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Lawson leads Senate Dems as state faces shortfall

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

With State Senator Al Lawson now holding the most powerful post among Democrats in the Florida Legislature, his Franklin County constituents might worry he could be too busy this session to tend to their needs.

Especially since the county's longtime favorite son, Will Kendrick, is no longer in office due to term limits, and State Rep. Jimmy Patronis, the Panama City Republican whose district extends west to Apalachicola, has yet to fully solidify his standing as an advocate for the county.



AL LAWSON

But, as the new Senate Minority Leader said in a telephone interview last month, he has no intention of slighting the county he has represented in the Senate since 2000.

"I will continue to be their voice," said Lawson. "I've always had the philosophy that if I represent one precinct in the county that really doesn't mean that I shouldn't represent the whole county."

In fact, Lawson's District 6 encompasses the entire county and more, and the 60-year-old Florida A & M University grad has been a loyal advocate for the county's seafood industry, and infrastructure needs, over the last eight years.

But this year the state's financial picture is so dismal that there won't be the traditional legislative delegation meeting in January to see what's on everyone's wish lists.

"We have a real serious problem with the budget right now," said Lawson. "We had a \$1.3 billion (deficit) in December and the possibility of a special session is staring us in the face for January in order to close that budget deficit. It's better to try and close the deficit before this (regular) session."

As it turned out, that special session began in earnest Monday and will run for two weeks. And the deficit is now estimated at \$2.3 billion.

But with Lawson also the ranking Democrat on the General Government Operations and for 26 years on the appropriations committee, he's in a powerful position to affect the actions of the Florida legislature this winter and spring.

"The major issue is the budget, how to stimulate the economy," he said. "I certainly hope the government takes an active role."

With Florida a national leader in foreclosures and job losses, with unemployment at a 15-year high, and with the state continuing to get most of its revenue from a sales tax, which declines sharply during a downturn, Lawson said the urgency is to act to shore up this year's budget. All in preparation of the upcoming regular session in the spring, when even more drastic cuts are in store for next year's budget.

"All the tax breaks we have given the most wealthy, over the years from the Governor Bush administration, we ought to close those loopholes," he said. "We've given Florida's most wealthy tax breaks over \$1 billion. Now we don't have that revenue coming in, and they can afford to pay it."

He said that despite Governor Crist's likely opposition, he also will consider supporting a renewed effort by State Sen. Ted Deutch (D-Boca Raton) to increase the per pack cigarette tax by \$1, bringing in another \$1.3 billion. "The hospitals, cancer society, they are going to push very heavily for this," said Lawson.

The long-term problem with raising revenue is to build a broader tax base, he said. "Sales tax is not a stable source of revenue; when the economy is bad you suffer the most. You pretty much know that days like this are coming," he said.

His preference is to broaden the burden with a tax on services, similar to the 5 percent tax proposed by Republican Governor Bob Martinez in the late 1980s.

"But he really couldn't take the heat," added Lawson, noting Martinez was later forced to back down off his proposal.

Lawson reiterated his stance in a news release issued last week, urging his col-

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Willie Speed, of Apalachicola, works out regularly at the fitness center and may be its oldest exercise enthusiast, although several members are in their 80s.

New fitness center SHAPING UP nicely

By Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

Harry Arnold's newest business endeavor is, by all accounts, a great success.

Arnold, the CEO of Executive Office Supply and owner of the Tin Shed, a marine antiques shop on Bay Ave, is now

the proud creator of a 5,000 square foot fitness center in downtown Apalachicola.

Any morning, Monday through Saturday, will find a dozen people pumping iron, treadmill walking, working up a sweat on the "Ab Lounge" or socializing at the water fountain at Apalachicola's newest

sensation, The Apalachicola Fitness Center.

Located in the old Lanier Pharmacy building at 45 Avenue D, a block off US 98, the fitness center is a sunny cheerful place to spend an hour or so meeting friends and maintaining a healthy body.

The newly remodeled building now contains a large exercise room with mirrors and stretching bars, a free weight station, 18 Cybex machines for working isolated muscle groups, eight cardio units including both stair machines and treadmills and a cross-over cable machine.

The Cybex units and some of the cardio equipment were originally located at Eastpoint Fitness and Physical Therapy at 171 US 98 in Eastpoint. After that center closed, Arnold had them moved to the new facility early in December 2008 and brought along fitness instructor Tim Whitehead to manage the new gym.

Whitehead is a personal trainer and group exercise

"Anyone that's a little apprehensive of coming to the fitness center because they aren't already buffed out needs to come down and look around. It's a small gym where we can keep an eye on people." - Tim Whitehead



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Darius May demonstrating his prowess with free weights is an inspiration to the casual exercise enthusiast.

trainer certified through the Aerobic and Fitness Association of America after training at the University of Central Florida.

"When I got involved in fitness training after I retired from working 30 years in law enforcement, I decided, if I'm going to do this job, I'm going to do it right," he said.

Also employed at the center are Christine Smith and Joe Lowe, both of Eastpoint. Whitehead said April Patriotis,

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Shimmering Sands buys Prudential Resort Realty

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Helen Spohrer, owner of a St. George Island real estate company that shaped the homebuying boom of the last 20 years, has sold the franchise to a larger Panama City firm.

As of Jan. 1, Prudential Shimmering Sands Realty acquired Prudential Resort Realty, and in doing so expanded its six-county reach east from its Panama City base through Gulf County to Franklin County.

The new owner, Dana Paramore Dunnigan, said she plans to rename the local franchise Shimmering Sands and close the Apalachicola office, which had shrunk to an entirely administrative function. Broker Rose Drye will continue to serve as manager of the company's office on St. George Island.

"There is a gap for Prudential in Mexico Beach and Port St. Joe," said Dunnigan. "She (Spohrer) has an exclusive with Franklin and Gulf counties. Now we will be able to cover this entire stretch and to expand a real estate

company.

"The best time to do it is when the market is down," she said. "We're not scaling back in a slow time. We're positioning ourselves so we'll continue to be the strongest company when the market turns around."

Spohrer, who announced the deal in a New Year's Day email, wrote that "this merger of two leading companies

will create one even stronger company with better resources to thrive in today's real estate market.

"The additional marketing exposure alone will be a boost to our local economy here in Franklin County. And we will continue to have the

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of Apalachicola, will join the staff to lead group exercise classes including Pilates and step aerobics during January. He said mixed martial arts and kickboxing classes are also on the horizon.

