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Navarre Beach owners must pay tax

\$10.8 million owed

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In conclusion of a longstanding legal battle, Navarre Beach residents now will pay property taxes on their land, according to the Supreme Court of the State of Florida. Greg Brown, Santa Rosa

County property appraiser, who spearheaded this change, said all land and improvements are now taxable to Santa Rosa County.

Before now, Navarre Beach residents were required to pay taxes on their buildings, not land. Unsure how their court battle over property taxes would turn out when litigation began in 2006, some residents chose to pay taxes under the promise of a rebate if they ultimately won their suit.

Those who did not now will have to pay big bills.

Stan Colie Nichols, Santa Rosa County tax collector, said he is relieved to finally have a conclusion on the matter. He said the Supreme Court deemed the residents on Navarre Beach to have equitable ownership — all the rights to their property — as do an inland property owners, and with this comes the responsibility of property taxes. Nichols said

taxes owed from 2006 until 2013, with penalties and interest, total \$10,872,740.

Nichols said the county will meet next week to iron out payment options, but he said residents have received tax notices and are well aware how much they owe. Nichols said it is important to note the typical two-year grace period will not apply to residents who are more than two years delinquent, so it will

change the process if they cannot pay their taxes.

"Someone else can purchase their certificate, and if they want to immediately file for the deed, they will only have a few months to raise the money. Taxes for 2013 are delinquent on April 1," Nichols said.

He said the majority of Navarre Beach residents have paid

See **NAVARRE BEACH A11**

SRC Fair: green eggs, livestock shows, Glow Rage

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The Santa Rosa County Fair is opening this year with a ribbon cutting on April 4 for the newly leased fairgrounds from the county, according to Rick Paschall, Santa Rosa County Fair board member. Kyle Holley, development director at United Way Santa Rosa and fair board member, said the Santa Rosa County Fair is the only one growing among 16 counties in northwest Florida.

The fair's growth is evident not only in the new June Ates Arena that

opened December, but also new attractions like Glow Rage, an all-ages dance music experience where attendees may be sprayed with paint, according to Anthony Daughtery, entertainment coordinator of the fair, and in the new livestock shows appearing at the fair for the first time.

Holley said there will be three shows debuting: a steer show, a heifer show and a breeder pen show.

"Imagine a kid leading an animal in the ring," he said to differentiate the steer and heifer shows from the pen show. He said

See **FAIR A7**

TDC discusses grant for \$73K camera

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Santa Rosa County's Tourist Development Council had a regular meeting March 19, during which Sonya Negley, grant writer for the Navarre Beach Marine Science Station, presented a grant recommendation for \$125,000 to cover, in part, installation of an underwater camera to "view underwater, the marine life and also the things that are on the reef."

"After much research with NOAA (the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)," the NBMS "came across Blue Eyes Ocean Underwater Camera, which is a self-

cleaning, pan, tilt, zoom camera that has scientific nodes on it," Negley said. She said the camera would accommodate anyone interested in the reefs and marine life who "can't go out and snorkel or scuba the reef. There would be a live streaming video of that marine life." She also said the scientific nodes would allow users to test the salinity and quality of the water through the Oceans Classroom program and the camera.

"We feel this is the best way to accommodate everyone," she said, regarding special needs individuals interested in seeing into the ocean who otherwise can't do so.

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Locals learn basic CPR



DANIEL THAMES | Contract Photojournalist

The American Red Cross CPR class hosted by Milton Community Center was well attended Wednesday evening. First-timer Josh Cuchens, left, said it was important for him to learn basic skills in caring for injured people and how to assess the situation should a need arise. "I wanted to take the class for everyday use and be a better citizen," Cuchens said. Justin Blackwood, right, said it was a refresher course for him. "I learned some extras I did not know before. I took it for my co-workers, but also for my family," he said.

Web-based maritime trail available soon

See shipwrecks below Blackwater

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Underwater cameras will be used in creating the upcoming Blackwater Maritime Heritage Trail, according to Doug Lasater, president of Bagdad Waterfronts Florida Partnership Inc., who spoke before the Milton City Council on March 3. Lasater said the Web-based trail will focus in phase one of the Blackwater River from the Interstate 10 bridge to Carpenter's Park. Dr. Richard Lewis, vice-president, said the project has been in the works for two years,

"The idea is to create a choose-your-own-adventure-style experience, where someone who may be interested in the lumber industry can find information about it, or those interested in the Civil War can find information about the shipyards."

Ben Wells, University of West Florida graduate student

and he gave a rough estimate of six months for completion. Lewis confirmed the idea for the project will see a website where visitors can travel Blackwater River through images and video above and below the water, learning area history including the Arcadia Mill and numerous shipwrecks below the

Blackwater River surface.

Lewis echoed what Lasater said at the council meeting: Shipwreck information will be available through the project, but not exact locations. Lewis said those who wish to illegally salvage wrecks

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Community BRIEFS

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Milton/Pace Relay for Life event

The last team meeting for the 2014 Milton/Pace Relay for Life event will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 25 at the Locklin Building behind the Santa Rosa Hospital. All teams, businesses, churches, clubs, civic organizations and individuals wanting to learn about this event are invited. The 2014 Relay for Life will be April 25-26 on the grounds of the Milton Pensacola State College Track. The American Cancer Society

is very active in Santa Rosa County, and this event provides assistance to help fight the fight. For more information, call 266-2285 or visit RelayForLife.org/MiltonPaceFL.

Spring into Vegetable Gardening Series

If you have ever considered planting a spring vegetable garden, attend a three-week series to learn all you need to get started. This workshop will be 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays, March 24 to April 7. The cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple and includes handouts and seed samples.

Registration is at www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-into-vegetable-gardening-tickets-10820332907. Classes will be at UF/IFAS Extension Santa Rosa County, 6263 Dogwood Drive in Milton. Your registration includes these events:

- March 24:** Getting started with a vegetable garden; site selection; soil preparation; square foot gardening method
- March 31:** Seeding and transplanting basics; specifics on tomato, pepper, squash and cucumber
- April 7:** General garden maintenance: watering, fertilizing, integrated pest management.

For more information, contact Mary Derrick at 623-3868 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays or at maryd@santarosa.fl.gov.

Milton Kiwanis

Milton Kiwanis will sponsor its annual Rummage Sale on April 5 in the parking lot of Big Lots. The proceeds of this sale go directly back into the children and youth of the Santa Rosa County. The Milton Kiwanis provides assistance for numerous organizations and activities to provide opportunities that make our younger people into productive

citizens and leaders.

SAFER Santa Rosa annual meeting

The SAFER Santa Rosa annual meeting will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 7 at 4115 Soundside Drive off of U.S. 98. Lunch will be served. RSVP at safer@santarosa.fl.gov. Elections are coming up. For more information, send your contact information.

Santa Rosa Art Association

From 10 a.m. to noon today, Santa Rosa Art Association Inc., a nonprofit

organization, will have a "Polymer Clay Pendant" class in building 4900 on the Milton campus of Pensacola State College. The presenting artist is Sandi Lang, who is showing her artwork at Dragonfly Gallery and Local Colour in Milton. Kits will be available for a fee under \$5. Please bring pasta clay machine and a tissue blade. Everything else will be provided by the artist. A fee of \$10 for nonmembers. Guests are very welcome. For more info, call Linda Linzy at 251-987-5473, email beadtician@gmail.com or visit santarosaartassociation.com.

Press Gazette BIRTHDAY CLUB

- Stephanie Rogers: March 22
- Adron Robinson: March 22
- Jesslyn Singley: March 22
- David Wilkie: March 23
- Virginia Dozier: March 24
- Tasha Peacock Driscoll: March 25
- Landon Rollins: March 25
- Colin Williams: March 25
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- Brittany Rounds: March 25
- Kristen Bigner: March 25
- Tyler Tate: March 26
- Hannah Thompson: March 26



Baby of the WEEK

Barrett Nichols Cheney



Milton resident Grandmother Penny Nichols Wilson welcomed her new grandson Barrett, who finally made an appearance. Barrett was 9 pounds, 14 ounces and 23 inches long. Mom, Nickie, big brother Brooks and Dad, Brad, are thrilled at his arrival. The snow in the Northeast even slowed so they could get to the hospital.

CUB SCOUTS SERVICE PROJECT



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Cub Scout Pack 404 in Milton will be doing a service project for the Santa Rosa Clean Community on March 29 in memory of John Tonkin. The scouts will be picking up trash. The project will begin at 9 a.m. at Milton High School and end at King Middle School around noon.

Obituary

Billy Ray Stokes

1943 - 2014



BILLY RAY STOKES

Mr. Billy Ray Stokes, born July 15, 1943, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loved ones, at his home in the Woodlands in Pensacola, Fla., on Thursday March 13, 2014, after a long, hard and brave battle with esophageal cancer.

Billy was an avid gardener; you could always find him in his yard with his flowers.

Preceded in death by his mother, Grace Ingram Stokes; father, Lester T. Stokes; maternal grandparents, Kathryn Stafford Ingram and Samuel C. Ingram; and paternal grandparents, Mattie Cobb Stokes and George C. Stokes.

