It should be in the hands of We the People.

Barbara Thornton  
Fernandina Beach

### Driving us crazy

The "Driving in Nassau County" letter of Nov. 13 brought up some inter-

esting points. One that stood out was the writer spoke of slow drivers that are not to use the left lane — slow to many is the speed limit, be it 35 or 55 mph. I for one have seen many drivers on the stretch from the AIA bridge out to Yulee tailgate those of us who do the speed limit of 45-55 using the left lane — those that think they own the roads ride my bumper and then act as if I am wrong and should speed up to accommodate them in breaking the law.

The road rage factor sets in on them and they use all sorts of gestures and loud voices to show how upset they are with us that obey the speed limits. They do not understand that the 55 limit is for the left lane not the 70 to 80 some seem to be going. If you want to

speed then also why not break another law and pass on the right? I for one will not join you in breaking the speed limit in the left lane.

To those that want to break the laws, do it at your pace, do not act as if we should also join you in speeding; your wrongs do not transfer to us that obey, and by curbing your rage you just may live a little longer with less stress.

I do know that the sheriff has beefed up as much as he can the patrols in this area and with all his other important issue in our county he can only do so much as to traffic idiots as these that think they own the roads.

Danny Lawhorn  
Fernandina Beach

## VIEWPOINT/JASON ROWE/FERNANDINA BEACH

# Property rights, 'mob rule' in Old Town

I would like to respond to the article "Old Town residents: City violates its codes," Nov. 11. Having been a party to these events since the beginning I felt it is only right to speak in defense of my parents and the property rights we all share. I am amazed by how ignorant people are of property rights. I am amazed that people do not understand that property rights are the backbone of the U.S. Constitution. Property rights are one of the many grievances the colonialists had against their British oppressors.

I would like to give a short history of my parents. My father was an electrician with the IBEW Local 58, a blue-collar worker. My father helped build many of America's great industrial plants in Detroit. My father has always been a fair man and an honest man. My mother has

always been an industrious woman and looked out for her family.

My parents sold everything they owned and moved their family to Spain to do missionary work. They did it with two foster children in tow. They did it out of charity, never looking for anything in return. When a friend passed away my mother took charge of the funeral. The woman was a non-Catholic in fascist Spain. The city fathers sent a garbage truck to retrieve the woman's body and tore down the back wall of the city cemetery because she was not fit to enter through the front gate. After dressing the woman's remains my mother guided the woman's blind husband down the railroad tracks to the front gate of the cemetery and at her own peril led the funeral procession through the front gate. From what I understand the Spanish bill of rights no longer allows religious discrimination.

My father is pushing 80, my mother is nearing 75. My father suffers from an enlarged heart and recently received a pacemaker. My mother, in an attempt to save a tree 20 years ago, suffered a terrible accident that forever injured her knees and hips. The tree was saved.

My parents bought a lot in Old Town, the last city platted by the Spanish in the western hemisphere.

The day they bought it several Old Town residents came to my fiance's home and started yelling and protesting. I was not even aware that they had bought anything. I inquired with my parents about it and they confirmed the purchase. I told my parents about the reaction and they said they would put it up for sale and made it available to these concerned Old Town residents. Five years passed and no one bought it.

Several grandchildren were born here on Amelia Island in the passing five years; one was laid to rest at Bosque Bello. My parents' health was not getting any better and they decided to build a home to suit their needs. They wanted a living room, a bedroom, a bath, a kitchen and porches, 1,200 square feet on the ground floor. Not a McMansion as described by Louis Goldman at the Historic District Council meeting, but all that is necessary for an old couple to continue living independently.

The signers of the petition were also concerned with the fact that my mother wanted to park as close as she could to the front door. No one would have a problem with ADA parking outside the front door of a business? But the petitioners found many problems with accommodat-

ing someone's needs in front of their own home.

As the HDC meeting went on, Professor Michael Harrison was very eloquent with his British accent. He told the board that this home would be a blight on the city for 100 years or more! I could only think, what about property rights? A man's home is his castle — an expression that illustrates the principle of individual privacy, which is fundamental to the American system of government.

I was compelled to speak at the HDC because I feared my parents' rights were going to be trampled on. When I spoke I was interrupted by Mrs. Harrison and she was found to be out of order. After several interruptions the meeting lasted three hours. We were there to discuss whether or not we would have mulions in the windows. The petitioners saw it as a chance to derail my parents' right to build a single-family home on a residential lot. I decided to study the subject of property rights.

In 1765, the "Quartering Act" was forced upon the American colonies. It was rewritten and signed by King George III in 1774; it was one of five acts that became known as the "Intolerable Acts." The British had set about to deny the colonialists

their property rights. They were forced to quarter British soldiers.

The colonialists feared that this imposition would eventually lead to the loss of privacy in their private homes.

After the Revolution, when writing the U.S. Constitution, the founding fathers felt the need to add the Fifth Amendment, which protected us from mob rule. It protected our rights to private property. This was not by chance but by experience. A man's home is his castle.

When you study what the city did, they followed the rules. They were professional and fair. They followed the Constitution. They followed the Florida state statutes. They followed the Old Town guidelines. The Constitution trumps the state, the state trumps the city, in that order.

"177.021 Legal status of recorded plats. — The recording of any plats made in compliance with the provisions of this part shall serve to establish the identity of all lands shown on and being a part of such plats, and lands may thenceforth be conveyed by reference to such plat."

There were no violations! Only a professional interpretation of state statutes. We are fortunate to live in a land of laws and not in a land of mob rule.

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# Getting the lowdown in the Caucasus



A scary bridge across a river may deter you, but not our intrepid correspondent in the Republic of Georgia.

One of my tasks here in the former Soviet Union country of Georgia is to visit representative protected areas to get a first-hand look at the country's biodiversity and then to write up a report for the U.S. Agency for International Development. A plum assignment, one would think.



**WILD WAYS**

Well, let me tell you, even plums have pits. In an unexpected bit of circumstances, I nearly fell into one. It all started when I was hiking with my colleague Ramaz along a rocky path in a virgin old growth beech forest, heading to a waterfall. Suddenly our peaceful silence was broken by a sound, "flop, slap, flap," coming from my feet. My hiking boots were disintegrating - the entire bottom of one was falling off. Apparently Nike hiking boots do not use permanent glue. In mere minutes I was holding my sole in one hand, and hobbling along in one boot and one half of a boot. Then the other boot gave way too. Now I was wearing just the uppers of boots, carrying the bottoms, and limping

along the rocky trail, heading back to the tourist lodge in hilarious disgrace.

So the next day, with some of Lagodekhi Protected Area still to explore, and bootless, I came up with a plan. How about riding a horse? Let the horse handle the rocky trail, and then my backup city walking shoes will not be a problem. Right.

I found myself on a small horse with a tiny pommel-less saddle attached to the horse only by a thin band under the girth and an even thinner band under the tail. Forget getting up on top of this horse with grace. It took both Ramaz and the guide to shove me on top, and push the saddle and me upright on the horse's back and off I went.

Inexplicably, I was the only one with a horse. Ramaz stayed behind to work on the report, and I was accompanied by a guide who spoke no English, walking behind me and the horse, and occasionally calling out "Whoosh," which I guess in Georgian horse talk meant "Giddy-up," especially when accompanied by a slap with a branch. Bizarre, but hey, this is another country, so go with the flow.

After about an hour on the horse on a flat trail through the woods - one I easily could have walked even with my city shoes - we stopped and in Georgian/English pantomime I was told to dismount. The guide tied up the horse to a tree. Great, maybe we're having a picnic or something up on this plateau. Wonderful view, soft mossy ground, I can do this!

But no. While the horse happily grazed on his long tether, the guide set off on



Our columnist on her (low) horse, ready to ride in Lagodekhi Protected Area, which yields views across the river from the Republic of Georgia to the neighboring country of Azerbaijan.

foot down the merest of goat trails straight down a steep gorge and I was forced to follow in my city shoes, slipping, sliding half down the mountain. Down the gorge we went, to the bottom I thought, to look at the river. Another waterfall, ah, that would be nice!

But no. We got to the river, and there was the rickety-est of narrow logs breaching the rapids below. Great. There's nothing like a log high across a river to remind me of my fear of heights and my lack of balance. But I made it across. Where was that waterfall? I was ready for a break.

But no. In front of us now was the steepest of slopes with the tiniest of goat trails heading upwards. Even with stops every minute or so to

rest, soon the fatigued muscles in my legs turned to quivering mush and my legs gave way. The panicked guide lifted me upright and held my hand and had to half drag me up the mountain. What fun.

Finally at the top of the second steep gorge pass, we found what we apparently were seeking - a ruined fort from the Middle Ages, protecting the valley. I almost could have cared less. After a bit of a rest, though, I started wandering around, finding mushrooms, looking for critters, and trying to forget that I now had to go down the goat trail, cross that log, and climb up the other bank once more. Oh yeah, I still had to mount that damn horse again too with no big sturdy Ramaz to help the small guide.

I survived to tell the tale, but barely, I'm convinced. And this was only the first of a series of field trips! I can't wait to see what happens next!

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## POLICE REPORT

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Anyone with information about criminal activity can contact the "We Tip" program - 1-800-78CRIME - which allows callers to leave anonymous tips.

### Gunpoint abduction

A Fernandina Beach man was allegedly forced at gunpoint to drive three suspects to Duval County just after 1 a.m. Friday and ordered to hand over funds from his bank account.

According to a Nassau County Sheriff's Office report, the ordeal lasted more than 24 hours, beginning early Friday morning when a male suspect asked the man for a ride on South Eighth Street. As the man entered the vehicle, two more male suspects forced entry, one holding the driver at gunpoint while demanding he take them to Jacksonville.

According to the report, the men made the victim drive to an unknown hotel off of Golfair Boulevard in Jacksonville, then reserved a room with his ATM card. The victim said the suspects waited until about 9 a.m. Nov. 14, then took him to the VyStar Credit Union on Atlantic Boulevard and got money out of his account, the report stated.

The victim said the men then

drove him to the Arlington area of Jacksonville, where one of them fled on foot, the report stated. The remaining two drove him back to an unknown street in Fernandina Beach, parked in a wooded area, then took off on foot, the report stated.

According to the report, the case was forwarded to a detective in the criminal investigations division of the sheriff's office, but no arrests have been made.

No further description of the suspects was listed in the report, but they made off with approximately \$500 in cash, a cell phone estimated at \$75 and the victim's debit card, the report stated. The victim was not injured.

### Truck crash

A 17-year-old was arrested in the early morning hours of Nov. 10 after a truck he allegedly stole from his brother crashed into two sections of chain link fence at a Yulee residence.

The boy was westbound on Pages Dairy Road, the report stated, when he passed out and the truck left the roadway, striking one section of the victim's chain link fence, then skidding across the yard and hitting the fence a second time.

According to the report, the truck then crossed Ezel Lane, eventually coming to rest after the truck hit an electrical box.

The victim heard a loud noise outside his residence and found the boy climbing into the

back of the vehicle, the report stated. When the deputy arrived on the scene, he found the boy "laying in the back of the vehicle appearing to be dazed and confused," the report stated. Police said he had been huffing a cleaning product.

In addition to an unspecified amount of damage to the truck, there was an estimated \$5,000 damage to the fence, the report stated.

According to the report, the boy faces possible charges of vehicular grand theft with damage to property, DUI with property damage, and committing a nonmoving traffic violation while driving on a suspended license.

### Battery arrest

A Hilliard man allegedly pushed his pregnant girlfriend down the stairs, then slashed a tire on her car with a chainsaw Nov. 8 after the couple had been drinking.

William Edward Turner, 43, of 32252 CR 121 in Hilliard, was charged with aggravated domestic battery after authorities responded to the report of domestic violence just before 11 p.m.

According to Turner's arrest report, the victim said the two were having a verbal argument on the front porch that turned physical when Turner pushed her, causing her to fall down the stairs. The fall caused minor injuries to her left leg and right hand, the report stated.

Turner is the father of the

unborn child and had prior knowledge of the pregnancy before the alleged battery, the report stated.

According to the report, the victim said Turner also cut the rear driver side tire of her car with a chainsaw so she couldn't leave.

### Felony arrests

■ Phyllis Helena Cook, 44, 97320 Cookville Road, Yulee, Nov. 15, violation of probation - possession of cocaine.

■ Elan Wayne Teaster, 23, 87002 Raddin Road, Yulee, Nov. 14, possession of cocaine, introducing contraband into a detention facility, possession of drug paraphernalia, DUI.

■ Aileen Peoples Mann, 28, 1322 S. Third St., Nov. 14, three counts of uttering a forged instrument, forgery, burglary, grand theft, dealing in stolen property.

■ Victoria Jude Bryant, 21, 5052 First Coast Highway, Nov. 13, violation of probation - vehicular grand theft.

■ Chance Ray Stewart, 18, 11411 Buckhead Trail, Bryceville, Nov. 12, dealing in stolen property, violation of probation - possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

■ Alisha Suzanne Dukes, 31, Jacksonville, Nov. 10, violation of probation - two counts of burglary of a structure.

■ Catherine Amanda Wilkins, 24, Jesup, Ga., Nov. 9, grand theft.

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## Hilliard man injured

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A Hilliard man was taken to Shands Jacksonville with critical injuries after a Saturday evening crash on US 1 at Lem Turner Road in Callahan.

Just before 8:30 p.m., Marvin Henderson, 67, of Hilliard was northbound on U.S. 1 in the right lane when Carleatha Childs, 48, of Jacksonville, traveling west on Lem Turner Road, failed to stop at a stop sign, according to a Florida Highway Patrol media release.

The two vehicles collided, with the left front of Childs' 1999 Lexus SUV striking the

right side of Henderson's 1999 Chevy two-door, the release stated.

Childs' SUV came to rest on its right side facing east in the grass median on US 1, while Henderson's Chevy came to rest partially in the grass median and partially on the left lane of the road facing east, the release stated.

According to the release, both drivers were wearing their seatbelts and each vehicle had about \$6,000 damage. Henderson's injuries were listed as critical, while Childs sustained minor injuries, according to the release. Both drivers were taken to Shands Jacksonville.

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## 4 sought for auto theft

Nassau County Sheriff's detectives are looking for four people wanted on burglary and grand theft auto charges that allegedly stole three vehicles from Ron Anderson Chevrolet, 464054 SR 200, Friday.

Police said three suspects broke the front window at the

dealership and went inside, about 12:15 a.m., stole two digital cameras and keys for a 2010 white GMC Acadia, 2008 black Chevy Impala SS and 2003 white Ford Expedition XLT.

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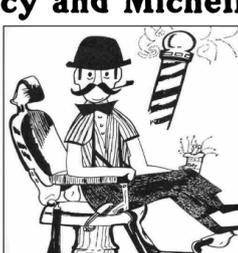
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# Suspect in killings seeks new lawyer

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Larkin

A Nassau County Judge presiding over a motion hearing Nov. 5 recommended a mental health evaluation for Gregory David Larkin, who is accused of murdering his parents in April.

The motion hearing was scheduled after Larkin, 35, sent a handwritten letter from the Nassau County Jail to Judge Robert Foster requesting that Public Defender Brian Morrissey be discharged as his legal counsel. Larkin requested a new public defender in the letter, but listed no grievances, saying only "I have been misrepresented."

Foster denied the motion and additionally recommended a mental health evaluation.

Assistant State Attorney Wesley White, director of the Nassau County State Attorney's Office, said the evaluation was likely to take place and, if so, would be conducted by an independent expert.

Larkin's parents, Dick and Myra Larkin, were found beaten to death in their Caprice Lane home. Police said the couple had been dead for days when they were discovered during a well-being check.

Police said Larkin had been living at the Amelia Island home since January, and that DNA

evidence found on bloody clothes in the bathroom ties him to the murders.

Larkin was arrested at a motel near the Jacksonville airport April 18 on charges of grand theft of a motor vehicle and having no valid driver's license, having just returned from a trip to Mexico for a job interview. He was driving his parents' only vehicle, which he said they let him borrow. On April 30, he was charged with their murders.

Dick Larkin, 75, and Myra Larkin, 73, had been married 51 years. Gregory Larkin is the youngest of their children, and Nassau County Sheriff Tommy Seagraves has said detectives found no indication he has any history of violent crime. He had been operating Aquamor, a family-owned diving and kayaking shop in Costa Rica, a business his parents reportedly purchased for their children about 15 years ago, but was considering selling it due to the economic downturn, police said.

Larkin will return to court Thursday for another pre-trial hearing. Doug Dorsey is prosecuting the case.

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# Mother gets probation for child neglect

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Barta

A Fernandina Beach woman arrested when authorities, in the act of breaking up an open house party, found evidence of child neglect in her home, will not serve jail time after pleading guilty to child neglect with great bodily harm Thursday.

Kimberley Michelle Barta, 21, of 996 Citrona Drive, #2306 in Fernandina Beach pleaded guilty to child neglect with great bodily harm, but adjudication was withheld. Charges of possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, underage possession of alcohol and open house party were not prosecuted.

Barta was sentenced to two years' probation and must comply with a DCF case plan, complete a parenting skills class and a drug and alcohol evaluation and follow-up.

Child neglect with great bodily harm, a third-degree felony, carries a maximum sentence of up to five years in

prison. But according to court documents, Barta will serve no additional jail time.

Barta was arrested Oct. 19 after she admitted to Fernandina Beach Police that guests in her apartment, some under the age of 21, were drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana.

But along with those attending the party, police found a two-year-old and a three-month-old child, the report stated. The two-year-old was asleep in a back bedroom in a crib - lying on blankets that were "wet and filthy," the report stated. The three-month-old was asleep in a car seat on the floor in a back bedroom on wet, moldy blankets, the report stated.

According to the report, both children had on only diapers, and authorities were unable to find items to clothe them. The three-month old was

shivering from the cold and holding a bottle of sour milk. He had "sores under and around his neck where he had not been washed," a soiled diaper, and was rife with diaper rash, the report stated.

The apartment was full of beer cans and bottles, marijuana and "filth throughout the house," the report stated, and food was caked on dishes throughout the house and molded food was observed in the oven and microwave, the report stated. The shower was filled with trash and there were used diapers throughout the house with bugs crawling on them, the report stated.

The Department of Children and Families was dispatched and the children were taken to a safe place, the report stated. Barta was charged with aggravated abuse/neglect, holding an open house party, possession of alcohol under 21 and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.

Barta had previously been issued a notice to appear for possession of drug parapher-

nalia on Sept. 7 after authorities entered her home following a domestic dispute with her live-in boyfriend, 21-year-old Luke Deane Morgan.

Morgan allegedly pulled Barta from the back seat of a friend's car, dragged her inside the apartment by her shirt, punched her several times, bit her and threatened her with a kitchen knife. According to reports, he had been watching her two children while she was out until 3 a.m. with friends.