Patrons flocked to join up after the much anticipated gym opened last month. Whitehead said membership has doubled since the fitness center moved to Apalachicola. Nearly 200 are enrolled now and there

are new members every day.

T-shirts touting Harry's House of Pain, sports drinks and energy bars are available on site. A tanning salon will open in the same building by mid January.

"This gym is for all levels of people. We have members from age 12 to 88. It is not your power lifting gym. It's a place where you can come for a leisurely workout, although, from time to time, we do have people

come in who are world class or even Olympic athletes."

"Anyone that's a little apprehensive of coming to the fitness center because they aren't already buffed out needs to come down and look around," he said. "It's a small gym where we can keep an eye on people. I always take the time to walk new members through an orientation. We talk to them and design a program to fit their needs."

If you are interested in the services of a personal trainer to work with you one on one, Whitehead is available for \$25 per hour or \$200 for 10 one-hour sessions.

The Apalachicola Fitness Center is open from 5:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Right now there are several special membership plans available through Jan. 14. For \$99 you can purchase a three-month membership and get a fourth month free. For \$360 you can join for a year and receive three bonus months.

Short term visitors can sign up as visiting members for \$26 a week.

"It's a great value," said Whitehead. "Some people say they can't afford to join but really you can't afford not to. Basically the cost is a dollar a day and it's a proven fact that for every dollar you spend, you save \$5 in medical bills."

The gym is also becoming a center for some local athletes with serious sporting aspirations. The facility is a sponsor of the Second Annual Southern Power

Lifting Competition to be held on St. George Island in April. Whitehead is also involved in outreach to local student athletes. Some work out at the center; others meet with him at the Consolidated School.

"I'm trying to help them become stronger and improve their endurance to develop their general athletic skills," he said.

Whatever your aspirations, Whitehead and his friendly staff offer up an appealing invitation to anyone interested in spending a little quality time working on personal health and self improvement. Take the time to visit our newest downtown amenity and you may find that you want to come back again and again.



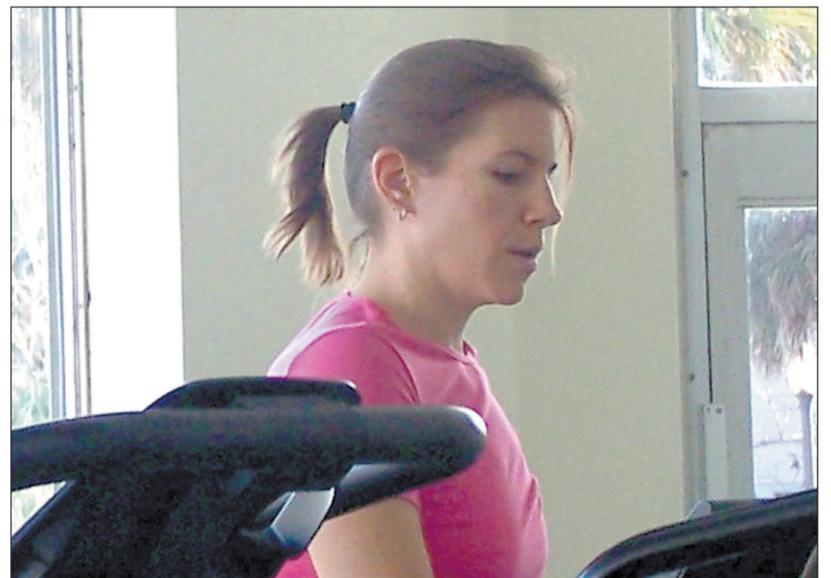
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Fitness center manager and personal trainer Tim Whitehead said he bench pressed 500 pounds for the first time on the day of his interview.



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Restaurateur Danny Iltzkovitz makes use of the treadmill. "My wife and I trade off the kids so we can both work out. Take my picture to prove I was here," he said.



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Local actress Meagan Lamb studies a script while working out. Seen here on the stair machine, she is a regular visitor to the Apalachicola Fitness Center.



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strength of the Prudential network to support us," she said. "It's very much what you see in real estate. Brokers are getting together to combine all their efforts."

Dunnigan, who opened her first office in 1994, and now has four offices in Bay County, with 105 realtors and 15 employees, said she plans to expand her property management division, of long-term rental units, and that of commercial leasing, as part of this acquisition.

"We will probably scale back on some realtors a little bit," she said. "We do expect to lose a few realtors who are getting out of the real estate business."

Spohrer said her firm had 14 fulltime sales associates and three employees. She said she expects the expanded company to continue Prudential Re-sort Realty's current marketing, including the local television coverage and foreclosure marketing, and increase significantly the company's Internet marketing and exposure.

The sale does not affect Forgotten Coast TV, which is also owned by the Spohrers. They will work

out of offices in the building they own at Market Street and Avenue D, where Tamara's Café is located on the ground floor.

Both women agree that turnaround won't come in earnest until 2010, following a year in which the rate of foreclosures will get worse before it improves.

"Hopefully 2009 is going to be about the same as 2008," said Dunnigan. "We'll be doing a lot of short sales and foreclosures. We're going to continue to see the foreclosures grow over the next year."

Spohrer said there's light flickering at the end of the tunnel for a real estate market that peaked about four years ago.

"By 2011 things will be really moving again," she said, adding that when they look back, they'll say 2007 was the low point for the market, for her company and likely her competitors.

"It was the lowest point in terms of activity, with 151 transactions," said Spohrer. "Last year we had 168 transactions but the dollar volume fell. That's what real estate brokerage is all about, the transactions. The number

of transactions have to start increasing for a while before the market will ever recover."

"This is a positive sign. The prices may be falling but that means people have confidence," she said. "Activity is picking back up."

In terms of the buyer prospects Spohrer is seeing, "it's very much like selling real estate in the late '80s and early '90s. They are in love with the area and they are looking for a way to buy something and be a part of this community. It's not just about the money; they want to make a good investment."

"That's a wonderful thing for Franklin County," she said. "In my opinion, it's been a financial blow to this county that the profiteers are gone. Now we're back to working with people who really love the area and want to be part of it."

"That's the first and most important thing for this county. That's psyches me up," she said.

Spohrer's Prudential franchise, which she acquired in 1996 after 11 years as a realtor in the county, did over \$26 million in sales volume last year, about a quarter of Shim-

mering Sands' \$105.8 million.

The merger of the smaller company is in keeping with nationwide trends, said both women.