Billy is survived by one brother, Jerry Wayne Stokes and his wife, Janice; three nephews, Donald W. Stokes, Stanley Jackson and Douglas Jackson; two nieces, Connie Stokes and Lori Elder and her husband, Mark; three great-nephews, Ashton Jernigan, Devin Austin and Cory Stokes; one great-niece, Alayna Jackson; a very beloved and devoted friend, like a sister to Billy, Sue Hawthorne; and a loving and devoted friend, Judy Johnson; two very special cousins, Thelma Wendt and Nancy Walters; four very special friends, Jim and Nancy Williamson, and Dan and Natalie Soloway; so many close and dear friends and neighbors; and Billy's devoted loyal friend and cat buddy, Prince Harry Stokes.

A message from Billy: "I would like to say thank you to three very special people from Emerald Coast

Hospice, Sherry, Megan and Jason, for all the kindness and love they have showed me and for being there. Also a thank you to the staff at Emerald Coast Hospice for all your kindness and help."

Funeral services for Billy will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22, 2014, at the Lewis Funeral Home, Milton Chapel. Chaplin Jason Adams will officiate. Burial will follow in Milton Cemetery with Lewis Funeral Home directing. Visitation was 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 21, at the funeral home.

To honor Billy's life, there will be a Celebration Gathering after the funeral services, at a venue to be announced. www.lewisfuneralhomes.net.

'A MESSAGE FROM HEAVEN'

*Perhaps you aren't ready yet
To have to say good-bye,
Perhaps you've thought of things
You wish you had of said...well so have I.
For one thing I'd have told you
Not to worry about me,
I am with the Lord in Heaven now
You knew that's where I'd be.
I'm sorry if you're feeling sad...
I'm so happy now...
I've asked the Lord to heal the hurt
And comfort you somehow.
It's hard at the beginning
I know you'll make it through,
I hope it helps to know
I'll be waiting here for you."*

Notice of PUBLIC MEETINGS

Special to the Press Gazette

All Board of County Commission meetings and other county department meetings are in the County Administrative Center Board Room, 6495 Caroline St., Milton, unless otherwise indicated.

Marine Advisory, April 1: Canceled

Tourist Development North End Committee: 8:30 a.m. April 3 at Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce, 5247 Stewart St., Milton

Commission Committee : 9 a.m. April 7

Tourist Development South End Committee: 9 a.m. April 9 at Navarre Visitors' Center, 8543 Navarre Parkway, Navarre

Building Code Board of Adjustments: 2:30 p.m. April 9 at Public Services Conference Room, 6051 Old Bagdad Highway, Milton

Commission Regular: 9 a.m. April 10 at Tiger Point Community Center, 1370 Tiger Park Lane, Gulf Breeze

Zoning Board Meeting: 6 p.m. April 10

RESTORE Council: 3 p.m. April 14

Fire Department Executive Group: 6:30 p.m. April 14 at Emergency Operations Center, 4499 Pine Forest Road, Milton

Tourist Development Council Board Meeting: 3 p.m. April 16 at Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce, 5247 Stewart St., Milton

Aviation Advisory Committee: 5 p.m. April 16

Commission Committee: 9 a.m. April 21

SHIP Affordable Housing Advisory Committee: 3 p.m. April 22 at Public Services Media Room, 6051 Old Bagdad Highway, Milton

Bagdad Architectural Advisory Board: 8:30 a.m. April 23 at Public Services Conference Room, 6051 Old Bagdad Highway, Milton

Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting: 11:30 a.m. April 23 at Sheriff's Department Training Room, 5755 E. Milton Road, Milton

Parks and Recreation: 5:30 p.m. April 23

Commission Regular: 9 a.m. April 24

Local Mitigation Strategy Task Force: 1:30 p.m. April 24 at Public Services Conference Room, 6051 Old Bagdad Highway, Milton

Commission Special - Rezoning Meeting: 6 p.m. April 24

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a public hearing, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Contact Emily Spencer at 983-1855 or at 6495 Caroline St., Milton at least one week before the date of the public hearing. Agendas and minutes are also available at www.santarosa.fl.gov. All meetings in the board room are recorded on DVD and available for purchase, and most can be viewed live and/or replayed online.

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The Santa Rosa County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays. The leaders meet in committee at 9 a.m. Mondays preceding the Thursday meetings. Meetings are held in commission chambers of the Administrative Complex on U.S. 90. Phone 983-1877 for information or to reach their offices.

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The Santa Rosa County School Board meets at 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at 5086 Canal St. in Milton. Phone: 983-5000.

CITY GOVERNMENT

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- Town of Jay, Mayor Kurvin Qualls, 3822 Highway 4, Jay, FL 32565, phone 675-2719
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Saturday saw the induction of new members into the Aaron Snowden Chapter of SAR with Dr. Richard Clincy and son Kevin, an ROTC senior at Navarre High School. **At right**, A flag-raising ceremony was held to commemorate George Washington's birthday with a new 13-star flag raised over Aaron Snowden's grave in the cemetery. When it was noticed the United States flag at the entrance was badly frayed, it was also replaced.



News BRIEFS

THE FAMOUS RIVIERA BAND AT THE IMOGENE TONIGHT

A Tribute to Country Music Legends 5 featuring The Famous Riviera Band will be at the Imogene Theatre tonight. Doors open at 5 p.m.; showtime is at 7 p.m. Advanced tickets are \$10 and \$12 at the door. Tickets for children 6-12 are \$5 each, and children younger than 6 are free. Call 261-8289 for advanced tickets and more information.

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, DIG

The University of Florida-IFAS Milton Campus student club has worked very hard this year to provide unique and quality plants to the UF Student Club Plant Sale at the Emerald Coast Flower and Garden Festival. This is an opportunity for area residents and businesses to support local horticulture and natural resource conservation students raise funds while also get some great deals on a great variety of plants. There will be a variety of plants including camellias, ginger, and many new coleus varieties. The sale will take place on the Pensacola State College-Milton Campus (Avalon Boulevard and U.S. 90, Milton) on Friday, April 4, and Saturday, April 5. For

more information about the sale, contact Robin Vickers at 983-7134 or rvickers@ufl.edu. Please check out our website at Miltongators.com.

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS TENNIS PROGRAM

A new Special Olympics tennis program is launching in Milton and volunteer coaches are needed. Knowledge of the sport of tennis is great but not required. Training will be held for one hour per week, on Saturdays (time of day to be determined based on availability of volunteer coaches), and the season will run for about 12 weeks. The beautiful new tennis courts at the Milton Community Center will be utilized for this program.

Our program can only exist with the time, energy, dedication and commitment of volunteers. No matter how much or how little time you have to give, when you volunteer, you will be making a difference in the lives of athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

To learn more and get involved, contact Jessica at jessicabarrale@specialolympicsescambia.org or 291-6234, or Alexis at volunteer@specialolympicsescambia.org.

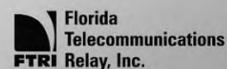
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Monday, 9:26 a.m.

Yes, this is a message warning the citizens of Santa Rosa County. There are a couple of gentlemen going around town with a seal coating business. They will claim that they will seal coat the roof of your house for a certain price, maybe 15 to 20 gallons. Then they get up there and put on 40, 50, 60 gallons and want to charge you triple what they told you, so just be aware. It's a scam, a seal coating business with two men going around with a truck wanting to seal coat people's roofs. So I just wanted to let the people know what's going on, that they need to be aware of these gentlemen with a seal coating business wanting to rip people off. They will double, triple charge you when they're through. This happened to my parents this month.

Tuesday 6:37 p.m.

Hi, this is Sharon. I hope all those jerks out there in Santa Rosa county are happy, the ones that couldn't obey the rules. They got all of our local recycling spots taken away from us.

I don't really think a lot of us appreciated the comment that Commissioner Salter made about East Milton being the poorest infrastructure that the county has.

Tuesday, 7:37 p.m.

This is Bobby. I just wondered if somebody else thinks like I do about automobile insurance. In my case, it's me and my wife. We can only drive two vehicles at a time, but if I decide I want four vehicles, I have to buy insurance on all four of them. I don't think it's right. It would probably help the economy, because I would probably have ten cars I could drive if I didn't have to buy insurance on all of them. So just think about it. If you're just one person and you buy two cars, then you have to buy insurance on both of them when you can only drive one at a time. One might not be driven but you're still paying insurance on it. So just think about it.

Tuesday, 7:40 p.m.

This is Bobby again. I don't want to hog all your

time, but I didn't explain what I meant about the insurance. My idea is you should be able to buy an insurance policy on your driver's license. That way if my license is insured, it would insure me for any car I drive, if I drive my neighbor's car or whatever. It would be my insurance. That way everybody would be insured. You wouldn't have people running around in cars with no insurance. So that's what I think they should do, tie it to your driver's license. Thank you.

Wednesday, 2:40 p.m.

This is Bonnie from East Milton. I don't really think a lot of us appreciated the comment that Commissioner Salter made about East Milton being the poorest infrastructure that the county has. That was totally wrong on his part. He makes it sound like East Milton is not worth a crap. He needs to restate that. A lot of us in East Milton would rather be in East Milton than anywhere else.

Wednesday, 2:45 p.m.

I disagree with the article that Charles Walsingham put in Wednesday's paper on letter to the editor: I do not believe that the courthouse needs to be anywhere near the jail. You've got two prisons and a jail in that one area. You do not need

the courthouse there. Take the property behind the courthouse or where they put those trailers. Delete them. Build the new courthouse back there. Knock the old courthouse down. You've got parking there and parking across the street in front of the churches or where the buildings burned. It does not need to be down by the jail whatsoever, or let it be built in East Milton on highway 90 between the south airport and Ward Basin where the man was going to donate the property. Let it be there where the property was given to the people. We don't need to buy more land and cost the county and taxpayers more money. It's been proven that Santa Rosa County has got so many people that live in Santa Rosa County that's below the poverty line. Let it be built on property that Santa Rosa County already has. We don't need to put it anywhere near the county jail.

