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Lawsuit: Inmates denied rights

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Who do you think is right in this matter? Should inmates have the right to be Baptized? Tell us at srpressgazette.com.

By BILL GAMBLIN
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A complaint and injunction were served Friday against the Santa Rosa County Sheriff.

The Federal lawsuit brought by Pastor Larry Webb on behalf of the First Apostolic Church seeks

to prohibit Sheriff Wendell Hall of Santa Rosa County, from barring the Church's faith based alcohol substance abuse program from the Santa Rosa County Jail.

Charges alleging inmates have been denied Baptism rights and the removal of volunteers from the jail is something questioned by Bishop

Cecil Downing, President of the Santa Rosa County "Inter Faith" Board and Jail Chaplin Morgan Miller.

"We have allowed inmates to be baptized as requested," Bishop Downing said. "We have never stopped any church to come in at the inmates request."

The motion for injunction indicates that the group had been previously barred from the Jail in a prior instance in 2008, but the matter was resolved after intervention of the American Center for Law and Justice ("ACLJ").

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HOLDING THE LINE

School district expects same number of students for 2010-11

By MATHEW PELLEGRINO
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Santa Rosa County schools are anticipating the same student population this year, but won't know a definite number until after the first week of school.

Last year, the school system saw a gain in student population, despite a large hit in the 2008-09 school year.

"The year prior to last, we expected small growth, but we declined," new Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Bill Emerson said.

That decline made up nearly 400 heads for the school district that year alone.

So when the county was anticipating student heads for the 2009-10 school year, they anticipated the student population would stay the same.

"We actually grew instead of declined last year," Emerson said.

That growth was one of the many reasons the school system anticipated hiring more teachers for the upcoming school year according to Emerson.

What has helped ease a lot of school population woes is the new transfer policy, which went into effect in May.

The policy was tightened up because the school system did not have enough time to accommodate all of the requests and needed more time to make sure the schools had the adequate amount of students way before the start of the school year.

Because of the policy, students have to give advanced notice, and have to wait for approval by

Because of a class size amendment that was passed several years ago, schools are only allowed to accommodate a certain amount of students within their classrooms.

The class size amendment allows core classrooms can have no more than:

- 18 students in classrooms for grades K-3.
- 22 students in classrooms for grades 4-8.
- 25 students in classrooms for grades 9-12.

Information on the class-size reduction amendment can be found at www.fdoe.org/ClassSize.

A school cannot exceed the maximum amount allowed.

The transfer policy will force parents to have a one-month time slot from May 15 to June 15 to submit their transfer policies.

Part of President George Bush's No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 stated that

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Would you rather see the student population increase or maintain the same? Tell us at srpressgazette.com.



Police look for leads in Broad Street rape

By BILL GAMBLIN
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Milton Police and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement are investigating a possible rape in a home at the corner of Broad and Ravine streets in Milton.

Friday evening a female, whose identity is being withheld, reportedly was found inside her home after she was allegedly raped by two men.

As of 11:30 p.m. Friday, investigators were still processing the scene, but there are no leads or further information as of press time.

Sources have indicated the female subject was allegedly raped when she entered the home by two unknown males.

The two males were believed to have been inside the house when the female entered the dwelling.

Immanuel Baptist Church to celebrate 50 years

By BILL GAMBLIN
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The members of Immanuel Baptist Church will be celebrating a golden day Sunday, 50 years after the church was founded.

"We have a great reliance on the Lord spiritually," said Clain Roberts, Immanuel Baptist's Minister of Music for the past 26 years.

"The people here have enjoyed getting along and ministering with each other. The church, itself, started as a mission of First Baptist Church of Milton back in Oct. 1957 when Rev. Henry Tatum stepped behind the pulpit of Immanuel Baptist Chapel.

Then on Aug. 28, 1960 Rev. Walter Hayes and his congregation celebrated its independence and Immanuel Baptist Church was born.

Now the church is looking forward to the next 50 years with their new pastor Rev. Ronnie Coleman on board.

Rev. Coleman this past June replaced Rev. Kevin Goza served as the pastor of the church from Dec. 1999 to November of 2007 when he moved to Texas.

"We have been fortunate to have only 10 pastors throughout the years," Roberts said. "In the early days there was more of a turnover as there sometimes

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Hill joins Alternative Health Food Store staff

Special to the Press Gazette

Angel Hill has joined the Alternative Health Food Store as the holistic nutrition consultant. She is available to provide clients with customized dietary guidelines that address biochemical individuality and current health issues far beyond weight management as a registered practitioner with Food Pharmacy. Angel also provides Metabolic Testing (based on the Metabolic Typing Diet). She is available for personalized shopping and other nutritional services.



ANGEL HILL

the University of West Florida and master's degree in holistic nutrition from Clayton College of Natural Health. She is currently pursuing her doctorate from Trinity College of Natural Health.

Angel is also a certified nutraceutical consultant through the International College of Naturopathy, certified herbal information specialist through the American Botanical Council, and a registered practitioner with FoodPharmacy.com. She serves as the events and communications assistant for the National Association of Nutrition Professionals.

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Speak OUT

Sunday, 5:16 p.m.

Hey, this is Dennis. In regards to the septic tank inspections, I agree with John that this is another tax increase. They just increase taxes and our cost of living. I hope they remember the American Revolution. People were so burdened with taxes, they revolted.

Sunday, 10:07 a.m.

Yes, this is Wanda. If you want to know more about the legislature, try watching the Florida Channel. If you want more local news, then watch the local PBS channel or read the Press Gazette.

Sunday, 8:50 a.m.

Yes, this is Nita. I am reading the comments in the Press Gazette. If you want to know what is going on in Tallahassee, you need to watch the Florida Channel. Have you ever heard of the Florida Channel? If you want to know what is going on in Florida, watch the Florida Channel.

Saturday, 8:41 p.m.

Yes, this is Saturday night. I just crossed the Blackwater River on I-10, and to the south side there were six to eight boats with Christmas lights on them. It looked really awesome. If anyone knows why, I would like to know. It was beautiful.

Saturday, 11:35 a.m.

Yes, this is Jessie from Pace. Monday starts a new school year, and they have already started that same stuff about prayer. The right

to pray is the greatest gift; another right we have is freedom of speech. I had two kids go to Pace, and neither one turned out to be a hoodlum or drug addict. They took prayer out of the schools, and now we have hooligans and drug heads.

Saturday, 11:05 a.m.

I'd like to know why the Pace Water System couldn't give their customers access to pay their bills online? For a community of \$45,000 and company revenue of 80 million, why is this not possible? The only thing they offer is bank drafting and drop off. Why not use the one dollar they are collecting for fire hydrant maintenance, as they are apparently not maintaining the fire hydrants? They could save money by posting bills online rather than mailing them for the Internet customers. Is the board not computer savvy or what?

Friday, 5:26 p.m.

Yes, this is Nita. I just got a letter in the mail from a certain candidate's mother. Well, instead of his childhood experiences and how good he was as a child, you should have taught him not to lie and steal signs and then get caught on tape and still lie some more. Thank you.

Friday, 9:16 a.m.

Yes, my name is David. I see the people in Santa Rosa County don't trust intellectual and articulate politicians. I have found

one that might meet the standards of the people here in Santa Rosa County. Please go to www.basilmarceaux.com, who is a candidate for Governor of Tennessee. I feel a lot of people in Santa Rosa County can relate to him.

Thursday, 6:24 p.m.

Yes, this is Marge. Everyone is a crook in one way or another. All this mud slinging is ridiculous.

Thursday, 3 p.m.

This is Norman. I am calling in regards to Thomas, who called about the grass on the side of Spencerfield Road. I called the county road department, and I talked to the lady about having the grass cut on my road. She said it was on the schedule to be cut, but they just have two mowing machines in the county, and there are 48 roads they have to maintain. So they are really, really behind.

Thursday, 8:44 a.m.

Hi, this is Wallace. I have been observing the cost of supplies parent buy for their kids to take to school. This is a burden on some parents. Wouldn't it be nice if teachers and administrators tell the school board, "We have nice schools, nice cars, and nice salaries; please give the kids something nice"? Thank you.

If you have a short comment you would like to make, call the Speak Out line at 623-5887.

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- Iris Cross, BP Community Outreach

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**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010
NOTICE OF ELECTION**

I, Dawn K. Roberts, Interim Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that an election will be held in each county in Florida, on November 2, 2010, for the ratification or rejection of proposed revisions to the constitution of the State of Florida.

**No. 1
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VI, SECTION 7
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title:
REPEAL OF PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING REQUIREMENT.

Ballot Summary:
Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution that requires public financing of campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.

Full Text:
ARTICLE VI
SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS
~~SECTION 7. Campaign spending limits and funding of campaigns for elective state-wide office.—It is the policy of this state to provide for state-wide elections in which all qualified candidates may compete effectively. A method of public financing for campaigns for state-wide office shall be established by law. Spending limits shall be established for such campaigns for candidates who use public funds in their campaigns. The legislature shall provide funding for this provision. General law implementing this paragraph shall be at least as protective of effective competition by a candidate who uses public funds as the general law in effect on January 1, 1998.~~

**No. 2
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 31
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title:
HOMESTEAD AD VALOREM TAX CREDIT FOR DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL.

Ballot Summary:
Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require the Legislature to provide an additional homestead property tax exemption by law for members of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard who receive a homestead exemption and were deployed in the previous year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The exempt amount will be based upon the number of days in the previous calendar year that the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The amendment is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2011.

Full Text:
ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION
SECTION 3. Taxes; exemptions.—
(a) All property owned by a municipality and used exclusively by it for municipal or public purposes shall be exempt from taxation. A municipality, owning property outside the municipality, may be required by general law to make payment to the taxing unit in which the property is located. Such portions of property as are used predominantly for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes may be exempted by general law from taxation.
(b) There shall be exempt from taxation, cumulatively, to every head of a family residing in this state, household goods and personal effects to the value fixed by general law, not less than one thousand dollars, and to every widow or widower or person who is blind or totally and permanently disabled, property to the value fixed by general law not less than five hundred dollars.
(c) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant community and economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses, as defined by general law. Such an exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality, and only after the electors of the county or municipality voting on such question in a referendum authorize the county or municipality to adopt such ordinances. An exemption so granted shall apply to improvements to real property made by or for the use of a new business and improvements to real property related to the expansion of an existing business and shall also apply to tangible personal property of such new business and tangible personal property related to the expansion of an existing business. The amount or limits of the amount of such exemption shall be specified by general law. The period of time for which such exemption may be granted to a new business or expansion of an existing business shall be determined by general law. The authority to grant such exemption shall expire ten years from the date of approval by the electors of the county or municipality, and may be renewable by referendum as provided by general law.
(d) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective

tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant historic preservation ad valorem tax exemptions to owners of historic properties. This exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality. The amount or limits of the amount of this exemption and the requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. The period of time for which this exemption may be granted to a property owner shall be determined by general law.

(e) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, twenty-five thousand dollars of the assessed value of property subject to tangible personal property tax shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation.

(f) There shall be granted an ad valorem tax exemption for real property dedicated in perpetuity for conservation purposes, including real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or by other perpetual conservation protections, as defined by general law.

(g) By general law and subject to the conditions specified therein, each person who receives a homestead exemption as provided in section 6 of this article; who was a member of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard; and who was deployed during the preceding calendar year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature shall receive an additional exemption equal to a percentage of the taxable value of his or her homestead property. The applicable percentage shall be calculated as the number of days during the preceding calendar year the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature divided by the number of days in that year.

**ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE**

SECTION 31. Additional ad valorem tax exemption for certain members of the armed forces deployed on active duty outside of the United States.—The amendment to Section 3 of Article VII providing for an additional ad valorem tax exemption for members of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard deployed on active duty outside of the United States in support of military operations designated by the legislature and this section shall take effect January 1, 2011.

**No. 3
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 4 and 6
ARTICLE XII
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title:
PROPERTY TAX LIMIT FOR NONHOMESTEAD PROPERTY; ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR NEW HOMESTEAD OWNERS.

Ballot Summary:
The State Constitution generally limits the maximum annual increase in the assessed value of nonhomestead property to 10 percent annually. This proposed amendment reduces the maximum annual increase in the assessed values of those properties to 5 percent annually.

This amendment also requires the Legislature to provide an additional homestead exemption for persons who have not owned a principal residence during the preceding 8 years. Under the exemption, 25 percent of the just value of a first-time homestead, up to \$100,000, will be exempt from property taxes. The amount of the additional exemption will decrease in each succeeding year for 5 years by the greater of 20 percent of the initial additional exemption or the difference between the just value and the assessed value of the property. The additional exemption will not be available in the 6th and subsequent years.

Full Text:
ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION
SECTION 4. Taxation; assessments.—By general law regulations shall be prescribed which shall secure a just valuation of all property for ad valorem taxation, provided:
(a) Agricultural land, land producing high water recharge to Florida's aquifers, or land used exclusively for noncommercial recreational purposes may be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use.
(b) As provided by general law and subject to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions specified therein, land used for conservation purposes shall be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use.
(c) Pursuant to general law tangible personal property held for sale as stock in trade and livestock may be valued for taxation at a specified percentage of its value, may be classified for tax purposes, or may be exempted from taxation.
(d) All persons entitled to a homestead exemption under Section 6 of this Article shall have their homestead assessed at just value as of January 1 of the year following the effective date of this amendment. This assessment shall change only as provided in this subsection.
(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on January 1st of each year; but those changes in assessments shall not exceed the lower of the following:
a. Three percent (3%) of the assessment for the prior year.
b. The percent change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or successor reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
(2) No assessment shall exceed just value.
(3) After any change of ownership, as provided by general law, home-

stead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the following year, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) New homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1st of the year following the establishment of the homestead, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. That assessment shall only change as provided in this subsection.

(5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; provided, however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(6) In the event of a termination of homestead status, the property shall be assessed as provided by general law.

(7) The provisions of this amendment are severable. If any of the provisions of this amendment shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any remaining provisions of this amendment.

(8)a. A person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2009, or January 1 of any subsequent year and who has received a homestead exemption pursuant to Section 6 of this Article as of January 1 of either of the two years immediately preceding the establishment of the new homestead is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value. If this revision is approved in January of 2008, a person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2008, is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value only if that person received a homestead exemption on January 1, 2007. The assessed value of the newly established homestead shall be determined as follows:

1. If the just value of the new homestead is greater than or equal to the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be the just value of the new homestead minus an amount equal to the lesser of \$500,000 or the difference between the just value and the assessed value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

2. If the just value of the new homestead is less than the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be equal to the just value of the new homestead divided by the just value of the prior homestead and multiplied by the assessed value of the prior homestead. However, if the difference between the just value of the new homestead and the assessed value of the new homestead calculated pursuant to this sub-subparagraph is greater than \$500,000, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be increased so that the difference between the just value and the assessed value equals \$500,000. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

b. By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature shall provide for application of this paragraph to property owned by more than one person.

(e) The legislature may, by general law, for assessment purposes and subject to the provisions of this subsection, allow counties and municipalities to authorize by ordinance that historic property may be assessed solely on the basis of character or use. Such character or use assessment shall apply only to the jurisdiction adopting the ordinance. The requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law.