"There are a lot of mergers and acquisitions of real estate companies, you're seeing brands acquire independent firms and seeing smaller firms merge with larger firms," said Dunnigan. "This is typically a type of structure that works, wherever a company like ours doesn't have market share in any area and we try to expand."

"We are very excited about the potential for growth," she said. "We are looking to grow that office with hopefully bringing in experienced and ethical realtors who may want to join."

One broker who will remain with the new company is Spohrer herself, who plans to focus on bank-owned properties, foreclosures, first-time homebuyers and commercial. "I'm going to be a fulltime sales agent and looking forward to it," she said.

Spohrer said first began planning to sell her ownership about four years ago, to simplify her life and pass on the business to a younger, dynamic heir.

"The market slowdown made it more difficult to move forward with my plans," she said.

While terms of the deal were not disclosed, transactions such as this are typically sold on an earn-out over a few years.

Spohrer said the local economy may soon see a positive side effect of

the merger, as Shimmering Sands' agents step up promotion of properties in Franklin County to prospective buyers.

"They'll be bringing people from Panama City in and they'll be shopping and eating. This might have a pretty immediate boost on the economy," she said. "She's a very good leader and her agents are all very excited. They'll have first-hand knowledge of our area."

Spohrer also mentioned her gratitude to the many who have helped her over the past 23 years. "I want to thank each and every one of you who've helped make my business successful. Without your support, I would not be in this position to move forward with the next phase of my life," she said.

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Worry accomplishes nothing, so decide to relax

It is Jan. 2 and I just got around to taking down the Christmas tree. Mother always said it was bad luck to leave it up past New Year's Day. The delay was not because I was lazy (promise). It's just that we had a cool snap. That meant I could have a roaring fire in the living room, sit on the loveseat reading my book and glance up every now and then to enjoy the beauty of my tree. The tinsel caught the light with magic continuous flickers.

I hope the bad luck gremlins will give me a pass on the basis of aesthetic appreciation.

I took another chancy move this year. I swore off eating black-eyed peas and greens for good luck. I began to question the efficacy of this charm a few years back but still continued the tradition. As we were both shopping recently in the Piggly Wiggly, George Pruet warned about the potential pitfalls of my radical action. He said, "Just think how much worse it could have been this year if you hadn't eaten those peas and greens."

Well, maybe, but ignoring his advice, I soldiered on with a new plan. One of my superstitions is that whatever I do on New Year's Day, I will be repeating the rest of the year. I have always avoided arguing, cleaning house and doing laundry. I try to spend the time with family, watching movies and reading.

This year I added a twist. I spent New Year's Eve prepping a turkey breast for the oven. I made cornbread and proceeded with Nana's dressing recipe. I refrigerated everything and popped both dishes into the oven New Year's morning. That meant good food all day with beaucoup leftovers. Turkey sand-

wich on homemade bread, anyone?

My hope for 2009 is that I will be organized enough to plan ahead and then spend plenty of time preparing food that celebrates happy occasions. I believe we all need a few more joyous moments.

Peggy Drexler wrote in her blog on The Huffington Post, "In times like these, optimism is a decision." After a while, depression and anxiety

just get plain old boring. Worry accomplishes nothing. In our life of the mind, we can look at alternate solutions to the problems at hand, but at some point, we have to let the anxiety go and relax with the decisions we make.

My eyes generally fly open at about 3:30 a.m. For the next hour and a half, I lie in bed and go through my litany of anxieties - global and personal. That will change this year. I will get up and write or iron clothes, but that non-productive worry has got to go.

Right now I am focusing on a really big problem. How will I ever eradicate all that errant Christmas tinsel that has drifted throughout my house?

I have an addendum. I received the most delightful e-mail from a gentleman who remembered staying at Steve Roux's Lodge in the '40s. He wondered if there was a connection because of the common last name. Indeed there is, and I wrote back a lengthy, chatty e-mail that came back as undeliverable. This is a personal message to Mr. Floyd Goolsby. Please double-check your e-mail address, so that we can connect and share our memories.

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RED WHITE AND ROUX
Denise Roux

Thoughts of the Times

'Noogie' Smith commemorative plaque installed on Carrabelle bridge

Mel Kelly
January 2009

The year was 1976 and the new bridge toward Eastpoint, Apalachicola and the western Panhandle was being completed in Carrabelle. Now, 33 years later, a commemorative sign has been affixed to the Carrabelle River Bridge in honor of the local man who served as project engineer for that vital transportation project. The new sign reads, "In honor of Edgar 'Noogie' Smith and all the residents of Carrabelle who worked on the Tillie Miller Bridge."

In the mid 1970s, Edgar "Noogie" Smith was urged by DOT boss Gordon Warne Sr. to oversee and complete the vital bridge construction project on behalf of Smith's hometown. This east-west Highway 98 link would prove to be a long-lasting and vital transportation connection from north and south Florida.

Together with Woods-Hopkins Construction Co., "Noogie" and other local Carrabelle workers completed the 825 foot replacement structure in January 1977 at a cost of \$2.5 million. Funding was provided by the state and federal government. State archive records also explain that an additional \$671,936 was spent to build the 3900 foot approach to the new bridge.

According to his widow, Lillian Smith, her husband was a conscientious project engineer during all phases of the construction. His work ethic and expertise was well respected by his co-workers and within the Department of Transportation. "Noogie," as he was known, was hospitalized during one important stage of the bridge construction; he directed his wife to pick him up from his hospital bed and drive him to the bridge site. He wanted to be sure that the first support piling would be driven, not jetted into the riverbed. He knew that driving that pile would assure a longer and safer life for the bridge structure.

When he arrived on site, as he had feared, the crews were preparing to jet the piles into the water. "Noogie" called a halt to that shortcut method and insisted that the piles be driven properly, as he had originally directed. His concern for the safety and long life of the Carrabelle bridge was demonstrated many times.

"Noogie," a nickname given by his father, worked with the DOT for 37 years. Other local projects he worked on included the Yent Bayou Bridge, where he was a rodman, and the Timber Island Bridge as inspector; he was project manager for the construction of the Carrabelle Beach Park. After his formal retirement from the department, he worked as a consultant for more than two years during the construction of the Apalachicola and Port St Joe bridges.

Lillian requested of the city that a commemorative plaque be placed on the bridge to honor her husband's important contribution to the city's development and progress. Former Carrabelle City Manager John McInnis shepherded the plaque through the necessary Department of Transportation regulations. With the help of DOT intergovernmental liaison Ralph Yoder; Tommy Speights, DOT Public Information Director; former District 10 Rep. Will Kendrick; DOT Secretary Larry Kelley; Donnie Phillips of VMS; road maintenance subcontractors; and William Massey, of the city of Carrabelle road department, the new sign was prepared and scheduled to be installed on Jan. 5.