Wednesday, 5:31 p.m.

This is Bobby. I got my Saturday paper and in the Speak Out column some in the county are criticizing us for voicing our opinion about the courthouse, saying we need to put to the county commissioner meeting, that it wouldn't do any good to talk about it in the paper. Well, something good did come of it because in the same paper it says now we're going to vote on it. So everybody speaks a different way. Everybody doesn't have to go to the county commissioner to emphasize that. The idea wasn't to change their minds because they already had them made up. It was to let more people know what was going on. So thank you.

OUR VIEW

Probation offices and bail bondsman not classy

Dear Editor,
In the recent Santa Rosa Press Gazette article regarding restaurants (March 15, "What defines a bar?"), the mayor said he wants classier facilities downtown. Really? So, classier than the restaurants we already have? I find that remark to be offensive, and yet I agree with him, partially. Let's talk about our "classy" businesses in our Historic Downtown Milton or maybe the clientele that they attract. For instance, the County Probation Office at the corner of Caroline and Escambia streets. Now, that's classy, and it's the reason the Mainstreet Cafe is not open to the public. Some classic problems we endure every month are trespassing, loitering, littering, public urination, public vomiting, illegal parking and witnessing people being arrested that violated probation. The Probation Office does not provide public bathrooms, and so their visitors go to neighboring businesses. It's real "classy" to have these violators come to your business just to "do their business."

Another example is the Bail Bonds business. We lost an acting school that wanted to be downtown because they could not subject the children to the patrons of the Bail Bonds business.

But, I'll get back to the ordinance. The percentage of food sales to alcoholic beverages does not determine whether or not a facility or establishment is "classy." The business model of

the establishment determines that and therefore determines the clientele that they attract.

Although I feel I was misquoted, my example of this was Texas Roadhouse. No matter what the percentage of food sales to alcohol sales is, their business model is "family style" and not a bar or nightclub.

If the city wants classier restaurants, maybe they should reconsider this ordinance. We could very well be turning away the white tablecloth facility that relies on that 4COP license to provide higher quality. Right now, it just seems to be a way to control competition by discriminating against restaurants that operate under 4COP license. Huge incentives have recently been granted to a new restaurant development that is "single serve" with Solo cups, deli sheets and plastic baskets.

Maybe our incentives should reflect the classy types of businesses the city wants to attract instead of keeping businesses out. I think it's time we take on the issue of public smoking and littering. Smoking is a much bigger problem than alcohol. Secondhand smoke is a killer. Adult citizens as well as children need protection. Why do we allow smoking on city-owned property as well as at city-sponsored events? Cigarette butts are not biodegradable. They clog our sewer systems and pollute our waterways. It costs taxpayers dollars to clean it up. What's "classy" about smoking these days?

Cassandra Sharp
Milton

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COLUMNIST

Is there wage stagnation?

Many economists, politicians and pundits assert that median wages have stagnated since the 1970s. That's a call for government to do something about it. But before we look at the error in their assertion, let's work through an example that might shed a bit of light on the issue. Suppose that you paid me a straight \$20 an hour in 2004. Ten years later, I'm still earning \$20 an hour, but in addition, now I'm receiving job perks such as health insurance, an employer-matched 401(k) plan, paid holidays and vacation, etc. Would it be correct to say that my wages have stagnated and I'm no better off a decade later? I'm guessing that the average person would say, "No, Williams, your wages haven't stagnated. You forgot to include your non-monetary wages." My colleagues Donald Boudreaux and Liya Palagashvili discuss some of this in their recent Wall Street Journal op-ed, "The Myth of the Great Wages 'Decoupling'" (<http://tinyurl.com/oq7z4a3>).

They start out saying: "Many pundits, politicians and economists claim that wages have fallen behind productivity gains over the last generation. ... This story, though, is built on an illusion. There is no great decoupling of worker pay from productivity. Nor have workers' incomes stagnated over the past four decades." There are two routinely made mistakes when wages are compared over time. "First, the value of fringe benefits — such as health insurance and pension contributions — is often

excluded from calculations of worker pay. Because fringe benefits today make up a larger share of the typical employee's pay than they did 40 years ago (about 19 percent today compared with 10 percent back then), excluding them fosters the illusion that the workers' slice of the (bigger) pie is shrinking."

The second comparison problem is a bit technical, when the consumer price index is used to adjust workers' pay for inflation while a different measure (the gross domestic product deflator) is used to adjust the value of the nation's economic output for inflation. Harvard University's Martin Feldstein noted in a National Bureau of Economic Research paper in 2008 that it is misleading to use different deflators. Boudreaux and Palagashvili point out that when more careful measurements have compared worker pay (including the value of fringe benefits) with productivity using a consistent adjustment for inflation, they move in tandem. The authors say: "The claim that ordinary Americans are stagnating economically while only 'the rich' are gaining is also incorrect. True enough, membership in the middle class seems to be declining — but this is because more American households are moving up."

Many economists and other social scientists determine well-being by looking at income brackets instead of people. When one looks at people, he finds considerable income mobility. According to a report by the Department of the

Treasury titled "Income Mobility in the U.S. from 1996 to 2005," there was considerable income mobility of individuals in the U.S. economy during that period (<http://tinyurl.com/5sv8799>). Using Internal Revenue Service tax return data, the report says that more than half of taxpayers moved to a different income quintile over this period. More than half of those in the bottom income quintile in 1996 had moved to a higher income group by 2005. The mobility also goes in the opposite direction. Of the highest income earners in 1996 — the top one-hundredth of 1 percent — only 25 percent remained in this group in 2005. The percentage increase in the median incomes of those in the lower income groups, between 1996 and 2005, increased more than the median incomes of those initially in the higher income groups.

Boudreaux and Palagashvili conclude that "middle-class stagnation and the 'decoupling' of pay and productivity are illusions. Yes, the U.S. economy is in the doldrums, thanks to a variety of factors, most significantly the effect of growth-deadening government policies like ObamaCare and the Dodd-Frank Act. But by any sensible measure, most Americans are today better paid and more prosperous than in the past."

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Faith Chapel Assembly of God

Spring is in the air as well as the excitement that the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection brings. Faith Chapel Assembly of God will be presenting a musical production titled "He is Risen" celebrating as well as touching our hearts with the true meaning of Easter.

Mark your calendars for the two different opportunities to view this presentation on Friday night, April 18 or Sunday morning, April 20. Friday night's amazing presentation will begin at 7 p.m. and Sunday morning service at 10:45 a.m.

"He is Risen" will be presented in its entirety during both services and offers something for everyone to enjoy as well as find celebration in. The public is invited and encouraged to attend either service to be reminded of the truth of the Easter season.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God is at 8080 South Airport Road, Milton.

Bagdad United Methodist Church

On Sunday, March 23, we continue our exciting Living Generously program as we follow Frank in his journey, with the theme POOR. Bring family and friends and share in our lively church. We have a 10 a.m. café and Sunday school; our 8 a.m. New Vision Praise and 10 a.m. family service.

Ferris Hill Baptist Church

Ferris Hill Baptist Church is looking for a free tent to give to a homeless man in need of shelter. FHBC operates one of Santa Rosa County's cold weather shelters. Please call the Rev. Brian Nall at 623-3500 if you have an extra.

Revival

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church is celebrating revival at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. April 6 and at 7 p.m. April 7 and 8 at 4701 School Lane in Pace.

First United Methodist Church of Milton

First United Methodist Church of Milton, 6830 Berryhill St. in Milton, holds worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday, along with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

This Sunday, March 23, the Rev. M. Kathryn Knight will deliver her sermon on "Are You Thirsty?" She will be focusing on Exodus 17:1-7 and John 4: 5-42.

Pastor's Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information and events, call the church office at 623-6683.

Theology on Tap

Weekly Q&A sessions on theology will be at 7 p.m. Thursdays beginning March 27 at Blackwater

Bistro. The class is sponsored by First United Methodist Church of Milton, 623-6683.

First Presbyterian Church

Church services are at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. First Presbyterian Church is at 5203 Elmira St. in historic downtown Milton. This Sunday the message "Living Water" will be delivered by Pastor Jo Kublik. There is a nursery for infants and toddlers.

Children's Church will be the first Sunday of each month during the church service. Small group study classes are in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings. This is a discussion group focusing on the relationship of the Bible to our lives.

A pot luck dinner will follow the service the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome. Lenten dinners are at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. They are brown bag. Iced tea and coffee will be available. We welcome all visitors and encourage you to attend if you are new in the area or looking for a church family.

The Fellowship Hall is available for weddings and group meetings. For more information call 623-2510 or visit www.fpcmilton.org.

As the church is an historic building and the oldest church in Santa Rosa County, it is in need of refurbishing. To raise the needed funds we are collecting cans and metal. If you wish to donate, call Betsy Dodson at 983-7803.

REVERENDS BECOME U.S. CITIZENS



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The Rev. Clive Knights and the Rev. Ruth Knights were sworn in as American citizens March 14.