When a police officer arrived, Barta ran screaming from the apartment. Morgan fled and, while searching the apartment, the officer found drug paraphernalia and marijuana residue.

Morgan initially escaped authorities, but was found a day later hiding under a bulkhead in a wooded area behind Barta's apartment. He was arrested for aggravated assault and domestic battery. Morgan was adjudicated guilty and convicted on the aggravated assault charge and is now serving two years' probation.

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

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Thomas Ford, Chair  
Planning and Zoning Board

# Yulee murder trial now set for Feb. 8

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A new trial date of Feb. 8 has been set for Mohamed Salahudin Alnajjar, charged with second-degree murder in the March 2008 shooting death of 32-year-old Yulee man Roderick Henderson.

Jury selection is scheduled to begin Feb. 5 for the 23-year-old Alnajjar, who has been held without bond at the Nassau County Jail since March 4, 2008, after he reportedly confessed to shooting Henderson. He has since pleaded not guilty.

The original trial date of Sept. 14 was delayed after Alnajjar's attorney, Brian Morrissey, filed a motion to suppress any statements, admissions and confessions

made by Alnajjar to Nassau County Sheriff's Office investigators March 3-4, 2008. Judge Robert Foster subsequently denied the motion in chambers at the Nassau County Judicial Annex Oct. 30, paving the way for the new trial date.

Morrissey's motion to suppress alleged that investigators improperly induced statements from Alnajjar.

According to the document, "The statements obtained from Defendant were not freely and voluntarily given, and were the result of threats, promises and inducements. Said statements were obtained in violation of Defendant's rights guaranteed by Amendments Five and Fourteen, Constitution of the United States and Article I, Section 9, Constitution of the State of Florida."



Alnajjar

It goes on to cite specific details, including "implied and explicit threats that the Defendant's wife would be prosecuted and jailed if Defendant did not confess" and "implied promises of leniency that were calculated to mislead Defendant into believing he would receive some benefit from confessing."

Further, it alleges that detectives "told him the amount of time he will serve depends on whether he confessed or made them prove their case" and "implied that if the defendant told them he shot the victim because he was afraid, the state would recommend leniency."

According to the document, a detective told Alnajjar, "I'd like to tell that man in the suit (former Assistant State Attorney Stephen Bledsoe) that he (Henderson) came at you - scared you."

Assistant State Attorney Wesley White, director of the Nassau County State Attorney's Office, said he wasn't overly surprised the motion to suppress was denied.

"I assume (it was denied) because the detectives conducted themselves in accordance with the law and did a fine job," White said.

Alnajjar is charged with second-degree murder, carrying a concealed weapon and tampering with or fabricating evidence. He has pleaded not guilty.

Henderson was found lying on Palm Tree Drive in Yulee about 9:45 p.m. March 3, 2008; he was pronounced dead at the scene.

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# Trial delay in Yulee death

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A motion to continue was granted Thursday in the trial of a Yulee man charged with manslaughter, third-degree murder and false imprisonment in the 2006 death of a deaf man.

A trial date of Nov. 16 had been set for Michael Dean Gammons Jr., who is accused along with brothers Peter Alan Turlington, 27, and Ralph Thomas Turlington Jr., 29, in the 2006 death of Bruce Doss, 22, outside a Yulee bowling alley.

However, that trial date has been struck from the calendar. Gammons and the Turlington brothers are each scheduled to appear in court for a pretrial hearing Dec. 3. The Turlingtons have already pleaded guilty to the false imprisonment charge and currently do not face murder or manslaughter charges, according to court records.

In July 2008 the Turlingtons agreed to testify against Gammons. According to court documents at the time, the brothers faced up to one year in the Nassau County Jail and up to five years of probation.

Doss died a day after the three men reportedly held him down in a ditch outside the Yulee Bowling Center on US 17 on Dec. 1, 2006. Doss' death was ruled a homicide shortly after by the Jacksonville Medical Examiner's Office. Reports said Doss, who authorities reported had a blood alcohol content of 0.26, died as a result of traumatic asphyxia.

The men initially told police they were trying to keep Doss from running onto the road and getting hurt.

All three were arrested in June 2007 following investigations by the Nassau County Sheriff's Office and the State Attorney's Office.

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# Accused of homicide, soldier back in Texas

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Lee

A man accused of vehicular homicide in a March crash on I-95 in Nassau County that killed a pregnant Jacksonville woman and her unborn child has bonded out of the Nassau County Jail.

Jen Yung Lee, 23, was being held in lieu of \$225,014 bond until a motion Nov. 4 to reduce the bond was granted by Circuit Court Judge Robert Foster, who cut the amount to \$5,002 cash. Lee is represented by Jacksonville attorney Charles L. Truncale.

The motion cited Lee's need to return to Fort Sam Houston, an Army base in San Antonio, Texas, where the active duty sergeant was undergoing rehabilitation after his left leg was amputated as a result of the crash. The motion states that a year of rehabilitation is required for the injury. Lee's rehab started in July, the document stated.

The document said Lee turned himself in to Texas authorities Oct. 15 after Army officials told him of an outstanding arrest warrant in Nassau County. Lee was booked into the Nassau County Jail Oct. 31 and charged with two counts of vehicular homicide, three counts of reckless driving with serious bodily injury and two counts of racing on the highway.

According to court docu-

ments, a judicial review hearing has been set for Jan. 14 in Nassau County to reassess the progression of the case and schedule hearings as it moves toward a potential trial.

According to Florida Highway Patrol reports, Lee was cutting in and out of traffic on his 2006 Honda motorcycle as he drove north on I-95 in Nassau County on March 21 about 3 p.m. A 2001 Chevrolet four-door driven by Vanessa P. Sinclair, 32, of Jacksonville attempted to change lanes from the middle to the right, noticed Lee try to pass her on the right, swerved back to the left to avoid a collision and lost control, reports said.

Both Sinclair's car and Lee's motorcycle traveled onto the east shoulder and overturned several times.

Sinclair, scheduled to give birth April 6, and her unborn male child both died at the scene, said Lt. Bill Leeper of the Florida Highway Patrol, while Lee was transported to Shands Jacksonville with injuries that led to a leg amputation.

Lee was stationed in Savannah at the time of the crash, Leeper said.

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# New trial date set

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A new trial date has been set, again, for a Fernandina Beach man accused of killing his 67-year-old roommate in 2003.

In a pretrial hearing Nov. 12, Circuit Court Judge Robert Foster scheduled a trial date of April 12 for Randall Julian Powell, 39, charged with murder, armed robbery and grand theft of an automobile in connection with the death of his roommate, Gerald Edwin Fair. Fair was found dead on

Oct. 29, 2003, in his home on First Coast Highway. Police said he had been dead for days when his body was discovered.

Powell was arrested just over two months later, on Jan. 8, 2004, and charged with stealing Fair's car. He was ultimately charged with Fair's murder.

The cause of Fair's death was blunt force trauma to the head, according to the Jacksonville Medical Examiner's Office, but a murder weapon was never found. Powell has been held at the Nassau County Jail since his arrest.

# COURT REPORT

The following report was compiled by Jason Yurgartis, News-Leader staff, from the Nov. 12 court docket of Circuit Court Judge Robert Foster.

■ Daina Marie Bailey pleaded guilty to violation of probation for grand theft and was adjudicated guilty. Her probation was revoked and terminated and she was sentenced to six months in the Nassau County Jail with credit for 90 days served. Outstanding court costs of \$815.36 were converted to a civil judgment.

■ A motion to continue trial was granted for James Edward Blash, who pleaded not guilty to armed burglary after amended information was filed.

■ Ormond Lamar Ford Jr. pleaded guilty for convenience to possession with intent to sell marijuana and adjudication was withheld. He was sentenced to 18 months of drug offender probation and ordered to pay \$100 to the State Attorney's Office, \$150 to the Public Defender's Office and \$498 in court costs.

■ The state will not prosecute Troy Nathan Frederick on charges of uttering forged bills and petit theft.

■ The state will not prosecute Ginger Lynn Freet on a charge of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud.

■ Robert Spencer Hutchinson Jr. pleaded not guilty to aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

■ Brett Owen Jenkins pleaded not guilty to four counts of sale or delivery of cocaine; five counts of sale, delivery, purchase or manufacture of marijuana; obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and grand theft.

■ Michael Charles Kilian pleaded not guilty to possession of heroin and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

■ Danielle Jean Kinsey pleaded not guilty to two counts of grand theft and two counts of dealing in stolen property.

■ Michelle Lee Kirby pleaded not guilty to introducing contraband into jail, DUI, refusal to submit to a DUI test and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.

■ Justin Krulac pleaded guilty to felony battery and was adjudicated guilty. He was sentenced to 90 days in the Nassau County Jail with credit for 70 days served, followed by 12 months probation without the possibility of early termination and no victim contact. Krulac was ordered to pay \$100 to the State Attorney's Office, \$150 to the Public Defender's Office, \$398 in court costs and \$1,200 in restitution.

■ Wayne Arthur Land pleaded not guilty to grand theft.

■ Austin Lewis Maxwell pleaded guilty as charged to two counts of sale or delivery of cocaine; two counts of possession of cocaine; sale, delivery,

purchase or manufacture of marijuana and possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana and adjudication was withheld. Additional charges of sale, delivery, purchase or manufacture of marijuana and possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana were not prosecuted. He was sentenced concurrently to 24 months probation with early termination in 18 months if in full compliance. Maxwell must also complete one year of residential treatment at Alpha House in Georgia and was ordered to pay \$100 to the State Attorney's Office, \$150 to the Public Defender's Office and \$498 in court costs.

■ Delbert Earl Milligan pleaded guilty to violation of probation for possession of cocaine and was adjudicated guilty. His probation was revoked and terminated and he was sentenced to six months in the Nassau County Jail with credit for time served. Outstanding court costs of \$383.76 were converted to a civil judgment.

■ Keshawana Gilyard Randall pleaded not guilty to grand theft and fraudulent use

of a credit card.

■ Cliff Michael Spivey pleaded not guilty to felony domestic battery by strangulation.

■ Cristy Lynn Stewart pleaded not guilty to grand theft of more than \$300 but less than \$20,000.

■ The court granted a motion to dismiss a case against Mary Ann Ward, who was charged with dealing in stolen property.

■ Antonio LaFabian Williams pleaded guilty to grand theft and adjudication was withheld. He was sentenced to time served in the Nassau County Jail and ordered to pay \$100 to the State Attorney's Office, \$150 to the Public Defender's Office, \$398 in court costs and \$1,125 in restitution.

■ Marcus Finnell Williams pleaded guilty to sale or delivery of cocaine and possession of cocaine and was adjudicated guilty. He was sentenced to three years in a state prison with credit for 39 days served and ordered to pay \$100 to the State Attorney's Office, \$150 to the Public Defender's Office and \$498 in court costs.

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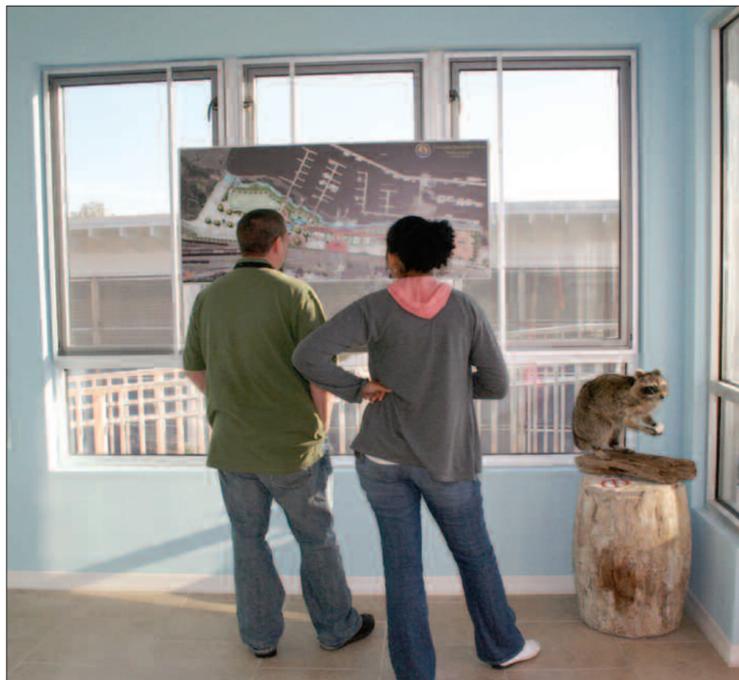
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Waterfront project stalls

ANGELA DAUGHTRY  
News Leader

An extensive downtown waterfront master plan project has been slowed down due to some construction obstacles. According to Curtis Burkett of Zev Cohen Associates, which has put together the city's waterfront master plan, Phase 1B of the project cannot proceed because of "numerous

obstacles" – one of which is whether Rayonier will allow the city to use a parcel of land for a stormwater retention pond. Burkett, who is regional manager of Zev Cohen, expanded on those problems at a workshop Nov. 10 for city commissioners held at City Hall. Some of those obstacles, he said, include temporary removal of waterfront parking,

the downsizing of a roadway, and accommodation of foot traffic while construction is going on. But a significant obstacle is that Zev Cohen's original waterfront design included the possible use of a triangular-shaped lot on the south end of the waterfront for stormwater runoff.

According to Burkett, discussions with Rayonier about use of the parcel "died ... with no direction back from the city as to moving storm water." Moving the storm drainage underground could increase costs up to \$1.5 million, Burkett said.

Burkett said Rayonier Inc., which operates a large paper plant southwest of the downtown project, was initially open to the idea of the city using the parcel, but negotiations have stalled.

"The triangular parcel is difficult for (Rayonier) to use, but it's very useful for the city," Burkett said, which would use about 2.5 acres of the 5-acre parcel for a retention pond.

Mayor Susan Steger suggested city commissioners restart discussions with Rayonier before any other portion of the project continues.

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Granddaughter Deanna (soon to be 6) decided to rename the kittens we have at Reddeer. She was holding "Midnight" while it was sleeping. The kitten woke up and left. Deanna named her "Nightmare". I asked her why? She said because it woke up and left. Okay, you explain that one to me. Come by the coffee is on.

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## FUTURE STARS



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Richard Hampel of the Czech Republic defeated Alexios Halebian of the U.S. Monday in the final round of qualifying for the Ravenswood Wine Amelia Island Futures Tournament at Amelia Island Plantation. The inaugural event is the third of three \$10,000 clay court Futures events that round out the 2009 USTA pro circuit men's season. The event runs through Sunday. Visit [procircuit.usta.com](http://procircuit.usta.com) or [aipfl.com](http://aipfl.com).

## Strasser, Pirates advance to state

BETH JONES  
News Leader

Senior Stephanie Strasser repeats as the Region 1-2A cross country champion. She finished first among the girls in Tallahassee Saturday with a time of 18:17.37.

Strasser is the county, district and now region champion. She moves on to state in Dade City Saturday. But she is the lone member of the girls team to advance.

The FBHS boys team advanced to state. The top six teams qualify and the Pirate harriers finished in fifth, just eight points out of third.

"Many of us said it was the best race we have ever seen," FBHS Coach Mark Durr said. "We knew our times were really close to some other schools. We identified Pensacola Catholic as one of those teams that could take this away from us and our guys picked off everyone of the PC guys that was in front of them in the last mile."

"Our men really manned up. Anyone can get past somebody in the first 400 meters, but it takes the training and guts that our guys have to pass people in the end. These guys are the perfect examples of what it takes to be a champion. They had a goal, state, committed themselves to it

and worked their tails off to achieve it. I could not be prouder or more impressed with a group of individuals."

"This is Jazz's team. We know he has been working for four years to get to Dade City and we will be racing Saturday on his birthday," Durr said of senior captain Jazz Tomassetti. "It doesn't get any better than that. Landon (Kovalick) and Adam (Buechler) led the way for us with Adam achieving a personal record, which was just what we needed."

"And the competition with Jazz, Joey (Collins) and Chris (Keffer), they all are getting real close to each other, helped us narrow our gap between our runners, which is what scores the points you need. Bradley (Bunch) and Darren's times have come down dramatically and their training habits inspire all of us to give that little extra effort."

Kovalick finished 16th among the boys with a time of 16:58.87, Buechler was 20th with a time of 17:09.67, Collins was 30th (17:42.07), Jazz Tomassetti 47th (18:08.67), Keffer 53rd (18:17.71), Darren Bunch 69th (18:58.22) and Bradley Bunch 72nd (19:05.78).

The FBHS Lady Pirates were just six points from qualifying for state, finishing in

seventh, so Strasser will make the trip alone.

"Stephanie was feeling great and really ran her race," Durr said of the regional meet. "She doesn't like to make it close, so she once again blew away her competition. We thought the course was going to be a little faster, but it was real tough for all of the teams."

"Christina's exceptional high school career is over, but her impact on Pirate cross country will remain. The twins are the only seniors we lose on the varsity team. Of course, they can't be replaced, but they have left a successful legacy that we can build on. They have taught the younger girls, like our fabulous freshman trio of Taylor Sweet, Lana Tomassetti and Janica Castro, what it takes to be a champion."

"We think with that base and the contributions of next year's senior leadership of Cassie Moore and Taylor Rowland, that we can get back to state as a team sooner rather than later."

Christina Strasser finished 17th with a time of 20:37.14, Sweet was 60th (23:44.21), Moore was 69th (25:18.53), Rowland was 70th (25:28.29), Lana Tomassetti was 83rd (29:04.56).

## Hornets roll, Pirates fall in 2009 season finales Friday

### Postseason bowl Thursday for Yulee, Providence

BETH JONES  
News Leader

The Yulee Hornets, in their third season, finished with a 7-3 record after a 44-18 thumping of host Paxton Friday night in the 2009 regular season finale. But the Hornets aren't finished. They take on host Providence at 8:05 p.m. Thursday in the Baker Sports Bowl.

"I was happy we finally played a great road game," said Bobby Ramsay, Yulee High School football coach. "We've struggled with that for two years and the kids responded to the challenge."

"I was as proud as I've ever been of the team. They said after Bolles, we would win out and we did. Now we get to play a great Providence team Thursday night in the Baker Sports Bowl."

"As a team we're really understanding now what it's like to succeed and what it takes to continue to succeed. I'm very happy about this year and excited about the future."

Derrick "Shocka" Henry, a freshman, had 319 yards on 43 carries with a trio of touchdowns to steer Yulee Friday. Jonathan Knauss, senior, had 120 yards on 10 carries with a touchdown.

Byron Alderman, also a senior, had five carries for 64 yards and a pair of interceptions on defense. Derrick Peterson scored on a 28-yard reception. Kelvin Rainey, a sophomore, had a pair of catches for 18 yards and a touchdown.