According to Lillian, she and Edgar fished the rivers and hunted the local woods.

She explained how Edgar knew every nook and niche of the river. They raised their three children here: daughter Ruth (Raymond) Williams, who recently retired as the Franklin County finance director; son Robert Frank Smith, PhD, psychologist of El Paso, Texas; and Marguerite Robison, with the postal service of Crawfordville. All three children were valedictorians in their Franklin County graduating classes.

Edgar and Lillian Smith celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on May 23, 2002, the day before he died. Lillian is well-known for her comprehensive knowledge and memories of Carrabelle history and appreciated for her delicious baked goods, which she prepares and gives away on a daily basis in her personal ministry.

"I know this bridge project was very important to Edgar," she said. "I want him to be remembered for all the good construction work he did for the people of Carrabelle, Franklin County and north Florida."

WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?

Portuguese man o' war makes its way to St. George Island

On a recent visit to Little St. George Island, something caught my eye. On the beach lay something I had never seen before in the creepy quivering flesh, but I knew what it was: a Portuguese man o' war, *Physalia physalis* Linnaeus.

I stared in delighted horror at the iridescent pastel balloon resting on a mass of what looked like sodden silk thread. That morning I counted 20 more.

I decided to write this column because I had unanswered questions about this legendary menace. When I began my research, I had no idea controversy would play a part in the story.

The Portuguese man o' war, also known as the blue bubble and blue bottle, is commonly thought of as a jellyfish. It is actually a colony of four kinds of tiny, specialized animals living together cooperatively. Each member of the colony is dependent on the others for survival.

P. physalis has a blue or purplish air bladder or "sail" that allows it to float on the water. The bladder might be a foot long and rise as much as six inches above the water. The ones on the island were only two to six inches long. The man o' war secretes air into its sail, but might build up a high concentration of carbon dioxide over time. The sail must stay wet and occasionally the man o' war rolls slightly. To escape an attack, the *P. physalis* can deflate the sail and briefly submerge.

Below the main body dangle tentacles that are usually about three feet long but might extend as much as 150 feet. The tentacles "fish" continuously, stinging small animals. Muscles in each tentacle then contract and drag the prey to a part of the colony specialized to digest food. Certain fish can live among the tentacles and steal bits of the prey.

P. physalis has few enemies. The loggerhead turtle's skin is too thick for stingers to penetrate. It is commonly seen feeding on the man o' war. Some sea slugs feed on the man o'



PHOTO BY LOIS SWOBODA

Man O' War

war, as does the violet snail. Blanket octopuses are immune to its venom. Females rip off its tentacles to use for defensive purposes.

The man o' war's sting can cause a severe reaction in some people and is described as terribly painful.

The poison is about 75 percent as powerful as cobra venom, but a sting introduces a much lower dose of poison than a snake bite. Stings are rarely fatal. In addition to pain, people have reported skin rash, fever, shock, weakness, nausea, abdominal pain, vomiting and interference with heart and lung action. Remember that a sting also can cause a life threatening allergic reaction. Quick medical attention might be needed.

Even a detached tentacle or a "dead" Man o' war on the beach can sting. Never touch one, and wear gloves or cover your hands when delivering first aid, as the stingers attached to a victim's skin can sting you, too.

"All Stings Considered" by Craig Thomas, M.D., and Susan Scott, University of Hawaii Press, 1997, recommends the following treatments for a man o' war sting.

"First, pick off any visible tentacles with a gloved hand, stick, or anything handy, being careful to avoid further injury. Rinse the area liberally with seawater to remove any tentacles stuck to the skin."

Some experts, including

Thomas and Scott, say it's also fine to use fresh water to clean the skin, but others insist that fresh water can cause tentacles to release more poison into the victim. Remember I said there was controversy?

Some first aid publications say to use a vinegar rinse, but Scott and Thomas wrote, "Do not apply vinegar. A study shows that vinegar sometimes makes the sting worse."

Everybody agrees the next step is to apply ice for pain. Some publications suggest alternating hot and cold, but others say the application of heat worsens the damage.

If your eyes are exposed, rinse them thoroughly. If you notice tearing, swelling or blurred vision, get to a doctor at once.

Hydrocortisone ointment and diphenhydramine tablets (Benadryl) can help ease itching and burning skin.

Scott and Thomas also wrote that the effect of "meat tenderizer, baking soda, papain, or commercial sprays on stings have been contradictory. It's possible these substances cause further damage. In one man-of-war fatality, lifeguards sprayed papain solution immediately on the victim's sting. Within minutes, the woman was comatose, and later died. Alcohol and human urine may be harmful on man-of-war stings. Most stings disappear by themselves,

sometimes within 15 or 20 minutes. Because of this, even harmful therapies often appear to work. A key concept in the first aid of any injury is: Do no harm. Therefore, avoid applying unproven, possibly harmful substances on stings. See a doctor if pain persists, the rash worsens, a feeling of overall illness develops, a red streak develops between swollen lymph nodes and the sting, or if either area becomes red, warm and tender."

OK, I'm no physician so don't take this as the final word on man o' war first aid. These are just suggestions.

Anyway, the best treatment for a sting is not to get stung, so take a good look at the picture above and be aware when you're in the surf.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year, and in 2009 remember to drop me a line or just drop by if you want me to look into what's bugging you.

Lois Swoboda, staff writer at the Apalachicola and Carrabelle Times, holds a doctorate in entomology from Virginia Tech. If you have question concerning a plant or animal you see in our area, you can ask the bug doctor by calling 653 1819, emailing lswoboda@starfl.com or dropping your written inquiry or a picture off at the Times office on Commerce Street.

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leagues to follow the example of states like Texas and close the combined reporting loophole.

"This escape hatch for national chains shifts the tax burden squarely onto the shoulders of independent Florida business owners," he said. "Then we need to close the real estate transfer tax that lets the rich developers skirt paying the doc stamps everyone else has to pay. Finally, let's close the deep sea fishing charter loophole. All that does is give a break to high end recreational fishing buffs."

"None of these moves raise taxes, they don't burden property owners, and they don't expand bureaucracy. All they do is wean some very wealthy special interests from the legislative coddling they've enjoyed for years," read the release.