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Pace AOG Easter production fulfills part of mission

By LINDA AYERS

Special to the Press Gazette

Pace Assembly at 3948 U.S. 90 is among the largest congregations in the U.S. Assemblies of God, according to the Senior Pastors Joey and Rita Rogers.

"Pace Assembly's mission statement is to fulfill the 'Eternal Purpose' of God in Christ Jesus locally and globally by reaching the lost, making disciples, and building the Church of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit," Pastor Joey Rogers said.

This church is founded on a strong Pentecostal heritage. It started as a small prayer group in a Pace home in 1930 and then in 1932 became organized and chartered with the Assemblies of God.

To help fulfill the mission, and celebrate Easter, Pace Assembly has an upcoming event, "Jesus... Son of God," with more than 200 cast members, livestock, live music, LED lighting, sound and special effects. The presentation is produced to be a life-altering experience, a combination of live music and drama.

Senior Pastors Joey and Rita Rogers, founders of Gulf Coast Productions, created this incredible portrayal of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The show is at 7 p.m. on April 17, 18, and 19, with doors opening at 6 p.m. General admission is \$5, and group seating is available for groups of 10 or more. To reserve group seating, call 202-3100 or email the church at rsvp@paceassembly.org.



SPECIAL TO THE PRESS GAZETTE

Pace Assembly of God will perform "Jesus...Son of God" at 7 p.m. April 17-19, with doors opening at 6 p.m. General admission is \$5. For more information, call 202-3100.

Rocky Horse

By BARBARAH NORRIS

Special to the Press Gazette

As I remember, and I remember this quite well, Daddy bought a gift made by a man in the displaced people camp on the base of the 501 Engineers just outside Hanau, Germany. These people, millions of them, known as DPs, were housed in camps all over Europe after World War II. They were given food, shelter, clothing, medical treatment and jobs. Within these camps were a number of departments. One such department was a network set up by the allies to help re-unite these people with family and friends who were displaced or enslaved by the Nazis. Another was formed to help return personal items taken from them or from loved ones who was imprisoned in the work camps of the Third Reich.

The Nazis confiscated all things of monetary value when the people were imprisoned in the work camps and used the items to help finance the Nazi cause. Also taken were items of little importance to anyone other than to the people they belonged to. A letter, book or photo could be the only remaining reminder of their previous lives or of the lives of their loved ones. Daddy said it was most important for these people to have something solid within their grasp, so as to begin and to rebuild their lives, thus the reason for the camps. It was within the camp at the 501 I first remember seeing the tattoos that changed my life. Regardless of the pain and horror man can inflict upon his fellow beings, some good can and does come from the bad. In this case, a beautiful rocking horse was born in November 1948.

I remember going with my daddy to the camp on base. There were a number of buildings, almost like a compound, set up for different needs of the people. There was a mess hall, a medical building, housing and over to the side were buildings set up for different work trades for the displaced. Daddy and I were in the woodworking shop, and I saw beautiful furniture: tables, chairs, desks, bookcases, beds, chests and most anything a home would need.

As we walked around the shop, looking at the beautifully crafted items, I saw a thin, stooped-shouldered, bushy, white-haired man. He was sanding the body of a rocking horse. Beside him sat a number of finished ones. My eyes must have grown twice their normal size while running to inspect each one of them. Daddy knew without me telling him what I wanted. In fact, as I'm sitting here, the thought came to me that maybe, just maybe, that was why he brought me to that place. He wanted me to help pick one out.

I remember looking for a beige one. A beige one like Pet, my granddaddy's farm horse at Twin Oaks Dairy Farm, but couldn't find one. All this bent-over little man had were white ones with black mane and tail and black splotches on the body and grey ones with black trim. Daddy told me later black and white were the only paints the 501 had to give the man other than drab, old army green. Who ever heard of a green horse? We bought a white one with the splotches, black mane and tail. This little rocking horse and the 2-year-old birthday girl, my sister Paula Annette Norris, rode many a mile together in Hanau, Germany. My horse was put to pasture before we came back to the states in 1950.

Barbarah Norris is the daughter of Santa Rosa County retired Army Col. Willard Norris, namesake of Willard Norris Road.

Oil wells between cotton and peanut fields

The history of Jay oil

By AARON LITTLE

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Floridians are contemplating what new oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico might mean to the state, but Florida's relationship with oil and natural gas has its roots in the small town of Jay.

According to the Jay Historical Society's website, the town saw land and mineral right purchases during the oil rush of 1970s in Santa Rosa County. Dr. Mary Diamond Findley's son, Nathan Findley, lived in Jay at the time. Nathan Findley described his mother, employed at Jay School as the "first female principal from Jacksonville to Pensacola." He said he remembers going up on the oil decks with his parents.

According to Linda Nelson's article "Reflections and a Salute to a Town Called Jay," available to read on the Jay Historical Society website, the oil rush began in Alabama with discovery of crude at Pollard, Ala., in the 1950s. Humble Oil

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However, Humble Oil Company did not give up, knowing the geologic formations Norphlet and Smackover under the county yielded oil elsewhere. The company obtained a permit to drill to 16,000 feet, deeper than the Alabama wells. Nelson wrote that it took weeks, but a pool of oil turned up beneath Jay, and overnight, some land became priceless. According to Nelson, some of Jay's

roughly 650 residents became millionaires.

Nathan Findley said he remembered the parties and the food at the time. He also said he remembered 16-17 kids at the high school received new automobiles. "More students had cars than teachers," Findley said. He also said he went into the oil business after graduating in 1975, but left shortly after because of back-breaking, military-style conditions. He said employers would yell and cuss the workers.

Nelson found some residents fared better than others in selling their land. Mary Findley, who said she received her bachelor's degree at 20, master's degree at 40 and doctorate at 55, said some of the land ballooned from \$5 an acre to \$500. She said some residents were wise with their newly acquired wealth, while many were not. Dr. Findley said some traveled while others

bought cars. Being on the rim of the oil reserve, Dr. Findley said she's still receiving a royalty check on her land, but not as much.

However, Nelson said the state benefited over all. Taxes and royalties filled state and local coffers. She said Jay maintained its small town atmosphere, with a few more new homes and oil wells sitting between cotton and peanut fields and cattle ranches. Nathan described the town a little differently, saying "some people got rich" with their "noses in the air."

According to an article by Starr Spencer, posted on the website for Platts, an energy company, Jay supplies about 2,500 barrels per day of equivalent oil production. Spencer also sites the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, noting Jay is one of Florida's largest and oldest oil fields with 93 active wells.

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the pen show will not feature "show cows," but the kind of cows that will go to market. "Why does the farmer like this one?" he asked, saying it's a "more clinical" show. Holley said events include a dairy and market goat show, poultry show and a hog show twice the size of last year's.

Prudence Caskey, the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension's newly appointed agent, said all 47 of the 4-H youth who participated last year will be back. Caskey said those who had baby chicks now have 1-year old hens to show. In addition to the Rhode Island Reds, Silkies and Leghorns coming to the fair, she said Ameraucanas, also known as Easter egg chickens, will make an appearance. Caskey said these chickens do not individually lay different colored eggs, but one hen may lay blue eggs, another hen green eggs. She said her goal is to show the public the variety in poultry: "Not all eggs are white or large."

Caskey said 40 percent of her 4-H youth are home-schooled, and she wants to give students who are interested in agriculture as much opportunity as she can. She said the 4-H youth will be working with students from Florida's Exceptional Student

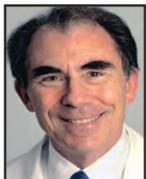
Education program, attending a special tour of the fair April 9.

Tammie Fulmer, Santa Rosa County Fair board, said ESE students will be able to tour the Ag Adventure Barn, the midway, hear a violin performance and see Louie the clown. Fulmer said the barn will provide a hands-on experience of agricultural activities, including animal grooming, seed planting, egg collecting and cow milking. Fulmer said the only simulations in the barn will be the artificial dairy cow, provided by the Florida Federation of Fairs and Livestock Shows, and an artificial orange tree. Fulmer said the ESE tour is why the barn needs to meet certain educational standards. She said this ESE field trip is so special because some of these students cannot attend regular school field trips, so the trip is a rare opportunity for them to get out and interact with real animals and farming procedures while being educated.

Holley said the fair has grown in part because of Santa Rosa County's welcoming of "large-lot lifestyle" families. He said these families may be retirees who may want distance, families simply wanting a lot of land and small-time farmers. He said with an increase in these people

seeking large areas of land on which to live, most of whom being agriculturally minded, interest in the fair has increased. Holley said phase one of the larger Santa Rosa County Fair vision was the completion of the June Ates Arena, while the first part of phase two, leasing and opening of the fairgrounds, is underway. He said the second part of phase two will be a building funded by a grant the fair board is seeking from the state under statute 288. According to Santa Rosa County Commissioner Bob Cole, this new building will be suited for indoor fair events as opposed to what happens in the new arena. Cole said 4-H is currently using the gymnasium for their indoor events, which would take place in this new building, along with possible speaking engagements, indoor concerts and IFAS Extension classes. It also could serve as an evacuation shelter.

Holley did not finish talking about the growth of the fair without mentioning the tenacity of the board and other volunteers, whom he said have worked to improve the land leased to the fair board, a condition of the lease, without any sort of payment other than being allowed to continue leasing the land.



ASK DOCTOR K

by Anthony L. Komaroff, M.D.