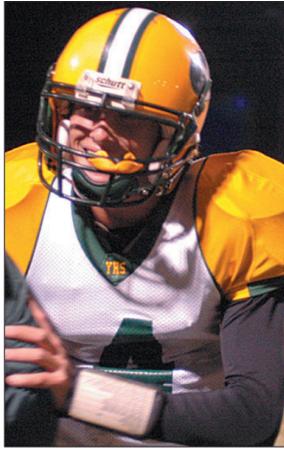
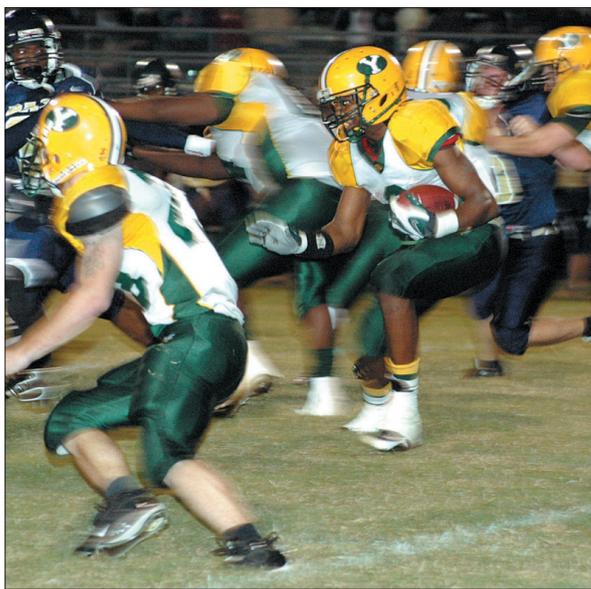
Mychal Culpepper, another senior, led the Hornet defense with nine tackles. Knauss had five stops. Cameron Ponder and Jake Green had five tackles apiece.

Fernandina Beach (2-8) lost to Matanzas Friday.



The Yulee Hornets capped the regular season at Paxton Friday night, winning 44-18 to end at 7-3 for the season. Derrick "Shocka" Henry with a run, right. Cameron Ponder, left, reacts after a big hit. Kelvin Rainey (No. 5) and Zach Camp, below left, bring down a Paxton Eagle. Conner Petty reacts after a touchdown, below right. Mychal Culpepper, below center, led the Yulee defense.

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NEWS-LEADER



## TIP-OFF

The Lady Pirates basketball team started off their season with two close, exciting games against West Nassau last week in preseason action. Fernandina Beach High School lost by three at West Nassau Nov. 10 and won by 8 at home Thursday night. "The girls played very hard on both nights," FBHS Coach Mike Landtroop said.

"The games allowed the girls to see what we need to work on in practice." The Lady Pirates opened the season Tuesday at Baker County. Mackenzie McBride shoots for the Lady Pirates Thursday, right. Ebony Peterson and Whitney Small led FBHS with 16 points apiece.

BETH JONES  
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## Gator defense is UF's real rock star

I know it sounds like a broken record: They are what they are. But the scene in the endzone after the University of Florida's 24-14 victory over South Carolina in Columbia Saturday night might have epitomized the 2009 Gators. After the game, the team assembled and sang the alma mater and the fight song in front of the few thousand Florida fans, who made the trek north, which has become a tradition under head coach Urban Meyer.

The orange and blue faithful typically use the proximity to get a high-five, a picture, a lock of hair (just kidding) of QB Tim Tebow. But on this night, it was the quarterback of the defense, LB Brandon Spikes, and his compadres getting the most love. Sure, the crowd eventually broke into a chant of "Tebow, Tebow, Tebow," but not before giving a proverbial embrace to the Florida defense.

Three weeks removed from a showdown with Alabama in Atlanta's Georgia Dome, it seems that the Gator Nation is finally realizing its bread and butter are the 10 guys rallying around No. 51, rather than No. 15. The boys opposite Tebow are Florida's 2009 rock stars and are most vital to the Gators' championship aspirations.

This is in no way meant to



### SPORTS TALK

JOHN L. CRAWFORD

rather the game be put in the hands of the Florida defense. In other words, they would likely rather see the defense on the field protecting a slim lead than the offense having to overcome a deficit with the game on the line.

And the defense did it again Saturday night. With the Gators holding a 17-14 lead and the Gamecocks facing a third-and-two deep in Florida territory on the first play of the fourth quarter, South Carolina fans smelled blood. And that silly guy in the chicken costume probably started resembling a buzzard circling its prey to Florida fans.

But the wounded Gator came back to life in the form of Justin Trattou, who intercepted a slant pass and rumbled 53 yards to the South Carolina 26. A few clock minutes later, Tebow tied the SEC record for career rushing/receiving touchdowns and gave his team a 10-point lead. Game over.

Steve Spurrier and his Gamecocks deserve credit for their ability to sustain drives against Florida's stingy defense. They can probably also take credit for raising the collective blood pressure of the Gator Nation a point or two.

With that said, the hand wringing in the stands wasn't quite as intense as it has been Saturday night. There seemed to be a quiet confidence that, despite South Carolina's moderate success on offense, Florida's defense would come up with a play when it had to. And once again, it did.

Quite frankly, the "they are what they are" cliché is getting old. I'm tired of writing it and I'm sure you're tired of reading it. But I think Gator fans are starting to believe it. And most importantly, I think the Gator defense is relishing in it.

John L. Crawford's column appears Wednesdays. E-mail him at [jlcrawford727@aol.com](mailto:jlcrawford727@aol.com).

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Register for soccer

Amelia Island Youth Soccer is registering players online for the spring season. Visit [www.aisoccer.com](http://www.aisoccer.com). All new players will have to mail a copy of their birth certificate to 863 Atlantic View Drive, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 to complete the registration process. Call Raquel at 753-0602.

### Weekly bike ride

Club 14 Fitness is hosting a weekly Saturday morning bike ride open to the community. The ride is designed with B and C cyclists in mind. Meet at Club 14 Fitness in the 8 Flags Shopping Center by the movie theatre every Saturday at 8 a.m. and ride to Fort Clinch state park (with \$2 park entry fee). Participants have the open of one or two loops. Helmets are required. Call Club 14 Fitness at 206-4414 or visit [www.club14fitness.com](http://www.club14fitness.com) for information.

### Turkey Trot

The 2009 Turkey Trot 5K and kids one-mile Fun Run are Nov. 26 at the Amelia Island Plantation Verandah parking lot. The 5K starts at 8 a.m. and the kids run begins at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is \$25 for adults, \$15 for kids.

Pre-registration ends at 1 p.m. Nov. 25. All pre-registered participants receive a T-shirt. Race day registration is from 7-4:45 a.m. Registration forms can be found at the Health & Fitness Center or online at [ameliaislandrunners.com](http://ameliaislandrunners.com).

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### Walk run under the lights

Amelia Island Runners is offering free runs and walks under the lights at the Fernandina Beach High School track Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. The sessions will be open to the public and all runners and walkers are invited, regardless of their running pace. Free water and Gatorade will be provided.

The lighted track runs are being offered in cooperation with the Nassau County school system as a service to local runners and walkers. Amelia Island Runners is paying for electricity use and related costs.

Track runs are planned roughly once a week, depending on the availability of the FBHS football/soccer stadium at 435 Citrona Drive. Dates will be posted on the club's website, [www.AmeliaIslandRunners.com](http://www.AmeliaIslandRunners.com).

Club members will also be available to provide training tips for beginning runners or run at "race pace" with experienced racers. Runners and walkers can participate with partners or individually. For information, visit AIR's website or call 277-8365.

### Winter wrestling

USA Wrestling's Fernandina Beach team for students in grades 6-8 will hold its winter session November through January. Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-7 p.m. at the auto shop building behind Fernandina Beach Middle School. Participants must have a USA Wrestling card (\$35), otherwise there are no club fees. Wrestling shoes are mandatory and head gear and singlet are optional. To get a USA Wrestling card, visit [www.floridawsawrestling.org](http://www.floridawsawrestling.org). For information, call Randy Middlebrook at (970) 319-8222.

### Gator Bowl tickets on sale

The 65th annual Konica Minolta Gator Bowl will be played Jan. 1 at Jacksonville Municipal Stadium with kickoff at 1 p.m. and will be televised nationally on CBS. The Gator Bowl will pit a team from the Atlantic Coast Conference against a team from the Big East Conference or Notre Dame. Ticket prices are \$60 for VIP seats and \$50 for stadium seats. Parking is available for \$20 per car. Visit [gatorbowl.com](http://gatorbowl.com).

Visit [www.KMBSsports.com](http://www.KMBSsports.com) to enter for a chance to win The Konica Minolta Ultimate Sports Experience. Entry deadline is Dec. 15.

### Gobbler shoot Nov. 29

Amelia Shotgun Sports will hold four tournaments, shoot either or both, Nov. 29 at 86300 Hot Shot Trail in Yulee. NSCA registered shoots with 100 targets in the morning and 100 in the evening shoot. Register from 8-9:55 a.m. for the first tournament. Be on the course no later than 10 a.m. Scorecards must be in by noon. Register for the second tournament from 1-2:30 p.m. Fees for each are \$60 for NSCA and hunter, \$45 for junior and sub-juniors and \$7 for warm-ups from 8-10 a.m. Registration fee includes sausage sandwich breakfast, lunch and awards. Call 753-4619 or 548-9818 or e-mail [clayde@ameliashotgunsports.com](mailto:clayde@ameliashotgunsports.com).

### Sports association

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

### 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 on US 17 in Yulee. Call Melinda Willaford at 261-3136.

### Sailing Club meets

The Amelia Island Sailing Club meets the first Tuesday at the Kraft Athletic Club. Social hour at 6:30 p.m.; meeting at 7:30 p.m. Call Commodore Charlie Steinkamp, 261-5213, or visit [www.ameliaslandsailing.org](http://www.ameliaslandsailing.org).

### Umpires sought

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

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**This Week's Winners:**

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Name _____	1. L.S.U. vs. Old Miss _____	8. Seattle Seahawks vs. Minnesota Vikings _____
Phone _____	2. Georgia vs. Kentucky _____	9. Atlanta Falcons vs. N.Y. Giants _____
Address _____	3. Ohio State vs. Michigan _____	10. Philadelphia Eagles vs. Chicago Bears _____
City _____	4. Arkansas vs. Mississippi State _____	11. Washington Redskins vs. Dallas Cowboys _____
State/Zip _____	5. Penn State vs. Michigan State _____	12. San Francisco 49ers vs. Green Bay Packers _____
	6. T.C.U. vs. Wyoming _____	TIE BREAKER:
	7. Indianapolis Colts vs. Baltimore Ravens _____	Jax Jags vs Buffalo Bills _____



The Red Cardinals claimed the team title in the Amelia Island Plantation Women's Golf Association's annual Solheim Cup Tournament.

## AIP ladies hold Solheim Cup tournament

The Amelia Island Plantation Women's Golf Association held its annual Solheim Cup Tournament over a two-day span last week. The competition drew a field of 58 participants, who were drawn based on handicap indexes monitored by both captains and the chairwoman of the event, Lyn Rion, along with professional Dean Grunewald.

Thursday's competition consisted of two nine-hole matches, the first being best ball of the twosome and the second a modified Pinehurst. The Yellow Finches, captained by Jane Preston, were ahead by one point at the end of that day.

Friday brought with it a two-person scramble and singles matches. Lee Kinzel, the captain of the Red Cardinals, was excited for her team to make a comeback.

The ladies enjoyed lunch while the scores were still coming in and, in the end, the teams had tied. A shootout



Pictured, from left, are pro Dean Grunewald, Red Cardinals captain Lee Kinzel and Cherie Billings and Stephanie Boote, the shootout participants who won for the Cardinals.

had to follow to determine the winner.

The captains picked their shootout participants and the entire room full of women headed to the first tee to watch and cheer for Yellow Finches Jeanne Martin and Carol Kimmel and Red

Cardinals Cherie Billings and Stephanie Boote.

Billings made short work of the match by hitting some of the best shots of the tournament and paring the intimidating par-5 to assure the Red Cardinals as the winner in the exciting finish.

## Wednesday good day for Durden

With last Wednesday being Veterans Day, which meant a number of businesses were closed, the number of players who turned out to play in the Wednesday blitz was somewhat disappointing. Perhaps it was the threat of rain as only 46 players took part.

It was a good day for Gary Durden, who shot an 84, good for plus 10 points and individual honors. There was a tie for second and third at plus 7 between Kenny Pickett (77) and Jerry Dean (76) but they did not make it onto a winning team.

Durden's plus 10, along with Rudy Campanale (97, plus 4) and Charles Kicklighter (82, plus 2), was enough to offset the minus 4 of Bob Sibley (94) as the team won first place at plus 12.

Pickett's plus 7 received no help from Charles Helenbrook (94, minus 6), but Ronnie Boatright, with a one-under-par 72 and plus 6, and Michael Kaufman (85, plus 3) enabled the team to come in second at plus 10.

An all-plus team of Sam DuBose (91, plus 3), Larry Hutchison (84, plus 3), Tom Gray (84, plus 1) and Ed Lormand (96, plus 1) finished third at plus 8.

There was a tie at plus 5 for fourth place between Jim McFarland (94, plus 5), Gerald Wilder (85, plus 2), Pat Whelan (87, even), Bob Dorsey (84, minus 2) and the team of Wayne Mortenson (90, plus 6), Mike Lovejoy (80, plus 5), Allen Eleferion (80, even), which also had a minus 6 from Andy Palmisano (94).

The weather was great for the 67 players who took part in the Friday blitz. D. Rilling had a round of 80, good for plus 12 points and individual honors. Steve Johnson (even-par 73) and Bob Dorsey (76) shared second and third places at plus 8.

Led by Johnson's plus 8, an all-plus team that included Tom Purvis (84, plus 6), Rusty Acree (95, plus 5) and Jack Croake (81, plus 2) won first place with a great score of plus 21.

Finishing a close second, a five-man team led by Dorsey's plus 8, with Bill Abee (84, plus 5), Jack Harrison (86,

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plus 5), Marty House (83, plus 2) and Paul Hensler (92, minus 1) was plus 19.

Another five-man team was also in double figures as Sammy Alvarez (78, plus 5), Mickey Rushton (82, plus 4), Tom Forristal (95, plus 3), Mike Joyce (75, plus 2) and Robert Johnson (86, minus 1) finished in third place at plus 15.

There was a big dropoff to fourth place as Rilling (plus 12) received no help from Hydrie Peterson (85, minus 8), Dave Bandelin (88, even) and Jim Edwards (95, even) and the team finished at plus 4.

With a tournament that involved most of those who play, there was no Saturday Morning Breakfast Mixer.

Association members (male and female) are reminded that there is a sign-up sheet for the Christmas tournament scheduled for Dec. 5.

### Christmas on the Course

The fourth annual golf tournament, Christmas on the Course, sponsored by the Yulee High School Foundation will be held Dec. 8 at the Golf Club at North Hampton. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m.

Entry fee is \$100, \$400 for a foursome. Fee includes lunch, cart and green fees, range balls and goody bags along with awards for first through third places and proximity prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive.

Tea off for education and play up a tee for \$15. Raffle tickets are three for \$25. Mulligans are two for \$10. Buy all three for \$45. All gifts are tax-deductible.

All proceeds benefit the Yulee High School Foundation committee. The committee exists to raise funds to support academic excellence at Yulee High School. To sign up or for information call 225-1928.

### Kiwanis Fall Scramble

The 2009 Kiwanis Fall Scramble Championship charity golf tournament will be



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## 2009-10 SCHEDULES

YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Wrestling	
Nov. 21	Bishop Snyder Duals
Nov. 28	Deltona Duals 8am
Dec. 4-5	F-5 Bradford IBT 2:30/8am
Dec. 9	Fletcher Tri Dual 4:00
Dec. 11-12	Mat Classic at St. Joseph's
Dec. 12	Fletcher JV tournament 8am
Dec. 16	COUNTY (seniors) 4:30
Dec. 19	Holiday Duels at Camden 8am
Jan. 8-9	Terry Parker IBT 2:00/8am
Jan. 13	Andrew Jackson Tri Dual 4:30
Jan. 22-23	Five Star at Raines 5:00/7am
Jan. 29-30	Camden quad duel 5:00/7am
Feb. 6	District at Raines 9am
Feb. 12-19	Region 1A
Feb. 19-20	State at Lakeland

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Boys Soccer	
Nov. 23	at Bartram Trail 7:00 (V)
Nov. 27-28	T-Day Tournament, Patton
Dec. 1	BOLLES* 5:30/7:20
Dec. 3	at Yulee 5:30/7:20
Dec. 4	at Keystone Heights 7:20 (V)
Dec. 4	FIRST COAST CHR. 7:20 (V)
Dec. 9	PONTE VEDRA 5:30/7:20
Dec. 11	at Bishop Snyder 6:7/20
Dec. 14	at West Nassau 7:20
Jan. 5	EPISCOPAL* 5:30/7:20
Jan. 7	at Stanton 6:00/00
Jan. 11	at Stanton 6:00/00
Jan. 14	at Orange Park 6:30 (V)
Jan. 21	WOLFSON 5:30/7:20
Jan. 26-30	District 3-3A at Episcopal District

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Boys Basketball	
Nov. 20-21	Preseason at Providence
Nov. 24	BISHOP SNYDER 6:7/30
Nov. 27	ST. FRANCIS 6:7/30
Nov. 30	HILLIARD 6:7/30
Dec. 4	at Bishop Kenny 6:7/30
Dec. 8	at Yulee 4:30/6:30
Dec. 11	WEST NASSAU 6:7/30
Dec. 14	BRADFORD COUNTY 6:7/30
Dec. 17	JV at West Nassau 6:30
Dec. 17-19	at Glynn Academy tourney
Dec. 29	at University Christian 6:7/30
Jan. 2	at Trinity 6:7/30
Jan. 5	RIBAUT* 6:7/30
Jan. 7	at Providence 6:7/30
Jan. 8	BOLLES* 6:7/30
Jan. 12	at Episcopal* 6:7/30
Jan. 15	YULEE 6:7/30
Jan. 19	TRINITY 6:7/30
Jan. 22	RAINES* 6:7/30
Jan. 26	at Bolles 6:7/30
Jan. 29-29	Johnny T. Smith at WNHS
Feb. 2	at Bishop Snyder 6:7/30
Feb. 4	PROVIDENCE 6:7/30
Feb. 5	UNIVERSITY CHRIST. 6:7/30
Feb. 9, 12-13	District at Raines District

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Girls Basketball	
Nov. 19	WEST NASSAU 6:7/30
Nov. 22	at Yulee 6:00 (V)
Nov. 30	at Raines* 6:7/30
Dec. 1	BISHOP SNYDER 6:7/30
Dec. 4	at St. Johns Co. Day 6:00 (V)
Dec. 8	HILLIARD 6:7/30
Dec. 10	at Ribault* 6:7/30
Dec. 15	BOLLES* 6:00