(f) A county may, in the manner prescribed by general law, provide for a reduction in the assessed value of homestead property to the extent of any increase in the assessed value of that property which results from the construction or reconstruction of the property for the purpose of providing living quarters for one or more natural or adoptive grandparents or parents of the owner of the property or of the owner's spouse if at least one of the grandparents or parents for whom the living quarters are provided is 62 years of age or older. Such a reduction may not exceed the lesser of the following:

(1) The increase in assessed value resulting from construction or reconstruction of the property.

(2) Twenty percent of the total assessed value of the property as improved.

(g) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of residential real property, as defined by general law, which contains nine units or fewer and which is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law; but those changes in assessments shall not exceed ~~five ten~~ percent (~~10%~~) of the assessment for the prior year.

(2) No assessment shall exceed just value.

(3) After a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of a legal entity that owns the property, such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(h) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of real property that is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) and (g) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law; but those changes in assessments shall not exceed ~~five ten~~ percent (~~10%~~) of the assessment for the prior year.

(2) No assessment shall exceed just value.

(3) The legislature must provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a qualifying improvement, as defined by general law, is made to such property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) The legislature may provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of the legal

entity that owns the property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(i) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes:

(1) Any change or improvement made for the purpose of improving the property's resistance to wind damage.

(2) The installation of a renewable energy source device.

(j)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property:

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

b. Land that is accessible to the public and used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable.

c. Marinas and drystacks that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entirety, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

(f)(1) By general law, and subject to conditions specified therein, the legislature shall provide an additional homestead exemption to the person or persons who:

a. Establish the right to receive the homestead exemption in subsection (a) within one year after purchasing the homestead property; and

b. Have not owned a principal residence during the eight-year period before the purchase. For married persons, neither the purchaser nor his or her spouse may have owned a principal residence during the preceding eight years.

(2) The additional homestead exemption shall equal 25 percent of the just value of the property on January 1 of the year in which the homestead exemption in subsection (a) is received, but not more than \$100,000.

a. The amount of the additional exemption shall be reduced in each subsequent year by an amount equal to twenty percent of the amount of the initial additional exemption or by an amount equal to the difference between the just value of the property and the assessed value determined under subsection (d) of section 4 of this Article, whichever is greater.

b. The additional homestead exemption shall not apply after the fifth year after the initial additional exemption is granted.

(3) Only one additional exemption under this subsection may apply to a single homestead property.

ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE

Property tax limit for nonhomestead property.-The amendment to Section 4 of Article VII reducing the limit on the maximum annual increase in the assessed value of nonhomestead property to five percent from ten percent and this section shall take effect January 1, 2011.

Additional homestead exemption for first-time homestead property owners.-The amendment to subsection (f) of Section 6 of Article VII providing for an additional homestead exemption for persons who have not owned a principal residence within an eight-year period and this section shall take effect January 1, 2011, and shall be available for properties purchased on or after January 1, 2010.

No. 4
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE II, SECTION 7
(Initiative)

Ballot Title:

REFERENDA REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS.

Ballot Summary:

Establishes that before a local government may adopt a new comprehensive land use plan, or amend a comprehensive land use plan, the proposed plan or amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local planning agency, consideration by the governing body and notice. Provides definitions.

Financial Impact Statement:

The amendment's impact on local government expenditures cannot be estimated precisely. Local governments will incur additional costs due to the requirement to conduct referenda in order to adopt comprehensive plans or amendments thereto. The amount of such costs depends upon the frequency, timing and method of the referenda, and includes the costs of ballot preparation, election administration, and associated expenses. The impact on state government expenditures will be insignificant.

Full Text:

ARTICLE II
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 7. Natural resources and scenic beauty.—Public participation in local government comprehensive land use planning benefits the conservation and protection of Florida's natural resources and scenic beauty, and the long-term quality of life of Floridians. Therefore, before a local government may adopt a new comprehensive land use plan, or amend a comprehensive land use plan, such proposed plan or plan amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local planning agency, consideration by the governing body as provided by general law, and notice thereof in a local newspaper of general circulation. Notice and referendum will be as provided by general law. This amendment shall become effective immediately upon approval by the electors of Florida.

For purposes of this subsection:

1. "Local government" means a county or municipality.
2. "Local government comprehensive land use plan" means a plan to guide and control future land development in an area under the jurisdiction of a local government.
3. "Local planning agency" means the agency of a local government that is responsible for the preparation of a comprehensive land use plan and plan amendments after public notice and hearings and for making recommendations to the governing body of the local government regarding the adoption or amendment of a comprehensive land use plan.
4. "Governing body" means the board of county commissioners of a county, the commission or council of a municipality, or the chief elected governing body of a county or municipality, however designated.

No. 5
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE III, SECTION 21
(Initiative)

Ballot Title:

STANDARDS FOR LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING.

Ballot Summary:

Legislative districts or districting plans may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and geographical boundaries.

Financial Impact Statement:

The fiscal impact cannot be determined precisely. State government and state courts may incur additional costs if litigation increases beyond

the number or complexity of cases which would have occurred in the amendment's absence.

Full Text:

ARTICLE III
LEGISLATURE

SECTION 21. Standards for establishing Legislative district boundaries.—

In establishing Legislative district boundaries:

- (1) No apportionment plan or district shall be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political party or an incumbent; and districts shall not be drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging the equal opportunity of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or to diminish their ability to elect representatives of their choice; and districts shall consist of contiguous territory.
- (2) Unless compliance with the standards in this subsection conflicts with the standards in subsection (1) or with federal law, districts shall be as nearly equal in population as is practicable; districts shall be compact; and districts shall, where feasible, utilize existing political and geographical boundaries.
- (3) The order in which the standards within sub-sections (1) and (2) of this section are set forth shall not be read to establish any priority of one standard over the other within that subsection.

No. 6
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE III, SECTION 20
(Initiative)

Ballot Title:

STANDARDS FOR LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.

Ballot Summary:

Congressional districts or districting plans may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and geographical boundaries.

Financial impact statement:

The fiscal impact cannot be determined precisely. State government and state courts may incur additional costs if litigation increases beyond the number or complexity of cases which would have occurred in the amendment's absence.

Full Text:

ARTICLE III
LEGISLATURE

SECTION 20. Standards for establishing Congressional district boundaries.—

In establishing Congressional district boundaries:

- (1) No apportionment plan or individual district shall be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political party or an incumbent; and districts shall not be drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging the equal opportunity of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or to diminish their ability to elect representatives of their choice; and districts shall consist of contiguous territory.
- (2) Unless compliance with the standards in this subsection conflicts with the standards in subsection (1) or with federal law, districts shall be as nearly equal in population as is practicable; districts shall be compact; and districts shall, where feasible, utilize existing political and geographical boundaries.
- (3) The order in which the standards within sub-sections (1) and (2) of this section are set forth shall not be read to establish any priority of one standard over the other within that subsection.

No. 7
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE III, SECTION 20
(Legislative)

Ballot Title:

STANDARDS FOR LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.

Ballot Summary:

In establishing congressional and legislative district boundaries or plans, the state shall apply federal requirements and balance and implement the standards in the State Constitution. The state shall take into consideration the ability of racial and language minorities to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice, and communities of common interest other than political parties may be respected and promoted, both without subordination to any other provision of Article III of the State Constitution. Districts and plans are valid if the balancing and implementation of standards is rationally related to the standards contained in the State Constitution and is consistent with federal law.

Full Text:

ARTICLE III
LEGISLATURE

SECTION 20. Standards for establishing legislative and congressional district boundaries.—In establishing congressional and legislative district boundaries

or plans, the state shall apply federal requirements and balance and implement the standards in this constitution. The state shall take into consideration the ability of racial and language minorities to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice, and communities of common interest other than political parties may be respected and promoted, both without subordination to any other provision of this article. Districts and plans are valid if the balancing and implementation of standards is rationally related to the standards contained in this constitution and is consistent with federal law.

No. 8
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 31
(Legislative)

Ballot Title:
REVISION OF THE CLASS SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Ballot Summary:
The Florida Constitution currently limits the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms in the following grade groupings: for prekindergarten through grade 3, 18 students; for grades 4 through 8, 22 students; and for grades 9 through 12, 25 students. Under this amendment, the current limits on the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms would become limits on the average number of students assigned per class to each teacher, by specified grade grouping, in each public school. This amendment also adopts new limits on the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom as follows: for prekindergarten through grade 3, 21 students; for grades 4 through 8, 27 students; and for grades 9 through 12, 30 students. This amendment specifies that class size limits do not apply to virtual classes, requires the Legislature to provide sufficient funds to maintain the average number of students required by this amendment, and schedules these revisions to take effect upon approval by the electors of this state and to operate retroactively to the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

Full Text:

ARTICLE IX
EDUCATION

SECTION 1. Public education.—

(a) The education of children is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida. It is, therefore, a paramount duty of the state to make adequate provision for the education of all children residing within its borders. Adequate provision shall be made by law for a uniform, efficient, safe, secure, and high quality system of free public schools that allows students to obtain a high quality education and for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of institutions of higher learning and other public education programs that the needs of the people may require. To assure that children attending public schools obtain a high quality education, the legislature shall make adequate provision to ensure that, by the beginning of the 2010-2011 2010 school year and for each school year thereafter, there are a sufficient number of classrooms so that:

(1) Within each public school, the average maximum number of students who are assigned per class to each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for prekindergarten through grade 3 does not exceed 18 students and the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom does not exceed 21 students;

(2) Within each public school, the average maximum number of students who are assigned per class to each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for grades 4 through 8 does not exceed 22 students and the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom does not exceed 27 students; and

(3) Within each public school, the average maximum number of students who are assigned per class to each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for grades 9 through 12 does not exceed 25 students and the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom does not exceed 30 students. The class size requirements of this subsection do not apply to extracurricular or virtual classes. Payment of the costs associated with meeting reducing class size to meet these requirements is the responsibility of the state and not of local school districts. Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, The legislature shall provide sufficient funds to maintain reduce the average number of students required by in each classroom by at least two students per year until the maximum number of students per classroom does not exceed the requirements of this subsection.

(b) Every four-year old child in Florida shall be provided by the State a high quality prekindergarten pre-kindergarten learning opportunity in the form of an early childhood development and education program which shall be voluntary, high quality, free, and delivered according to professionally accepted standards. An early childhood development and education program means an organized program designed to address and enhance each child's ability to make age appropriate progress in an appropriate range of settings in the development of language and cognitive capabilities and emotional, social, regulatory, and moral capacities through education in basic skills and such other skills as the Legislature may determine to be appropriate.

(c) The early childhood education and development programs provided by reason of subsection subparagraph (b) shall be implemented no later than the beginning of the 2005 school year through funds generated in addition to those used for existing education, health, and development programs. Existing education, health, and development programs are those funded by the State as of January 1, 2002, that provided for child or adult education, health care, or development.

ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE

SECTION 31. Class size requirements for public schools.— The amendment to Section 1 of Article IX, relating to class size requirements for public schools, and this section shall take effect upon approval by the electors and

shall operate retroactively to the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

No. 9
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE I, SECTION 28
(Legislative)

Ballot Title:
HEALTH CARE FREEDOM.

Ballot Summary:
HEALTH CARE SERVICES.-Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to ensure access to health care services without waiting lists, protect the doctor-patient relationship, guard against mandates that don't work, prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in any health care system; permit a person or an employer to purchase lawful health care services directly from a health care provider; permit a health care provider to accept direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; exempt persons, employers, and health care providers from penalties and fines for paying directly or accepting direct payment for lawful health care services; and permit the purchase or sale of health insurance in private health care systems. Specifies that the amendment does not affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide; affect which health care services are permitted by law; prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation; affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010; affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; or affect any general law passed by two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature, passed after the effective date of the amendment, provided such law states with specificity the public necessity justifying the exceptions from the provisions of the amendment. The amendment expressly provides that it may not be construed to prohibit negotiated provisions in insurance contracts, network agreements, or other provider agreements contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

Full Text:

ARTICLE I
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

SECTION 28. Health care services.—

(a) To preserve the freedom of all residents of the state to provide for their own health care:

(1) A law or rule may not compel, directly or indirectly, any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in any health care system.

(2) A person or an employer may pay directly for lawful health care services and may not be required to pay penalties or fines for paying directly for lawful health care services. A health care provider may accept direct payment for lawful health care services and may not be required to pay penalties or fines for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services.

(b) Subject to reasonable and necessary rules that do not substantially limit a person's options, the purchase or sale of health insurance in private health care systems may not be prohibited by law or rule.

(c) This section does not:

(1) Affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide.

(2) Affect which health care services are permitted by law.

(3) Prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation.

(4) Affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010.

(5) Affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services, except that this section may not be construed to prohibit any negotiated provision in any insurance contract, network agreement, or other provider agreement contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

(6) Affect any general law passed by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature after the effective date of this section, if the law states with specificity the public necessity that justifies an exception from this section.

(d) As used in this section, the term:

(1) "Compel" includes the imposition of penalties or fines.

(2) "Direct payment" or "pay directly" means payment for lawful health care services without a public or private third party, not including an employer, paying for any portion of the service.

(3) "Health care system" means any public or private entity whose function or purpose is the management of, processing of, enrollment of individuals for, or payment, in full or in part, for health care services, health care data, or health care information for its participants.

(4) "Lawful health care services" means any health-related service or treatment, to the extent that the service or treatment is permitted or not prohibited by law or regulation, which may be provided by persons or businesses otherwise permitted to offer such services.

(5) "Penalties or fines" means any civil or criminal penalty or fine, tax, salary or wage withholding or surcharge, or named fee with a similar effect established by law or rule by an agency established, created, or controlled by the government which is used to punish or discourage the exercise of rights protected under this section. For purposes of this section only, the term "rule by an agency" may not be construed to mean any negotiated provision in any insurance contract, network agreement, or other provider agreement contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

OUR VIEW

Did the rules change for Milton Police?

When you go to the Milton Community Center, it seems as if you have to take your life in your own hands.

No, the neighborhood is not dangerous ... unless you get in the path of a skateboarder. Yes, we're talking about the skateboarding at the community center.

It seems so amazing how illiterate many of these young people are.

The sign outside the skate park forbids skateboarding in the parking lot or on sidewalks and warns that all must wear a helmet.

Somehow, this is missed by those who utilize the skate park at the Community Center.

In their defense, it would be embarrassing to have a child talk to you like some adults have recounted when they visited the Community Center.

Some of these rule-breaking children may not know how to read, but their cursing abilities are sufficient to make a sailor blush with shame.

It would be interesting to know how many times the timer has had to be replaced on the lights at the skateboard park as well.

A park like this is rare in a community of Milton's size and those with the city should be applauded for the hard work and effort that made this possible.

But the question and concern has to focus on what we are doing to make sure it does not become a place of shame and embarrassment.

Budget costs and the cost of having security have taken their toll.

Without anyone actually paying to use this facility, Milton is footing the bill for a security guard and with today's financial times the position went with the money.