COPING WITH CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME

DEAR DOCTOR K: I have CFS. What is the latest information about the condition, particularly treatments?

DEAR READER: For readers who are not familiar with the condition, CFS stands for chronic fatigue syndrome. Fatigue is a universal human experience. In our increasingly pressured and fast-paced lives, many people feel tired a lot of the time. In fact, fatigue is one of the most common reasons people visit their doctor. Yet very few people with fatigue are suffering from CFS. It is relatively uncommon, affecting about 4 to 8 out of every thousand adults in the U.S., and a small fraction of teenagers and younger children.

People with CFS experience ongoing, severe, debilitating fatigue that is not relieved by rest. Other symptoms include: Impaired memory or concentration, sore throat, swollen glands, muscle pain, pain in multiple joints, headaches, and exhaustion following physical activity.

We don't know what causes CFS. People with CFS are more likely than healthy people -- and people with other fatigue-causing diseases -- to have various abnormalities.

Many have chronic activation of different parts of the immune system. Many have problems with their cells making enough energy. Many have biochemical abnormalities called oxidative and nitrosative stress.

Then there are problems involving the brain that have been found, thanks to brain imaging techniques (MRI, SPECT and PET). Brain hormones often respond differently to challenges. Electrical brain wave studies often show differences. The autonomic nervous system, the part of the brain that controls basic body functions -- such as heart rate, blood pressure and body temperature -- often does not work properly. But the abnormalities are not seen in all patients with CFS, and they come and go. What is causing these abnormalities remains uncertain.

A combination of the following strategies may help manage your symptoms:

-- Set priorities. Make a list of things you want to have more energy to do. Eliminate as many nonessential activities as you can. But be careful to guard against becoming too passive.

-- Exercise. Begin an exercise program in which you gradually increase your activity level. This can effectively reduce the severity of your symptoms.

-- Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT). CBT is a type of psychotherapy. It helps you identify and change negative thoughts and behaviors. CBT can reduce symptoms.

-- Tricyclic antidepressants. Low doses of this type of antidepressant may improve the quality of your sleep, reduce pain, and increase energy.

-- Other medications. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and acetaminophen (Tylenol) can help relieve headaches, joint pain and muscle pain. Fish oil capsules (3,000 mg per day) may also help reduce CFS symptoms.

There are also several experimental treatments in development. These include drugs to treat abnormalities of the autonomic nervous system, to quiet activated parts of the immune system, and antiviral drugs (for people with certain active viral infections).

I am impressed by the progress made in understanding CFS over the past 25 years. It was made possible by research conducted and supported by the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and private foundations. Still, we have a lot more to learn.

(Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School. To send questions, go to AskDoctorK.com, or write: Ask Doctor K, 10 Shattuck St., Second Floor, Boston, MA 02115.)



SMART MONEY

BY BRUCE WILLIAMS

DISAPPOINTING RETURNS MAY SIGNAL IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE

DEAR BRUCE: I have about \$3 million invested through a financial planner, and I need your advice.

This past year I earned zero income from my investments. He said that he was playing it safe with my money. He also said he didn't lose any of my money. I wrote him back and said in a sense he did lose money for me because the market has soared this past year. He said in return that investing in the stock market was like putting money in a slot machine in Las Vegas. I had 30 percent in the market with him.

My question is, should I change to another financial planner? I have to live off my investments. I think some of these so-called financial planners are just good salesmen. -- C.M., via email

DEAR C.M.: Cut very quickly to the chase: Any investment adviser who says putting money in the stock market is like putting money in a slot machine in Las Vegas should be shown the door immediately. You have \$3 million and no return? Even a private conservative investor should have come up with at least \$100,000, and I would never have been satisfied with a \$100,000 return on \$3 million.

I would like to know what kind of fees he has made for himself. Even at 4 percent, which is a no-brainer, your \$3 million should have brought in \$120,000, and you could figure the percentage if you didn't invest it all with him. This guy is a loser and should be dumped instantly!

DEAR BRUCE: How much of your income should you spend on monthly house expenses? I heard that it should be 50 percent. Can you tell me if that sounds right? -- G.D., via email

DEAR G.D.: I don't know where you heard 50 percent. That is way out of balance. Somewhere around 30 percent would be as high as I would go, and I would like to shave that down a couple of points. Spending half of your income on just house expenses is far more than most budgets would ever be able to handle.

7 Little Words

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES SOLUTIONS

- 1 depicting (10)
2 not revealed (6)
3 woods (10)
4 without purpose (9)
5 conquered VHS rival (7)
6 school bully, e.g. (6)
7 expressed indifference (8)

Word puzzle grid with letters: SLY, FOR, AY, PO, UNT, RTR, AIM, SHR, ESTL, BET, OLD, AM, LES, ING, MEA, AX, GED, NIE, UG, AND

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ASK MR. KNOW-IT-ALL by Gary Clothier

Q: I would like to know what became of the beautiful actress Teresa Wright. She was in a lot of good movies. -- T.A., Chattanooga, Tenn.

A: Muriel Teresa Wright was born Oct. 27, 1918, in New York City. While in school, she became involved in theatrical productions and appeared in her first film, "The Little Foxes," in 1941. She was nominated for three Academy Awards, and she won once, for her supporting role in "Mrs. Miniver." Wright was married twice and had two children. She died of a heart attack at age 86 on March 6, 2005.



DID YOU KNOW? Actress Lana Turner said, "My goal was to have one husband and seven children, but it turned out to be the other way around." She was married eight times to seven different husbands.

Q: When was teacher, author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia born? When did he die? -- E.K., Rushford, N.Y.

A: Known affectionately as "Dr. Love" on the campus of the University of Southern California where he taught, Felice Leonardo Buscaglia was born in Los Angeles, on March 31, 1924, to Italian immigrant parents. The self-appointed cheerleader of the world died of a heart attack in 1998 at age 74.

Shortcuts comic page about pencils. Features a pencil character, a pencil pusher diagram, a pencil maze, a word search, and various facts about pencil history and types.

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from the river would not be able to use this project to find them. Lewis said there would be few if any physical signs or markers along the trail as they would be unattractive. Ben Wells, graduate student at University of West Florida, who is using the project as his master's thesis, said the project revolves around the cultural and archeological sites along the river. He said the trail will include a photo and video gallery as well as narration over video along the river.

"The idea," Wells said, "is to create a choose-your-own-adventure-style experience, where someone who may be interested in the lum-

ber industry can find information about it, or those interested in the Civil War can find information about the shipyards."

One sponsor for the project is the Blackwater Pyrates, an organization "formed to be of service in the local community" by "helping with projects or needs on or related to the water," according to the Pyrates' website. Captain Whitebeard, Walter Schumann, said there are about 13 shipwrecks within this section of the Blackwater River, three of which are visible from the bridge at Shields Point road. Schumann said the location is still unknown of the wreck of the H.M.S. Mentor, a Brit-

ish galleon lost in the Blackwater River in 1781. Wells said still shots will be able to show viewers some of the wreckage in the river, fulfilling one of the goals of the project, which is to best protect, preserve and share the wreck sites so boaters, for example, don't drop anchor and accidentally damage a wreck. He said the trail will serve as both a historical trail and a nature trail with images, video and information on bird nesting areas, fish and alligators; and a base for future trails further along the Blackwater and tributaries. Both Wells and Lewis gave six-month estimates for utilizing the virtual trail.

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Discussion ensued regarding how much money would come from the funds for the South End committee, the sector under which the NBMSS falls.

"I think we really need to start developing attractions, and that's what this is; this becomes an attraction," said Laurie Gallup, TDC board member.

Mike Loera, TDC board chairman, attending by phone, said the camera itself cost \$73,000.

Jack Sanborn, TDC board member, said he wanted to see "some Consumer Reports-type reports on a piece of equipment that's \$73,000, because I can see it sitting in a closet two years from now."

Kyle Holley, TDC board member and development director at United Way Santa Rosa, said he wanted to

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approve the recommendation for the \$125,000 at the meeting so as not to lose time and let the county commission check on consumer reports and competitive bids for the camera.

Negley said viewers who see something interesting in the camera might want to plan a trip to dive

that particular area. She also said, "This would be the first U.S.-based camera, and wow, what a big deal that's going to be."

The motion passed to submit the grant request to the county commission without dissent. The request should be heard at the next county commission meeting in April.



Sheriff's REPORT

SRSO: An arrest is not an indication of guilt. The determination of guilt and innocence is ultimately the responsibility of the courts.