Dec. 18	ST. JOHNS CO. DAY 6:00 (V)
Jan. 7	at Bishop Snyder 6:00 (V)
Jan. 8	at Episcopal* 6:7/30
Jan. 12	at Hilliard 6:7/30
Jan. 14	YULEE 6:00 (V)
Jan. 19	at West Nassau 6:7/30
Jan. 21	at Bolles 6:7/30
Jan. 25	at Trinity 6:00 (V)
Jan. 26	BAKER COUNTY 6:7/30
Feb. 3-6	District 3-3A at Ribault District

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Girls Soccer	
Nov. 18	at Clay 5:30
Nov. 19	ST. AUGUSTINE 6:30
Nov. 23	WEST NASSAU 6:00
Nov. 24	at Nease 6:00
Dec. 4-5	Timberwolf Classic, Tallahassee
Dec. 8	at Bolles 7:00
Dec. 10	UNIVERSITY CHRIST. 7:00
Dec. 14	at West Nassau 5:30
Dec. 15	NEASE 6:00
Dec. 17	at Yulee 6:00
Jan. 4	EAGLE'S VIEW 5:30
Jan. 13	STANTON 6:00
Jan. 15	at Bishop Kenny 6:00
Jan. 20-23	District 3-3A at Bolles

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	
Nov. 21	North Florida Duals, Snyder 8am
Dec. 2	FLETCHER 6:00
Dec. 4-5	Terry Parker tourney TBA
Dec. 9	BISHOP KENNY 3:00
Dec. 11-12	St. Joseph tournament 3:00
Dec. 16	Nassau County at Yulee 5:00
Jan. 8-9	Rotary tourney at Clay 3:00
Jan. 15-16	Suwannee Duals 3:00
Jan. 22-23	Five Star tourney, Raines 3:00
Feb. 6	District 3-1A
Feb. 12-13	Region 1-1A at Clay
Feb. 19-20	State at Lakeland

YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL Soccer	
Nov. 19	at Callahan 3:15/4:45
Nov. 21	County at FBMS 9:30am

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Bowling	
Dec. 3	Yulee at Strikers 5:00
Dec. 8	West Nassau at Strikers 5:00
Dec. 14	Hilliard at Strikers 5:00

YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Girls Basketball	
Nov. 21	at St. Joe's 11am
Nov. 23	FERNANDINA BEACH 6:00
Dec. 1	at Raines 6:00
Dec. 3	CREEKSIDE 6:00
Dec. 4	BAKER 6:00
Dec. 7	BRADFORD 6:00
Dec. 8	BOLLES 6:00
Dec. 10	at Bishop Snyder 6:00
Dec. 14	PONTE VEDRA 6:00
Dec. 17	vs. West Nassau, WNHS 8:00
Dec. 18	vs. Baldwin, WNHS 5:30
Jan. 5	at Bolles 6:00
Jan. 7	WEST NASSAU 6:00
Jan. 11	at Bradford 6:00
Jan. 13	at Ponte Vedra 6:00
Jan. 14	at Fernandina Beach 6:00
Jan. 15	at Episcopal 6:00
Jan. 21	at West Nassau 6:00
Jan. 26	at Hilliard 6:00

Jan. 28	at Baker 6:00
Jan. 29	HILLIARD 6:00

YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Girls Soccer	
Nov. 19	at Trinity Christian 5:30
Nov. 30	at West Nassau 7:30
Dec. 1	RIBAUT 5:30
Dec. 2	ST. AUGUSTINE 6:00
Dec. 9	at St. Joe's 5:30
Dec. 11	EAGLE'S VIEW 5:30
Dec. 14	at St. Augustine#6 00
Dec. 17	FERNANDINA BEACH 5:30
Jan. 2	at Mandarin Christian 1:00
Jan. 7	at Trinity Christian 5:30
Jan. 8	WEST NASSAU 5:30
Jan. 15	at Keystone 5:30
Jan. 20	District at Episcopal TBA

YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Boys Soccer	
Nov. 19	TRINITY CHRISTIAN 7:20
Nov. 30	at West Nassau 5:30
Dec. 2	at Ribault 5:00
Dec. 3	FERNANDINA BEACH 7:20
Dec. 7	at Clay 7:30
Dec. 9	RIBAUT 5:30
Dec. 11	at Forrest 5:30
Dec. 14	at Lee 5:30
Jan. 8	ST. AUGUSTINE 7:00
Dec. 18	MANDARIN CHRISTIAN 7:00
Jan. 2	at Mandarin Christian 3:00
Jan. 7	at Trinity Christian 7:20
Jan. 8	WEST NASSAU (seniors) 7:30
Jan. 15	at Keystone 5:30
Jan. 19	LEE 7:30
Jan. 21	CLAY 5:30
Jan. 22	FORREST 5:30
Jan. 25-29	District at Bolles District

FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL Soccer	
Nov. 21	COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL Basketball	
Dec. 3	HILLIARD 5:6/30
Dec. 10	CALLAHAN 6:30/7:45
Dec. 15	at Yulee 2:3/45
Dec. 17	at Hilliard 5:6/30
Jan. 7	at Callahan 6:30/7:45
Jan. 12	YULEE 2:3/45
Jan. 19	B team county tournament
Jan. 26	A team county tournament

YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL Basketball	
Nov. 24	at Hilliard 5:6/30
Dec. 3	FERNANDINA 5:30/6:45
Dec. 3	CALLAHAN 6:45/8:00
Dec. 7	at Callahan 6:45/8:00
Dec. 8	HILLIARD 5:6/30
Dec. 18-20	St. Johns Country Day tourney
Jan. 12	at Fernandina 2:3/45
Jan. 26	County at Callahan

## SOFTBALL SCORES

FERNANDINA BEACH PARKS & RECREATION Adult Co-ed Softball	
Nov. 9	Competitive League Tournament
G2 Computer Consultants	7
Sun Gallery (forfeit, eliminated)	0

Morrow Insurance	19
John T. Ferreira Insurance	13
Stevenson Collision/Kofe Hous	9
O'Kane's Irish Pub	7
Moon River Pizza	16
Coker Crane	12

Sun Gallery	0-2
Regional Trailer Repair	0-2
Recreational League	
Half-Time Sports Bar	1-0
Morrow Insurance	1-0
Moon River Pizza	1-0
Stevenson Collision/Kofe Hous	1-0
Coker Crane	0-1
John T. Ferreira Insurance	0-1
O'Kane's Irish Pub	0-1
Convergence Employee Leasing	0-1

## BOWLING SCORES

STRIKERS FAMILY BOWLING CENTER High scratch game male	
Remington Bowlers: 206, Saturday Morning Youth; Paul Morgan, 258, Holy Bowlers; Walt Romyed, 297, Monday Nite Mix	
High scratch game female	
Vicky Romyed, 242, Monday Nite Mix; Carole Burton, 211, Lady Pinknockers;	
Emalene Feagle, 219, Holy Bowlers;	

Harley Romyed, 212, Saturday Youth High scratch series male	
Trae Norman, 498, Saturday Morning Youth; Paul Morgan, 622, Holy Bowlers; Rob Nevers, 737, Monday Nite Mix	
High scratch series female	
Christina Jordan, 600, Monday Nite Mix; Terri Johns, 523, Lady Pinknockers; Sissy Quinn, 551, Holy Bowlers; Desaray Smith, 404, Saturday Youth	
200-plus bowlers	

Danny Morgan, 210; Paul Morgan, 200, Holy Bowlers; Hank Garza, 225; Joe Ford, 234; Darrell Stewart, 202; Rob Nevers, 200; Steven Garcia, 235; Robert Crowley, 231; Richard Perez, 204; Christopher Massie, 235; Tony Fountain, 204; Howard Jordan, 254; Christina Jordan, 209; Walt Romyed, 223; Eloise Davis, 212; Brenda Davis, 214; Wayne Davis, 259; Yancy Smith, 232; BJ Norfleet, 222, Monday Nite Mix.
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## Pro Golf Weekly Update Nov. 19 - 22, 2009

### This Week's PGA Tournament Preview

OMEGA Mission Hills World Cup	
Defending: Karlsson/Stenson	
Purse: \$5,500,000	
Yards: 7,320	
Par: 72	

The OMEGA Mission Hills World Cup is a tournament contested by teams of two representing their country. Only one team is allowed from each country. The players are selected on the basis of the Official World Golf Rankings, although not all of the first choice players choose to compete. The tournament was founded by Canadian industrialist John Jay Hopkins, who hoped it would promote international goodwill through golf. It began in 1953 as the Canada Cup and changed its name to the World Cup in 1967. The format is alternating stroke play rounds of bestball (fourball) and alternate shot (foursomes). This year, the tournament will be played at Mission Hills Golf Club in Shenzhen, China.

### Last Week On The PGA Tour

Stephen Ames, 45, won his second title in three years at the Children's Miracle Network Classic on Sunday, edging George McNeill and Justin Leonard in a playoff to become the oldest winner in the tournament's history. Leonard rimmed out a 16-foot putt for the win in regulation, even beginning to pump his fist in celebration only to watch the ball spin away. During the playoff, Ames outlasted Leonard and McNeill, winning with a par on the second playoff hole. It was the first win of the year and fourth career victory for Ames, including The Players Championship in 2006.

Tournament Results	
Champion: Stephen Ames	
Purse: \$846,000	
T-2nd: J. Leonard & G. McNeill	
Purse: \$413,600	
T-4th: N. O'Hern & J. Rose	
Purse: \$206,800	

### This Week's Profile

<b>Stephen Ames</b>
Birthdate: April 28, 1964
Birthplace: Trinidad
Residence: Canada
Turned Professional: 1987
World Ranking: 49th
2009 Earnings: \$2,131,538
PGA Tour Wins: 4

### Golf Pro Tip

One of the main problems that we have is that our practice swings are just so perfect. The tempo, the flow, the rhythm are just what we are after. Then, we realize that it is time to actually make a real shot. When the tension builds up, the amateur golfer has the tendency to hit at the golf ball instead of through it. Therefore, a horrible shot is the result that becomes all too familiar. A good drill to try at home is to practice your swing using whiffle balls. You may think that the whiffle ball won't help you any, but it really is a great help. The basic premise is that you can swing at the whiffle ball as hard as you can and it still goes the same distance. Therefore, the whiffle ball is teaching you to make a proper swing and always look at the ball and this practice should carry over to your round.

### 2010 PGA Tour Qualifiers

Through Nov. 15, 2009  
Only the top 125 players on the PGA Tour's money list will receive a tour card for the following season. Below are the players on the verge of possibly receiving or losing their card for the 2010 season.

Players In The Top 125		
Rank & Player	Last Week	Earnings
121) Roland Thatcher	119	\$684,631
122) Rich Beem	124	\$676,899
123) Nicholas Thompson	132	\$675,178
124) Steve Flesch	122	\$668,052

# Fall deer hunt's on

"I teamed up with some friends of mine and began hunting a private club in South Georgia's Ware County several hunting seasons ago," Tony Peeples said. "Then, an opening came in a larger tract of leased hunting lands located right next to our hunt club. I soon signed up as a member of the Big Swamp hunt club.



**OUTDOORS**

*Terry Lacoss*

"This was a much larger tract of leased land that involved some 15,200 acres of land, which is actually part of the Federal Reserve National Wildlife Reserve that entails some 700,000 acres." Peeples is a local charter boat captain who operates the "Southern Style" sport fishing boat during the prime months of the seasons for a wide variety of saltwater game fish. But during the tail end of the fall, Peeples puts aside his fishing tackle and travels to South Georgia, where he hunts for big game, including bear, deer and hogs.

"I love to hunt with my dogs," he said. "I raise my own dogs and right now I have six Walker hound dogs I let loose in the woods. I really don't enjoy still-hunting from a stand when oftentimes a day in a stand goes by without seeing a single deer or wild game.

"The anticipation of the dogs running through the thick bushes and woods keeps me excited about the prospects of having a trophy buck running right from the woods and within range of my 12-gauge shotgun."

Peeples loaded up his six hunting dogs into dog boxes on the bed of his four-wheel drive truck and drove to an area of the Big Swamp hunt club Oct. 24.

"As soon as I stopped the truck at the edge of the woods where it meets a swampy area of the Okefenokee Swamp, my hunting dogs became very excited with high-pitched yapping and deep barks with anticipation of running the woods for big game."

During the morning hunt, the dogs worked the deep woods and thick brush where hunters could not venture on foot. Later that morning the dogs, working as a team, began pushing a big buck and doe towards their owner's position at the edge of the woods in an open field.

"I typically stand on the dog boxes on the bed of my truck to get a better look over the high bushes," Peeples said. "While waiting patiently for the dogs to push the deer into the open, a large doe jumped out right in front of me and into the open field.

"Seconds later a large buck exited the deep woods right behind the doe and within range of my Remington 1187 12-gauge shotgun."

Peeples took aim and brought the trophy buck down with one shot of his shotgun.

"I could not have asked for a better shot at the buck," Peeples said. "The dogs did a per-



Tony Peeples, left, took this trophy eight-point buck during a recent Georgia deer hunt in Ware County. The big buck weighed just over 140 pounds. Steven Lankford, right, killed this massive 160-pound, eight-point buck during the first day of Florida's deer hunting season.

fect job of running the buck right into my hunting stand." Peeples not only enjoys deer hunting in South Georgia, he also enjoys eating deer meat.

"After I have cleaned my deer, I put the meat into a large cooler with ice," Peeples said. "I will leave the drain open so the ice is continually melting. As the ice melts and runs out of the drain in the bottom of the cooler, it is continually washing the deer meat. For three days I will keep the cooler full of ice, then the deer meat is ready for packaging and storing in my freezer.

"I like to fry my deer meat. Using the flanks of the deer, I will cut them into thin steaks, roll them in flour and seasoning, then fry them in a hot frying pan. I also make up a lot of deer sausage and hamburgers from the deer meat."

Steven Lankford also took a trophy buck during a recent hunt on the Nassau Wildlife Management area at the Nassau River Hunt Club. Lankford's big buck had eight points and weighed 160 pounds. Lankford took his deer of a lifetime during the first day of Florida's deer hunting season with a 30-06 rifle.

Georgia's big game hunting season for deer began Oct. 17 and runs through Jan. 1. Hunters can take two bucks and 10 does during the season, while a special permit is needed to hunt with dogs. Visit [www.georgiawildlife.org](http://www.georgiawildlife.org) or call 1-800-366-2661.

Florida's deer hunting season in Northeast Florida began Nov. 14 and runs through Jan. 9. For information, visit [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com).



Dove are great sport on the wing with seasons in Georgia open Nov. 26 through Jan. 9. Florida's dove season runs through Nov. 29.

## RECREATION ROUNDUP

The city of Fernandina Beach Recreation Department (city website [www.fbfl.us](http://www.fbfl.us)) offers the following:

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

- Open basketball is Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Peck Gym, based on availability.

- Peck Gym weight room is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$2

a day or \$25 a month for city residents (\$5 a day or \$30 non-city). Personal training is available. Fee is \$30 per session, \$75 per week (three sessions) or \$200 a month (two sessions per week for four weeks). Monthly packages come with dietary analysis and food program. Call Jay at 277-7364 for a free introductory appointment.

- Fitness classes at Peck Gym are Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. Each class is a full body workout with resistance bands, light dumbbells and more. All levels welcome. Fee is \$3 a class. Call Jay at 277-7364 or e-mail [jrobertson@fbfl.org](mailto:jrobertson@fbfl.org).
- FBI Youth Volleyball Club,

elite club for girls ages 10 and up, offers both competition and training teams. Each member receives high-level coaching, conditioning and strength training, uniforms, team apparel, court use and top-notch equipment. Competition teams also receive transportation and lodging provided by the city when necessary for out-of-town tournaments. Competition team fee is \$600 per person. Training team fee is \$300 per person. Tryouts will be held Nov. 22 from 3-6 p.m. and Nov. 24 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at Peck Gym. Register at Peck Gym by today to be eligible. A \$10 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of

registration. Contact Jay at 277-7350, ext. 2013, or Coach Heather at (904) 422-7219 or visit [www.eteamz.com/FBI](http://www.eteamz.com/FBI).

- Atlantic Center pool public swim hours are from from 3-5 p.m. weekdays (\$2), from noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays and from 1-6 p.m. Sundays (\$3). Passes are available.

- Aqua 1 water aerobics is from 10-10:55 a.m. weekdays at the Atlantic Center pool. Deep water aerobics (aqua fitness belts re-quired) is Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11-11:55 a.m.

- Cost is \$50 per month (city residents) and \$55 (non-city) for one class per day; \$60 (city residents) and \$70 (non-city) for two classes; or \$5 for one class, \$10 for two.

- Home schoolers' swim clinic is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon at the Atlantic Center pool. Clinics will be held through December. Cost is \$25 per month for city residents (\$30 non-city).
- Winter competitive stroke clinics at the Atlantic pool are

designed for experienced swimmers who wish to "fine tune" their strokes. Classes are Mondays through Thursdays (excluding city holidays) from 6-7 p.m. through Dec. 23. Cost is \$45 a month for city residents (\$54 non-city). Two-month discounted fee is \$70 for city residents, \$84 non-city. Register at the Atlantic Center.

- Master swim program at the Atlantic pool is designed for experienced swimmers ages 18 and up (competition opportunities available). Classes are from 7-8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays (excluding city holidays) through Dec. 23. Cost is \$45 a month for city residents, \$54 non-city. Three-month discounted rate. Register at the Atlantic Center.

- Lap swim is from 6-9 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. Mon-day through Friday at Atlantic Center. Cost is \$2 a day.
- PADI open water scuba certification is available. Participants must provide their own masks, snorkels, fins, booties and weight belts. Fee

is \$250 (additional fee for check-out dives). Register at Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. Call Kathy Russell at 277-7350.

- Fernandina Beach Scuba Club meets at 6 p.m. the second Friday of the month at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. Call Kathy Russell, 753-1143, or e-mail [krussell@fbfl.org](mailto:krussell@fbfl.org).

- Berke's Tennis junior clinics are offered at Central Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays with instructor Jason Berke. Beginner (ages 5-7) from 2:30-3:30 p.m.; \$10 per hour for city residents, \$12 non-city. Intermediate (ages 7-12) from 3:30-4:30 p.m.; \$10 per hour for city residents, \$12 non-city. Advanced (ages 12-17) from 4:30-6 p.m.; \$15 per session for city residents, \$17 non-city. Maximum of six students per court for junior clinics. Also, private lessons are scheduled on availability (recommended for competitive junior tournament players). Call Berke at 556-9304 or visit [www.berkes.com](http://www.berkes.com). Register for classes at the Atlantic Center.