Lawson said in his release Democrats would likely support tapping at least \$70 million collected from the Seminole Indian Gaming Compact sitting idle in the state's General Revenue pot, but would not endorse raiding more money from the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund. And he signaled opposition to attempts to hike college tuition.

Opposes cuts to education, health care

In terms of spending, the Senate Minority Leader said agencies have already been asked to curtail hiring and cut 4 percent from last year's appropriations, which Crist wants to make permanent. Lawson said he would do all he could to spare further cuts to education.

"We're also looking at how not to do any more cuts to education so it means raising revenue," he said. "We don't think higher education can afford to suffer anymore. We're 49th (in the nation)

in terms of funding."

Lawson said with state employees forming a major constituency in his district, he would be "fighting hard to not layoff state workers. They've had no raise in five years, and a pay raise helps stimulate the economy here. They're the backbone of this economy."

"Employment is growing in the counties, and at the federal level, but employment is not growing in state government in Florida," Lawson said. "We've seen a constant attack on state employment, by Gov. Bush to decrease the workforce. Now we have people doing the work of two or three people. There's not that much more you can squeeze out of this lemon."

He said Democrats would oppose cuts to health care for seniors, children, and the developmentally disabled. And he took issue with the GOP's plans to increase fees to plug budget holes.

"You don't staunch an arterial hemorrhage by cutting out the heart," Lawson said in the release. "But the majority of plans they've concocted do just that. The Republican proposals target the little guy by jacking fees on court costs and other services they need and on which they depend. It's another tax noose they want to slip around the necks of those struggling to survive these hard economic times."

Like many other state leaders, both liberal and conservative, Lawson is banking on Florida's portion of President Obama's stimulus package to jumpstart the state's housing industry. Estimates range as high as \$600 million to \$700 million in potential infusion of federal funds to attack the housing crisis.

"We need to be encouraging homeowners to work with financial institutions in order to try to save their homes, not those interested in spending the money on cell phone bills or driving luxury cars," said Law-

son, "We want people who are serious about maintaining their home, serious about working with the criteria."

"We are optimistic that if all our focus in Florida is on stimulating the economy, we can see things turn around and people having more jobs to go to," he said.

"We're losing a lot of service jobs, a lot of construction jobs. The worst since the Depression," he said. "Any time I talk to contractors they say 'we don't have much to do.'"

"All of it is interrelated with the need for more housing. There's a big need for affordable housing (and) we have a lot of houses sitting out there," Lawson said.

The environment won't be ignored in Lawson's legislative priorities, which have traditionally included a focus on these issues, "The Florida environment has to be one of our most sensitive issues," he said. "We can not put our environment low on the priority list because that is what sustains us."

"Water is a major issue. It's a constant battle to make sure we protect the Apalachicola Bay. We pretty much have lost (others in the state) but Apalachicola is still a pristine bay," he said.

"Atlanta doesn't need 500 million gallons of water a year, because of development and recreation purposes on Lake Lanier," Lawson added. "We must find the dollars to protect the environment in the state of Florida."

He said he traveled over the state this summer, and saw firsthand that "we still have a lot of people moving to Florida. They're leaving high tax areas to come to Florida and they're not bringing any bridges, any roads and any schools (with them)," Lawson said.

He predicted that a change will be forthcoming in the nation's relationship with Cuba, which would

likely have a major impact on the Florida economy. "During the courses of the Presidential elections, Obama wouldn't rule out the possibility of communicating with Cuban leadership," Lawson said. "I really think we're going to see something happen in that relationship. Castro is really old and I think with more progressive leadership, we'll see some easing of the tension in the next four years."

No endorsement, and concern for redistricting

Lawson acknowledged Congressman Allen Boyd and State Senator Dan Gelber from Miami Beach, who have both said they are considering a run for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated in 2010 by incumbent Republican Mel Martinez. Florida Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink has ruled out running, for the time being.

"Those are three good choices to run," he said.

After being first elected to the Florida House in 1982, at the age of 34, Lawson is starting his 27th year in the legislature. Due to term limits, he will leave office in 2010, but is beginning to consider his future options.

Firstly, he said, constituents must focus on the upcoming reapportionment by the Republican-controlled Legislature, a process renewed every decade in keeping with the Census results. The result last time was the splitting of the county into two districts, with land east of the Apalachicola River now served by Democrat Leonard Bembry's sprawling, heavily Democratic District 10, and land west of the river served by Patronis in a predominantly Republican district dominated by Bay County.

"The only reason the district is divided like that

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is because of gerrymandering," said Lawson, referring to the process of creating districts that optimize a political party's strengths and diminish its weaknesses.

"With both Apalachicola and the county commissioners, my goal when I leave the legislature is to make sure the citizens and your elected officials get involved in reapportionment, so they can understand how the communities are divided," he said.

Lawson indicated he has been mulling over a second goal after he leaves the Florida Senate - higher office.

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Lawson said he might run for Boyd's seat in Congress if Boyd decides to run for senator, or possibly run for Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services. "I have looked at those two as the options," he said. "(Incumbent agriculture commissioner Charles) Bronson is leaving. I think they could use a good north Florida guy."

As for who might succeed him as state senator, Lawson said he knows of three elected officials - Bill Montford, Lorrane Ausley and Curtis Richardson - who have expressed interest on the Democratic side.

"I'm in a situation," he said. "I've known all three of these individuals for a very long time, and it's hard for me to make an endorsement. I may meet with them and try to get one or the other to step aside. So they don't beat each other up so bad and so they don't go in wounded to the general election."

Political partisanship, however, is on the backburner for Lawson as he goes about directing the efforts of the Democrats in the Senate. He promised a good working relationship with Senate President Jeff Atwater, a Palm Beach County Republican.

"When Florida goes from a red to a blue state, I think the public showed all of us politicians that they demand we work together and cut out a lot of the partisan bickering and work together for the benefit of their tax dollars," said Lawson. "We should have a pretty good working relationship, I think. It doesn't do us any good in the state we are in to be bickering."

Bembry assigned committees, files first bill

For the 2008-2010 legislative term, new State Representative Leonard Bembry (D-Greenville), has been given committee assignments that he says will make him effective in protecting constituents of House District 10.

He will serve as a member on the Natural Resources Appropriations Committee, the Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy

Committee, the Economic Development Policy Committee, and the State & Community Colleges & Workforce Policy Committee.

Bembry expressed his joy in the appointments and said, "I am excited that Speaker Sansom has placed this confidence in me. With my longtime background in farming and business, I feel I can effectively steer solid ideas

by working with my colleagues to make good things happen for the state."