ARCHER, JAMES WALKER, 40, Renee Circle, Milton, moving traffic violation, drugs-possession
BISHOP, MICHAEL RAY, 32, Phoenix Drive, Milton, probation violation
DAVENPORT, FAITH ANN, 30, Ventura Boulevard, Milton,

probation violation
GILLEN, JACOB CLIFFORD, 36, Trailer Park Court, Milton, probation violation
HOUSER, RICHARD LEWIS, 27, Oglesby Road, Milton, failure to appear
LUNDIN, RONNY KAY, 57, Gulf Breeze, damage prop x2, burglary, larceny
MATLOCK, KEVIN ROY, 21, Gulf Breeze, probation violation
MOORER, SANTON ANTONIO, 38, Pensacola, moving traffic violation, veh theft, larceny, resist officer
MOORIS, TIMOTHY RANDALL, 35, Kings Court, Pace, battery, probation violation
PATRICK NATHAN RANDALL, 24, Pace Lane, Pace, fraud-false statement, larceny, stolen prop-deal in
PAYNE, JAMES WESLEY, 21, Gulf Breeze, nonmoving traffic violation, marijuana-possess x2, drug equip-possess
PEACE, MICHAEL SHAWN, 34, Windham Road, Milton, aggravated assault with a weapon

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U.S. 90 Study Limits and Meeting Location

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 U.S. 90 MP 0.000
 Escambia/Santa Rosa County Line

End Study
 U.S. 90 MP 16.216
 S.R. 87 S Interchange

Meeting Location
 Santa Rosa County Auditorium
 4530 Spikes Way
 Milton, FL 32583

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host a public information meeting concerning a safety study along U.S. 90. The study limits extend from the Escambia County line to State Road 87 South in Santa Rosa County. The focus of this assessment is vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and bicyclists, who travel within the 16.2 mile corridor through Pace, Pea Ridge, and Milton. As part of the study, existing features will be analyzed in conjunction with crash history and local stakeholder input to identify potential safety improvements.

The meeting will be held Thursday, April 3, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. (CDT) at the Santa Rosa County Auditorium, 4530 Spikes Way, Milton, FL. This meeting is being held to receive input related specifically to pedestrian and bicyclist safety within the U.S. 90 study corridor. Maps, drawings, and other information will be displayed. The meeting will be conducted in an open house format (no formal presentation is scheduled). Florida Department of Transportation representatives will be on hand to answer questions and receive comments.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the department's General Consultant Project Manager, Jimmy Smith, P.E., at (850) 638-3363, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions about this project or this meeting, please call Jimmy Smith, P.E., at the number listed above or by email at jsmith@panhandlegroup.com. You may also contact Ian Satter, FDOT Public Information Director toll free at (888) 638-0250, ext. 1205 or via email at ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us.

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March MARRIAGES

MARCH 3
Cooper, Cody Alen to Delp, Caitlyn Justine
Newton, Christopher Randall to Hilligoss, Britney Amber
Nassar, Eddie Lee Michael to Brinkmeier, Gabrielle Denise
Dupont, Marion Richard to Dupont, Miriam Josephine Faison
McMillen, Daniel Lee to Mase, Jenni Lynn Harris
Runyon, Michael Harold to Castle, Tracy Michelle Leach
Carroll, Clifton James to Odom, Megan Leigh
McDaniel, Jimmie Wayne to Thompson, Amy Lou
McElroy, Neil David to Orr, Anna Lynn

MARCH 4
Cox, Joshua Ryan Van Alstyne to Turner, Madison Lynn
Reiners, Craig Charles to Gragg, Michelle Leigh
Ochoa, Reyes Luis Miguel to Whelan, Ashley Marlitt
Starrett, John William to Delsanto, April Nitasha
Thorsen, Gary Bredal to Lay, Stephanie Louise
Brown, Larry Alan to Touchstone, Elizabeth Ann
Johnson, Bradley Shawn to Morrell, Paige Lynn

MARCH 5
Holland, Seth Ryan to Rollo, Natalie Danielle
Miller, Ryan Scott to Penton, Carissa Ann
Hall, Jeremiah
Kenneth Michael to Toole, Erin Kimberly
Duke, Walter Eugene to Guidry, Melanie Ann
Sausberry, Nathan to Travis, Sheila Grace

MARCH 6
Lehew, Matthew John to Gillis, Whitney Lane
Cook, Louis Frederick, Jr. to Alexander; Connie Melenda
Lambert, James Eugene to Birchett, Morgan Jean
Lopez-Ramirez, Pierre Angelo to Kang, Lunling

MARCH 10
Lunsford, Tanner Daniel to Cotten, Amber Briana
Clayberger, Joseph Richard, Jr. to Harmon, Danielle Nicole
Jahn, Keith Alan to Fourie, Lulu Laurika

MARCH 11
Bennett, Benjamin Charles to Hart, Kristen Michelle
Schindler, Mark Christopher to Percy, Jessica Nichole
Marichovich, Adam Michael to Lindner, Jessica Marie
Scott, Christopher Dewayne to Marler, Mallisa Marie
Martin, Victor Lee to Shuler, Lovins Felia Lynn

MARCH 12
McGrew, Andrew Maxwell to Lenz, Crystal Rose

MARCH 13
White, Dylan Mackenzie to Green, Angelina Michelle
Durst, John Vincent to Holley, Stefanie Marie

MARCH 14
Mitchem, Michael Shane to Garcia, Antonette Marie Kittle
McDonald, Chase Alan to McIlveene, Estes Haley Nicole

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their taxes since the 2006 litigation. A notice of proposed taxes went out in August 2006. At that time, Brown sought the opinion of Florida Department of Revenue attorneys, and based on the fact that leases on Navarre Beach are held for 99 years and renewed for 99 years for perpetuity, those taxes can be levied.

Earlier this year, U.S. Congressman Jeff Miller sponsored H.R. 2954, the Public Access and Lands Improvement Act, which he says simplifies the property rights issue. Current federal law, Miller said, makes it impossible for beach residents and businesses to obtain title to their land. Miller said the legislation would give leaseholders the option of attaining fee simple title to their property. In English law, a fee simple (or fee simple absolute) is an estate in land, a form of freehold ownership. It is the way real estate is owned in common law countries and is the highest ownership interest possible that can be had in real property. Santa Rosa County Commissioner Jim Melvin said, in his opinion, until the issue of fee simple is resolved, it would be the equitable thing to do to reduce Navarre Beach residents' lease fees to a dollar.

Wal-Mart to host blood drive Monday

Special to the Press Gazette

Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs a blood transfusion. Blood donations are crucial to the health and well-being of our community. That's why Wal-Mart invites people in the community to join them for special "Share Your Power" blood drives during March, at select Northern Florida and Southern Georgia area store locations, where you can make a difference by donating blood.

Locally, a drive will be 1-7 p.m. Monday, March 24, at Wal-Mart in Milton. All blood donors will receive a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count and a cholesterol screening.

Generally healthy people age 16 or older who weigh at least 110 pounds can donate blood. To learn more about the importance of blood donation and how donors can target the power of their blood type, visit oneblood.org or call 1-800-68-BLOOD (1-800-682-5663).

There are eight different blood types, and each one holds a unique power to save lives. OneBlood's Target Your Type program gives donors the ability to learn the power of their blood type and how to donate the specific components of their blood that are most needed by patients at area hospitals.

March DIVORCES

MARCH 4
Stellitano, Nicholas M and Cooper, Jennifer E
Lancaster, Connie Sue and Lancaster, Keith Eric

MARCH 5
Mitchell, Carol Ruth and Mitchell, Jeff
Drew, LLana and Drew, Bobby
Bradley, Delores Jean and Bradley, Jeffery
Hawkins, Debra Taylor and Hawkins, Kevin Dale
Panzik, Nakita and Mason, Denver I. III
Tipton, Linda Leigh and Tipton, Danny Wayne
Church, Keith Wayne and Church, Melody Y
Bowman, Sheppard

MARCH 10
Whitman, Amber and Whitman, Charles
Van Zile, Richard W and Van Zile, Tonya R
Puskarich, Sonya K and Puskarich, David J
Miller, Thompson Kristy and Thompson, Shawn
Rogers, Elizabeth D and Rogers, Thomas
Moore, Jacob W and Moore, Kelly Bream
McLaughlin, Sabrina Scherer and McLaughlin, Allen Wayne

MARCH 11
Short, Leonard W III and Short, Katherine E
Holt, Ashley Deanna and Holt, Charlton Patrick
Nobrega, Jason A and Nobrega, Candy L
Bragdon, Daniel Joshua and Bragdon, Georgiana Vion

MARCH 12
Bliss, Brittany Breanne and Bliss, Jeremy Levi
Coder, Joseph William and Coder, Jeanette Marie
Vaughn, Jennifer Ann and Vaughn, Jason Edward
Moore, Joseph D and Moore, Latitia R
Andrews, Dana Ray and

MARCH 13
Warren, Jason Samuel and Warren, Kristina Webb, Latisha B and Webb, Daniel P
Scauzillo, Robert James Jr. and Scauzillo, Tracy Lynn
Patrick, Deleasa D. and Patrick, Wesley B
Post, Gabriel P and Post, Ashley M.

Andrews, Nancy Marie Duke, Tasha M and Duke, Steven Bruce Jr
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Spring has sprung

Spring is here; it has risen from the throws of winter. It's time for productivity, accomplishment, goal setting; well, it is for me.

Spring is about the only season I want to work in the yard. I want to dig in the dirt and plant flowers, herbs and veggies, drag dead limbs across the yard, rake stuff and clean. I'm sure it's the only time my husband ever hears me actually say, "Can I help you in the yard?"

Spring is also time for festivals, camping, hiking, cleaning, cycling, tennis, antiquing, canning, painting, organizing, garden pruning, running, softball, reading in the swing, and celebrating family. There's Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, and of course, my birthday.

I'm energized by spring, but when summer rolls around the heat exhausts me. Rarely do I venture outside during the heat of summer; however I try to make up for the "down" time in the fall and spring. But I've made myself a goal.

I've challenged myself to organize all storage areas in my home. Closets, cabinets, attic, garage, baskets, chests, you name it, it will be organized. It's going to take a while but I'm determined.

My dear husband keeps everything—even broken small appliances—stored in the garage along with old pillows, greasy mechanic cloths, and basketballs. And he's not the only one.