Another problem is the citizens cannot afford to have a city officer tied up for hours on end, ignoring other parts of the city.

Unfortunately, the city needs to come up with some plan to free the skate park of the image it is rapidly developing.

Milton needs to do something about skateboarding on the sidewalk and in the parking lot at the community center.

What will the municipality do when a child has a serious accident and the parents want to sue for medical bills? What will happen if, Heaven forbid, a skateboarder is hit by a car pulling into the parking lot?

The extended-hours experiment seemed to work, for the most part, and we applaud the city for that.

Now it's time to get the rules back in line with the things promised when the park opened.

If it is not done now then, pretty soon, there will be no going back and the park will be a place where parents will not want their children to go.

Mayor Guy Thompson, Councilwoman Pat Lunsford, Police Chief Greg Brand, and others need to move quickly to do something before it becomes too late.

JUSTICE
in a time of
BLAGOJEVICH



Shut up and eat your sugar

Manufacturers of processed, fast food throwing a fit over industry standards

By Jim Hightower

Okay, children, homework time.

Let's see if we can handle this little lesson in logic. One, America has a rather huge child obesity problem. Two, major food corporations constantly pitch ads to children for such stuff as sugar-saturated breakfast cereals and fat-laden "Happy Meals." So, how does fact No. 2 relate to fact No. 1? Yes, No. 2 is a cause of No. 1. It's really not that hard to grasp, is it?

Not unless you're a lobbyist for a food

manufacturer. Last year, Congress directed four federal agencies to work together on new standards for commercials that food giants run on cartoon shows and other TV programs for children. This intervention was necessary because the industry's own voluntary program to push healthy choices for kids was, at best, loosey-goosey. For example, such sugar bombs as Kellogg's Fruitt Loops and Frosted Flakes were nutritionally A-OK by industry standards — as was a candy named Yogos, the main ingredient

of which is sugar.

So, the agencies came up with nutritional requirements that were at least strict enough to prevent the marketing of candy as a healthy food. Ah, progress! But — oh, mercy — the howl of pain from industry lobbyists was piercing. One shrieked that the new proposal "would virtually end all food advertising as it's currently carried out to kids."

Uh ... no sir, not all food advertising, just ads for stuff like ... well, Yogos.

However, the screams of the food giants, echoed by their congressional

puppets, seem to have spooked the agencies. The final proposal has now been delayed, and regulators have retreated to "tweak" it. Note that the main ingredient in the word tweak is "weak." To help fight for strong nutritional standards that advance our children's health, contact the Center for Science in the Public Interest: www.cspinet.org.

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Blago hung jury on all but one count— Feds should consider retrying his hair separately

"I've got this thing, and it's (expletive) golden. And I'm just not giving it up for (expletive) nothing. I'm not going to do it. And I can always use it. I can parachute me there."

— Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Obama's Senate seat

Ex-Gov. Rod Blagojevich, the part-time Elvis impersonator and full-time buffoon, seems to have bought himself some time. The Chicago jury in his corruption trial is deadlocked on whether or not to convict him on all but one count. Obviously a "jury of his peers," the same people who elected him Governor are well represented on the jury. They sound pretty smart; when they were pronounced "a hung jury" on 23 counts, the men responded, "Well, thank you, Judge."

Remember Gov. Blagojevich? He's the ex-Illinois governor who reminds me of a lookout for a seedy massage parlor. He has that static, jet-black helmet of hair that makes Donald Trump appear windswept. Blago can always get work as a model for one of those "before" pictures you see on the wall at Supercuts.

If the Feds have to let Blago go free, they should make his hair stand trial separately.

Let's review. When Obama got himself hired to intern as president, his Senate seat became

available, and Blago tried to sell it off. The seat had real value, since it was only slightly used by Obama to occasionally vote "present." And, Cleopatra-like, he was usually carried into the Senate chamber on the shoulders of Big Labor.

In essence, what Blago did to fill Obama's vacated seat was to call up people and say, "Hey, would you like to be a Senator? If so, how much is it worth to you?" Blago put the Senate seat on e-Bay — and Chicago-style politics on display to the nation.

Sadly, this shameful event did nothing to tarnish the image of Chicago politicians. Apparently most people, including some of the "hung" ones on the jury, pretty much expected this. Three former Illinois governors, two Democrats and one Republican, have gone to jail in the last 35 years. A fourth went to trial but was acquitted of tax-evasion charges.

Throw in the fraud conviction of the late Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-IL), mix with some lightweight, petty operatives like Roland Burris (who replaced Obama) and pocket-thug Rahm Emanuel, and one has to question Obama's ethics given his proximity to all that corruption.

Obama was a big supporter of Blago for Governor. It defies logic that Obama, nursed by and a product of the

Remember Gov. Blagojevich? He's the ex-Illinois governor who reminds me of a lookout for a seedy massage parlor. He has that static, jet-black helmet of hair that makes Donald Trump appear windswept. Blago can always get work as a model for one of those "before" pictures you see on the wall at Supercuts.

Democratic machine, is somehow above it all. Once the machine is supporting them, members of the ruling political class operate above the law while unevenly applying that law to the rest of us lowly citizens — especially those who oppose the "chosen ones." The Democratic ruling class recruits promising neophytes like Obama who show a talent for being self-righteous and above it all. They know if they dutifully play along, they will be rewarded by becoming a cog in the machine.

Over time, they get the keys to Corruptopia long enough to make themselves rich one day. They presume that the voters are dumb and the media will protect them as long as they espouse liberal ideals. If the offensive lines of the Minnesota Vikings and the Green Bay Packers had protected Brett Favre as well as the media protect corrupt Democrat politicians, he could have played another 30 years.

Obama has brought to Washington the Chicago style of using government to intimidate his opponents. The

Obama administration threatened the AMA and the drug companies to force their support of ObamaCare. They offered jobs to candidates in exchange for not running against "favored" politicians. They brought a dubious lawsuit against Goldman Sachs just as they rammed their "financial reform" bill through Congress. Seeing BP as vulnerable, they took control of the \$20 billion shakedown fund from this private sector company. Most troubling is the manner in which this administration uses the U.S. Treasury as an open checkbook to pay back teachers and other unions for their support.

I put nothing past this administration. Watch what it does, not what it says. Like I always say, a statement by a politician is like a compliment from a hooker: it is meaningless, and in the end, you get screwed.

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LEAVINS IN CONCERT



Stephanie Leavins will be in concert Sunday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m. at Olivet Baptist Church, 5240 Dogwood Drive in Milton. Pastor Frank Godsey and the congregation extend a warm and friendly welcome for this special service. For more information, call 623-2780 or 626-0696.

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS GAZETTE

First Baptist Milton to offer support groups

Special to the Press Gazette

First Baptist Church in Milton will offer two support groups in September.

DivorceCare, designed for those experiencing the pain of divorce, will begin Sept. 12 at 5:30 p.m. and continue to meet on Sunday evenings for 13 weeks.

Celebrate Recovery, for those wanting to overcome alcohol or drug dependence, or other hurts, habits and hang-ups, meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

"DivorceCare and Celebrate Recovery are two ministries we want to share with our community to help those struggling with life's disappointments. There come times in our lives when we need the support and encouragement of other people to get through crises," said Dr. David Spencer, pastor of First Baptist.

The DivorceCare sessions will feature a biblically-based video featuring real-life case studies and Christian experts on divorce recovery. The group will discuss the video and offer support to group members. DivorceCare will meet in Building E at the corner

of Martin Luther King and Ann streets.

In the same way, Celebrate Recovery provides a safe place to share experiences, strength and hope with others. Similar to a 12-step group, Celebrate Recovery uses eight principles from the Beatitudes in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. The group meets in First Baptist's Bamberg Chapel at the corner of Caroline and Martin Luther King streets.

According to Dr. Gary Nichols, minister of education, those leading the DivorceCare and Celebrate Recovery groups have experienced divorce or addiction, and they are "passionate about helping others recover."

"They are led by God to these ministries, and there has been enough distance between their crises and the present that they can help others experience God's grace firsthand," he said.

For more information, go to divorcecare.com or celebraterecovery.com and click on "Find a group," or call First Baptist Church at 623-3122.

Hendersons to sing at Faith Chapel Assembly

Special to the Press Gazette

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 8080 N. Airport Road in East Milton, cordially invites everyone to a special concert Friday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m., when the church will have as its guests The Hendersons of Milton.

The Hendersons, a well-known family singing ministry in this area, bring to this concert more than 75 combined years in gospel music. Primarily traditional and Southern gospel music is sung in a high-quality, first-class fashion.



THE HENDERSONS

Members are Sonny Henderson; his daughter, Lydia Henderson of

Pensacola; and Brian Adkinson of Flomaton, Ala. Sonny's wife, Marie, serves as sound technician and full-time manager.

Come celebrate the joy of Jesus through this ministry in song. Pastor Donald Leavins and the congregation of Faith Chapel Assembly of God welcome everyone to be a part of this special service. Admission is free; however, a love offering will be received to help cover the expenses of the concert. For directions or other information, call 983-7223 or 994-0767.

Kornerstone BRIEFS

St. Rose of Lima churchwide sale

Young at Heart, the senior citizens group at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 6441 Park Ave. in Milton, is sponsoring a churchwide sale, Antiques and Uncle Junque, on Saturday, Aug. 28, from 7 a.m. to noon. There will be a presale on Friday from 5-7 p.m. for \$5 admission. The sale is for the benefit of the Parish Building Fund. Other parish groups, including the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council 7027 and the Building Fund Committee, are assisting with the sale. Featured will be antique glassware, crystal, tableware and silver, as well as housewares, electronics, books, plants and other items. There is no furniture or clothing in this sale. For more information, call 995-8890.

Navigating Divorce recovery workshop

Are you experiencing the

pain and grief of divorce? Attend the upcoming recovery divorce workshop, Navigating Divorce. This eight-session workshop is designed to make the transition from married life to single life more understandable. The workshop will meet each Wednesday beginning Sept. 1 from 6:15-7:30 p.m. To ensure enough material for all participants, reservations are requested. While you are attending the workshop, activities are provided for children. An optional dinner is available at 5:30 p.m. for the nominal charge of \$4 per adult and \$1.50 per child. This workshop is open to the public and is a nondenominational class held at Christ United Methodist Church, Dogwood Drive in Milton. For reservations or more information, call 623-0614 or 623-8820.

Pensacola Lutheran Blind Mission to hold dinner meeting

The Pensacola Lutheran Blind Mission will hold its monthly

meeting and dinner for the blind and sight-impaired at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 24 W. Wright St. in Pensacola.

The PLBM will present an evening meal and recognize the volunteers who make our mission successful. It will be an evening of food and fellowship and a program presented by Mr. Lance Bonner from the Independence for the Blind. The presentation will introduce the new facility and the programs available for the blind or visually impaired. The Lutheran Blind Mission is an organization that provides social interaction, life-skills support and Christian fellowship for the blind and sight-impaired of all faiths. The driver for any blind or sight-impaired person is welcome to enjoy our dinner and the evening with us. The meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall and will end at 7 p.m.

Please contact Paul Siverly for dinner reservations by Thursday, Aug. 26, at 457-3039 or annsiverly@yahoo.com. Information is available at any time about our mission.

Ask the Preacher

...a weekly column answering your questions with Biblical answers about life.



Pastor Gallups - "I saw a video that you made on the names of the Patriarchs and God's plan of salvation - it was absolutely fascinating. Is there any way that you could share that information here?" T.R. Pace

Dear T.R.,

GENESIS 5:1-29 recounts the biblical genealogy - From Adam to Noah - ... It is recounted from the line of Seth - the Godly line of Adams sons. This is the line through which Jesus the Messiah - God in the flesh would eventually come - effecting our opportunity for salvation...Mysteriously - the story of man's lostness and God's plan of redemption is found in the names of those first 10 patriarchs found in Genesis 5 - from Adam to Noah.

The story is told in the names - Although different Hebrew sources will have slight variations in the meanings of the names - the following are accurately represented as verifiable and commonly accepted Hebrew meanings.

- Adam: - Man
- Seth: (is) - appointed
- Enosh: - Non recoverable
- Kenan: - to acquire or to purchase...
- Mahalalel: (but) - The Blessed God - To his praise - THE PRAISE OF GOD
- Jared: - He shall come down
- Enoch: - teaching - DEDICATING OR INITIATING
- Methuselah: (that) - His death shall bring
- Lamech: (to those in) - Humiliation or lowering
- Noah: - comfort and rest.

What is a possible translation - or meaning - once the meanings of these ten names are strung together?

The Story Translation of the Hebrew meanings could then be read as follows, "Man was appointed as non-recoverable (LOST) but to ACQUIRE or buy him back - to the Praise of God's Glory - He (GOD) came down - dedicated to the mission of initiating man's salvation. His death (Jesus on the cross) brought HUMILIATION or sacrifice for Him... (Jesus humbled himself even unto the cross) but it also brought our Comfort and Rest and SALVATION."

From Man's fall and unrecoverable state - to God's plan of redemption - he himself would come down - humble himself unto a cross - pay the price for our sin and purchase our salvation - our peace, comfort and rest. What a Mighty God we serve.

Carl Gallups is the Pastor of Hickory Hammock Baptist Church, in Milton. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida State University, and a Master of Divinity from The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastor of HHBC since 1987. He serves as an International Youth Evangelist for the Southern Baptist Convention reaching all over the U.S. and Canada. For more information about HHBC, call 623-8959 or 626-8951, fax: 623-0197. If you have any questions for Ask The Preacher, send it to: Ask The Preacher, Hickory Hammock Baptist Church, 8351 Hickory Hammock Road, Milton, Florida 32583 -paid advertisement

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DAN MULLINS | Special to the Press Gazette

Wasps are one of many insect species that help to pollinate plants.

Native pollinators being studied

By Dan Mullins
IFAS Extension Agent
Santa Rosa County

The loss of many of our honeybees due to Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) begs the question: How are our crops and native plants being pollinated? As the maturity of one-third of our food crop species requires movement of pollen by insects or other creatures, this is an important question.

First, there is still a sizeable population of honeybees. Though the wild hives all but disappeared a few years ago, area beekeepers have done a good job of sustaining colonies. A sizeable number of hives are currently being rented

Pollinators other than honeybees include ants, beetles, butterflies, bats, flies, moths and wasps. There are also about 4,000 species of native bees in North America and 316 of them are in Florida.

to farmers who grow melons and other crops requiring intensive pollination.

With this reduction in the number of wild and domesticated honeybees, something else is happening. There are many species of native pollinators that have been quietly going about their business, while drawing little attention to themselves.

Because honeybees have been such excellent pollinators in the past there has been little interest in studying other species that have also been

performing this job. That has now changed as researchers are anxious to learn more about our native pollinators.

Pollinators other than honeybees include ants, beetles, butterflies, bats, flies, moths and wasps. There are also about 4,000 species of native bees in North America and 316 of them are in Florida. So little is known about these native bees, that even people interested in bees can only identify two or three of these species while they are in flight.

Some of the native species that help pollinate plants are highly specialized. For example, the so called "hard shell" gourds belonging to the genus Lagenaria, produce white flowers at night and are pollinated by night flying hawk moths.