Bembry has also filed his first House Bill for the 2009 Legislative Session. Entitled Clinical, Counseling, and Psychotherapy Services, HB 109 will assist licensed clinical social workers to better monitor the mental health of their clients and be able to get

additional help for their clients by waiving confidential communications under some circumstances.

"Filing my first bill is very exciting," he said. "I am proud to be able to serve the citizens of Florida in this capacity where I believe I can make a difference."

"In this time of economic hardship, our families are strug-

gling. Such stress will oftentimes make someone think in a way that they would not under more normal conditions. Protecting our citizens is paramount," said Bembry.

The 2009 Legislative Session will begin on March 3, although legislators are in Tallahassee Jan. 5 to 16 for a Special Session on the budget.

An artistic eye



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Renowned local artist and educator, Neal Smith-Wilow, is currently living in the town of San Miguel in Mexico gathering material for a new series of paintings. He sent back this unusual photo with the following explanation. "I went to the Jardín today (that's the park in the center of town) and found it full of people and music with these giant characters twirling around dancing to wild music. Vendors and displays all over the place. I have dubbed the characters 'Getchas' as they dance around and then they come over to the crowd and getcha."

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Thursday, Jan. 8
Wandering Star Quilt-Club. Chillias Hall Lanark Village. 1 to 3 p.m. Call Christine Hinton 697-2551.
Luncheon and Information Specials at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Noon. \$3 donation. Call 697-3760.
Chamber Business After Hours. Chef Eddie's Magnolia Grill. 5:30 p.m. Call 653-9419.
Franklin County School Board. Willie Speed Board room at Chapman Elementary. 6 p.m. Call 653-8831.

Friday, Jan. 9
Breakfast at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Coffee at 7:30 a.m., meal at 8 a.m. \$2 donation. Call 697-3760.
Bocce Club. Franklin

County Senior Center. 1 p.m. Call 697-3760.
The Old Folkie, Ken Sizemore. 8:00p.m. Dixie Theatre. \$15. Ken Sizemore is an "Old Folkie" who has been performing classic folk and rock music of the '50s, '60s and '70s all over the U.S. for over 40 years. Ken has a repertoire of over 500 songs and wants passionately to keep the music from those exciting times of creativity and hope alive. Call 653-3200.

Saturday, Jan. 10
Grant Peeples and the Lonesome Doves. Dixie Theatre. 8:00p.m. \$15. Don't miss your chance to hear this brilliant, "outlaw country" songwriter and performer.
 A clean, but brooding American sound from a fin-

ger-in-your-eye songwriter. A biting, edgy, articulate twang, thinking-man's songs. Environmental and sociopolitical themes. In addition, the Lonesome Doves, Lis and Lon Williamson, will be on hand with a special tribute to Gram Parsons and Emmylou Harris. Call 653-3200.

Monday, Jan. 12
Breakfast at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Coffee at 7:30 a.m., meal at 8 a.m. \$2 donation. Call 697-3760.
Computer classes at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Call Joyce Durham 670-5951 and set up a time.
Billiards Club at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. 1 p.m. Call 697-3760.

Apalachicola Planning and Zoning. 6 p.m. City Hall. Call 653-8715.

Tuesday, Jan. 13
Trash Amnesty Day. Franklin County Landfill. SR 65. Call 670-8167.
Art Club at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. 2 to 4 p.m. Call 697-3760.

Carrabelle Historic Society meets at 6:00 pm at the Carrabelle Branch of the Franklin Public Library. Beth LaCivita, of Historic Florida Consulting, will be the guest speaker to give an update on the Historical Survey she is conducting for the city.

Wednesday, Jan. 14
Franklin County 911 Communications Group. First meeting, 7:00 p.m.

on Jan. 14 at the Franklin County Emergency Operations Center in Apalachicola. Call Mike Rundel 653-8977.

Revolutionary Wizard: Ben Franklin by Eric Peterson. Dixie Theatre, 3pm. Reserved seating, \$20. This play by Eric Peterson is both entertainment and education. This is a new play and this portrayal by professional actor David Poirier gives us wonderful insight into the life and soul of a marvelously interesting American. Call 653-3200.

Thursday, Jan. 15
Wandering Star Quilt-Club. Chillias Hall, Lanark Village. 1 to 3 p.m. Call Christine Hinton 697-2551.
Luncheon and Information Specials at the Franklin County Senior

Center in Carrabelle. Noon. \$3 donation. Call 697-3760

Friday, Jan. 16
Breakfast at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle. Coffee at 7:30 a.m., meal at 8 a.m. \$2 donation. Call 697-3760.
Revolutionary Wizard: Ben Franklin. Dixie Theatre. 8 p.m. Reserved Seating \$20. Call 653-3200.

Saturday, Jan. 17
Revolutionary Wizard: Ben Franklin. Dixie Theatre. 8 p.m. Reserved Seating \$20. Call 653-3200.

Sunday, Jan. 18
Revolutionary Wizard: Ben Franklin. Dixie Theatre. 3 p.m. Reserved Seating \$20. Call 653-3200.

ANER SEMINAR

The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Preserve presents its seminar series "Effects of Reduced Freshwater Input on Apalachicola Oysters" at 7 p.m. Jan 14. It will be held at the Apalachicola NERR Visitor's Center, 261 Seventh St.,

Apalachicola. Refreshment will follow.
 The speaker is Laura Petes, Ph.D., Post Doctoral Associate, Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory.
 For more information, contact Megan at 670-4783 x113

'Old Folkie' to open Dixie's 12th season

The Dixie Theatre will open its 12th professional season Jan. 9 with "The Old Folkie," Ken Sizemore, a longtime favorite who may hold the record for most performances by a solo act on the Dixie stage.
 Sizemore has been performing classic folk and rock music of the '50s, '60s, and '70s all over the U.S. for over 40 years. He has a repertoire of over 500 songs, from some of the finest writers and performers of the folk and rock and roll era, such as Woody Guthrie; Pete Seeger; Bob Dylan; Peter, Paul, and Mary; The Kingston Trio; Gordon Lightfoot; John Denver; Simon and Garfunkel; Harry Belafonte; Jim Croce; The Everly Brothers; Buddy Holly; and many others. There also will be some finely crafted

original songs Sizemore has written over the years about his friends, family and the events that shaped his life.
 Sizemore, who has opened for performers such as Peter, Paul and Mary and B.J. Thomas, accompanies himself on the guitar as he performs his own expressive interpretations of classic music. This affable and talented singer regularly takes requests from the crowd while sharing tidbits of music history and encouraging listeners to sing along. From a heart-wrenching version of the Beatles' "Imagine" to Roger Miller's "King of the Road," Sizemore delights local audiences of all ages with uniquely American music that is both comforting and compelling.