My daughter, who no longer lives in my house, has formal gowns hanging in the closet she'll never wear, and ballet tutus from when she was six. And Barbies. Lots of Barbies. Cruel as it may be, these items will be going by the way side soon, because I'm on a roll. Drawers filled with items I've never seen before or have any idea what to do with, will be taken to the trash.

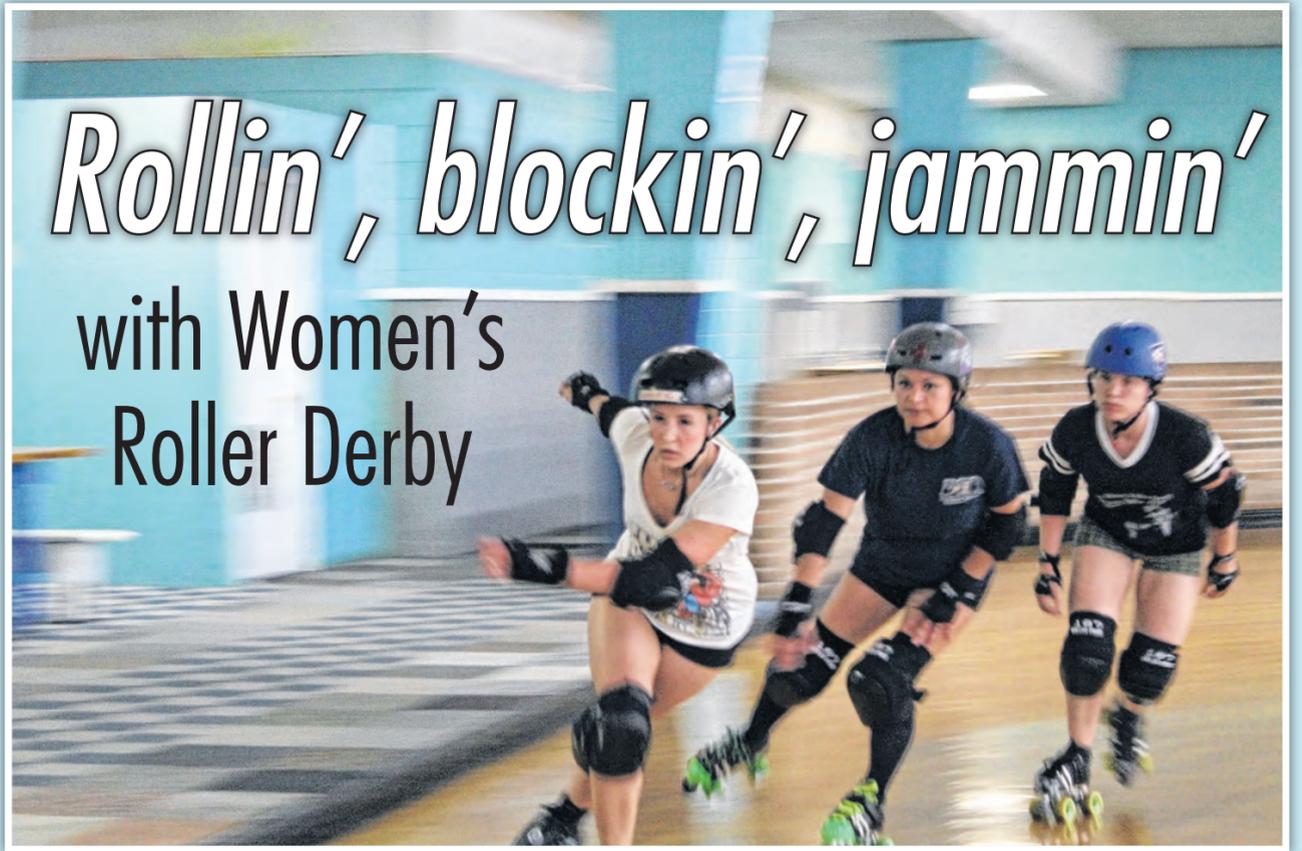
As serious as I am about recycling, its times like these I wish I didn't care about the environment or the condition of the landfills because all I want to do is throw stuff away. I'm going for the greasy towels and the nasty pillows. Out of site, out of mind, right?

I say all of this to you, dear readers, with courage. Because when I look at my sweet husband holding a broken radio, telling me nicely, "I can fix it," my heart melts.

That's why I will do it when he's not looking.



PAMELA HOLT
Keeping It Simple



Season begins March 29

By **AARON LITTLE**
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The roller derby season kicks off March 29 at Skate Land Skate Center in Milton with a double header of the Cajun Roller Girls against the Pensacola Roller Gurlz Travel Team and the Emerald Coast Roller Derby (ECRD) against the Pensacola Roller Gurlz Home Team. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the game starts at 7 p.m.

Debby "Deb.auty" Meyer of the ECRD said roller derby is the "largest growing sport in the U.S." and said it's a female contact sport. Meyer said if people like hockey for the fights, they should come see roller derby.

However, Sarah "Anita B. Cracken" Tavares, also said players are drawn to roller derby to meet independent women and find a physical challenge. Tavares said the players support each other by helping with kids and Meals on Wheels.

Melanie "Sinderblocks" Croke, an ECRD member since 2010, said other teams might be opponents but not enemies. She said players of different teams socialize often.

Tavares, who gained an interest in roller derby after receiving her masters degree in health care administration, said the "diversity is crazy among players." She said some are teachers, nurses, and social workers. The game starts with a group of players known as blockers going around the track, followed behind by two "jammers," one from each team. Teams earn points when jammers pass opposing blockers. Blockers help their own team jammer move through the group of blockers and block opposing jammers from passing.

Players compared the athleticism of the game to football and basketball, only in this case there's no object.

"I'm the ball," Christine Blackburn, ECRD player and nurse at the naval hospital, said.



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Above, Jay left fielder Dana Blackmon grabs a base hit from the Chipley Tigers. **At right**, "If you want it, you know what to do" encourages Coach Brian Moye as his team huddles before the start of their 13th season game. The Royals winning 12 game streak ended against Chipley.



Freshman Destiny Herring races to first base in the first inning of action in a district match-up against Chipley High School.

Against Chipley, the Royals suffered its first loss of the season, the streak ended with a score of 3-1.



Senior pitcher Chasity McCranie throws one across the plate against the Chipley Tigers.

Bows & Bats

The Royal winning streak ends but not their dream

By BECKY BONDURANT
Special to the Press Gazette

12-0. Twelve games and no losses until Tuesday, March 19. To the Lady Royals softball team, Tuesday night might have felt like a death in their family but in prospective it might have helped them more than realize right now.

Ten minutes before the Royals faced off with the Chipley Tigers from Washington County, Jay's Head Coach Brian Watson had his girls huddled up and provides them with precise information, "Make sure you play every inning, every play. They are not better than us, run the bases, hit the ball and play the whole seven innings."

The girls stand straight and listen diligently to every word their coach said. Each player wears a bow with sparkles in their hair, after all they are girls, but when they pick up a bat or a glove they are softball players who have won 12 straight games.

"Oh, he is hard. He makes very sure we are all doing what we need to do to keep improving and winning," said junior catcher Samantha Steadham, in reference to Coach Watson. "He keeps us focused and playing hard."

Moments before their huddle the Lady Royals were scattered across the field, warming up and guided by Watson and his assistants, Jessica Odom and Brian Moye. Their warm up session before game time is organized and serious.

"Girls you were awesome warming up today, that says a lot for you," shares Moye with the team. Chipley stands to the side of the infield and gives close attention to the team.

"The weather has been a big distraction this season," Watson said. "We want to make it to the play-offs and all the way to finals. We have to stay focused on our realistic goals for now."

Senior Royal Pitcher Chasity McCranie has gone 10 straight games on the mound, 10 straight wins. "The winning streak is stressful in the way it makes us want to work harder," she said. McCranie has been playing softball for nine years and is considering continuing her athletic career for either of two



The 2014 Jay Royals softball team, kneeling from left: Harley Bradley, Megan Mulford, Emily Dobson, Michaela Stewart, Samantha Steadham and Chasity McCranie. Standing from left: Holly Fagatt, Harley Tagert, Ashlyn Geck, Baleigh Upton, Destiny Herring, Taylor Moore, Sydney Lowery and Dana Blackmon.

community colleges in Alabama. She has her future planned; she wants to be a physician. Each game McCranie steps onto the field, she carries the weight on her small shoulders of the winning streak.

Against Chipley, McCranie and the Royals suffered its first loss of the season, the streak ended with a score of 3-1. McCranie, who pitched all seven innings, struck out six batters and allowed three runs.

Early in the first inning, Chipley had one runner on base when a batter sent the ball deep over the left field fence. Chipley automatically went up by two adding another run later in the game. The Tigers stepped up to the plate with an intensity that could be felt from the first pitch.

For Jay, Dana Blackmon who went 2-for-3 was the only run for the night. Taylor Moore earned a RBI off her hit

that scored Blackmon.

The winning streak ended for the Lady Royals and McCranie, but in the minds of true competitors their dream is not over. Their loss may be very beneficial to them when the district tournament starts.

A Jay parent Diane Tagert reflected on the loss, "No better time for it to happen. It had to come sooner or later. Now it is time to work hard and let the hard work pay off," she said.

The Lady Royals will play a visit to the Chipley Tigers and Tuesday, March 25 for a second round of District 3-1A softball action against the only team who has beat them this season.