Blueberries are most effectively pollinated by the Southeastern blueberry bee, which has the ability to reach all parts of the bell shaped flowers and "sonicating", or shivering its flight muscles to release pollen from the male flower parts.

The University of Florida has recognized the importance of native pollinators and is one year into a five year study. This study will try to determine the most effective ways to attract native pollinators, keep them around and encourage them to pollinate Florida crops.

The study, which is part of a larger effort known as Operation Pollinator, has been supported with a \$160,000 grant for its first year by Syngenta and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Research partners include Michigan State University and the University of California, Davis. The objective is to evaluate native pollinators, especially bees, as pollinators of agricultural crops.

Dr. Akers Pence, a post-doctoral researcher at UF, has four sites around the state with experimental plots filled with native perennials and annual wildflowers. These plots are being monitored to determine which works best to attract native bees and other pollinators. Once more is known, agricultural producers and even backyard gardeners could plant those types of flower mixes to encourage native pollinators to visit, linger and even take up residence.

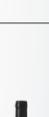
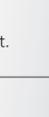
Much more information about bees and other pollinators can be obtained from the state beekeepers' newsletter. This quarterly publication is entitled The Melitto Files. The unique name is associated with the "bee dance" — a method that bees use to communicate with their hive mate concerning the distance, direction and quality of a flower food source. Go to: <http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/honeybee/extension/melitto.shtml> to download and view and/or print the newsletter.

The IFAS Small Farms website is also a wealth of information for beekeepers and those who are interested in learning more about pollination. Go to: <http://smallfarms.ifas.ufl.edu/> Scroll the menu on the left side of the page and open the beekeeping section for viewing and downloading publications.

For more information or if you have a question, call Dan Mullins, Extension Commercial Horticulture Agent, The University of Florida/IFAS-Santa Rosa County Extension, at 850-623-3868, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Hearing impaired individuals may call Santa Rosa County Emergency Management Service at 983-5373 (TDD).

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is in smaller churches."

Roberts himself can attest to the growth and consistency at Immanuel Baptist since he has worked under four pastors while serving the church in the capacity of Minister of Music.

"Rev. Coleman is very new to our church and our community, but he is much loved," Roberts said.

During the years Immanuel has grown a great deal from the small building on the grounds where it was a fledgling mission to the current sanctuary, which holds 1,815.

Sunday will be a very special service that is scheduled to get underway at 10 a.m. followed by what Roberts termed as 'Dinner on the Dirt' or as some would commonly refer to as dinner on the grounds.

"We are expecting a good number of our former staff and others coming back for this service," Roberts said. "Former pastors Joe Gwyn and Kevin Goza will speak as well as our current pastor."

Also planned is some special music for the occasion.

"We will be taking a journey through some of the songs sung at the church," Roberts said. "We are having some of our former choir members come back to sing with us as we have been working on this for a year now and have enlisted a lot of people in helping put all of this together."

One of the members some would recognize is Pace's Shaver Sasser.

Sasser recalls first attending and joining Immanuel when Rev. Chester Free was leading the church.

"A lot of determination has gone on into making Immanuel Baptist what it is today," Sasser said. "Some of the founding members kept us on an even keel and did a lot of good and as time

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has gone on we have hit it lucky to grow as big as we have with some of the property we have acquired.

"There were some small problems, but it was nothing major as the determination of the members succeeded to build the church into what we have today."

Former members as well as those who are looking for a church home are invited to join the special services on Sunday according to Roberts.

INMATES from page A1

Pastor Webb's group alleges that the action barring them from the jail was taken by the Santa Rosa County "Inter Faith" Board, and was initiated by a "doctrinal dispute" over proper baptism rights.

"The Alcohol Chemical Treatments Series (ACTS) Program is an award winning faith based program approved by the Department of Corrections and offered in a dozen facilities in the State of Florida, and hundreds of correctional facilities across the country," said Pastor Webb.

"We are involved mostly in the re-entry program for the Florida Department of Corrections. We have over 400 inmates participating through my church alone a week, and I do nine ACTS classes Monday through Friday at five different facilities."

Chaplain Miller stated part of the issue was the board changing chemical dependency classes.

"They were running the 'ACTS' classes and we stopped getting the class rosters as of April 2009," Miller said. "Because of this issue the board voted to use another chemical treatment service."

"The First Apostolic Church still has members on the board and Pastor Webb comes in every Thursday night. This is just all related to the 'ACTS' class."

Santa Rosa County's "Inter Faith" Board works to make sure all religious denominations are serviced at the jail.

Miller noted Baptist, Apostolic, Methodist, Catholic, Pentecostal, and Christian faiths are represented as well as other denominations including those of the Muslim and Jewish faiths.

"We don't have the time and space to set up services for all faiths and denominations," Miller said. "We use

the inner faith approach, but if someone wants to speak to a preacher from a specific faith, then I will contact who they request.

Bishop Downing and others on the board were not aware of the lawsuit until it made the news.

"I found out about the lawsuit on Facebook," Downing said. "I really don't see a problem. We had rules and regulations set up and we followed them. In doing this we switched programs."

The program the Santa Rosa County "Inter Faith" Board switched to is called "The Most Excellent Way."

"This is not just a program to help with chemical dependency but all dependencies," Miller said. "It deals with those who feel like they are addicted to porn, alcohol, drugs, smoking, and other issues through a faith based program."

"The difference here is this program is open to all pastors and lay people to help, where the 'ACTS' program was something administered only by the pastor and members of the Apostolic Church."

Pastor Webb feels his group has been singled out over a disagreement over doctrine.

"We have put 11,000 volunteer hours in the past four years, and over 3,300 participants in the program," Webb said. "The program has never been barred from any facility in the State of Florida, other than in Santa Rosa County. In the vast majority of instances we are invited into the facilities by prison and jail officials."

Attempts to obtain a comment from Sheriff Hall for this story was unsuccessful.

Attempts to contact Pastor Webb by the Press Gazette were unsuccessful as of press time.

Tide REPORT

Pensacola Bay

Thursday, August 26, 2010
2:24 AM CDT High tide 0.92 Feet
6:22 AM CDT Sunrise
7:05 AM CDT Low tide 0.82 Feet
8:01 AM CDT Moonset
1:17 PM CDT High tide 1.04 Feet
7:18 PM CDT Sunset
7:32 PM CDT Low tide 0.78 Feet
8:07 PM CDT Moonrise

Friday, August 27, 2010

1:48 AM CDT High tide 1.06 Feet
6:22 AM CDT Sunrise
8:47 AM CDT Low tide 0.71 Feet
8:54 AM CDT Moonset
2:49 PM CDT High tide 0.90 Feet
6:28 PM CDT Low tide 0.85 Feet
7:17 PM CDT Sunset
8:36 PM CDT Moonrise

Saturday, August 28, 2010

1:42 AM CDT High tide 1.21 Feet
6:23 AM CDT Sunrise
9:47 AM CDT Moonset
10:07 AM CDT Low tide 0.60 Feet
7:16 PM CDT Sunset
9:07 PM CDT Moonrise

Sunday, August 29, 2010

1:55 AM CDT High tide 1.35 Feet
6:23 AM CDT Sunrise
10:43 AM CDT Moonset
11:28 AM CDT Low tide 0.50 Feet
7:15 PM CDT Sunset
9:41 PM CDT Moonrise

East Bay

Thursday, August 26, 2010

3:09 AM CDT High tide 1.10 Feet
6:20 AM CDT Sunrise
7:59 AM CDT Moonset
8:23 AM CDT Low tide 0.98 Feet
2:00 PM CDT High tide 1.25 Feet
7:17 PM CDT Sunset
8:06 PM CDT Moonrise
8:48 PM CDT Low tide 0.94 Feet

Friday, August 27, 2010

2:31 AM CDT High tide 1.28 Feet
6:21 AM CDT Sunrise
8:52 AM CDT Moonset
10:05 AM CDT Low tide 0.85 Feet
3:34 PM CDT High tide 1.08 Feet
7:16 PM CDT Sunset
7:44 PM CDT Low tide 1.02 Feet
8:35 PM CDT Moonrise

Saturday, August 28, 2010

2:25 AM CDT High tide 1.46 Feet
6:21 AM CDT Sunrise
9:46 AM CDT Moonset
11:23 AM CDT Low tide 0.71 Feet
7:15 PM CDT Sunset
9:06 PM CDT Moonrise

Sunday, August 29, 2010

2:40 AM CDT High tide 1.62 Feet
6:22 AM CDT Sunrise
10:42 AM CDT Moonset
12:46 PM CDT Low tide 0.60 Feet
7:13 PM CDT Sunset
9:40 PM CDT Moonrise

Blackwater River

Thursday, August 26, 2010
4:05 AM CDT High tide 1.10 Feet
6:21 AM CDT Sunrise
8:00 AM CDT Moonset
8:53 AM CDT Low tide 0.98 Feet
2:56 PM CDT High tide 1.25 Feet
7:18 PM CDT Sunset
8:06 PM CDT Moonrise
9:18 PM CDT Low tide 0.94 Feet

Friday, August 27, 2010

3:27 AM CDT High tide 1.28 Feet
6:21 AM CDT Sunrise
8:53 AM CDT Moonset
10:35 AM CDT Low tide 0.85 Feet
4:30 PM CDT High tide 1.08 Feet
7:17 PM CDT Sunset
8:14 PM CDT Low tide 1.02 Feet
8:35 PM CDT Moonrise

Saturday, August 28, 2010

3:21 AM CDT High tide 1.46 Feet
6:22 AM CDT Sunrise
9:47 AM CDT Moonset
11:53 AM CDT Low tide 0.71 Feet
7:15 PM CDT Sunset
9:06 PM CDT Moonrise

Sunday, August 29, 2010

3:36 AM CDT High tide 1.62 Feet
6:22 AM CDT Sunrise
10:42 AM CDT Moonset
1:16 PM CDT Low tide 0.60 Feet
7:14 PM CDT Sunset
9:40 PM CDT Moonrise

Navarre Beach

Thursday, August 26, 2010

3:54 AM CDT Low tide 0.64 Feet
6:20 AM CDT Sunrise
7:59 AM CDT Moonset
11:08 AM CDT High tide 1.11 Feet
5:13 PM CDT Low tide 0.72 Feet
7:17 PM CDT Sunset
8:06 PM CDT Moonrise
11:05 PM CDT High tide 0.92 Feet

Friday, August 27, 2010

5:00 AM CDT Low tide 0.64 Feet
6:21 AM CDT Sunrise
8:52 AM CDT Moonset
12:16 PM CDT High tide 0.98 Feet
5:01 PM CDT Low tide 0.78 Feet
7:16 PM CDT Sunset
8:34 PM CDT Moonrise
10:59 PM CDT High tide 1.09 Feet

Saturday, August 28, 2010

6:10 AM CDT Low tide 0.62 Feet
6:21 AM CDT Sunrise
9:46 AM CDT Moonset
1:52 PM CDT High tide 0.86 Feet
4:39 PM CDT Low tide 0.81 Feet
7:14 PM CDT Sunset
9:06 PM CDT Moonrise
11:21 PM CDT High tide 1.26 Feet

Sunday, August 29, 2010

6:22 AM CDT Sunrise
7:38 AM CDT Low tide 0.60 Feet
10:41 AM CDT Moonset
7:13 PM CDT Sunset
9:40 PM CDT Moonrise
11:56 PM CDT High tide 1.41 Feet

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if a school does not meet state's target for improving student achievement, parents are given the option to take their child to another school.

But many parents choose to transfer their children because of convenience reasons Emerson said.

"Every county in the state was projecting a decline last year, but Santa Rosa County was different. We actually saw an increase," Emerson said.

The transfer policy will help schools anticipate the amount of teachers and classes it needs way before the start of the school year.

"We're hoping that by cutting off early, we can have a better idea of the number of students we will have and the number of teachers we will need to add because of the classroom cap," Emerson said.

Because not all transfers are accepted, Emerson said there may be a small light at the end of the tunnel for parents.

"We take actual student count the first three days of school," Emerson said.

"After four or five days, we can see the number of no shows and by that time we can get a more accurate count."

After that count, Price said the school's can start to negotiate how many teachers they need, and if more students can come that particular school.

If the school falls below population, Emerson said transfers that have been declined might be able to be accepted if room allows.

"Once we see where we are in terms of class sizes, and we have declined the transfers, we can go back and look at those that we declined and reconsider them," Emerson said. "But in a lot of instances, one student can push that class size cap over, and we can't do that."

So far, the school district has had a hit-and-miss growth and decline over the past few years, but Emerson said he expects the population to stay where it is.

"Like they say: If you shoot to the left and shoot to the right, you'll eventually hit the target."



BILL GAMBLIN | Press Gazette

A student in the Santa Rosa County School System is seen boarding the bus Monday as classes resumed in Santa Rosa County.

Sports SIDELINE

Lady Panthers Softball Dance

Attention all sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Don't miss the last dance of the year! The Milton Lady Panther Softball, Inc. will be having the last dance of the year on Aug. 27, from 6-9 p.m. The dance will be held at the Milton High School Cafeteria, and admission is only \$5 bucks. Security and Chaperones will be provided. Help support MHS Lady Panthers Softball Program. There will be pizza, french fries, sodas and snacks available for purchase. For more information, call 393-7334 or 393-9395

MHS Panther Pass

Milton High School offers a Panther Pass to families for \$200. This pass entitles the bearer and immediate family to free admittance to all Home (all sports) regular season athletic contest. The play-off games are excluded. For more information, call Milton High School at 983-5600. Proceeds from the sale of this pass cover expenses for all sports at Milton High School.

MHS Football Reserved Seating

Reserved seating for the upcoming 2010 Football season is now available to purchase for all Home Football games at Milton High School. The price is \$50 per person, which includes the entry to all Varsity, JV and 9th grade home football games. This excludes the play-off games. For more information, call Milton High School at 983-5600. Proceeds from the sale of this pass go to the Milton High Football teams. You can purchase your pass beginning Monday, Aug. 23 at the Milton High School Athletic office between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Milton Soccer Kicks

Registration is underway for Milton Soccer Kicks, a fun, non-competitive, introductory soccer program for children ages 3 to 10. Participants will learn the fundamentals of soccer while developing better hand-eye coordination, balance and agility. Register noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Milton Community Center. The cost per eight-week session is \$62 per child. Classes are taught by Angela Stephens and are held outside on Saturday mornings at one of the City of Milton's fields. Practice begins Sept. 4. For more information, call 850-983-5466, or go online to www.MiltonParks.webs.com.

F.C. Santa Rosa Soccer

FCSR recreational soccer registration is now open. To register please visit www.FCSantaRosa.com, click on the recreational link and follow instructions. Registration fee is \$65 for under 6 age group. Players must be 4 to register. Under 8 through Under 18 fee is \$80. Games start Sept. 18 and will end around Thanksgiving. Registration is open until Aug. 18 but late registrations are accepted as long as spaces are available. If you would like more information or like to volunteer to coach, please email Robert@FCSantaRosa.com.