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## FERNANDINA BEACH TIDES

Tides, Sun & Moon: November 18-25, 2009

Day	Sunrise	Low	High	Moonrise	Moonset
<b>Wed. 11/18</b>	6:54A	2:47A -0.27'	8:44A	9:34A 6.80'	5:27P
<b>Thurs. 11/19</b>	6:55A	3:27A -0.03'	5:26P	10:15A 6.57'	7:46P
<b>Fri. 11/20</b>	6:56A	4:05A 0.25'	5:26P	10:55A 6.32'	8:42P
<b>Sat. 11/21</b>	6:57A	4:45A 0.55'	5:25P	11:35A 6.08'	9:38P
<b>Sun. 11/22</b>	6:58A	5:28A 0.85'	5:25P	12:15A 5.86'	10:34P
<b>Mon. 11/23</b>	6:59A	6:17A 1.11'	5:25P	12:58P 5.68'	11:28P
<b>Tues. 11/24</b>	6:59A	7:14A 1.28'	5:25P	1:44P 5.54'	12:22A
<b>Wed. 11/25</b>	7:00A	8:15A 1.33'	5:24P	2:35P 5.45'	1:05P

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

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# Victorian tea a perfect way to celebrate the holidays

A Victorian Tea! What a perfect way to begin your holiday countdown. The Amelia Island Museum of History has added a series of traditional teas to its scheduled Holiday Home Tour the first weekend in December.

One of the historic district's most elegant painted ladies, the Bailey House, on the corner of Seventh and Ash streets, is the perfect venue for the holiday event. Considered one of the finest examples of a classic Queen Anne Victorian home, the Bailey House with its holiday decorations in place is begging "proper" ladies to come to holiday tea.

Victorians loved Christmas. Queen Victoria and Prince Edward were famous for their elegant and elaborate Christmas trees and decorations. In the same tradition, Queen Barbara and King George Sheffield have collected wonderful holiday decorations includ-



**FROM THE PORCH**

Dickie Anderson

sweets and teas in the afternoon, and soon was inviting friends to join her. Her idea became the rage and afternoon teas were part of every proper Victorian lady's schedule. The duchess

and her friends nibbled on small cakes, bread and butter sandwiches, assorted sweets and sipped tea.

Flash forward. The Bailey House. Tea for 50? Barbara and George Sheffield, current owners, always quick to support the island museum, agreed to open their home for a series of teas in conjunction with the Third Annual Amelia Island Museum of History Holiday Home Tour.

Sheffield will have her antique children's toys on display as well as her period Christmas decorations. Just in time for the holiday, the downstairs rooms have been wallpapered in the traditional colors and designs of the Victorian period.

For those that believe in Santa there will be even more to believe in. Kate and Effingham Bailey will be on hand to welcome each and every guest and share some of their and the

house's wonderful history. It can even be a special early holiday gift for a group of girlfriends, grandchildren or families.

Remember, pinkies up! (A tradition started in Victorian England when teacups had no handles and the pinkie up helped balance the cup and prevent spills.)

Tea tickets are available at the museum for \$15, with three seatings per day, Dec. 4 and 5 at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Each is limited to 50 guests.

For more information about the home tour and scheduled teas visit the Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St., call 261-7378, ext. 100, or visit [www.ameliamuseum.org](http://www.ameliamuseum.org).

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

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Allan and Sharon Lennon as Kate and Effingham Bailey.

## COMMUNITY SCRAPBOOK



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### American Indian proclamation

Mayor Susan Steger proclaimed November to be the National American Indian Heritage Month in the city of Fernandina Beach. Cara Curtin received the official proclamation for the Amelia Island Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

The proclamation reads, in part: The history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples. The contributions of American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity and greatness of America today and their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States.

Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

Above from left are Regent Julia Reynolds Nowlin, Linda Ann Davis, Cara Cortner Curtin, American Indians Committee, and Mayor Susan Steger.

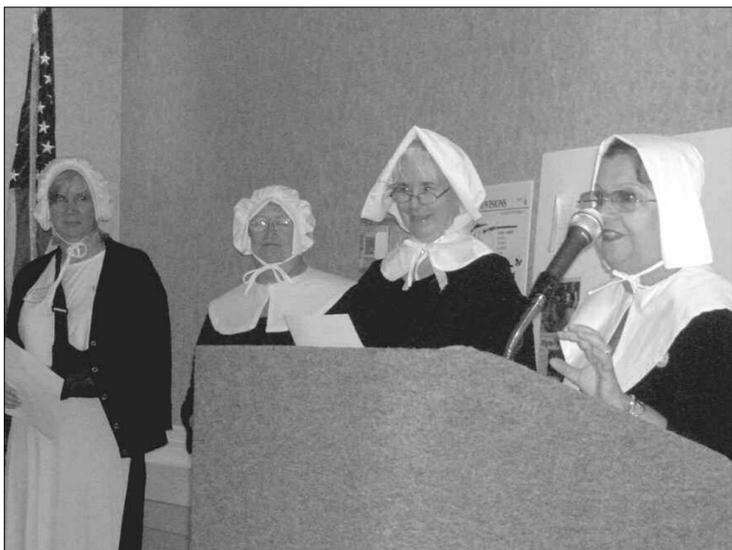


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### Mayflower descendants

Members of the Warren Colony of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants met at Amelia Island Plantation for their November meeting. Guest speaker was Jean Albrecht, education chairman for Florida's Mayflower Descendants and member of the James Chilton Colony in The Villages. With prior preparation, three members of the Warren Colony joined Albrecht in a presentation normally given to third graders about the voyage and the first colony at Plymouth, Mass.

Above from left are Good Wife Miller (Kathryn Miller, Colony member), Good Wife Farmer (Laura Farmer, Warren Colony governor), Good Wife Ruane (Jeri Ruane, Colony Elder) and Good Wife Albrecht (Jean Albrecht, State Education chairman).



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### Making a difference

From left, Aliyah Floyd of Yulee Elementary and Troop 109, Gail Shults, director of the Nassau County volunteer center, Zada Freeman and Katie Freeman of Troop 732 in Fernandina Beach, Sarah Stone of Emma Love Elementary and Troop 1360, and England Durrance of Troop 109 were on hand to celebrate "National Make a Difference Day" on Oct. 24 by collecting almost 350 pounds of peanut butter and jelly for the needy.



### Holiday bazaar

Pat Orr examines a holiday table decoration at the annual church bazaar put on by the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church at North Sixth Street Oct. 30. For a list of upcoming holiday events, see the Holiday Happenings calendar, 10B.

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### Volunteer appreciation

The Barnabas Connection, in conjunction with the Barnabas Center, hosted an Appreciation Reception for all volunteers on Nov. 2 at New to You. The event generated donations for the upcoming holidays while those attending enjoyed an evening of mulled cider, wine and hors d'oeuvres.

The Barnabas Connection extends their appreciation to the Amelia Island Museum of History and Sliders Restaurant for providing exciting door prizes.



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### Remembering Hiroshima

The Kiwanis Club of Fernandina Beach learned a great deal about Hiroshima and the first atomic bomb from Bill Crawford, who was an 18-year-old in the Navy, stationed at Hiroshima a few weeks after the bomb was dropped. Crawford shared pictures and observations about the total devastation. He said about 125,000 people were killed and many more were injured. He talked about the Manhattan Project and the decision to drop the bomb. Above are Kiwanians Bill Dickson, Jeff Shipman, Crawford - who is 82 years young - and Jim MacCannell.

# Cookbook a recipe to end domestic violence

For the News Leader

Capturing the beauty, charm, and flavors of a day on Amelia Island, *A Savory Place: Culinary Favorites of Amelia Island* is a new cookbook that will delight readers with both culinary treasures and gorgeous photography, all the while contributing to a worthy cause: ending domestic violence in Northeast Florida.

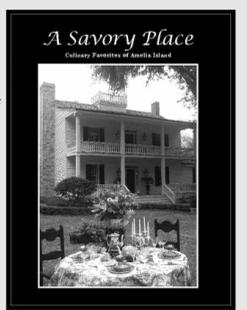
Beginning as a simple concept to raise funds and awareness, Micah's Place's first cookbook is a remarkable achievement that is certain to delight cooks, cookbook lovers and those wanting to reconnect with that "certain something" that makes Amelia Island such a wonderful place.

Featuring 170 recipes hand-selected and carefully tested by a dedicated team of Micah's Place Auxiliary members, the cookbook takes readers on a delicious journey from "Beginnings" - appetizers with an Southern island flair - all the way through the day to "Endings" - desserts that capture the essence of relaxing as the sun sets over the salt marsh. Each section also includes the island photography of Max Hertwick and

## Tastings

The public is invited to special tastings from the new cookbook, *A Savory Place, Culinary Favorites of Amelia Island*. Cookbook sales benefit Micah's Place, Nassau County's domestic violence center.

Tastings will be held Nov. 19, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Intercoastal Wine Co.; Nov. 21, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and Nov. 22, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church; Nov. 29, noon-5 p.m. at At Home Amelia; Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Fernandina Farmers Market; Dec. 10, 3-7 p.m. at Chico's; Dec. 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Eileen's Art & Antiques; Dec. 12, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Plantation Shop; and Dec. 15, 3-4:30 p.m. at Osprey Village.



Robie Ray, making the book as much a coffee table treasure as a culinary one.

Since domestic violence is, at its core, a home-based issue, a cookbook seems a particularly fitting way to bring awareness and needed funds to a truly worthy cause. "If we take into consideration the national statistic that one out of every four women is a victim of domestic violence then you can be certain that you know some-

one that has been touched by this crime," explains Shandra Riffey, executive director of Micah's Place. "No one is immune - not your sister, your mother, your aunt, your friend or yourself. Help us stop the violence for all our sake."

Often a hidden problem, domestic violence is more prevalent than many people realize. Recent statistics showed that 5.3 million women are abused every year in

America (source: American Institute on Domestic Violence). Underlining the magnitude of the issue, Katey Breen, development director, says, "Every single person knows someone who has been affected by domestic violence, even if they are not aware of it."

This issue is a constant struggle, but Micah's Place is providing real solutions - and hope - to affected individuals and families, providing safe housing, life skills training, education, child assessments and many more services to ensure a smooth transition to a new life and support an individual or family as they leave an abusive situation for good.

Perfect for all cooks from beginner to gourmet, *A Savory Place* is also ideal for bridal shower or wedding gifts, hostess gifts, housewarming gifts and for display as a beautiful coffee table book. Order several for holiday gifts, too.

Purchase the book today at [www.asavoryplace.com](http://www.asavoryplace.com).

*A Savory Place* is a full-color, 8 by 10 inch book, published by Favorite Recipes Press, Nashville, Tenn., ISBN 978-0-615-29646-3. The book retails for \$24.95.

## 8 C'S BIG DOG RESCUE

Bolla is a 9-week-old female lab mix. She is black with white speckled boots. Bolla is a dainty girl that will probably weigh about 40 pounds at maturity. She is currently in foster care with other dogs as well as some feline friends. Bolla is already spayed and is up to date on all her shots. She is crate trained and is learning to walk on a leash.



8 C's Big Dog Rescue is still in need of foster families to help us care for dogs as well as puppies. We are also in need of volunteers to help with adoption events. This is a great way for high school students to get community service hours. Please contact Tanya Lanning at 716-0309 or e-mail [bigdogrescue@windstream.net](mailto:bigdogrescue@windstream.net) for more information on Bolla or helping 8 C's Big Dog Rescue through fostering or volunteering.

## CATS ANGELS

My name is Callahan and I'm about 1 year old but believe you me, I play like a kitten. From sun up to sun down I love to watch the squirrels and birds outside and I've learned to play with a feather on a stick - what fun that is. Sometimes I really show off by flying through the air. I am ready to go to my forever home today!



Our Thrift Store/Adoption Center is open Monday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. with lots of books and great items for sale. We always appreciate donations during business hours.

If you are caring for animals and need help getting them spayed/neutered, call

First Coast No More Homeless Pets at (904) 425-0005 - their new clinic is open on the north side of Jacksonville! If you don't qualify for their programs, call Cats Angels at 321-2267 to discuss options.

Go to Facebook to make Cats Angels your fan and see the cat of the day!

# Grand prize raffle benefits Gerri's Corner

Gerri's Corner and Women in Nassau helping Women in Need (WIN WIN) are sponsoring a grand prize drawing celebration Dec. 1 to announce the winners of four prize packages valued at \$495-1,930 being raffled to raise money for Gerri's Corner. Tickets are \$7 each or \$30 for five. Donations are tax-deductible and go directly to Gerri's Corner, a cancer resource center for women.

The celebration starts at 5 p.m. with refreshments at Divine Finds and Heron's Swim & Sport in the Palmetto Walk Shopping Center. Starting at 5:30 p.m. a winner will be drawn every 30 minutes.

Grand prize lists may be viewed and raffle tickets purchased at Fifi's Fine Resale on South Eighth Street, Centre Street Treasures downtown and at Divine Finds.

The first three grand prize winners who won prize packages valued at \$500-plus during the recent Gerri's Corner Cup of Comfort Tea Party and



Guests peruse items for raffle during the recent Gerri's Corner Cup of Comfort Fashion Show.

Fashion Show were John McGrew, Gertrude Baumgaertner and Natalie Blackwell. Prize packages include generous gifts from local businesses including hotel stays, jewelry, and gift certificates to restaurants and events in the area.

Proceeds from the raffle will benefit Gerri's Corner, Fernandina's one-of-a-kind cancer resource center. Gerri's

Corner is named after Gerri Dadd, who lost her 15-year battle with breast cancer in November 2005. Gerri's Corner is headed by her sister, Chris Alznauer, a Fernandina resident. It is staffed by volunteers and is a non-profit resource center for Nassau County women, their families and friends, who are facing cancer.

The Gerri Dadd Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization, and donations are tax deductible. Gerri's Corner contains an extensive lending library that provides valuable information on various forms of cancer, from pre-treatment to ongoing problems, concerns and side effects.

The center also provides wigs, headliners, sleep caps and hairpieces, free of charge. In addition, women undergoing chemotherapy are given a gift bag that includes handmade comfort pillows, afghans, special bears, memo books and other items.

The theme of Gerri's Corner "sharing beauty and spreading hope."

Although the resource center has no religious affiliation, it is located in a room at Maxwell Hall, donated for this use by the Memorial United Methodist Church on North Sixth Street in downtown Fernandina Beach. For more information on Gerri's Corner call 277-0099.

## LITERARY LEANINGS

### Time for Tots

Parents and toddlers, enjoy a special Time for Tots program at the Yulee branch library when Sparky the Firedog visits at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 19. The library is located at the Betty P. Cook Nassau Center, 76346 William Burgess Blvd., Yulee. Call 548-4467.

### Book signings

Ben Walker will sign copies of his novel, *Winds of the South*, at Books Plus, 107 Centre St., on Nov. 19 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Local author Rutha Turner Jones will sign copies of her new book, *Turning Point*, at Books Plus on Nov. 20 at 11 a.m.

### Writers and poets

The Nassau County Writers and Poets Society will meet at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 21 at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport.

All writers and poets in the county are invited; bring two double-spaced pages of your original prose or two to three of your poems. Be prepared to read and discuss your work. For information, contact Cara at [www.wordsmythe@net-magic.net](http://www.wordsmythe@net-magic.net).

## MUSIC NOTES

### Chamber singers

The Island Chamber Singers, under the direction of Jane Lindberg, present their fall concert Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 22 at 3 p.m. at Amelia Plantation Chapel, 36 Bowman Road.

The concert, "Music of a Kingly Nature" features the Coronation Anthems of Handel and the Coronation Mass of Mozart. The choir will be accompanied by strings, trumpets, timpani and organ.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for students and children 5 and under are free. Purchase tickets at Gateway Chamber of Commerce, Welcome Center on Centre Street, from any Island Chamber Singer or at the door. Visit [www.IslandChamberSinger.com](http://www.IslandChamberSinger.com) or call Springer Controls at 225-0575.

### CD release party

The Les DeMerle Band will host a CD release party and concert Nov. 20 and 21 from 8:30 p.m.-midnight at the Martini Bar at Ocean 60, 60 Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach. The band will perform music from its new CD on Orgin Records, Gypsy Rendezvous, Volume One. For reservations visit [www.ocean60.com](http://www.ocean60.com) or call (904) 247-0060. Visit [www.Origin-Records.com](http://www.Origin-Records.com) to hear sound clips from the CD.

### Benefit rock concert

The Nassau Humane Society will host "Cat Scratch Fever," a benefit rock concert hosted by the Musicians League on Nov. 21 from 7-10 p.m. at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.

Tickets are \$10 and on sale at Redbones Dog Bakery and the Nassau Humane Society Dog Park or online at [www.nassauhumesociety.com/events](http://www.nassauhumesociety.com/events). Visit [www.MusiciansLeague.com](http://www.MusiciansLeague.com) for information.

## NASSAU HUMANE SOCIETY



Roo Too is as sweet as they come! He just wants to lie in your lap and give you kisses - just ask his foster mom, Sherry! He walks well, plays well and is doing well on house training. If you are looking for a young, lab/terrier mix to warm your hearts, ask for Roo Too, you'll be glad you did!

Comet is a beautiful white kitty with a great personality! She came to us when her family could not afford to keep her and has adjusted well to shelter life but would rather be in a forever home with you!

Roo Too, Comet and many other wonderful pets are available for adoption at the Nassau Humane Society located at 671 Airport Road in Fernandina Beach. We can



also be reached at 321-1647 or at [nassauhumesociety.com](http://nassauhumesociety.com).

Starting to make your Christmas list? Don't forget your furry best friend and get him a membership to Nassau Humane Society's Dog Park. It's a gift that keeps on giving with the fun you will both have meeting new friends and getting lots of exercise. Call the Dog Park at 491-1511 for more information.

Also call the shelter at 321-1647 to sign your pet up for the low cost or no cost (if you qualify) spay/neuter program being sponsored by First Coast No More Homeless Pets. Let's try and solve the homeless animal problem in Nassau County by being responsible pet owners. Call today!

## RAIN

Meet Trisha the yellow tabby. That's right, she is a yellow tabby, which is unusual, because most yellow tabbies are male.

Trisha has a wonderful personality and enjoys time spent on a lap being stroked. She is a small-framed kitty who does well with others. Trisha loves climbing on the new cat trees, and taking in the sights of the birds from the cattery window. She is about 3 years old, and her favorite food is Fancy Feast tidbits.