The Royals return from their spring break vacation with an amazing 12-1 record and are 5-1 in their district.

They will have bows in their hair, bats in their hands and a new determination in their swing.

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Senior Feature Cody Brayton

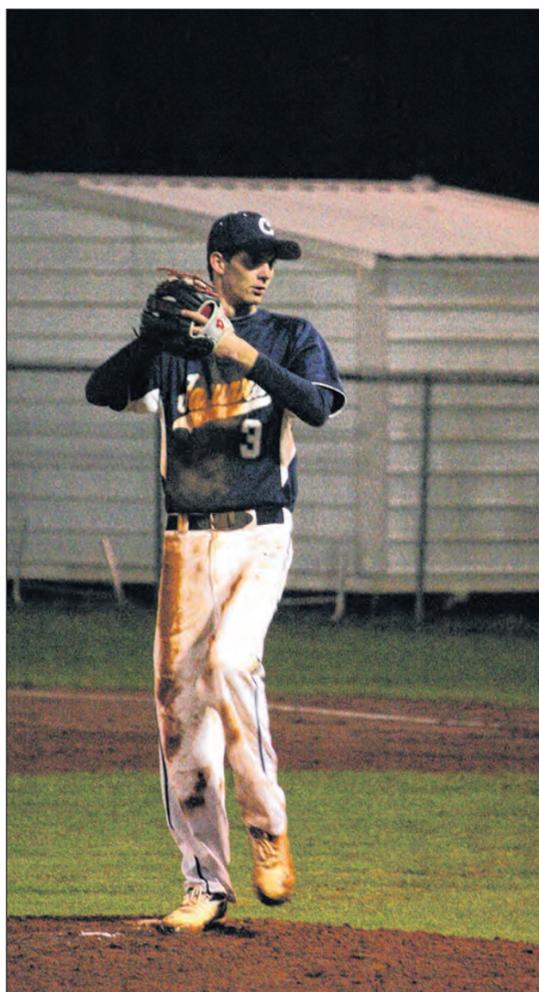
Cody Brayton is a senior graduating in the class of 2014. He is the son of Kerri and Scott Coker. Cody has played soccer at Milton High School all of the four years he has attended. Besides playing sports and maintaining his 4.3 GPA, Cody is very busy working two jobs. He is employed at Santa Rosa Health and Rehabilitation Center and Hungry Howies. Cody has been employed at the nursing home since April of 2012 and at Hungry Howies since December of 2012. Cody has logged in over 1,800 hours of work experience. In the upcoming semester, he will attend the University of Central Florida to major in Health Service Administration. Cody hopes to achieve his dream career, which is to be a Nursing Home Administrator. He loves working with the elderly and he hopes he can continue to pursue his dream.

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BECKY BONDURANT | Special to the Press Gazette

Justin Abel has a big night for the Jaguars from the mound as well as at the plate.

Jaguars win back-to-back

By BECKY BONDURANT
Special to the Press Gazette

The Jaguars are undefeated in 1-1A district baseball action.

Despite the weather, Central High School traveled Monday, March 18, to district rival Jay High School, and proved to be more than the Royals could handle. Central defeated Jay 6-2.

From the mound, Central's Justin Abel pitched his fourth game of the season, filling the mound for all seven innings. Abel had four strikeouts and did not give up any base-on-balls. He only allowed four hits for two runs scored. Abel also was in his groove from the plate as well going 2-for-3 with one RBI.

Nolan Frady and Darren Smith did not allow the miserable weather to interfere with their swing either. Frady was 2-for-2, had two runs, one RBI, a double and stole two bases. Smith cleared the fence for a home run as well as being

2-for-2 with one run and one RBI.

Jay's Tate Upton went 1-for-3 with the bat and Jay Carnley scored one run and went 1-for-3 from the plate.

"We played some good baseball tonight," Central Coach Mike Phillips said.

On Tuesday night, March 19, Central hosted Laurel Hill for another district game. The Hoboes handed the Jaguars its sixth district win 10-0.

Dalton Dunlap (2-0) was right at home on the Jaguar mound pitching five innings with four strikeouts, and only allowing three hits.

Abel had another big night swinging the bat going 3-for-3 with 2RBI and one run. Senior Evan Manning came through with 3-for-3 with three runs, two RBIs and a stolen base.

Chase Jackson contributed to the night with two RBIs, one run and went 1-for-2 from the plate.

The Pensacola Christian Academy Warriors will play the Jaguars at Central on Tuesday night, March 25.



Flippin' Out places 1st, 3rd

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Flippin' Out Gymnastics in Milton introduced a new competitive sport to our area; the gym started the first competitive Acrobatic Gymnastics team in the Panhandle. Flippin' Out Gymnastics is a USA Gymnastics Club Member, and coaches and athletes are registered USA Gymnastics members. The girls on the team attended their very first competition in New Orleans. The level 5 pair brought home first place, and the level 6 trio brought home third. The coaches, parents and students at Flippin' Out are proud of the girls for doing so well at their

FLIPPIN' OUT TEAM

Level 5 pair: Avery Smith (8), Julia Johnston (8)

Level 6 trio: Sydney Stenerson (11), Katie Matteson (11), Madison McArthur (9)

Coach: Sara Atsatt
Manager: Sara McBride

first meet. The team will return to New Orleans on April 5 and April 26 for additional meets this season. Look for the Flippin' Out Acro Team at community events later this year.

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Tom Couchman

Second Place +1
Ray Salerno

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Jim Divens

Rod Manning

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Bob Barbaree
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B-FLIGHT
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Patrick McCrary

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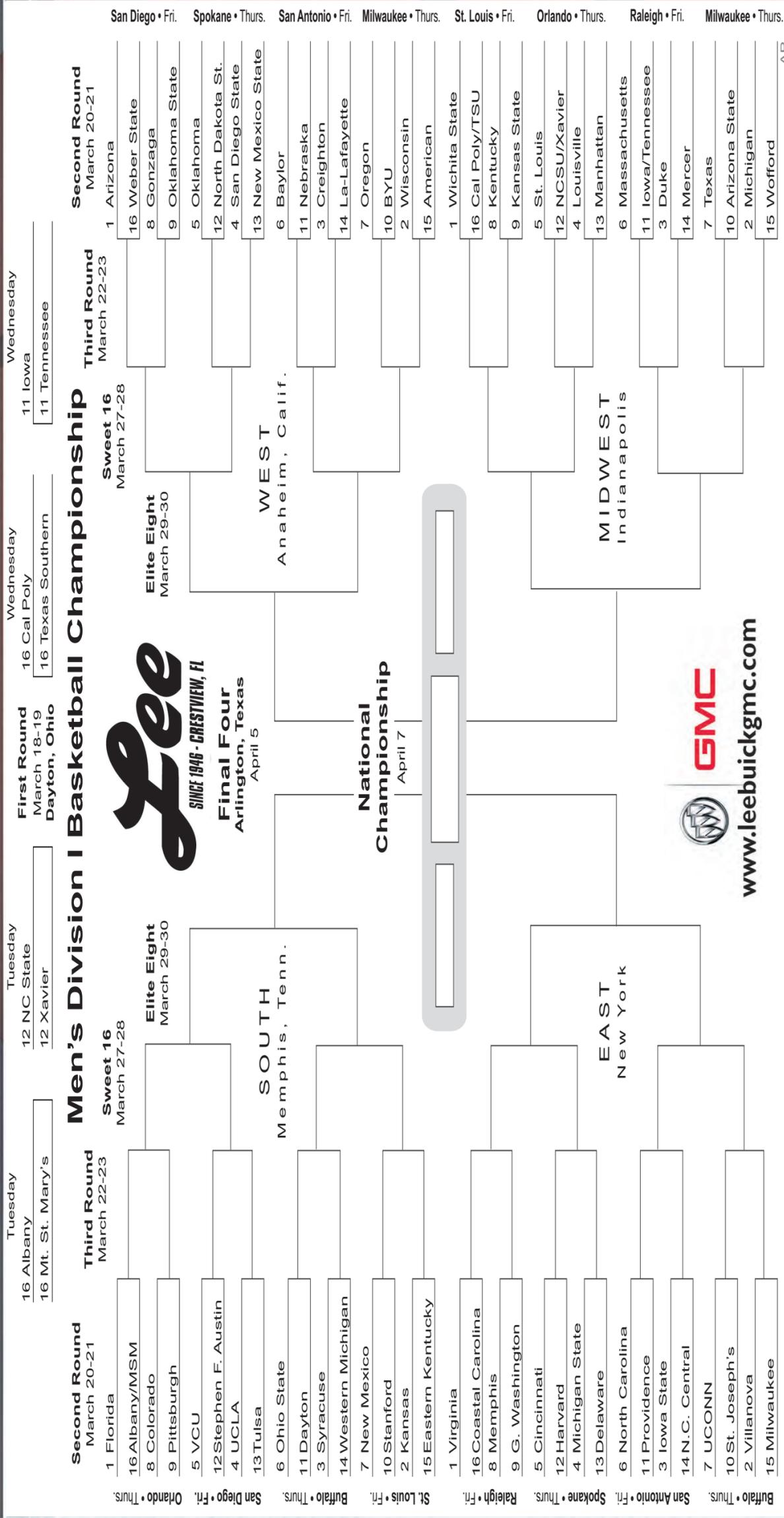
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