Baseball Boosters seek help

The Pace Baseball Boosters are seeking assistance in offsetting the costs of purchasing the players their 2010 National Championship Rings and also purchasing a flag and banner to honor the members of the 2010 National and Class 5A FHSAA State Champions. If you would like to make a donation, you can send it to the Pace Baseball Booster Club, P.O. Box 402, Milton, FL, 32572.

Riverwalk Run 5K

The City of Milton will host its second annual 5K run on Oct. 2. The run will begin at 4:30 p.m. The cost to register is \$15 until Sept. 15. From Sept. 16 to Sept. 30 is \$20, and the fee is \$25 is the day of the race. For more information, call 983-5466, ext. 4208 or visit miltonparks.webs.com.

More activities can be found at www.srpressgazette.com. Look for the box called "Things to Do." There, you can check on activities by ZIP code or type. You are welcome to enter your events there as well.

Kickoff to offer fresh competition

By BILL GAMBLIN
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For several weeks in a row, football teams in Santa Rosa County have been scrimmaging against one another.

This Friday, instead of teammate vs. teammate, the tables will turn as each team will have the opportunity to face someone else.

For 2010 the Kickoff Classics, could offer many fans some more insight in what to expect.

Jay will be in Baker this Friday as they will visit the Gators in what could be a preview to the season finale "War on Highway 4" in Jay.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m., as the Royals will be dressing out around 25 players as they

have one returning starter on offense and one returning starter on defense.

Head coach Elijah Bell knows this season will be a baptism by fire of sorts for his players, many of whom have seen limited varsity action.

"We are going to line up and play the best players we can," Bell said. "We are thin on numbers, but I feel we will be able to sneak up on some team that will overlook little Jay."

Milton will take the field for the first time competitively when they travel to Choctaw to face the Indians at 7 p.m. under the direction of first year coach Bobby Johns.

Johns has been focusing on conditioning and hard work this summer and the Panthers are leaner in numbers, but

appear to be leaner and starved for success.

"We are not going to run our full offense," Johns said. "There will be a few kids kept out of the game so no one will see a lot of the offense until next week."

"We are going to make a lot of mistakes this Friday, but I am looking for how hard and physical they will play and how long they can keep the intensity up."

Johns admitted the first year he takes over a program the standards and work ethic leads to smaller numbers but acknowledge they come back up as the program sees success.

Pace will be traveling to Navarre, as the Patriots are hoping to have reloaded and

are ready to make another strong post season push.

"It is going to be nice just to be able to play somebody else," said Pace head coach Mickey Lindsey. "This is an opportunity for the kids to get under the lights and have some fun."

"We have been beating on each other in practice. It will be night to go up against someone else."

This season Lindsey and the Patriots are expected to have some experience with 39 seniors and 39 juniors on the varsity roster.

"We have had a good summer," Lindsey said. "We have had good attendance during the practices and are ready to see what happens when we line up across from someone else."

Mini, mighty on display

Photos by Bill Gamblin

Young men and women lived out a dream on Friday night as they took to their respective field of dreams. Milton and East Milton faced off at Milton High School, while PARA took to the field for a brief time at Pace High School before the rains fell and cancelled the evenings festivities. For more photos from Friday night go to www.srpressgazette.com.



FWC seeks feedback from hunters, anglers

Special to the Press Gazette

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) announces that state hunters and anglers can now provide public comments and feedback on this year's proposed changes to hunting and fishing rules and regulations.

After completing an

internal review, the FWC worked with other agencies and stakeholders in identifying and recommending these proposed changes, which may need to be made to Florida's hunting and fishing regulations.

Hunters and anglers are encouraged to go to MyFWC.com/RULESAN-DREGS/Rules_Proposed_

Explanation.htm to see a listing of proposed changes and give their public comments and feedback. The last day to submit comments or suggestions on these changes is Sept. 24, by 4 p.m.

After Sept. 24, FWC staff will summarize all comments received on each rule change proposal and present those summaries to its seven-

member commission at its Nov. 17-18 meeting in Naples.

Any draft rule changes approved at this commission meeting will be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly and considered for final adoption at the February FWC Commission meeting in Apalachicola. If approved, most rule changes would become effective July 1, 2011.

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL



BASH 2010



Haley Hauck, a middle school student at Ferry Pass Middle School sits inside the limo that took her to school for her first day Monday. The limo ride to and from school on the first day has become the annual grand prize at the Back to School Bash, which is hosted each year by Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church and Covenant Church of God. Both churches are located on School Lane before you get to Pea Ridge Elementary School.



News BRIEFS

Gulf Coast bluegrass concert planned

The Gulf Coast Bluegrass Music Association Monthly Concert and Jam Session will be Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010. It is held at the PSC (formerly known as PJC), Milton Campus in building 4200, which is also the Student Activity Center. The cost is \$5.00 for non-members and \$3.00 for members. The concert will feature The Wayfarers at 6 p.m. and Big River Bluegrass at 7 p.m. The doors open at 5 p.m. with the concert starting at 6 p.m. and the jam session for all abilities starting at 8 p.m. The PSC Alpha Beta Gamma Student Business Club is serving dinner plates and refreshments beginning at 5 p.m. Come early, eat dinner and socialize. Door prizes and "Split the Pot" are part of the fun.

For more information, Call Diane Bates at 850-623-3325.

SRCDs announces new office hours

The Santa Rosa County Development Services will begin new office hours at the South Service Center located at 5841 Gulf Breeze Pkwy starting on September 1. The new hours will be 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Development Services South Service Center currently provides general construction permitting, plan submittal and pick up, inspection requests, flood zone verification, and contractor renewals. This location also serves as a courier service for zoning review processes including site plan reviews and submissions for rezoning and variance applications. A drop box is also available on location should you need to submit items after hours.

For additional information please call the Santa Rosa County Development Services Center at 850-981-7000 or the South Service Center during office hours at 850-934-8099.

Pensacola Children's Chorus auditions

New member auditions for the Pensacola Children's Chorus will be held at the Margaret Moore Nicholson Center, 46 East Chase Street, on the following dates: 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 30 and Wednesday, September 1 for girls in grades 4 - 8, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday August 31, for boys in grades 4 - 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. for boys and girls in grades 9 -12. For more information, please contact the Pensacola Children's Chorus at 434-7760.

Sacred Heart going tobacco-free

On Sept. 1, Sacred Heart Health System (SHHS) will be going completely tobacco-free, inside and outdoors, at all of its facilities throughout Northwest Florida and Southern Alabama. The move toward a tobacco-free environment reinforces Sacred Heart's commitment to improving the health of its associates, patients and community.

The new policy prohibits the use of any tobacco product on all properties owned or leased by Sacred Heart, including parking areas. The policy applies to patients, visitors, physicians, volunteers, vendors, tenants and employees.

"We know that tobacco is the leading preventable cause of death and disability in the United States," said Laura Kaiser, SHHS President and CEO. "Even exposure to secondhand smoke has devastating health consequences. Our goal in going tobacco-free is to help provide a safer environment for all who visit and work at our facilities."

To help improve the health of our community, all three of Sacred Heart's hospitals are host sites for "Quit Smok-

ing Now," a free, six-week series of smoking-cessation classes for those who want to stop smoking. The next session at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola will begin in October. For more information on these free smoking cessation classes, which are available at locations throughout our region, call the Northwest Florida Area Health Education Center at 850-398-6965, or call the Florida Quitline toll-free at 1-877-822-6669. For more information about Sacred Heart Health System, please visit online at www.sacred-heart.org.

Program draws record participation

The Santa Rosa County summer reading program drew 885 children this year, with the highest registration and program attendance in the last five years. Children in preschool through fifth grade participated in "Make a Splash - Read @ Your Library" and explored the world of water and water fun through stories, songs, games and other activities. The Santa Rosa County Library System thanks the children and parents who helped make the 2010 Summer Reading Program a success by read-

ing and attending the weekly programs.

Children who participate in summer reading programs keep their brains active and enter school in the fall ready to learn and succeed. In support of this, the Santa Rosa County Library System is grateful to have received several sponsors for the 2010 Summer Reading Program. Thank you to the program's sponsors: Arby's, Chick-fil-A, Gulf Breeze Zoo, IMAX Theater at Naval Aviation Museum, Oops Alley, Ridge Cinema 8, State Library of Florida, Studer Group, Wal-Mart, Friends of the Gulf Breeze Library, Friends of the Milton Library, Friends of the Navarre Library, and Friends of the Pace Library. Thank you also to Chris Verlinde of the Santa Rosa County Extension Service for presenting a program on sharks, water safety, and the oil spill.

Mobile mammography unit scheduled

West Florida Hospital's Mobile Mammography Unit will be at the following locations on Tuesday, Aug. 31 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. at West Florida Primary Care, 3521 Limbaugh Lane, in Pace. Also on Thursday, September

2 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Women's Center, 5942 Berryhill Road, in Milton. West Florida Hospital files most insurances, including Medicare. For appointments or more information, call 494-3497 or toll-free at 1-800-342-1123, ext. 3497.

Milton City Council meeting

The City of Milton's City Council will meet in Executive Session on Monday, August 30 at 4 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall, 6738 Dixon Street. All meetings are open to the public. For further information, call 983-5411.

Clothing Give-Away

The Family Resource Program of Santa Rosa, Inc. will be having a clothes give-away on Saturday, August 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Adult and Children's clothing will be available. The Family Resource office is located at 6607 Elva Street in Milton across from the Habitat for Humanity Restore Building. The clothing sale is available to Santa Rosa County residents only. For questions, please call 626-2054.

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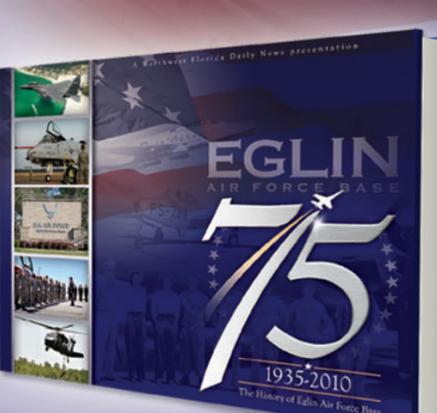
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Visual Arts Gallery to feature kiln walk collection

Special to the Press Gazette

As part of the 2010-2011 Lyceum Series, the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts at Pensacola State College presents a collection from the Kiln Walk Society Aug. 23 through Oct. 8.

The Kiln Walk Society in Navarre is devoted to maintaining the ancient tradition of wood-fired ceramics in historic kilns. It has become a center for ceramic artists and the

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public to participate in the revival of wood firing, ash glaze techniques and historic kiln construction.

In conjunction with the exhibit, special events are planned for Sept. 2:

6 to 8 p.m., artist reception

6:30 p.m., gallery talk with artist Don Reitz

7 p.m., film premier

with cinematographer Patty Newton.

Born in 1929, Reitz is recognized as one of the most influential ceramic artists of this century. Trained at Alfred University in the early 1960s, Reitz has pursued a lifelong investigation of salt and wood firing of his ceramic pieces. He has almost

single-handedly revived this neglected technique, and through long experimentation developed a range of colors and surface effects.

Juggling and manipulating the variables in each firing, Reitz is a virtuoso who relishes knowing what he can control and what he cannot, and his work main-

tains a fine balance between technical mastery and improvisation. Affectionately known within the ceramics community as "Mr. Salt," his approach to firing has been widely influential.

Newton is an award-winning cinematographer, producer and director of Supply and Demand Studios in Los Angeles. Her

Kiln Walk Society film documents the historic initial firing of the group's 32-foot-long anagama kiln.

The Visual Arts Gallery is in the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts, Building 15, on the Pensacola campus. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday. Tours are available with prior arrangements. Admission is free.

For more information, call 850-484-2550.



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MVOP – misdemeanor violation of probation
 FVOP – felony violation of probation
 Agg – aggravated
 Poss – possession
 Meth – methamphetamine
 DUI – driving under the influence
 DWLSR – driving while license suspended or revoked
 FTA – failure to appear
 FTR – failure to register
 SF – sentenced felony
 SM – sentenced misdemeanor
 LEO – law enforcement officer
 DV – Domestic Violence

The following arrests were made beginning July 24 through July 30, 2010.

July 24

Caion, William King; Male; 32; Mississippi Dept of Correction; Veh Theft-Grand Theft of Motor Ve-

hicle, Escape.
Gonzalez-Jones, Melissa Marie; Female; 38; 5632 Applegate St, Milton; Aggrav Battery-Person Uses a Deadly Weapon.

Hodnett, Elizabeth Joy; Female; 26; 4312 Magnolia Crossings Circle, Pace; Drugs-Possess Cntrl Sub W/O Prescription (2 cts.), Marijuana Possess Not More Than 20 Grams, Drug Equip-Possess And or Use.

Meek, Shawn Paul; Male; 37; Mississippi Dept of Correction, MS; Veh Theft-Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle, Escape.

Tomlinson, Delilah Ramona; Female; 51; 4231 Burbank Drive, Milton; Larc-Grand Theft \$300 Less Than \$5,000.

Dodgion, Carl Dwayne; Male; 62; 1926 Melissa Oaks Drive, Gulf Breeze; DUI.

Galloway, Andrew Joel; Male; 21; 8504 Happy Valley Trail, Pensacola; DUI.

McCray, Edward Dwayne; Male; 30; 5024 Ridgeway Blvd, Milton;

Possess Marijuana Over 20 Grams.

Starling, Conor James; Male; 14; 1760 Magnolia Harbor Drive, Navarre; Damage Prop-Crim Misch \$200 And Under; Burgl of Dwelling Unarmed No Asslt or Batt, Larc-Theft is \$300 or More But Less Than \$5,000.

McCray, Edward Dwayne; Male; 30; 5024 Ridgeway Blvd., Milton; Marijuana Possess Over 20 Grams.

Brooks, Jarred Monroe; Male; 25; 90688 Deer Lane; Navarre; DUI.

Price, Jr., Bart Conrad; Male; 37; 7162 Wallace Drive, Pace; DUI.

July 25

Borja-Avila, Maria Victoria; Female; 32; 4311 Kings Ct, Pace; Drugs Possess Cntrl Sub W/O Prescription.

Cook, Jarmain Maurice; Male; 24; 37156 Mobile Hwy, Pensacola; DUI.

July 26

Everett, David Franklin;

Male; 47; 6430 Skyline Drive, Milton; FVOP.

Nesser, David Allen; Male; 39; Newark County Jail, Newark, OH; FVOP.

Perritt, Ricky George; Male; 43; 1723 Wallace Lake Rd, Pace; Fraud-Conceal Infor to Obtain Prescription, Forgery-Obtain Controlled Substance By, Drugs-Traffic 4 Grams Less 30 KG Other Cntrl Subst.

Thomas, James Ryan; Male; 26; 693 Tyner St., Ft. Walton Beach; Larc-Grand Theft \$300 Less Than \$5,000.

Tooley, John David; Male; 41; 2205 W. Ocotillo Rd, Phoenix, AZ; Burgl Occupied Structure Unarmed, Larc Petit Theft 2nd Degree 1st Offense, Evidence Destroying Tamper with or Fabricate Physical.