To learn more about Trisha and all of her friends at RAIN, please call (904) 879-



5861 or e-mail us at [rainhumane@yahoo.com](mailto:rainhumane@yahoo.com). RAIN will hold a sidewalk sale on Nov. 21 at Eileen's Arts and Antiques on the corner of Seventh and Centre streets in Fernandina from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## STARS

I am a single, blond, neutered male (Chihuahua), only 9 pounds, about 3 years old looking for a stable relationship, no players please. I was found by a kind lady who had the patience of waiting a week before I trusted her enough to let her pet me. I knew she was an animal person because she already had 5 dogs, and that explains why she did not have room for me. She contacted Stars to see if they had room for me and helped pay for my heartworm treatment, like so many of us who have been stray, those darn mosquitoes got me too.

I've been alone for a long time and have trust issues that my foster mom says will take my new family a few days to gain my confidence. I really want to have a person of my own. I have completed my heartworm treatment and am now ready for my forever home. And the advantage of my not being a puppy anymore is no chewing, and I won't mind if you go off to



work and leave me alone for 8 hours because I won't tear the house up, I'll just rest up and wait for you.

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

If you are interested in adopting a STARS dog, please visit our website at [www.starsofamelia.org](http://www.starsofamelia.org) and fill out an adoption application. Thank you.

**3rd Annual Amelia Island Museum of History**

## Holiday Home Tour

### In Historic Fernandina Beach

## December 4 & 5, 2009

### 10:00 am until 4:00 pm

*Visit five private homes & enjoy an elegant Victorian Tea at the historic Bailey House*

**Tour Tickets - \$25**  
Before 12/4/09

**Tour Tickets - \$30**  
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**Victorian Tea - \$15**  
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# PEOPLE & PLACES

## SPECIAL EVENTS



### Educating Rita

Amelia Community Theatre presents "Educating Rita," directed by Charles Horton and featuring Gillian Johnson and Geoffrey King, at 8 p.m. Nov. 19-21.

A professor, whose disillusioned outlook on life drives him to drink and bury himself in his books, begins to tutor a young hairdresser with surprising results. This British comedy has been described by the London Times as "painfully funny and passionately serious."

Tickets are \$17 adults and \$10 students and available at the theater, 209 Cedar St., 261-6749 or www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org. Box-office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and two hours before curtain.

### Beaujolais Nouveau fest

On Nov. 19 The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island presents the 19th annual Beaujolais Nouveau Festival, a gala food and wine event celebrating the arrival of the 2009 Beaujolais Nouveau, commemorating the end of the harvest and the start of the holidays. The festivities will also serve as the official grand opening of the Talbot Ballroom, the centerpiece of a \$22-million expansion launched in 2008.

The event begins at 6 p.m. and features cabaret-style jazz and modern French cuisine. At 6:30 p.m., guests will be treated to the appearance of the Beaujolais Nouveau. The method of delivery remains a tightly guarded secret until the moment of arrival. In previous years, the wine has been delivered by parachute, pirate ship, helicopter and Mercedes. Tickets are \$89 per person, inclusive. For reservations call 277-1028.



### Art and music

Join Indigo Alley Nov. 21 from 7-11 p.m. for an evening of art and music featuring guest artist Valerie Vescovi of Boca Raton along with music from Jacksonville musician Kristi Stice. For more information on the artists visit www.galerievie.com and www.kristi-stice.com. Indigo Alley is located at 316 Centre St. Call 261-7222, e-mail IndigoAlley@gmail.com or visit www.IndigoAlley.com.

### Barbecue contest

Enjoy the city of Fernandina Beach's Fall BBQ Competition Nov. 21 at Central Park. Each team will be provided 50 pounds of Boston butt for the pork category and/or 50 pounds of leg quarters for the chicken category. A small sample will be presented for judging at 2:30 p.m. and the rest will be for the public to enjoy at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for the public, sides and beverages included. Enjoy yard games and view the cooking stations beginning at 1 p.m. For information call Jay at 277-7350 or e-mail jrobertson@fbff.org.

### THIS WEEK

#### Pub crawl

One ticket, four pubs, a wealth of historical information about downtown Fernandina and a good time for all. Join the Amelia Island Museum of History Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. to tour four of the town's most popular, notorious or otherwise historic pubs and bars. One ticket will get you one drink at each establishment and an earful of colorful tales about the places you visit as well as those you see along your way. It's a great way to see Fernandina and learn about its history. Tickets are \$25 per person (must be 21, must show ID), tour begins at the historic train depot in downtown Fernandina Beach. Reservations required. Contact Thea at 261-7378,

ext. 105 or Thea@ameliamuseum.org. Call for holiday schedules.

### Ghost walking tour

Guests on this tour will learn Amelia Island ghost stories as they tiptoe through dark streets and walk in the footsteps of a bygone era as the past comes alive through the skillful storytelling of your guide. This tour begins at 6 p.m. every Friday like clockwork and lasts approximately one hour. Meet your guide in the cemetery behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. Tickets may be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History for \$10/adults and \$5/students. Contact Thea at 261.7378, ext. 105 or Thea@ameliamuseum.org for more information.

### Stained glass

Artist Susi Sax is offering stained glass classes with a holiday theme. For information call 321-1330.

### Father-daughter ball

Faith Christian Academy presents its 10th Annual Father/ Daughter Ball at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island Grand Ballroom on Feb. 6, 2010 from 7-10 p.m. This year's theme is "Cinderella." Tickets are \$85 for father and daughter and \$40 for each additional daughter and include a gift bag and memory book. There will be hors d'oeuvres, live music featuring Les DeMerle and professional photography. Fathers and daughters of all ages are welcome. Seating is limited. For tickets visit Faith Christian Academy, 96282 Brady Point Road, Fernandina Beach, or call 321-2137.

### Taste of Tuscany

29 South is joining restaurants across the country to a farm to table dinner tonight in honor of the debut of Douglas Gayeton's book, Slow: Life in a Tuscan Town. From Alice Waters to local chef Scott Schwartz, restaurateurs devoted to serving local food will prepare northern Italian inspired cuisine in celebration of the fall harvest from local farms.

29 South will have two seatings for the Taste of Tuscany Dinner tonight, at 6 and 8:30 p.m. The four-course prix fixe meal is \$50 a person or \$65 with a course by course wine pairing. For reservations call 277-7919.

### Glass workshop

A fused glass ornament workshop will be held from 10 a.m.-noon Nov. 19 at Designs On Gallery, 11 N. Third St., Fernandina Beach. Learn the fundamentals of glass fusing and create ornaments to display, decorate or wear. No prior experience is necessary. Fee is \$50 and includes materials for three ornaments and firing. Contact Cecilia at 583-7723 to register.

### ABWA auction

On Nov. 19 the American Business Women's Association - Eight Flags Charter Chapter will meet at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club for their annual auction to benefit the Fernandina Beach Police Department's

Shop with Cops Program. Networking time begins at 6 p.m., with the dinner meeting and auction being called to order at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is \$13 a person and is payable that evening. Call Susan Sturges at (904) 206-2580 for information and to RSVP.

### Homeless coalition

A membership meeting of the Coalition for the Homeless of Nassau County will be held Nov. 19 at 9:30 a.m. St. Peter's Episcopal Church Room 201. Anyone requesting information about the coalition or about this meeting can call Tom Washburn at 491-1753.

### FLT auditions

Fernandina Little Theatre will hold auditions Nov. 19 at 7:15 p.m. and Nov. 21 at 12:15 p.m. at the theater, 1014 Beech St., for "Time Enough," a bittersweet comedy by Robert Benjamin. Two high school sweethearts reconnect after many years, and it seems they might pick up where they left off. Director is Kate Hart.

Needed are one woman and one man, ages 45 plus. Crew and staff are always needed, including co-producer/stage manager/lights crew/set construction/set decoration/costume coordinator. Rehearsals begin Dec. 1, typically one to two nights a week and Saturdays. Six performances are scheduled Jan. 16-23. For information e-mail fitbiz@peoplepc.com.

### Men's Newcomers

The Men's Newcomers Club of Amelia Island will meet Nov. 19 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club at 11:30 a.m. Speakers Brent Ross and Alex Evers of Meeks, Ross, Selander & Associates, CPAs, LLC will discuss 2009-10 personal taxes and the implications of transferring a Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Meeks, Ross, Selander & Associates is a professional service firm providing assurance, tax, financial advisory, and specialty consulting in the area since 1992. All men are invited. Tickets are \$17 at the door. For reservations call Bob Keane at 277-4590. Visit www.mennewcomersclub.org



### Third Friday

The Amelia Island Museum of History invites the public to its next 3rd Friday on 3rd Street presentation Nov. 20 at 5:30 p.m. This month's program features local historian Jim Longacre discussing Grant and Lee on Amelia

Island. Two great men in American history, Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee, both spent time on our island. Longacre will compare and contrast these great men, discussing what brought them to Amelia Island and their very different reasons for coming. Admission is free for museum members and \$5 for non-members. For information contact Alex at 261-7378, ext. 102.

### Sidewalk sale

Rescuing Animals in Nassau will hold a sidewalk sale Nov. 21 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Eileen's Arts and Antiques, corner of Seventh and Centre streets in downtown Fernandina Beach.

### Dance club

The next Terpsichorean Dance Club dance is Nov. 21 at The Woman's Club, 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd., from 7-11 p.m. The theme is "Celebrate Fall." Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be served. Guest fee is \$35 per couple. "Face For Radio" will provide music. Special guests will be dance instructors Jerry and Mary Gardner. BYOB and setups will be provided. For information contact Carolyn or Dave Ashcraft at 261-9717.

### Art for kids

The Island Art Association will offer Children's Art Nov. 21 from 10-11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. for ages 8 to 12. Mommy & Me classes will be held Nov. 23 from 10-11 a.m. for ages 2 to 5. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Classes are taught by either Diane Hamburg or Amber McHugh. Materials are provided. Call the gallery at 261-7020 to reserve a place. Class size is limited. The gallery is located at 18 N. Second St. Visit www.islandart.org.

### Bridge club

A bridge club for seniors will meet Mondays and Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. at the Peck Center, 511 South 11th St., Fernandina Beach. The club is free and no partner is necessary. Equipment is furnished. For more information, call 277-7350.

### NEXT WEEK

#### Tail Waggin' fun

Indigo Alley, 316 Centre St., Fernandina Beach, will host Tail Waggin' Wednesday, a pet-friendly happy hour, from 6-7:30 p.m. Nov. 25. Call 261-7222, e-mail IndigoAlley@gmail.com or visit www.IndigoAlley.com.

#### Powwow

The Chambers Farm Family Powwow will be held Nov. 26-29 in Ft. McCoy. There will be gourd dancing, inter-tribal dancing, and native

food and vendors. All native singers and dancers welcome.

Admission is free. Chambers Farm is located off I-75 between Gainesville and Ocala, off exit 368, half an hour east on CR 318. This is a family oriented event. No drugs, alcohol or firearms. Bring your own chairs. Free parking. Free camping. Call (513) 464-1746 or visit www.chambersfarm.org or www.myspace.com/chambersfarmpowwow.

#### Glass jewelry

A fused glass jewelry workshop will be held Nov. 28 from 9 a.m.-noon at Designs On Gallery, 11 N. Third St., Fernandina Beach. Learn the fundamentals of glass fusing and create one-of-a-kind jewelry to wear or give as gift. No prior experience is necessary. Fee is \$75 and includes materials for three pendants and firing. Contact Cecilia at 583-7723 to register.

### COMING UP

#### AIDS Day banquet

The Coalition for the Reduction/Elimination of Ethnic Disparities in Health (CREED) will host its second annual Board of Directors World AIDS Day Banquet Dec. 1 from 6-9 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. The speaker is Beverly Denson-Legree, MSN, BSN, AA, RNC. Donation is \$35. This year's theme is "Universal Access and Human Rights: Care and Support-Access for All." It provides an opportunity to address HIV/AIDS disparities, stigma and blame, and spark dialogue about stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS among all populations.

For more information contact Betty Drummond-Wilson, RN, BSN, at 261-5100 or Jennett Wilson-Baker, RN, BSN, at 556-3363.

#### Free supplies

A school supplies giveaway for Nassau County teachers and paraprofessionals will be held Dec. 1 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at School House Supplies at ARC/Nassau, 86051 Hamilton St. (off US 17 north in Yulee).

Participants may fill three bags with supplies for their classrooms. Bring your own or ARC can supply the bags. For information call Rhonda Barcus at 225-9355. Bring ID to show you are an educator. This project is funded by The Able Trust and The Association for Retarded Citizens of Nassau County.

#### 'Rescue Me'

Cats Angels Inc., SPCA presents its second annual "Rescue Me" fundraiser Dec. 5 from 7-11 p.m. at the Florida House Inn, 22 S. Third St.

Enjoy a silent auction, cash bar, savory appetizers, sweet desserts, wine table, door prizes and music by Doc Mojo starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available at the Thrift Store/Adoption Center, 709 S. Eighth St., or call 321-2267.

### Auditions

Amelia Community Theatre will hold auditions for the musical comedy "The Pirates of Penzance" at 2 p.m. Dec. 5 and 6 at 209 Cedar St.

The five principal roles for men have an age range of 20-60. There are five principal roles for women, with the age range of the daughters being from 18-30 and the role of the nurse being from 30-60. There is also a pirates' chorus and a policemen's chorus for male singers, and a daughters' chorus for women ages 18-30. Please prepare one-minute of a song. An accompanist will be available. Auditioners will also learn a movement/dance sequence and read from the script. Performances will be April 8-24, and rehearsals begin in January. Toni D'Amico is the director and Jill Dillingham is musical director. For information contact ACT at 261-6749.

### Foundation lunch

The Fernandina Beach High School Foundation Holiday Luncheon featuring Chef William Castleberry and the FBHS culinary students will be held at noon Dec. 6 at the Fernandina Beach Woman's Club, 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd. Sponsorship levels begin at \$40. Call Alison Douglas at 491-8069 by Nov. 25 to RSVP. The foundation supports the school, its students and faculty.

### Jewelry sale

Phantasia South's \$5 Jewelry Sale will be held from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Baptist Medical Center Nassau Conference Room, 1250 South 18th St., sponsored by the auxiliary.

In addition to jewelry will be watches for children, women and men, fashion accessories such as purses and belts as well as small gifts at the affordable price of \$5 plus tax for each item. For information call 321-3818.

### Needlepoint class

Eight Flag Needlepointers are hosting a workshop with master teacher Joan Thomasson March 5-7, on Amelia Island. Thomasson will teach "Marigolds and Moorish Tiles" stitched on 24-count congress cloth. The cost of the program includes all materials and lunch on Friday and Saturday; \$220 for chapter members; \$300 for non-members. Registration deadline is Dec. 15. Space is limited. For information or to register contact Linda Kurtz at lmkurtz@bellsouth.net.

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American Profile Hometown Content

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- Smelter loads
- "Dapper" one
- Bloggers' revenue sources
- Tribe infant
- Formula \_\_ auto racing
- Thumbs-downs
- Flaws and all
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- Ironman competitor
- Tarot card reader
- Do some KP work
- Spacewalks, in NASA-speak
- Spelunkers' needs
- Boob tubes
- Village Voice bestowal
- Center of many campuses
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- Satan's doing
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- Cow-horned goddess
- Monopoly payout
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- Rooster's topper
- Added benefits
- Lawn mower brand
- Deck foursome
- Barely sufficient
- Intense passion
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- Oater "necktie"
- Be nuts about
- Place to practice driving
- Villain's look
- Sudden outpourings
- Tennis great for whom a stadium is named
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- Prepared to drive
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Friday, Nov. 13, 2009  
Sudoku Medium  
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## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

### Poinsettia sale

Keep Nassau Beautiful, Inc announces its Holiday Poinsettia Sale. Plants are \$9 each, with a portion of the proceeds going to support KNB's beautification and education projects throughout Nassau County.

The poinsettias are florist quality plants that come in 6 1/2-inch containers. Orders will be taken until Nov. 20 to insure a wide range of colors including red, pink, white, marble (pink with white) and jingle bells (Red with White). KNB will have orders available for pick up early in December. Call the KNB office at 261-0165 or toll free at 1-800-977-0162.

### Toy drive

Maurices at The Shoppes at Amelia Concourse, 463721 SR 200, Yulee, is holding a toy drive to benefit Toys for Tots, Nov. 19-Dec. 10. Customers can drop off their donations during store hours, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sunday noon-7 p.m. Items needed include new unwrapped toys. Donors will receive a coupon for 20 percent off one regular-priced item for each donation, limit 10 per person.

### Inns tour

Kick off your holiday season Nov. 21 by touring six island bed and breakfast



inns, enjoying each inn's signature cookie and recipe, hospitality and holiday decorations.

The Amelia Island Bed and Breakfast Association will donate a portion of both tickets and cookbook sales to Friends of the Library to help promote literacy and the programs of the Fernandina library.

Tickets are \$20 and available at the Fernandina Beach library, Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau Depot on Centre Street and at each inn: Addison On Amelia, Elizabeth Pointe Lodge, Fairbanks House, Florida House Inn, Hoyt House and the Williams House. Tickets also are available online at [www.ameliainnlandinns.com](http://www.ameliainnlandinns.com). For information visit the website or contact any of the inns.



### Alternative gift market

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., hosts its ninth annual Alternative Gift Market Nov. 21 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Nov. 22 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Breakfast will be offered both days.

This is an opportunity to

purchase handmade gifts that benefit women and children in developing countries from around the world. Among the groups this year are Ten Thousand Villages, MayaWorks, Siwok, African Team Ministries, Heifer Project, Bonga Ethiopian School Project, Breast Cancer Awareness and Hospice, First Coast Freedom Playground, Nepal Clinic, Nature's Cork and Micah's Place.

For more information call St. Peter's office at 261-4293.

### Kinderstudios

The dance students of Kinderstudios, located at 1897 Island Walk Way, will perform Nov. 25 at 6 p.m. at the lighting of the Christmas tree at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island; Nov. 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the lighting of the Christmas tree in downtown Fernandina Beach; and Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. during the lighted holiday parade.

Santa Claus will visit Kinderstudios on Dec. 12 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Students will enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and a gifts exchange.

For information e-mail Alexandra Carroll at [Alexandra.kindermusik@comcast.net](mailto:Alexandra.kindermusik@comcast.net).



### Pajama party

The Annual Pajama Party Sale & Contest will be held in downtown Fernandina Beach on "Black Friday," Nov. 27, starting at 8 a.m. Shoppers are invited to don their pajamas to enjoy special deals and discounts at shops and eateries, along with fresh juice, coffee and pastries. Enter the contest for "Best Dressed Individual Shopper in Pajamas" and "Best Dressed Shopping Group in Pajamas." Participants must have their free photo taken at the judges' booth in the 100 block of Centre Street before 11 a.m. For information, visit [www.downtownfernandina.com](http://www.downtownfernandina.com), e-mail [slprice@bellsouth.net](mailto:slprice@bellsouth.net) or call 206-0756.