What a New Year's weekend we had. I went to the dance at Chillias Hall. There was a good crowd; food, food and more food; and to keep us jumping we had The Journey Band. It was great to see Bongo Bob and Bob Franklin back on stage with the other members of the re-named Not Quite Read Band. There were a good many of us still there to ring in 2009.



The Journey Band will be back on Jan. 10 at the Hall for our second Saturday Dance and every second Saturday of each month. Get your dancing shoes, a snack and your main squeeze and have a good Saturday night. Of course, Queen Gene will be there! She rarely misses a chance to have a good time.

Jan. 11 will be our monthly covered dish dinner at the hall. Bring your favorite dish to share and a donation and join us. Serving begins at 1 p.m., right after the blessing.

At Mass at Sacred Heat of Jesus Church on New Year's Day, Father Joseph introduced our new council members and blessed them. We welcome vacationing Catholics to join us on Sunday at 10 a.m. for Mass and fel-

lowship in our church hall. Daily Mass is on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday at 9:30 am. See you there.

Don't forget about the hamburger and fries on Fridays starting at 5 p.m. at the American Legion Post 82 in the village. On Saturdays, we have a dinner, also starting at 5 p.m. and are open to the public on both days.

Had a great birthday! Thanks for all the cards, gifts and phone calls. I really enjoyed hearing from you.

On New Year's Day at the hall, we enjoyed the boiled shrimp, black eyed peas, herring and all the other traditional dishes. Thanks all who prepared and served and all who joined us. Hope you remembered to throw some change under your welcome mats at your house.

Be kind to one another and check in on the sick and housebound, and remember, contrary to public opinion, God's last name is not damn!

Until next time,
 God Bless America, our troops, the poor, homeless and hungry.

News BRIEFS

Chefs Sampler set for Feb. 8

The 13th annual Forgotten Coast Chefs Sampler has been officially scheduled from 6-9 p.m. Feb. 8. The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce is accepting entries from restaurants wishing to participate in the gala event.

Once again the sampler will be held in Historic Coombs Armory. Area shopkeepers and designers are invited to sponsor tables and/or demonstrate their flair for design by decorating a table around a theme of their own choosing. For more information, to enter, sponsor a table or obtain tickets call 653-9419.

Blossie new BBB business relations representative

The Better Business Bureau of Northwest Florida welcomes Albert Blossie as new business relations representative for the District III area, which includes Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla and Washington counties.

Blossie, who previously worked for the BBB in western Michigan for 16 years, is responsible for working with existing and potential BBB accredited businesses — those businesses that exemplify ethics and integrity in

the marketplace.
 Prior to joining BBB, he worked in marketing in the food industry.
 An Army veteran, Blossie lives in the Panama City area with his wife of 36 years, Maureen, and their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter.

WILD Meeting

The Wilderness Coast Public Libraries (WILD) Governing Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 12 in the Jefferson County Public Library Meeting Room at 375 Water St. in Monticello.
 For more information, please call 850-997-7400

FRIDAY'S GARDEN

The 2009 Florida plants of the year

By Theresa Friday

Launched a decade ago, the Florida Plants of the Year program celebrates plants ideal for Florida's unique growing conditions. Each year, a selection of Florida's best plants are hand-picked by a jury of distinguished horticulturists representing the different facets of the state's diverse nursery and landscape industry.

2009 brings an exciting year as the program marks its 10th anniversary. Following are a few of the best selections from the past decade of Florida Plants of the Year.

Pineapple guava, *Acca sellowiana*, is an evergreen shrub that can grow about 8 feet tall and 12 feet wide. It is a very cold hardy, salt-tolerant and disease resistant plant. Its spring flowers have pink and white waxy petals and dark red showy stamens and are edible with a slight pineapple flavor.

The perennial peanut, *Arachis glabrata*, is a native ground cover. It is a drought-tolerant, evergreen plant that is well suited for sunny areas and well-drained soils. It

bears yellow flowers from late spring through fall. Since this plant can be mowed, it may be used as a replacement for turf.

Autumn fern, *Dryopteris erythrosora*, is a clumping fern with upright foliage reaching 24 inches in height and spread. It is best grown in light shade.

The firebush, known botanically as *Hamelia patens*, is a heat and sun loving plant. It is also known as the hummingbird bush and scarlet bush. Firebush is a densely branched perennial that will get about three to four feet tall in the Florida Panhandle. The pointed leaves are handsome with their pinkish veins and red petioles. It is a tender perennial along our Gulf Coast, freezing back in the winter and resprouting each spring.

Blooming begins in late summer when the plant explodes with terminal clusters of scarlet-to-orange colored flowers. The individual flowers are tubular and about one inch long. The small tubular flowers are a favorite of butterflies and hummingbirds and are regarded as a premier butterfly nectar plant. Flowers are followed by small, purplish

berries that are eaten by a number of birds and other small animals.

The silver saw palmetto, *Serenoa repens*, is a silver form of our native clumping palm. It grows to be about 6 feet wide and tall. It is a cold-hardy, salt-tolerant palm that forms dense thickets in sandy coastal lands but is extremely slow-growing. Its common name is due to the leaf stalks bearing fine, sharp teeth or spines.

The winged elm, *Ulmus alata*, is a Florida native tree. It has a moderate growth rate and can reach 45 feet tall. Winged elm, also called corked elm, can be distinguished from other elms by the woody, wing-like growths along the branchlets. They are often irregular and may appear as warty growths or knots on one or both sides of the twigs.

This year's houseplant selection is known as the ZZ plant. *Zamioculcas zamiifolia* is an interesting succulent that has thick glossy leaflets on semi-erect fronds. ZZ's are extremely tough plants. They handle neglect extremely well, growing in low light conditions with little water.



Pineapple guava



Perennial peanut



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 Requests for Proposals must be turned in to the Clerk's Office, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320 by 4:00 p.m., on Friday, January 16, 2009. Opening of proposals will be January 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
 The Board reserves the right to reject any/or all proposals.

Seahawks fall at Barnstorm Classic

By Pat McCann
Florida Freedom Newspapers

Chances are, many of the players from Port St. Joe and Franklin County would have been meeting on a basketball court somewhere east of here on Dec. 30 anyway.