Kennington, Laurie Deanne; Female; 48; 4371 Burbank Dr, Milton; Larc-Grand Theft \$300 Less Than \$5,000.

Rak, Martin NMN; Male; 20; 4535 Shadeway Drive, Pensacola; DUI, Refuse to Submit DUI Test after Lic

Susp, Drugs Possess Cntrl Sub W/O Prescription, Marijuana-Possess Not More Than 20 Grams, Drug Equip-Possess And Or Use.

July 27

Harrington, Maureen Ann; Female; 47; 751 Pensacola Beach Blvd., Pensacola Beach; DUI.

McKellar, Corella Ann; Female; 26; 5524 Cox Rd, Milton; FVOP.

Simmons, Dexter Leroy; Male; 20; 7959 S. Airport Rd, Milton; Battery-Touch or Strike (3 cts.), Cruelty Toward Child Act That Could Result in Physical Mental Injury, Obstructing Justice-Intimidate, Threaten, Etc, Vict Witness Informant.

Tristan, Daniel Dean; Male; 19; 3440 Willard Norris Rd, Pace; Larc-\$10,000 Less \$20,000 State of Emergency.

Bell, Barney Dean; Male; 26; 970 Lewis Rd, Milton; Drugs-Possess Cntrl Sub W/O Prescription, Marijuana-Possess Not More Than 20 Grams, Drug Equip-Possess And Or Use.

Bradford, Donna Lynn; Female; 50; 5869 Capitol Drive, Gulf Breeze; Drive While Lic Susp Habitual Offender.

McDaniel, Jr., William Harold; Male; 29; 5970 Munson Highway, Milton; Drive W/Susp Revkd DL Habitual Traffic Off, Drugs-Possess Cntrl Sub W/O Prescription.

July 28

Brann, Shaun Michael; Male; 20; 5105 Cattle Tr., Milton; FVOP.

Brosch, Nicholas Wade; Male; 19; 8521 Honeybee Ln, Milton; Damage Prop-Crim Misch Over \$200 Under \$1,000, Burgl-Unoccupied Dwelling Unarmed, Larc-Grand Theft \$300 Less Than \$5,000.

Cartwright, Brandy Lee; Female; 29; 4264 N Auckland Rd, Pace; Condit Release Violation of Condition of Pretrial Release, FTA.

Clay, Tiffany Anne; Female; 25; 4643 Keyser Ln, Pace; FVOP.

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REPORT from page B4

Martin, Kevin Donald; Male; 23; 3700 Garcon Point Rd, Milton; Veh Theft-Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle.

Feerick, Seth David; Male; 14; 1185 Sterling Point Drive, Gulf Breeze; Robbery With Weapon.

Rutherford, Jr., Clarence Randall; Male; 34; 6305 Foxglove Rd, Milton; Larc-Grand Theft \$300 Less Than \$5,000, Larc-Grand Theft of Firearm.

Soltis, Michael Otto; Male; 48; 1419 Primrose PL, Belcamp, MD; FVOP.

Stanczak, Henry Martin; Male; 53; 4950 Parrotts Ln, Pace; Sex Offense-Victim 12 YOA Up To 15 YOA, Lewd Lascv Behavior Victim 12 YOA Up to 16 YOA Offender 18 YOA Older.

July 29

Fernandez-Arang, Angel Armando; Male; 47; 4753 Old Bent Tree Lane, Dallas, TX; Larc-Grand Theft \$300 Less Than \$5,000 (2 cts.).

Garris, Steven Lee; Male; 47; 1070 Bayshore Rd, Gulf Breeze; FVOP.

Perez, Peter Steven; Male; 49; 5684 Bellingham St, Navarre; DUI.

Kelley, Travis Michael; Male; 28; 11091 Charlie Foster Rd, Milton; Weapon Offense-Improper Exhibit Firearm or Dangerous Weapon, Possess of Weapon Or Ammo By Convicted Fla Felon.

Ortiz, Angel Rene; Male; 43; 8550 Spring Valley Road, Dallas, TX; Larc-Grand Theft \$300 Less Than \$5,000 (2).

Shibler, Dennis Earl; Male; 30; 3027 Holley Point Rd, Navarre; Fail to Register As Gang Reg-Convicted Gang Felon Fail to Register.

Lowery, Henry Barry; Male; 28; 5 Madrid Ave., Gulf Breeze; Marijuana-Possess With Intent to Sell Mfg or Deliver Schedule I.

West, Kenneth Eugene; Male; 46; 8808 Cagle Drive, Navarre; Marijuana-producing Schedule I, Marijuana-Possess Not More Than 20 Grams, Drug Equip-Possess And Or Use.

Holifield, Thomas Eugene; Male; 224 E. Garden

St, Pensacola; DUI.

July 30

Albro, Jennifer Michelle; Female; 23; 915 Alabama Street, Crestview; Damage Prop-Crim Misch \$200 and Under; Larc-Grand Theft of Firearm.

Hinson, Terry Lynn; Female; 45; 403 E. 3rd Street, Carolton, MD; Larc-Petit Theft 2nd Degree 1st Offense, Drugs-Traffic 4 Grams Less 30 KG Other Cntrl Subst.

Pittman, Sherarose Kate; Female; 23; 8085 Coldwater Horse Tr, Milton; FVOP.

Rowell, Chad Michael; Male; 20; 4807 Guernsey Rd, Pace; FVOP.

Wise, Duane Lee; Male; 45; 4320 Santa Villa Dr, Pace; Drugs-Possess Cntrl Sub W/O Prescription (2 cts.), Drug Equip-Possess And Or Use.

Wheeler, John Thomas; Male; 27; Box 1468, Anahuac, TX; DUI.

Irwin, Patricia Lavon; Female; 40; 5056 Ridgeway Blvd., Milton; DUI.

Coloring your world by using recyclables

Press Gazette Staff Report

The latest addition to the Clean Community System and Santa Rosa Recycling has been very significant.

The glass recycling program has reduced the amount of waste going into the landfill and is also producing a new product.

Since the installation of the machine in early March, over 20,000 pounds of glass has been diverted from the landfill monthly. The new glass, sand, and pebbles produced by the machine have been very popular during our public distribution for the first six months. Through the Impact 100 grant, we have paid for the machine, approximately \$90,000, storage areas at the recycling center for the glass and the maintenance on the machine up to this point.

Maintenance on the machine now becomes the major cost in dealing with it.

A series of hammers, screens, bearings and other parts are going to cost an estimated \$15,000 per year.

To help offset the costs of these repairs, the Clean Community System will start selling the recycled products.

Beginning Sept. 1, glass, sand, and pebbles will be sold through the Clean Community System's Green-Up Nursery in Milton.

Mixed color pebbles will be packaged in 7 gallon containers (approximately 50 pounds) and will be sold for \$15. Three gallon containers (approximately 25 pounds) will be \$10. The glass sand, which can be used as a base under the pebbles or is pretty used alone, will be packaged the same way, with 7 gallon containers priced at \$7.50 and 3 gallon containers at \$5.

The Clean Community System will also be selling the glass pebbles and sand in bulk, one yard of pebbles will be \$60 and sand will be \$40.

According to the Clean Community System there could be limited supplies according to the demand.

They have also begun to experiment with separating colors, and we have some gallon bags of colored glass.

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From left, (1) From left, Carolyn Thomas, 1st District Chairman of Children & Youth; Maxine Lucas, 1st District Chaplain; Bessie Bradshaw, 1st District President; Martha McLaughlin, Secretary of Auxiliary Unit 340; Sharon Lavoie, 1st District Sergeant at Arms. (2) From left, New Unit 121 Jay Auxiliary officers: Secretary-Treasurer is Wanda Garrison, Vice President is Charline Warrick, and President is Brenda Gabbert. Back row: is Bessie Bradshaw. (3) From left, Bessie Bradshaw, Brenda Gabbert.

LEGION AUXILIARY INTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Written By Brenda Gabbert

The American Legion Edeker-Dubose Auxiliary Unit 121, Jay, held their Installation of Officers Wednesday morning, August 11 at the Legion Post 121.

Brenda Gabbert, President of Unit 121, brought the meeting to order. Maxine Lucas, 1st District Chaplain from Unit 193, gave the invocation. All

remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Gabbert welcomed everyone and introduced Bessie Bradshaw, 1st District President from Unit 193, who conducted the installation.

A 'Certificate of Participation Give 10 to Education' (2009-10) was presented to Unit 121 president, Brenda Gabbert, for the Edeker-Dubose Unit

121 from the Department of Florida for successfully promoting the 'Give 10 to Education' program.

A 'Thank You' certificate was presented to Charline Warrick for serving as 1st District Chairman of Education for 2009-10. Charline also served as Vice President of Unit 121 for 2009-10.

Bradshaw installed the new officers of Unit 121 as they were brought forward

by 1st District Sergeant at Arms Sharon Lavoie from Unit 340. New Auxiliary Unit 121 officers for 2010-11 are President Brenda Gabbert, Vice-President Charline Warrick, and Secretary-Treasurer Wanda Garrison. Brenda Gabbert is serving as 1st District Public Relations Chairman for 2010-11.

Other officers present for the ceremony were Carolyn Thomas, 1st

District Chairman of Children & Youth, and Martha McLaughlin, Secretary of Auxiliary Unit 340.

The 1st District has been chosen to be "Fancy Sapphire Gems: Generating Enthusiasm for Membership Success." The color is pink. This bright shade of pink has a candy color beauty from bubble-gum to strawberry. They add sweetness to delicate styles, or a touch of

romance to classic tailored designs.

Other Auxiliary news: The ABC School of Instruction is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 11 at the American Legion Post 193, located at 2708 North 12th Ave., Pensacola. Plans are being made for some of the Auxiliary officers from Unit 121, Jay to attend this meeting. Phone, 850-433-7271.

Navy releases Draft Environmental Assessment

Special to the Press Gazette

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast and Naval Air Station Whiting Field (NASWF) completed the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) necessary for the runway extension in Baldwin County, Ala. The

draft recommends the extension of runways at Barin and Summerdale Navy Outlying Fields (NOLF).

A public scoping meeting is scheduled for Aug. 31 at 6 p.m. in the Central Annex Auditorium, at 22251 Palmer Street, Robertsdale, Ala. to enable local residents

to review the proposed extension plan and provide comments to Navy representatives.

Public review of the draft EA is available via the web at <http://www.navyolfextensions.com/index.html>, and at the following public libraries: Foley Public Library, 319

East Laurel St., Foley, Ala., 36535; Summerdale Public Library, 202 West Broadway St., Summerdale, Ala., 36580; and the Mobile Public Library, 700 Government St., Mobile, Ala., 36620-1403.

Interested persons may also receive a copy of the draft EA by sending a written request to Mr. Sean Heath, NAVFAC Southeast, Box 30, Building 903, NAS Jacksonville, FL 32212 or via fax at 225-761-8077.

Public and agency comments on the draft EA are solicited for a period of 30 days from publication of the official notice, which will be issued Aug. 19. Comments must

be received by Heath, through the web site or via email at Sean.Heath@navy.mil by Sept. 20, 2010, in order to be addressed in the final EA. Please put NASWF-T6 in the subject line of any email comments sent.

The U.S. Navy is proposing to re-pave and extend runway surfaces at existing NOLFs located in Baldwin County, Ala. to accommodate T-6B "Texan" landing requirements. The proposed action would provide two 5,000-foot long runways with 1,000-foot long overruns for safety and 2,000-foot long clear zones for noise reduction at the end of each runway at Barin NOLF. Summerdale

NOLF would have two runways extended to 4,000-feet with the same overruns and clear zones.

Naval Air Station Whiting Field and Training Air Wing FIVE, the base's major tenant command, provide primary flight training to almost 60 percent of all Navy and Marine Corps aviators as well as to U. S. Coast Guard aviators, select Air Force pilots and flight students from allied foreign countries. The current training aircraft was implemented in 1977 and is aging. The T-34 Turbo Mentor has already begun transitioning to the T-6B Texan. The transition is expected to be complete by 2013.

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| All Board of County Commissioner Meetings and other county department meetings are held at the County Administrative Center, Commissioner's Board Room, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton, Florida, unless otherwise indicated. | | | |
| Tourist Development North End Committee | September 2 | 8:30 a.m. | |
| Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce, 5247 Stewart St., Milton | | | |
| Zoning Board of Adjustments | September 2 | 6:00 p.m. | |
| Commission Committee | September 7 | 9:00 a.m. | |
| Marine Advisory | September 7 | Cancelled | |
| Public Hearing on FY10/11 Tentative Budget | September 7 | 6:00 p.m. | |
| Building Code Board of Adjustments | September 8 | 2:30 p.m. | |
| Conference Room, 6051 Old Bagdad Hwy., Milton | | | |
| Tourist Development South End Committee | September 8 | 9:00 a.m. | |
| Navarre Visitors' Center, 8543 Navarre Parkway, Navarre | | | |
| Commission Regular | September 9 | 9:00 a.m. | |
| Local Planning Board | September 9 | 6:00 p.m. | |
| Flood Mitigation Homeowner Workshop | September 13 | 6:00 p.m. | |
| Navarre Area Architectural Review Board | September 14 | 3:00 p.m. | |
| Navarre Visitor's Center, 8543 Navarre Parkway, Navarre | | | |
| Tourist Development Council Board Meeting | September 15 | 3:00 p.m. | |
| Navarre Visitor's Center, 8543 Navarre Parkway, Navarre | | | |
| Aviation Advisory Committee | September 15 | 5:00 p.m. | |
| Fire Dept. Executive Group | September 15 | 6:30 p.m. | |
| Emergency Operations Center, 4499 Pine Forest Rd, Milton | | | |
| Commission Committee | September 20 | 9:00 a.m. | |
| Final Public Hearing on FY10/11 Tentative Budget | September 20 | 6:00 p.m. | |
| TEAM meeting | September 21 | 11:30 a.m. | |
| Locklin Tech/Benny Russell Center, 5300 Berryhill Rd, Milton | | | |
| Bagdad Historical Architectural Advisory Board | September 22 | 8:30 a.m. | |
| Conference Room, 6051 Old Bagdad Hwy., Milton | | | |
| Affordable Housing Advisory Committee | September 22 | 3:00 p.m. | |
| Conference Room, 6051 Old Bagdad Hwy., Milton | | | |
| Law Library Committee | September 22 | 12:00 p.m. | |
| SRC Courthouse, Room M4, 6865 Caroline Street, Milton | | | |
| Parks and Recreation | September 22 | 5:30 p.m. | |
| Commission Regular | September 23 | 9:00 a.m. | |
| Commission Special - Rezoning Meeting | September 23 | 6:00 p.m. | |
| Utility Board | September 27 | 5:00 p.m. | |

Agendas and minutes are also available at www.santarosa.fl.gov. All meetings held in the Board Room are recorded on DVD and available for purchase and most can be viewed live and/or replayed at this web site by selecting the meeting from the main page.

Stumping, splashing

Photos by Bill Gamblin

The Bagdad Fire and Rescue held its annual political rally Saturday amid the rain. Mother Nature tried to dampen the day, but she could not stop the supporters or the candidates from making one final push before yesterday's primary. Complete election stories can be found online today at www.srpressgazette.com as well as in Saturday's edition of the Santa Rosa Press Gazette.