### 'Holiday Celebration'

Amelia Island Plantation will light up the holiday season with the annual Holiday Celebration Nov. 27 from 5-9 p.m. in The Spa & Shops at Amelia Island Plantation to benefit Take Stock in Children.

Enjoy hot chocolate, hot apple cider, holiday cookies, horse and carriage rides, live entertainment, carousel rides and pictures with Santa Claus. The cost is \$5 per person, which includes a \$1 donation to Take Stock in Children. Tickets are available at Harrison's Mercantile, Resort To Home and Amelia's Signature Shop. Children 4 and under are free. Beer and wine will be

available for purchase. For information call 866-213-8045 or visit [www.aipfl.com](http://www.aipfl.com).

### Tree lighting

A full day of entertainment leads up to the city of Fernandina Beach Christmas tree lighting ceremony Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. at the foot of Centre Street.

Starting at noon, carolers, choirs, dancers and singers will entertain visitors with the sights and sounds of the Christmas season. Santa Claus will arrive at 2 p.m. at the Fernandina Harbor Marina aboard the Ye Olde Pirate charter boat and all are invited to welcome him to town. Santa and Mrs. Claus will make their way to the train depot at the foot of Centre Street to meet and take pictures until 5 p.m. Photos with pets will also be available. Entertainment and activities are hosted by the city of Fernandina Beach, Historic Fernandina Business Association and Shiny Badges Ball, Inc.

For information contact Sandy Price at 206-0756 or e-mail [slprice@bellsouth.net](mailto:slprice@bellsouth.net).

### Light Up A Life

Take Stock in Children presents Light Up A Life from 6-9 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Amelia Inn Conference Center on Amelia Island Plantation. Enjoy an evening of fine wine, a splendid buffet and a silent auction of unusual items. Advance tickets are \$50 and available at First Coast Community Bank, the News-Leader, Nassau County Record, Café Karibo, Resort to Home and the Ocean Clubhouse at Amelia Island Plantation. Or charge by phone at 548-4432 (Florida State College). Tickets will be \$60 at the door.

### Holiday music

The Amelia Community Theatre Guild presents "An Evening of Holiday Music" Dec. 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. at 209 Cedar St.

Music will be performed by the "Sine Nomine Choir" under the direction of Jill Dillingham, Nanette Autry and Mary Williams. Included in the holiday program will be a reading of Truman Capote's A Christmas Memory, with Ron Kurtz and Judy Tipton. Holiday refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Call 261-6749 for reservations.

### Christmas Glow

The Annual Christmas Glow sponsored by the Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach will be held Dec. 4 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Woman's Club Clubhouse at 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd. (behind the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center). Just follow the luminaries to the clubhouse. There will be face painting, entertainment, and visits with Santa. Chili, hot dogs, chips and colas will be served for a fee. Cookies and punch will be free. This is the Woman's Club's gift to the community. All ages are invited. For information call 261-4885.



### Homes tour

Four five of Amelia Island's loveliest, private homes, all professionally decorated, in Fernandina Beach's historic district during the Amelia Island Museum of History's third annual celebration of the holiday season, Dec. 4 and 5. New in 2009 will be an authentic Victorian Tea in the Bailey House. Homes will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; tea will be served at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Tour tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 on tour days. Tea tickets are \$15 and space is limited. For more information, visit [www.ameliainnlandinns.com](http://www.ameliainnlandinns.com) or call 261-7378, ext. 100.

### Craft show

The 14th Annual Christmas Craft Show will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center's main auditorium. There will be Christmas gift, ornaments, wreaths and other handmade crafts available. Admission is free. For more information, call 716-7668.

### Parade of Paws

Redbones Dog Bakery and Boutique will host its 10th Annual "Parade of Paws" in downtown Fernandina Beach on Dec. 5.

Pre-register now at Redbones. Late registration will begin on-site at 10 a.m. in the Citizens Bank parking lot, Eighth and Centre streets. Minimum donation is \$10 and all proceeds benefit the Nassau Humane Society. Lineup begins at 10:30 a.m. and the parade starts at 11 a.m. Prizes and trophies will be awarded for best holiday outfit, the dog that most looks like its owner, and cutest personality. Following the parade at Redbones enjoy free doggie treats, pictures and special gift, chocolatier Kendall Taylor, who will sell her home-made chocolate candies with sales donated to the Nassau Humane Society. Fairy Tails Mobile Grooming is offering 20 percent off in November to parade participants and will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Nassau Humane Society. For information, visit [www.redbonesbakery.com](http://www.redbonesbakery.com) or call 321-0020.

### Pet photos

The annual Pet Photos with Santa is Dec. 5 starting at 10 a.m. at Bark Avenue Pet Boutique, 97 Amelia Village Circle. Cost is \$20 per photo and appointments are required. Photographer is Holly Allain, who is donating her time. Proceeds benefit Project Chance, which supplies guide dogs to children with autism in Northeast Florida. To schedule an appointment, call the store at 261-2275.

# Thoughtful gifts for pets and pet-lovers

I hate the holidays. I won't go into the emotional baggage that goes behind this statement. Let's just leave it at that. With that being said, I start obsessing over gift choices right around mid-summer. Especially since I also hate shopping. This year I am attempting to reach beyond my own neuroses to help others with their gift-giving dilemmas. Here are my top choices of gifts for pets and pet lovers.

When I do shop, I like to shop local. If anything will put me in the spirit, it's knowing that my purchase will also help a small business owner, probably one of my neighbors. In this economy, we all need all the help we can get. Here on the island, we are fortunate to have two great shops that focus on pets and their owners. Bark Avenue at the Plantation always has unique gift ideas. And no holiday is complete at my house without a trip to Redbones Bakery at 809 S. Eighth St. for baked treats. Gift certificates to one of these shops, or to a groomer or pet sitter, may be greatly appreciated.

While exploring local shops, I discovered a gem in Nassau Diamond Showroom at 1743 S. Eighth St. They offer beautiful trinket boxes in the shape of dogs and cats. Many different breeds are represented. Each trinket box contains a pendant of the breed on a pretty chain. I was impressed with the detail and color of these boxes. I can definitely see a few of these darling boxes in my future!

Another great idea for a special gift is a painted portrait of the family pet. Local artist Barbara Noden painted a wonderful picture of my dearly departed dog, Jake. Based on a photograph, her rendering captures his likeness but adds an artistic flair. Barbara can be reached at 491-3816 or [ipainturp@gmail.com](mailto:ipainturp@gmail.com).

I've noticed that many animal lovers are also book lovers. Through a Dog's Ear: Using Sound to Improve the Health & Behavior of your Canine Companion by Joshua Leeds and Susan Wagner, DVM, MS, is a good choice. I discovered this book when planning my business. Much of what I learned I incorporated into the atmosphere of the spa. It discusses the scientific basis behind the idea that sounds affect animal behavior, positively or negatively. The book itself comes with a starter CD of music. You can also purchase CDs for calming your pet. This is a great gift for our snowbird friends that travel with pets!

Another book that has stayed with me for many years and that I have given as a gift is Pack of Two by Carolyn Knapp. This is a work of non-fiction based on the journey of a young woman who is a newly recovering alcoholic. As she begins to piece her life back together, she decides to adopt a dog. The book details the role that her new best friend has in her ongoing recovery. But best of all is her discovery of the joys of owning a pet. For those of us who have always made pets a central part of our lives, it is a refreshing and inspirational to hear



**THE HAPPY PET**

Laurie Buckley

from someone learning this for the first time. I don't believe you are likely to find either of these books at a local book store. However, Margo Shaw of Books Plus at 107 Centre St. may be able to order these books by request.

My last gift suggestion goes beyond the reaches of our little corner of paradise. Robin Durnbaugh is an artist I met many years ago at a dog show in Tampa. She has a unique specialty of making jewelry from your pet's nose print. Yes, I said nose print. I was completely enamored with this idea. As a child I was fascinated by the nose of our dog, Kelly, and often examined it with a microscope to see all the lines and sections. That's when I wasn't kissing her nose. Poor dog! As an adult, the idea of making a lasting impression of a dog nose spoke to my heart. So when Jake was 13 years old I had a sterling silver pendant made of his nose. This unique piece of jewelry brings me a lot of comfort since Jake passed away last year. For information on Robin's work, go to her website at [robinslovingtouch.com](http://robinslovingtouch.com).

No article on holiday gifts for pets and pet lovers would be complete without reminding everyone what does not make a great gift. That is the pets themselves. Choosing a pet is a personal decision that should be made by the person who is going to live with that pet for the next 12 to 20 years. It is a major responsibility and commitment. Instead of giving a pet, consider a gift certificate to a local shelter or rescue group. Combined with a gift box of pet supplies, this makes a great gift.

And as always a plug for our hardworking shelters and rescue groups. If you are shopping for the person who has everything, why not consider a donation in their name to one of these worthy groups? They exist only because of donations. A true pet lover will appreciate knowing their gift may save or improve an animal's life.

Don't forget to sign up for the 10th Annual Parade of Paws Dec. 5, sponsored by Redbones Bakery. Hundreds of dogs descending on Centre Street in their holiday finest is more than worth the minimum donation of \$10 to the Nassau Humane Society. For information, visit [redbonesbakery.com](http://redbonesbakery.com) or call 321-0020.

Laurie Buckley is the owner/operator of A Passion 4 Pooches Pet Spa, 1881 South 14th St, Suite 3. The spa offers grooming, massage and training. She resides in Fernandina Beach with 12-year old Border Collie mix, Mae. E-mail her your questions on basic pet care, training and behavior challenges or call 491-1677.

[passion4pooches@yahoo.com](mailto:passion4pooches@yahoo.com)

## LEGAL NOTICES

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

#### PROBATE DIVISION

#### CASE NO. 2009-CP-198

IN RE: ESTATE OF DORIS D. JAMES a/k/a DORIS W. JAMES, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: TO: ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been or shall be entered in the Estate of DORIS D. JAMES a/k/a DORIS W. JAMES, deceased, File Number 16-2009-CP-198 in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida. Probate division, the address of which is 76347 Veteran's Way, Yulee, Florida 32097; that the total value of the Estate is \$-0- and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been or will be assigned by such order are:

William Frank James 374 9th Avenue St. George, GA 31562-3814 Son Over 18 years Edwin Ray James 15333 Day Breeze Drive Seagriffin, FL 34610 Son Over 18 years Charles David James 932 Prospect Street Jacksonville, Florida 32254 Son Over 18 years ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE

OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE AND:

(i) all other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the decedent must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is November 18, 2009.

Attorney for Person(s) giving Notice: LAWRENCE J. BERNARD, ESQUIRE

450-5 Busch Drive JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32218 INCORPORATED BAR NO. 248436 904-751-6980 21 11-18-25-2009 8138

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida (the "Board") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632 (3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the incorporated and the unincorporated area of the County which may be provided for, including but not limited to: (i) beach renourishment and erosion control; (ii) road construction/road resurfacing, regional, community and neighborhood park improvements, beautification and maintenance; (iii) the subdivision wall construction, and maintenance, subdivision entranceway construction and maintenance, street lighting and sidewalks; maintenance costs for road improvement and water and wastewater facilities improve-

ments; (iv) solid waste disposal services; (v) fire/pest, and (vi) mosquito control services; and (vii) recreation services and facilities; and (viii) stormwater management, to property within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County commencing for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2010. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 7:00 PM December 14, 2009, at the Commission Chambers, James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida. Such resolution will contain a legal description of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of Resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the office of the Ex-Officio Clerk of Nassau County, Florida, 76347 Veteran's Way, Yulee, Florida 32097.

All interested persons are invited to be present and be heard. If a person desires to appeal any decision made by the Board, agency or commission, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings in the form of a transcript. The transcript should be filed with the Ex-Officio Clerk at (904) 548-0287 or Florida Beach Service at 1-800-955-8770 (v) or

1-800-955-8771 (TDD), at least seventy two hours in advance to request such accommodation. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA BARRY V. HOLLOWAY III, Chairman ATTEST: JOHN A. CRAWFORD, Ex-Officio Clerk 41 11-18-25, 12-02-09-2009 8142

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

#### CIVIL DIVISION

#### CASE NO. 45-2008-CA-000870

VS. SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. JUAN R. MENCIA; AMELIA ISLAND PLANTATION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN TENANT (S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 10 day of November, 2009, and entered in Case No. 45-2008-CA-000870 in the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Nassau County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST BANK is the Plaintiff and JUAN R. MENCIA; AMELIA ISLAND PLANTATION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN TENANT (S); JOHN DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF

THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell the highest and best bidder for cash at the AT 11:30 A.M. of the MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE NASSAU COUNTY JUDICIAL ANNEX, 76347 VETERANS WAY, YULEE FL 32097 of the Nassau County Courthouse in Yulee, Florida, at 11:30 a.m. on the 10 day of December, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 18, SOUND POINT AT LONG POINT, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE(S) 190, 191, AND 192, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), disabled persons who, because of their disabilities, need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 416 CENTER STREET, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034 or Telephone Voice/TDD (904) 321-5700 not later than five business days prior to such proceeding.

Dated this 10 day of November, 2009, John A. Crawford, Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Tracy Poore Deputy Clerk Law Office of Marshall C. Watson 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309 Telephone: (954) 453-0365 Facsimile: (954) 771-6052 Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438 08-64605 21 11-18-25-2009 8140

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on December 7th at 9:00 A.M. or later U-Store-It #323, 1678 S. 8th Street, in the city of Fernandina Beach, state of Florida, the undersigned, U-Store-It #323 will sell of Public Sale by competitive bidding, the personal property (all items in storage units contain household items unless otherwise mentioned) heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

H4-4 Andrea Pratt L43 Michael A. Schlessor 2032 Lataveia L Humphrey 2005 Demaris J. Cline B17 Douglas O. Jarrett E36 Lonnie Scarborough F15 Earl T. Alberta Jr. F14 Douglas A. Roberts E42 Renee Noe D2 Jonathan Parr 2008-09 Masha D. Moyes Aika Diana Moyes 21 11-18-25-2009 8129

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

#### CIVIL DIVISION

#### CASE NO.: 2009-CA-000372

INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, F.S.B., Plaintiff,

vs. TAMMY MYERS; JASON MYERS; UNKNOWN TENANT (S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 10 day of November, 2009, and entered in Case No. 45-2009-CA-000372 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Nassau County, Florida, wherein INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, F.S.B. is the Plaintiff and TAMMY MYERS; JASON MYERS; UNKNOWN TENANT (S); JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the AT 11:30 A.M. of the MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE NASSAU COUNTY JUDICIAL ANNEX, 76347 VETERANS WAY, YULEE FL 32097 of the Nassau County Courthouse in Yulee, Florida, at 11:30 a.m. on the 10 day of December, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Exhibit "A" Legal Description for File No.: 07-09010

Part of Government Lots 2 and 3, Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 25 East, Nassau County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the concrete monument located on the line dividing Section 15 from Section 45, Township 2 North, Range 25 East, where said section line is intersected by the center line of the abandoned Seaboard Air Line Railroad right-of-way and run North 67° 45' 25" East, 821.5 feet along said center line to an iron set on the Northern right-of-way line of said railroad right-of-way, said iron being at the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described continue North 23° 04' 35" West a distance of 40.1 feet to an iron in the run North 1 degree 38' 35" West a dis-

tance of 296.45 feet to an iron; then run North 71° 11' East a distance of 441.0 feet to an iron; then run South 35° 07' East a distance of 246.6 feet to an iron on said Northern right-of-way line of the railroad right-of-way; then run South 67° 46' 25" West along said Northern right-of-way line a distance of 592.4 feet to the point of beginning. Property Address: 55058 Pittman Rd., Colahan, Florida 32011

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE US PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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News-Leader Legal deadline is at noon Friday.

Call 261-3696 for details.





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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 102 Lost & Found

**LOST BLUE & GOLD MACAW** - Answers to Knuckhead. Call Gail (904) 225-9940. Alene Rd. vicinity.

**LOST LADIES DIAMOND BRACELET** - Sat. 11/7 on Amelia Island or in Yulee. Reward. (904)277-4021

**LOST PRESCRIPTION GLASSES** - Calvin Klein frames, dark blue aqua inside. Call (904)556-9056.

**FOUND SMALLISH DOG** - North 3rd St. Please call and identify (904)261-2132.

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

**LOST WHITE HUSKEY** - vicinity Highland & Stanley Dr. on Friday night, 11/06/09. Please call (904)556-9056.

### 105 Public Notice

#### All Real Estate Advertised Herein

is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or the intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.

The News-Leader will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

If you believe that you may have been discriminated against in connection with the sale, rental or financing of housing, call the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development - HUD - (800)669-9777, or for the hearing impaired (800)927-9275.

**THERE IS A LIEN** - on the following vehicles for towing and storage and will be auctioned off on the listed dates below: on 11/27/09 a 1994 Cadillac Sedan VIN# 1G6KY5292RUB10684 at 12 noon at 1683B S. 8th St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. (904) 321-3422

## EMPLOYMENT

### 201 Help Wanted

**AUTO DETAILER POSITION** Skills & exp in fine auto detailing. Must have good attitude, references and transportation. Part-time. \$6/hr. Call 904-548-0979, appt.

**BARISTAS, SERVERS, AND SOUS CHEF** Espresso Cafe in Amelia Island See our ad in Amelia Islander magazine. Fax resume to (904)491-9810

**CORMIER HAIR STUDIO** needs experienced stylist with clients. "Let's make a deal". 277-2767

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**HOUSEKEEPER:** Greyfield Inn - Cumberland Island. In residence position, dining experience required. \$24,500 per annum. Apply 6 North 2nd Street, Suite 300, Fernandina Beach or call 261-6408 for application.

**LOCAL CAR DEALERSHIP** - seeks one qualified Salesperson. Must be self-motivated, personable, honest and needing to work. Some experience preferred, will train. Send resume and references to: P.O. Box 766-P, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035.

### 201 Help Wanted

**Earn \$\$\$ Helping MDs!** Process medical claims from home. Call the Federal Trade Commission to find out how to spot medical billing scams. 1(877)FTC-HELP. A message from the News-Leader and the FTC.

**LAMB DAY CARE** - now hiring a 3-year old teacher. CDA a must. Apply in person at 601 Centre St.

**ADVANCED HOMECARE** - needs RNs in Nassau Co. to provide home care. FT/per visit opp. Excellent \$\$\$. Call 470-4799 call 470-5000. Tom

**ARTISTIC FLORIST POSITIONS:** Floral Designer Positions - open part-time and full time. Experience in professional florist required. Apply by e-mail [artisticflorist@bellsouth.net](mailto:artisticflorist@bellsouth.net)

**CARPENTER WANTED** - All types of remodeling. Call Scott (904)557-5618. Must be drug free.

**HOTEL FRONT DESK CLERK** - Night audit & daytime positions open. Experience required. Apply at Holiday Inn Express, 76071 Sidney Pl., Yulee.