Photos by BILL GAMBLIN | Press Gazette

Right, the rain could not dampen the spirits of some who turned out for the final public political rally before the August Primary in the state of Florida. **Top left**, Emersyn Davis, age one, borrowed grandmothers shoulder as she got tired of waiting for the Bagdad Rally to begin. So she just took a nap on Marcia Harris' shoulder. **Top right**, Kelly Lee, left, and Paul Lee, right, share a laugh as they wait out the raindrops underneath their umbrella for the Bagdad political rally to get underway.



NOTICE OF CHANGE OF LAND USE AND INTENT TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE

The Santa Rosa County Local Planning Board and Board of County Commissioners will conduct public hearings to consider a change of land use and/or rezoning of land areas depicted on the maps within this advertisement. The hearings are scheduled as follows:

Local Planning Board (to consider and make a recommendation on the proposals):

Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners (to consider adoption of the ordinance):

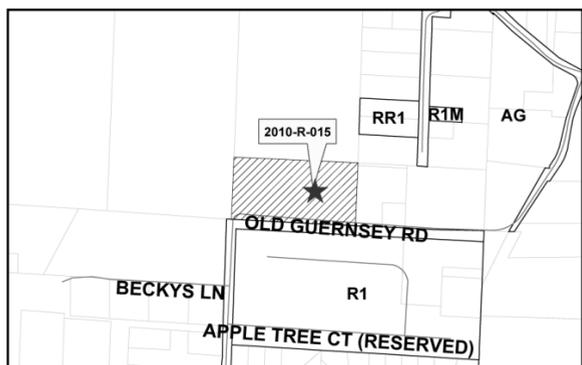
Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Both meetings will be held at the Santa Rosa County Administrative Center in the Board Meeting Room, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton, Florida. At the public hearings, the Local Planning Board and Board of County Commissioners shall consider the ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING ORDINANCE 91-24 AS AMENDED; AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICTS AS DEPICTED IN THE ATTACHED MAPS; APPROVING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AS DEPICTED IN THE ATTACHED MAPS; AMENDING ORDINANCE 2003-25; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS AS DEPICTED IN THE ATTACHED MAPS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

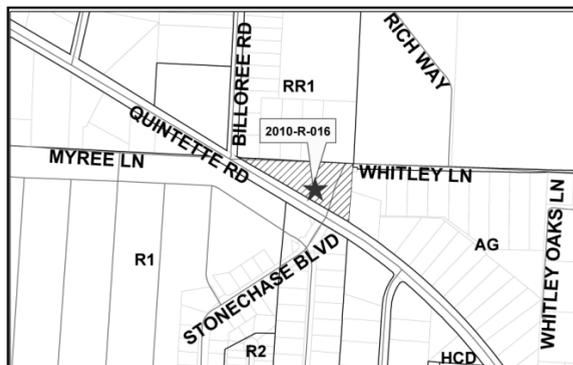
Zoning District Amended: from Ag (Agriculture District) to RR1 (Rural Residential District).

Future Land Use Designation Amended: from Agriculture to Single Family Residential – total approximately 5.0 (+/-) acres.



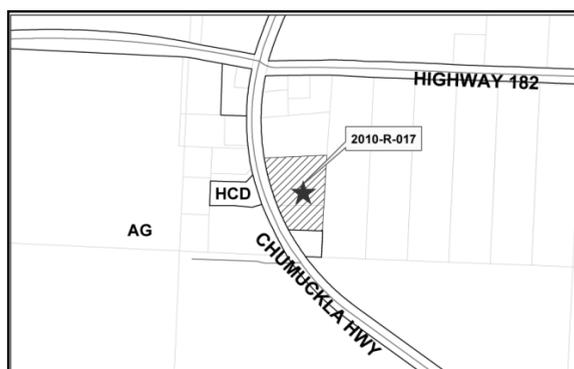
Zoning District Amended: from Ag (Agriculture District) to R2 (Medium Density Residential District).

Future Land Use Designation Amended: from Agriculture to Medium Density Residential – total approximately 3.48 (+/-) acres.



Zoning District Amended: from Ag (Agriculture District) to HCD (Highway Commercial Development District) - approximately 3.80 (+/-) acres

Future Land Use Designation Amended: from Agriculture to Commercial – total approximately 1.70 (+/-) acres.



The proposed ordinance and maps may be inspected by the public prior to the above scheduled meetings at the Santa Rosa County Planning Department, 6051 Old Bagdad Highway, Milton, Florida. The agenda and backup documentation will be available via the Meetings & Agendas Page of the County's website at www.santarosa.fl.gov approximately 1 week prior to each scheduled meeting. Interested parties may appear at the meetings and be heard with respect to this proposed ordinance. All interested parties should take notice that if they decide to appeal any decision made by the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter coming before said Board at said meeting, it is their individual responsibility to insure that a record of proceedings they are appealing exists and for such purpose they will need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record shall include the testimony and the evidence upon which their appeal is to be based.

Santa Rosa County adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to this meeting upon request. Please call Santa Rosa County Planning, Zoning and Development Division at (850) 981-7075 or (850) 939-1259 to make a request. For the Hearing-Impaired, 1-800-955-8770 (Voice). Requests must be received at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting in order to provide the requested service.

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15. Ethiopian monetary unit
16. 2nd to win
17. Islamic month of spring
18. N.E. Brazilian state
20. Huck's author Mark
22. Trucks
23. Restaurant bill
24. Ca____: waterfall
26. Member of U.S. Navy
29. Drinking establishment
30. Pan's Indian princess
34. Alias
35. Not high
36. Leader Zedong
37. Wellington is the capital
42. Mitt's wife
43. Inclines
44. Set to end
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49. The third hour, about 9 a.m.
51. A group of 6
53. Spanish surrealist Joan
54. Greek Titan
57. Unstressed-stressed
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61. Brief letters
62. Chinese dynasty
63. Similar suffix
64. Electromagnetic force
65. Senior officer

CLUES DOWN
1. A federally chartered savings bank
2. Boxer Muhammad
3. A cutting remark
4. a.k.a. Spinel ruby
5. Macaws
6. Medical practitioner
7. Siamese
8. One point N of NE
9. Denotes three
11. Opera praise for female performance
12. Compact piano
13. English, Irish or Gordon
17. Jewish spiritual leader
19. Possessed
21. So. branch of the lower Rhine
24. Interests, behalfs (pl.)
25. Move very slowly
26. Stitched
27. Legendary violinist Mischa
28. African antelope
29. Cast out
31. Ailments
32. Indian city
33. Distant
38. Don Diego de la Vega
39. A long narrative poem
40. Sea between Greece and Turkey
41. Coercion
45. Telephone switch
46. Electronic communication
48. Allied H.Q. (abbr.)
49. Men's neckware
50. P____: bird resting place
52. Speaker's platform
53. Japanese apricot tree
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Some at the Back to School Bash enjoyed a peaceful carriage ride on Saturday.



One of the entertainment acts was provided by the Escambia Santa Rosa Twirlers as this young lady put on a display with her fire batons.



The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts were there in hopes of recruiting new members with the allure of the pine box derby cars.



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LONG HAUL

Quilting



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When trucker Dave White travels around the country in his semi, he takes along everything he needs to quilt. White has a table that he sets up in the back of his cab, complete with an iron and a sewing machine.

Trucker fills spare time sewing

By ANDREA BROWN
Freedom Newspapers

From the outside, the 9400 International cab looks as macho as its long-haul driver.

It's a galvanized steel man cave with 10 speeds, a 200-gallon gas tank, tandem axles and a 435-horsepower engine that can pull 40,000 pounds of tractor parts.

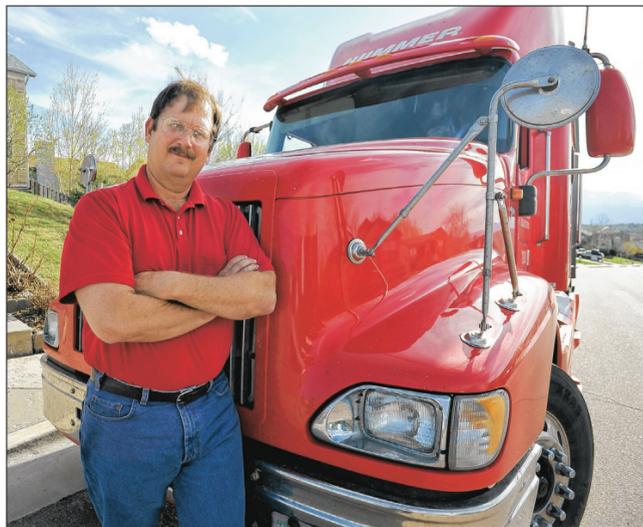
But don't be fooled. Behind the monster cab's studly bucket front seats lies a den of stitchery.

It's where Dave White, 53, unwinds from the stress of crisscrossing the country in his big, honking semitrailer. The 6-foot-2, 240-pound trucker climbs into the sleeper compartment, fires up his sewing machine and makes quilts.

"The mind-set of eat-sleep-and-drive gets real old real quick," said White, a retired Air Force aerospace weapons mechanic and instructor. "There are a good deal of other drivers suffering the same thing."

The routine became even worse when the economy tanked, leaving White with fewer loads and more idle time while on the road for weeks at a time, away from his Colorado Springs, Colo., home and his wife. He logged just 145,000 miles last year for Iowa-based Don Hummer Trucking Co.

During his first five years on the road, he killed time by reading action novels and flying a remote-controlled helicopter. Bored, he went looking for a pastime. His wife, Dee White, an accountant, suggested her hobby of quilting. "You can do this," she told him.



When trucker Dave White is out on the road, he uses his time off to follow his hobby of quilting.

He was desperate enough to try it.

That was last September. Today, he is a gear-jammin', quilting fool.

When he is not highballing his 70-foot rig down the highway, he puts the pedal to the metal of his portable Brother sewing machine.

He really can steam the windows when he fires up his sweet little travel iron, which he stores near tidy bins of dainty fabric.

"I've sat in here for six hours, sewing away," he said.

Sometimes, jazz music from the satellite radio keeps him company. Sometimes, it is NASCAR races booming in the background.

"I'm not totally void of involving myself in manly things," said the father of two adult sons.

Truckers have heard White pounding away, knocked on the door and asked what in thunder was going on.

He gladly tells them and shows off his quilt tops.

"One guy walked away shaking his head," he said.

So be it.

"Others were enthused that I

had found something to occupy my time," White said. "It's a productive activity. I can take ownership of my time."

White isn't the only long-hauler shattering the traditional trucker image and developing nimble fingers, said Dena Boelter, Don Hummer human resources manager.

Several of the company's other 160 male drivers crochet, knit and do needlepoint. But in the past they were really

secretive about it, Boelter said. "They would make me promise I wouldn't tell," she said.

Now, she is dragging the crafty fellas out of the closet by putting their work on display. Boelter is setting up an exhibit wall in the corporate office to show off drivers' handiwork, which includes sewing and fine art photography.

In addition to providing White a productive, creative outlet during his nomadic adventures, quilting has another benefit. The need to feed his habit forces him out of his cab and into quilting shops, where he gets to interact with other people.

"Driving is a solitary and sedate job," he said.

"You are alone a lot. So I use it as a release mechanism to get out of the truck and meet local people at quilt shops."

It's not the usual truck stop conversation about women, weigh stations and speed traps.

It's more about threads, colors and stitch ripping.

"I was dumb as a rock when it came to cloth," he said.

Not anymore. He is learning about patterns and designs from his hours staring out the windshield at the changing landscape.

"It makes you aware of the vividness of nature," he said.

"I like the purples. Don't ask me to do anything in pinks. I haven't ever seen a pink quilt that I went ooh-aah on yet."

Pink aside, he is finding inspiration everywhere.

"I was looking at the George Washington Bridge in New York City thinking: 'That could be a quilting pattern.' The way of the wires on the suspension bridge and the masonry work," he said.

Ditto for the ripples on water, crop patterns and sunsets.

White really has put his quilting hobby into high gear. He has made eight quilts since he started last September, outpacing his wife. He even has taught her a thing or two.

"He learned how to use a seam ripper and taught me the proper way," Dee White said. "I've created a monster."

So far, he has made quilts for family members as well as donor quilts for a children's hospital.

Quilting is becoming more than just a hobby. It has become the couple's life.

"Now he calls me and says, 'Can we go to the fabric store when I get home?'" his wife said.

How much are they into quilting?

Ask them about their recent Vegas getaway.

They went to a quilt show.



The tools of Dave White's hobby are not hammers and pliers, but seam rippers and wheel cutters. When the long-haul trucker needs to break the boredom of his on-the-road lifestyle, he fires up the sewing machine and quilts.

TASTY TERMINALS

Some of the busiest airports across the country are trading fast food for sit-down service

NEW YORK (AP) — Forget about greasy french fries, soggy pizza or that sandwich that's been sitting out for hours. Filet mignon, crispy duck confit and crab cakes are taking off at the airport.

Delta Air Lines is putting 13 new restaurants, bars and cafes in its LaGuardia Airport terminal by next summer, opening the first four Saturday morning.

With travelers waiting longer because of more extensive security checks and flight delays, airports across the country are swapping out fast-food joints for sit-down restaurants. It's part of a trend of airlines serving their customers before they board their flights, said air industry expert Terry Tripler, owner of rulestoknow.com, a website dedicated to airline rules.

"The more conveniences that are available before they board the aircraft, the happier they're going to be when they board the aircraft," Tripler said of airline passengers. "And you can make some money with a nice restaurant, too."

Delta's senior vice president for New York, Gail Grimmitt, said that the Atlanta-based airline is proud of its on-board service but that customers want their experiences in the airport to be "as smooth as what they experience in the air."

"People are looking for things in the airport other than a fast-food environment," Grimmitt said.



Photos by AP

This artist rendering provided by ICRAVE shows the Prime Tavern, scheduled to open in the Delta Air Lines terminal at LaGuardia Airport, Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010. Below, another rendering shows a bar that's one of 13 new restaurants, bars and cafes scheduled to open at the terminal by summer of 2011.



Airports across the country have already made the switch to classier food options for passengers. There's a

wine bar at Philadelphia International Airport, a seafood restaurant at San Francisco International Airport, an Asian bistro

in Tucson International Airport. Ike's, a local favorite in Minnesota, offers sit-down service at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Delta's remake of the LaGuardia terminal will be similar to what JetBlue Airways Corp. did at Kennedy International Airport in 2008, but it will have some extra food options. Delta hired the company that redid JetBlue's JFK terminal, OTG Management, to pick chefs to create menus and train

kitchen staffs at LaGuardia.

Delta Air Lines Inc. wouldn't say what it costs to open its restaurants at LaGuardia. The airline will get a portion of restaurant revenues, Grimmitt said, but she didn't say how much.

The first thing passengers will see when they pass through Delta's LaGuardia terminal is Prime Tavern, a steakhouse by Michael Lomonaco, executive chef of the Porter House in Manhattan

and formerly of the World Trade Center's Windows on the World.

The lack of food options at LaGuardia, one of the nation's busiest airports, disappointed travelers, Lomonaco said.

"The terminal really needed some new restaurant concepts," he said. "It was long overdue for an overhaul."

Restaurant standards such as chopped salad, chicken wings and hamburgers are available, but now so are creamed spinach, jumbo shrimp cocktail and New York strip steak, for about the same prices as on the Porter House menu.

Next is the food court, offering fresh burgers for \$6 by Pat LaFrieda, the meat purveyor who created burgers for Shake Shack, and pizza from the DeMarco family, which owns the popular Brooklyn pizza joint DiFara's. (A slice of pizza is \$5 there, too.)

As passengers walk down the corridor to their gates, a French bistro offers roasted beets, lobster court bouillon and creme brulee. One of the bistro's chefs, Lee Hanson, said a smaller version of the bistro exists at JetBlue's JFK terminal and is popular there.

"There's nothing fancy about it," Hanson said. "It'll just be a little more variety for people."

Michael Coury, the concept chef for OTG Management who recruited the chefs at JFK and LaGuardia, said he's trying to break the mold of "horrible" food in airports.

"The whole point of travel is that you're looking forward to going somewhere," Coury said. "Why can't that start as soon as you get to the airport because you're going to have great food and wine and beer?"

Consumer expert Joe Brancatelli, a columnist for the business travelers' website joesentme.com, said the changes are part of an effort to make dining at LaGuardia similar to dining in New York City.

"What you want is a sense that your airport terminal is indistinguishable from your midtown (Manhattan)," Brancatelli said.

Though Brancatelli likes the new food offerings, he said it's just another way for airlines, airports and vendors to make more money.

"You can't charge someone \$20 for a doughnut, but you can for a steak," he said.

Lomonaco's steaks will cost more than \$40.

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Losing a special pet causes grief, questions

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jane Shaw called Jake her angel dog. Jake saw her through vet school, through her father's death, through a divorce and into private practice. He even did therapy work.

"He had a good sense about him; he was very reasonable. He kind of went through life at a good pace; he wasn't lethargic or excitable," Shaw said.

But 11 years ago, Shaw lost Jake to a car accident. She didn't just lose a pet; she lost her hiking partner, someone she took care of, someone she'd built her life around.

Through the grief came a question familiar to those who have lost a special pet: Should she get another pet? And when?

"It is healthy to have a transition period. In grieving, we're taking time to honor the pet we lost. Grief is so miserable," said the veterinarian, who is now director of the Argus Institute in the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo.

People used to think getting a new pet right away was as important as getting back on a bicycle after you fall off. But a little time will generally help, Shaw said.

There are no wrong answers about if and when to get a new pet — just a few wrong turns. Some people will mistakenly try to "replace" a lost pet, she said, trying to find an animal that looks, sounds and behaves the same. Some people will even give the new pet the same name.

A few have tried cloning, but "while you can get a genetic replication, you can't get the same personality or temperament," Shaw said.

It took Shaw 11 months to get a new dog.

"I wanted to make sure I didn't pull the trigger too fast. Whoever this new dog was had really big paws to fill. I wanted to make sure he had a chance," she said.

It's been 10 years now and Cliff — another mutt from a shelter — is everything she could want in a best friend.

Doreen Disbro of

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Indianapolis, Ind., lost her German shepherd named Tandy to hip disease in 2003, and she's still grieving.

"I didn't put her things, her toys, away for several weeks. I would lay next to her bed," she said.

For two months, she came home to an empty house every night and was miserable, said Disbro, an administrative assistant for a medical informatics firm and a pet blogger.

"There will never be another Tandy," she said. But she knew she could give another dog a good home and lots of love, so about eight weeks after Tandy died, she adopted Millie, who is 7 now. Soon after, Millie was joined by Riley Elizabeth, 6, a Lab mix; and Kiko, a year-old Boston rat terrier.

The shepherd's loss still hurts, especially when she sees a dog that looks like her, or an old photo or a stuffed animal like one Tandy used to play with.

"Lost love and memories can beautifully coexist with new love and happiness," Ingrid King wrote after her cat Amber died in May.

A month before Amber died, King adopted a kitten named Allegra.

"I will eventually add a second cat to our family, but I'm just not ready," said King, an author and former veterinary hospital manager from Herndon, Va.

Some people use time between pets to travel, start a family, move, take a new job. Some older people are reluctant to take in a new pet for fear the pet will outlive them. Every person, every pet, every relationship is different. Most people know when it is time

to get a new companion, Shaw said. Or the pet will find them.

Brett Holmes was fresh out of college when he found George at a shelter near Dallas. For 14 years, Holmes and the yellow Lab mix were inseparable, living in Los Angeles, where George went to work with Holmes every day and they ran each morning or night — or both.

When Holmes was a single parent, George ran alongside him and his son, wearing out three strollers in four years.

"I've come to understand that George represented the best of life — during a special period of mine in which he inspired me to seize each day and do my best to make my life extraordinary," said Holmes, who now lives in Austin, Texas, where he works for a pet food company.

It's been 10 years since George died. Holmes hasn't gotten another pet because "I couldn't seem to get past my memories of George."

But he's met others who had similar relationships with their pets, and "I've learned to be more honest about my feelings about George and acknowledge to others and to myself my profound sense of loss and sorrow," he said.

So he has been visiting shelters and is openly looking for a new friend to share some different times with. It won't be the rollercoaster ride he and George took. Maybe this time they will walk more than they run.

Terri Lebo of Denver met Shaw when she took her dog Blue to Colorado State for consultation when he was sick.

A month or two after Blue died of cancer in April 2009, Lebo started looking to adopt another dog. She found Whisper on a rescue website but was hesitant to adopt because the dog was about 4, undergoing heartworm treatment.

"I was hesitant about adopting her because I was afraid of losing another pet too soon after losing Blue, but the vet reassured me that she could live a normal life if the treatment was successful. Whisper came



Doreen Disbro, sits with her dogs Riley Elizabeth, left, Kiko, center, and Millie on Aug. 17 in the backyard of her Indianapolis home. Disbro lost her German shepherd named Tandy, to hip disease in 2003, and she's still grieving. "There will never be another Tandy," she said. But she knew she could give another dog a good home and lots of love, so about eight weeks after Tandy died, she adopted Millie, who is 7 now. Millie, a Lab-beagle mix, has been joined by Riley Elizabeth, 6, a Lab mix; and Kiko, 1, a Boston rat terrier.

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Club culture calms

MAMARONECK, N.Y. (AP) — A few weeds have popped up on the fairways, and summer's heat has scorched the grass here and there, but the golf course at the Hampshire Country Club is still tidy and scenic, its little waterfall still burbling through the rocks.

Not that there's anyone around to notice. The Hampshire's 18-hole course on Long Island Sound, along with its tennis courts, pool and restaurant, is closed this year. Members cited rising costs upwards of \$25,000 a year for a membership as the roster fell from several hundred at its peak to about 100.

"There was a lot of talk last year about the increasing costs, people not sure what they could pay, the assessments always going up," said Barbara Mines, a member for 15 years who lives in a house on the Hampshire course. "I wasn't really surprised when it closed."

The same thing has happened in recent years at hundreds of other courses nationwide — even in the golf meccas of Florida, Arizona and California — as the economic melt-down and changes in family dynamics combine to threaten club life. Whether it's a \$45,000 initiation fee for a private club or a \$5 increase in the cost of a round at a public course, the price of a golf habit is giving some duffers pause.

"It's definitely connected to the economic conditions and the ability of potential private club members to pay the fairly significant initiation fees and annual dues," said Jay Mottola, executive director of the Metropolitan Golf Association, representing 120,000 golfers and 500 golf courses in the New York region.

In 2009, about 140 of the 16,000 golf facilities in the country closed and 50 opened, said Greg Nathan, a vice president at the National Golf Foundation, which represents 4,000 courses nationwide. Mottola said that the industry has lost 100 clubs a year for the past four years. (The figures count nine-hole courses as half a facility.)

Many members who "have had their individual problems with the recession" quit the clubs for financial reasons, Mottola said. Initiation fees for MGA clubs averaged just under \$50,000 last year; annual dues were about \$10,500. Mottola said while the fees were "trending downward" they remained the highest in the country.

The changing lifestyles of family golfers are also at play.

"It used to be that the man of the house could just say 'bye, honey,' and go to the club all day Saturday and Sunday," Nathan said. "That dynamic has really changed over the last three or four decades."

Some clubs are trying to become more family friendly as a result, allowing adults to bring their kids in while they tee off and opening computer lounges for busy professionals.

"You can check your stocks and



In this Monday, Aug. 16, 2010, photo, Kris Talgo looks after his ball at the Saxon Woods public golf course in Scarsdale, N.Y. Talgo is a member of a local private club but his grandparents, with whom he was playing, are not members.

e-mails before you tee off," said Donald DeMasters, manager of the revamped Brynwood club in suburban Armonk.

In areas of the country where golf is played year-round, many courses were built to raise the prices of new houses around them, said Roger Garrett, a Phoenix real estate agent who has sold more than 150 golf courses nationwide.

Now, with the housing market depressed, a dozen or more golf properties in Arizona are in foreclosure or bankruptcy proceedings, he said. The family owned Sea Island Co. — with a stretch of private beaches and ancient oaks in coastal southern Georgia — has also filed for federal bankruptcy protection, proposing to sell its resorts and golf courses, where presidents Coolidge, Eisenhower and George W. Bush have been guests.

A dwindling in the ranks of golfers followed an oversupply of golf courses and then the great recession hit.

Since 2005, when it peaked at 30 million, Nathan said there's been "a slow leak" in the number of U.S. golfers, dropping to 27.1 million in 2009 (including anyone over age 6 who played a round). Rounds played were

down 2.7 percent in the first half of this year, Nathan said.

A building boom in the 1990s and early 2000s brought an oversupply of both public and private courses. Mottola said courses owned by municipalities are "by and large doing OK."

The town of Woodbridge, Conn., bought the Woodbridge Country Club last year for \$7 million to keep it from being developed.

"We did not want to lose that green space," said First Selectman Ed Sheehy. "...the nice thing is, it's green space with an income stream" — \$950,000 the first year, with golfers paying only \$3,500 for a full membership.

The recession has also taken a toll on public courses. The Links at Shirley, in Shirley, N.Y., which had advertised itself as "a public course with a private feel" has closed.

Clubs still need to do more, said golfer Greg Schimoler of Mamaroneck, teeing off at the public Saxon Woods course in Scarsdale. "The social life kids have today is not the country club lifestyle," Schimoler said.

Clubs are looking at several strategies to lure people back. At the private Superstition Mountain Golf & Country Club in Gold Canyon, Ariz.,

opens one of its two 18-hole courses to the public each day, said general manager Gene Blum. In addition, the initiation fee was slashed from \$100,000 to \$15,000 as the club went through bankruptcy proceedings.

"It was maybe that or lock the doors," he said.

Some private clubs have been able to stay open by selling to investors.

The struggling Canyon Club in Armonk was sold last year, renamed Brynwood and turned over to Troon Golf, which manages 200 golf courses. DeMasters, the general manager, said the club now has kids' activities, a fitness center and a computer lounge to make it family friendly and "one-stop shopping." The changes tripled membership from about 100 before the sale to 331, he said.

The Muttontown Club in East Norwich temporarily dropped its initiation fees — once as high as \$60,000 — and welcomed members from a nearby club that closed, said president Mitchell Mandel.

"When things were booming, you add \$500 or \$1,000 to the dues and it wasn't even an issue," he said. "But in the last three years or so, not only can't you raise dues but people were looking for a reduction."

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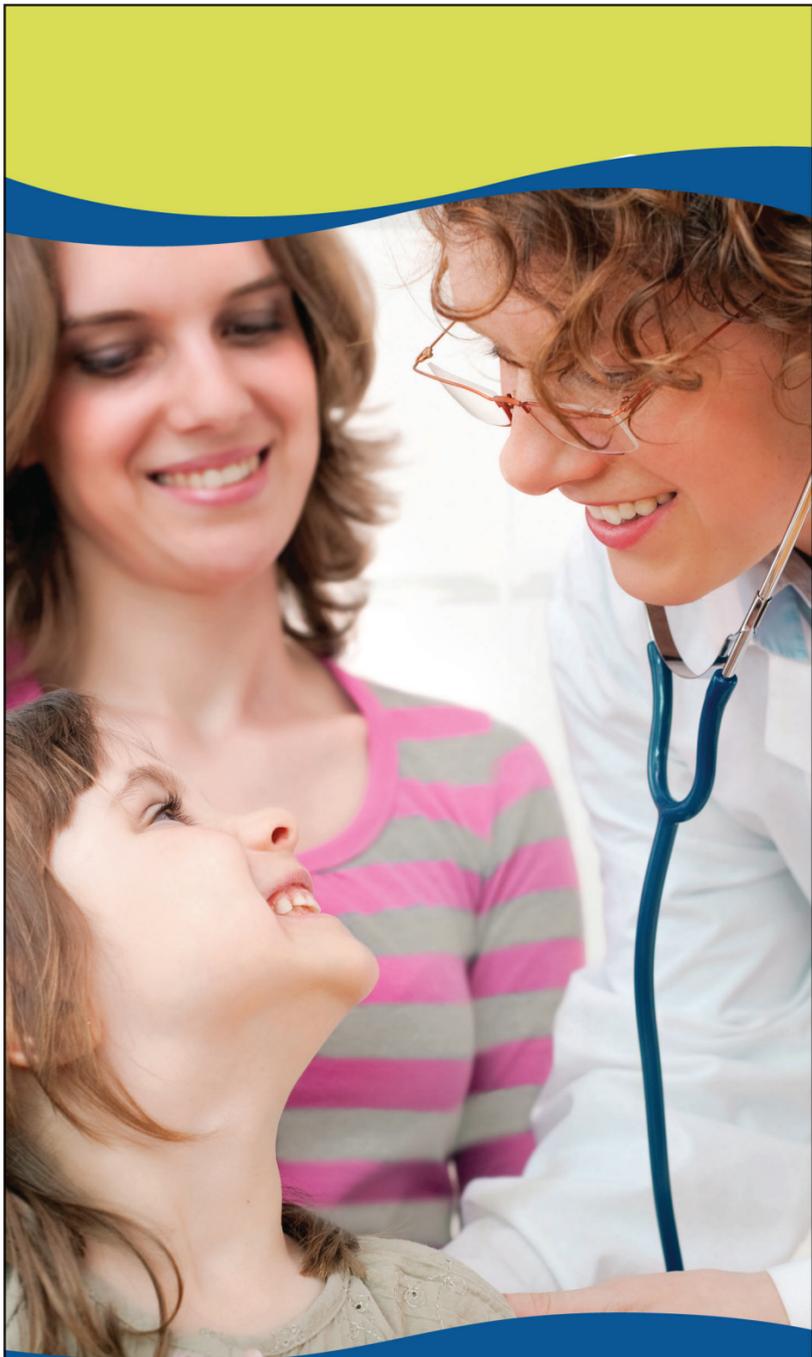
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