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT** - for Amelia Island Orthopedic Surgery Office. Part-time, Wed & Sat, mornings & Fri. afternoon. Medical Office Exp. required. Fax resume 904-261-7644

**MASTER ELECTRICIAN** - 45 yrs experience. Low prices, work guaranteed. Small jobs welcomed. 10% discount with ad. Call Tom (904)491-9992.

**WE BUY JUNK CARS & HEAVY EQUIPMENT** - We'll pick up. (904) 879-1535 or (904)237-5293

### 204 Work Wanted

#### CHIMNEY SWEEP

Don't burn your house down because of an unsafe fireplace. Call Lighthouse Chimney Sweeps 261-8163 for a safe warm winter.

**CARPET REPAIRS** - and restretching and installing. Over 35 years experience. Call (904)753-1243.

**MASTER ELECTRICIAN** - 45 yrs experience. Low prices, work guaranteed. Small jobs welcomed. 10% discount with ad. Call Tom (904)491-9992.

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### 207 Business Opportunities

#### HOST A GOLD PARTY

in your house. We supply refreshments & know how. Instant money making opportunity. 583-6152

#### SIAMESE KITTENS

for sale. Free Purina Kitten Kit with ad. (904)225-9940

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## MERCHANDISE

### 601 Garage Sales

**GARAGE SALE** - Sat. 11/21, 8am-12pm. 96327 Abaco Island Dr. Nassau Lakes. Household items, furniture, & sporting goods.

**DOWNIZING SALE** - Furniture, TVs, patio furniture, flower pots, fine collectibles, etc. Decorations for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas - indoors and out. 270 S. Fletcher Ave. Apt. 2. Sat. 11/21, 9am-4pm.

**GARAGE SALE** - 130 N. 19th St. Fri. & Sat., 8am-2pm. Dining & bedroom suits, leather couch, lots of goodies. Most items inside. (904)753-3164

**ANTIQU FURNITURE, JEWELRY,** silver, crockery, project pieces. Coins & collectibles. Fri. & Sat., 8am-2pm. 1704 Broome St. All items good quality and best offer.

**GARAGE SALE** - Fri. 11/20, 9am-4pm Sat. 11/21, 8am-1pm. No Early Birds! 977 Chad St. off Jasmine. Boys baby items: clothes, toys, stroller. Ladies clothes, hh items, small furn., pictures, knick-knacks, games, books.

**CAT ANGELS THRIFT STORE** - 1/2 price sale on most items. Furniture & electronics reduced. Mon-Sat., 11am-5pm. 709 S. 8th St.

**FRI. 11/20 & SAT. 11/21** - 9am-1pm. Sale at corner of 7th & Centre (near Eileen's Art & Antiques Store). All proceeds benefit rescuing animals in Nassau.

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### 602 Articles for Sale

**WHITEWASH 5-PC. QUEEN BEDROOM SET** - \$450/OBO. Call (904) 415-4167.

### 610 Air Conditioners /Heating

**HEAT/COOL** - Window units & ice machines, used all sizes w/warr. Repairs to central & window A/Cs, refrigerators & freezers. Kish's (904) 225-9717.

### 611 Home Furnishings

**FURNITURE** - Moving-must sell. Wood furniture, dark cherry, good condition. (2) Ent. ctrs., highboy, 36" dia. table & 4 chairs, 54" rear projection TV, patio furn. Appt. only, 556-9528.

### 614 Jewelry/Watches

**DIAMOND EARRINGS** - Crawford Jewelers, 1472 Sadler Rd. (904)277-4910

### 624 Wanted To Buy

**I BUY JUNK CARS & HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR SCRAP - CASH PAID.** (904)879-1190 / 705-8628

### 624 Wanted To Buy

**WANTED: USES BIKES** - Top dollar paid. Any condition. Trek or Cannondale. Call (904)491-8605.

## REAL ESTATE SALES

### 804 Amelia Island Homes

**CHARMING DOWNTOWN COTTAGE** - Energy Star Hurricane Resistant Preconst. \$175K. (904)556-1905

**1711 PARK AVE.** - Amelia Park. 2115sq. 3BR/2BA, pool, privacy fence, 2-car garage. \$425,000. Call for more details (904)583-3732.

### 805 Beaches

**OCEANFRONT PROPERTY** Visit [www.oceanfrontamelia.com](http://www.oceanfrontamelia.com) for a complete list, or call Bob Gedeon at Oceanfront Realty (904)261-8870.

**3BR/2BA DOUBLEWIDE** - Available 12/1. \$600/mo. + \$600 deposit. Call (904)583-2576, leave message & I will return your call.

**2BR/2BA** - Beautiful new decor. \$500-\$675/mo. Includes water, lawn. Possible RTO. (904)315-1757 or 613-8401

**STATIONERY RV FOR RENT** - Weekly & monthly rates. (904)225-5577

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MLS#50874 \$849,000



**AMELIA ISLAND PLANTATION. 57 LONG POINT.** Arthur Rubenberg custom executive home on a wonderful marsh view homesite. This 4 bedroom, 3 car garage pool home is priced for a quick sale. Custom features include cherry kitchen cabinets, granite tops, stainless steel appliances, hurricane shutters, summer kitchen, landscape lighting, new tile and railing on front porch, Rinnai tankless water heater, custom hardwood leaded glass front doors, tinted seamless windows overlooking pool and marsh.

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**2BR/2BA** - on Amelia Island Plantation. \$1200/mo. for 6 months. Call AMELIA RENTALS (904)261-9129

**1BR/1BA** - Amelia Woods. Beautifully furnished. Vaulted ceilings. \$840/mo. Call (770)789-2965 for details. Also listed for sale - Century 21.

**FOR RENT** - Fernandina. Furnished 2BR/2BA condo. Close to beach, tennis court, pool, Svc animals only. Utis incl. \$600/wk., \$1100/mo. (904)310-6493

**858 Condos-Unfurnished**

**3165 S. FLETCHER** - (Sea Castles). 3/2.5, washer/dryer, garage, community pool, steps to beach. \$895, nick Deonas Realty, Inc. (904)277-0006

**3BR/2BA** - \$1395/mo. + utilities. Short term or long term, or weekly. Pets OK with a fee. (912)552-8601

**1/2 MONTH FREE** - The Palms at Amelia 2BR/2BA starting at \$825/mo. 3BR/2BA starting at \$900/mo. Call (904)277-1983.

**2012 #2 BRIDAL RD.** - 2BR/1BA patio apartment. Quiet neighborhood. \$700/mo. + deposit. Available now. Call Jody (904)583-9597.

**925 TARPON** - North Pointe, 2BR/2.5BA, close to beach, pool, covered parking. \$850/mo. Nick Deonas Realty, Inc. (904)277-0006

**CLOSE TO QUIET NORTH BEACH** - & Fort Clinch Parks. 2/1 remodeled, electric heat/air, tile floors, oak cabinets. 1132 N. Fletcher downstairs. Lease \$725/mo. + utilities. \$700 deposit. (904)261-7168

**3BR/1BA APT** - Off Blackrock Rd. \$600. & also available studio Apt \$500 mo. Call 912-467-3654 or 904-237-0692.

**858 Condos-Unfurnished**

**THE COLONY** - 2BR/2BA, bonus room, garage, W/D, pool, tennis courts. \$900/mo. Available 12/1/09. Call (904)557-1507.

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**CONDOS FOR RENT HOTLINE** - Ask about our FREE RENT SPECIAL. Darlington Realty, Inc. (904)261-8030.

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**LUXURY CONDO** - 2BR/2BA, garage, pool, gated community, ground level. The Villas at Summer Beach. Unfurnished. \$1150/mo + util. 277-3206

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**2BR/2BA WATERFRONT PROPERTY** - for rent. \$1000/mo. Call (904)502-0406.

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**ON THE ISLAND** - 3BR/2BA, 3630 1st Ave. Garage, large back deck, near the beach. \$1200/mo. + \$1000 dep. Call (386)961-8672 or (866)606-8443.

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**YULEE COTTAGE** - 2BR/1BA, completely refurbished, CH&A, tile bath. \$750/mo., 1st & last + \$700 security. Call (904)465-0511.

**1711 PARK AVE.** - Amelia Park. 2115sf, 3BR/2BA, pool, privacy fence, 2-car garage. \$1800/mo. w/pool & lawn svc. Call for more details (904) 583-3732.

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<p><b>HIGH POINTE</b> Magnificent 4/3 brick home in gated community, tons of upgrades, cul de sac lot, handi-cap accessible.</p> <p>#49970 \$399,999</p>	<p><b>NORTH HAMPTON</b> Beautiful 3/2 on cul-de-sac has gas fireplace, 42" cabinets corian, 18" tile, great room, dining &amp; living rooms. Short sale!</p> <p>#50242 \$194,900</p>	<p><b>FISHERMAN'S PARADISE</b> Sit on your deck overlooking Johnson Lake, a well-fed fresh water lake. This 3/2 two-story on a double lot has new paint, roof, hvac &amp; well and a fabulous workshop.</p> <p>#50451 \$149,900</p>	<p><b>BELLS RIVER ESTATES</b> Built in 2008, this 4/2.5 two-story is a steal at \$169,000! 2842 sq. ft. 3-car garage, concrete block construction, sprinklers &amp; hurricane shutters. Short Sale!</p> <p>#50325 \$169,000</p>
<p><b>DOWLING DRIVE</b> Beautifully landscaped and fenced 1-acre lot surround this 3/2 DWMH which has cedar siding, large deck with gazebo &amp; outbuilding w/electric.</p> <p>#50190 \$395,900</p>	<p><b>PETUNIA COURT</b> Beautifully landscaped and fenced 1-acre lot surround this 3/2 DWMH which has cedar siding, large deck with gazebo &amp; outbuilding w/electric.</p> <p>#50484 \$79,900</p>	<p><b>PERSIMMON CIRCLE</b> Ideal Amelia Island location for the 2004 SF upgraded home in Simmons Cove. Nice layout, tiled &amp; screened porch. Home Warranty.</p> <p>#50296 \$289,000</p>	<p><b>WATERFRONT RETREAT</b> Low country living in this 2-story home in Glenwood has 100' deep water frontage, dock and boat lift on 2 lots, totaling 16 acres. Lots can be sold separately.</p> <p>#50302 \$499,000</p>
<p><b>OCEANFRONT HOME</b> Completely furnished 3/2, 2-story has a wonderful floor plan, vaulted ceilings, front &amp; rear decks. 2 car garage &amp; fabulous location.</p> <p>#48220 \$390,000</p>	<p><b>LOFTON POINTE</b> Picture-perfect and move in ready 4/2 built in 2004. Preserve and lake views, sprinkler system, new flooring, fresh paint, fireplace.</p> <p>#50766 \$199,900</p>	<p><b>SPANISH OAKS</b> New carpet and paint in this well-maintained 3/2 home w/island kitchen. Oversized master. 1lx22 guest bedroom and covered porch.</p> <p>#50257 \$219,900</p>	<p><b>TARA GLEN LANE</b> Beautiful 6/6.5 Dorrit plan has bonus room and RV/Boat garage. Heated &amp; screened inground pool w/guest suite &amp; summer kitchen. 2.27 acre lot</p> <p>#50073 \$659,000</p>

**Lots & Acreage**

**Amelia Island**

Avery Rd \$45,000  
Barrington \$119,900  
Blackbeard's Way \$1,065,000  
Calhoun St. \$99,500  
First Ave \$295,000  
Ian Drive \$45,000

Long Point \$575,000  
Opal Ave \$395,000  
Pinedale Road \$69,000  
Somervuels Road \$99,000  
S. Fletcher \$995,000  
10th Street \$48,000

**Off-Island**

Amberwood Ln \$67,500  
Bennett Ave \$225,500/\$350,000  
Brady Point Rd. \$480,000  
Burmeister Rd. \$31,000  
Cayman Circle \$69,000/\$126,900  
Edwards Road \$59,000  
Gravel Creek \$69,900  
High Pointe \$119,900  
Lafitte's Way \$89,900  
Lina Road \$417,900  
Little Piney Island \$300,000

Marc Anthony \$46,800  
Napeague Dr. \$165,000  
Plum Loop \$49,900/\$66,000  
Rebduo Lane \$199,000  
Reserve at Deer Run \$55,000-\$75,000  
Roses Bluff \$29,900  
Southern Heritage \$155,000  
US Highway 17 \$350,000  
Wesley Rd., 13.61 acres \$899,900

**OCEAN PARK**

Rarely available 3/2 corner unit has wraparound balcony. Located on 3rd floor with fabulous ocean views. Completely furnished, good rental!

#49595 \$449,900

**FLORA PARKE**

Best priced home in this great neighborhood! Has courtyard garage & covered patio. In good shape but needs carpet & paint. Short Sale!

#50258 \$159,000

**SEA HAWK PLACE**

Custom built 4/3.5 marsh front home w/inground pool overlooking the Intercoastal Waterway. 3064 SF built in 2006

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**GREAT PRIMARY RESIDENCE OR VACATION GETAWAY OR INVESTMENT PROPERTY** spacious and private location, right across from tennis courts. Tile downstairs with carpeting upstairs, gas fireplace in dining. Seller agrees to pay 6 mo. Assoc. fees. **Reduced From \$272,900 to \$175,000.** MLS#48709 Appraisal on file.

**1 ACRE ON BLACKWATER RD.** on tidal creek, is dry at low tide. Has well built dock and concrete block 20x20 garage. Owner has option not to sell MH located on lot for reduced price \$249,000

**WONDERFUL OCEANVIEW HOME.** In great condition, only used as second home. Conveniently located beach access, side entry garage, arrium, and wet bar makes this an attractive and entertaining property. Great potential for expansion. **\$695,000**

**2,374 HSE ENERGY EFFICIENT** Home under construction at Pirate's Wood. 4BR/2.5BA on 2 acre lot. Tile, wood and carpeting, solid surface countertop kitchen w/island, gas package. Great floor plan. Pre-construction price **\$325,000**

**SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME** on Amelia Island - Built in 2008 it has 4 BR/3 BA with a bonus room that could be converted into a 5th BR, 3 car garage, private back yard, and community pool. **\$399,900** MLS#49612

**BRING YOUR HORSE LOVERS.** Traditional brick home with aluminum sided lovely oaks and flowering shrubs. Located in Callahan and convenient to both Jacksonville King's Bay, Ga. **\$250,000** MLS#46792

**3BR/2.5BA** townhome at Amelia Park. 2 car garage. Very nice patio area includes a 1BR/1BA garage apt. Great primary home or rental bank-owned foreclosure sale **\$289,900** MLS#50156

**LOTS**

**OCEANFRONT LOT** - 215' on the Atlantic, will divide. Conditional use approved by city for hotel **\$5,900,000**

**WALKING DISTANCE TO THE BEACH, 5 oversized lots off Robert Oliver** in Egan's Landing Subdivision, reduced to **\$175,000**. 32x5,000

**OCEANVIEW LOT** - 72x125 ft no time frame to build, Great view of ocean on east, and Greenway west first right on Rachel St. **\$315,000**

**MARSHFRONT LOT** in River Oaks Subdivision +/- 1 Acre **\$389,000**

**SOUTHENDMANUCRY RD** Beautiful lot **\$195,000**

**2 PIRATES WOOD LOTS** - 1/2 acre \$75,000 Nearly 1 acre **\$125,000**

**1 ONE ACRE MH LOTS OFF LINDA RD.** in Wilson Neck. Open Rural, vested impact fees, wells and septic in place **\$175,000**

**SINGLE WIDE MH** in Wilson Neck area Beautiful lot **\$82,900**

**MH LOT** on Radio Rd. home of little value, **\$83,200**

**INTERSTATE 95 EXPOSURE AT US 17 - GOOD ASSEMBLAGE** POTENTIAL for medium sized site. Corner location with good access. **\$850,000**

**YULEE MINI WAREHOUSE** Good opportunity to grow your own self storage facility and/or add new retail/office. 570' on US 17, total 3.5 acres +/- Warehouse on approx. 2 acres. **\$1,575,000**

**15 CITY LOTS** - 3rd and Fir Streets. Zoned MU-1 and R2. Good for townhome, duplex or industrial. **\$25,000**

**OCEANFRONT HOTEL SITE 215'** on the Atlantic. Will divide. Conditional use approved by City for hotel. **\$5,900,000**

**PRIME FRONTAGE ALONG US 17** just north of A1A, High development area in the heart of Yulee. \$495,000. Plans for an 11,00 sq. ft. Medical Complex on file.

**200' US 17 FRONTAGE, 2400** of Block bldg. vested concurrency Zoned CI **\$155,000**

**64 ACRES** along Amelia Island Parkway for a Master Planned Development

**860 Homes-Unfurnished**

**ON ISLAND AT SEASIDE:** 2,400 sq. ft. 4-bedroom 3-full baths. Walk or cycle to the beach, Ft. Clinch or town. 2-car garage, sprinkler system, smoke and security alarms, fitted for internet, phones & cable. Fully equipped kitchen, with breakfast nook, formal dining area, and storage area, laundry room with washer/dryer. \$1,650/mo. 904/206-0817 or 770/493-9664.

**3BR/1+BA** - Carports, screened porch, fenced yard. Pets ok. \$850/mo. + security. 1458 Nottingham. 753-2202. Available now.

**CHARMING** - Old World style house 4BR/3BA, gourmet kitchen, wood & Travertine floors. 513 Dade St., Fern. Bch. \$1,500/mo. (904)210-6191.

**2150 CAPTAIN KIDD** - Very clean 3BR/2BA home. 1700sf w/fenced in backyard. In Lakewood Subd. behind Food Lion Shopping Ctr. \$1,200/mo. + dep & 1 yr lease. Call (904)753-4559.

**FOR RENT** - Nice little house. 3BR/1BA located on Gum St. Newly remodeled. Call (904)753-1346.

**33379 SUNNY PARKE CIR.** - Flora Parke. 4/2, 2300 sq. ft. Stove, fridge, DW, microwave, FP, water softener, sprinkler system. Must see. \$1395. Nick Deonas Realty, Inc. 277-0006

**3BR/2BA HOUSE** - 2-car gar., all appl's, upgraded kitchen, vaulted ceilings, cable included. Mins from Jax, A.I., Kings Bay & beaches. \$1150/mo. Available 12/1. (904)334-0806

**3BR/2BA** - w/garage & screened porch. Villages of Marsh Lakes. \$1100/mo. 1st & security required. (904)753-0379.

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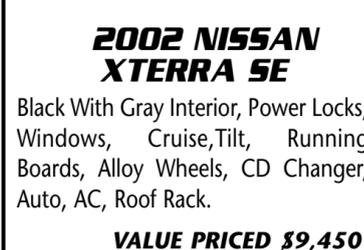


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