They just didn't plan on doing so in uniform during the third round of the Bay Barnstorm Classic.

Port St. Joe took the first game in what is going to be at least a trilogy this season between the intercounty rivals.

The Tiger Sharks (9-2) took advantage of foul trouble encountered by Seahawks' standout senior Deshaun Winfield to methodically pull away in the second half.

Winfield had three personal fouls by halftime, and decided to challenge Willie Quinn's 3-point attempt from the right wing less than a minute into the third quarter. When his momentum carried him into Quinn following the shot, Franklin County was in deeper trouble than a 32-25 deficit.

The Seahawks regrouped without Winfield to trail only 38-34 entering the final quarter, but it was a brief respite. Winfield fouled out with 5:59 left in the game, and in his absence Port St. Joe blew open a seven-point lead to win easily.

The Tiger Sharks used a much deeper bench to wear down the Seahawks and had 10 players score. On this day, however, the contribution of sophomore guard/forward Calvin Pryor was even more essential.

Pryor led all scorers with 17 points, and added a superb floor game to his effort. Nine of his points came during the fourth quarter, and consecutive strong moves to the basket produced five points in a nine-point Port St. Joe run that opened a 49-35 lead with 5:05 to go.

Quinn added 14 points for the Tiger Sharks. Freshman Carlos Morris had 16 points and 10 rebounds for Franklin County (11-3), junior Arron Prince had 10 points and junior Austin O'Neal had 8 points, 10 rebounds and 5 assists. Winfield finished with 7 points.

The teams meet again twice this month.

Dec. 30 vs. Port St. Joe
Franklin Co. 15 10 9 14 - 48
Port St. Joe 13 17 8 24 - 62

FCO: Arron Prince 4 1-2 10 pts.; Carlos Morris 7 2-4 16 pts.; Deshaun Winfield 3 1-2 7 pts.; Austin O'Neal 3 1-2 8 pts.; Jeremy James 2 0-0 6 pts.; Dalin Modican 0 1-2 1 pt. Totals: 19 6-12 48.

PSJ: Davis 2 3-3 7, Rom. Quinn 2 2-4 8, Clemons 3 0-2 6, Smith 1 1-4 3, Roc. Quinn 1 0-1 2, Hill 1 0-2 2, W. Quinn 5 3-5 14, Pryor 7 3-3 17, Welch 0 0-1 0, Langston 1 0-0 3. Totals: 23 12-24 62.

3-point goals: FCO 4 (James 2, O'Neal, Prince), PSJ 4 (Rom.

Quinn 2, Langston, W. Quinn). Total fouls: FCO 18, PSJ 12. Fouled out: FCO (Winfield).

Seahawks overwhelm Canadian squad

Deshaun Winfield readily admitted that Franklin County needed a dose of motivation prior to a losers'-bracket game Dec. 29 following its two-point loss in the first round of the Barnstorm Classic at Bay High School.

That was supplied by Coach Fred Drake, and the Seahawks outscored St. Christopher in every quarter to pull away for an 80-58 win.

"Our coach gave us a big talk, telling us that this was a must-win game," said Winfield, a senior forward who scored 26 points against the Cyclones from Ontario, Canada.

Winfield added five blocked shots against St. Christopher, 12-9, which stayed within 41-32 at halftime before counting only three field goals in the third quarter.

Winfield has been a member of the varsity since eighth grade at then Apalachicola High School, prior to the consolidation with Carrabelle, and had a lot to do with that. Freshman Carlos Morris added 17 points on 7-18 shooting, sophomore Dalin Modican had 12 points off the bench and junior Arron Prince added 11 as the Seahawks improved to 11-2.

"If we play defense, keep on running and play team ball we can be the best," said Winfield, comparing Franklin County to the Apalachicola teams that twice reached the state championship game in Lakeland.

Winfield approached his season-high of 32 points before going to the bench with 2 minutes, 36 seconds remaining. He scored on putbacks, in transition, on a baseline move and added a 3-pointer and a dunk while making 5-of-6 free throws.

The Seahawks began the third quarter with seven straight points to open a 48-34 cushion. They also finally were able to defend Joe Rocca, who scored 19 of his team-high 21 points in the first half for the Cyclones.

Eric McDonald added 13 points for St. Christopher, which was able to put nine players in the scoring column after McDonald and Rocca combined for all but eight points in the Cyclones' first-round defeat.

Dec. 29 vs. St. Christopher
St. Christopher 16 16 8 18 - 58
Franklin County 18 23 15 24 - 80

FCO: Prince 5 1-2 11, Allen 0 1-2 1, Morris 7 2-2 17, Joseph 1 0-0 2, Winfield 10 5-6 26, O'Neal 2 2-2 7, James 2 0-0 4, Modican 5 2-6 12. Totals: 32 13-20 80.

3-point goals: FCO 3 (Winfield, Morris, O'Neal). Total fouls: SC 18, FCO 14.



DESHAUN WINFIELD

Middle School boys hoopsters finish 11-3

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

If it wasn't for Blountstown, the Seahawks Middle School boys basketball team might have had a perfect season.

The team finished a brilliant year at 11-3, their three losses coming only in games against Blountstown.

"They show a lot of promise and a lot of potential for next year," said coach Mike Todd. "The eighth graders will move up and should be fine additions to the junior varsity program, with high hopes for the future. Advancing to the high school level next year will be Skyler Hutchinson, Roy Williams, Zach Howze, Leonard Green and David Butler. Returning to the middle school next year will be Tyler Rowell, Taran Allen Wilson and Jamie Gordon.

Here are the results of the last five games of the season.

- Dec. 4 at home vs. Tolar
- The Seahawks got their eighth win, a 54-36 victory. Green led scoring with 17 points, followed by Hutchinson with 16, Williams with 13, and Howze with eight.
- Dec. 9 at home vs. Port. St. Joe
- The Seahawks got their ninth win, and third of the year over Port St. Joe, with a 29-22 victory in the opening game of the Panhandle Conference Tournament, hosted by Franklin County. Hutchinson led scoring with 14 points, followed by Williams with eight, Green with four and Howze with three.
- Dec. 11 at home vs. Blount-



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The Seahawks' Roy Williams drives to the basket against the ABC School's Mercury Wynn in late season basketball action.

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The Seahawks lost to Blountstown for the third time this year, this time 38-26, in the championship of the Panhandle Conference Tournament. Hutchinson led scoring with 13 points, followed by Green with eight, Williams with four and

Gordon with one.

•Dec. 12 at home vs. Apalachicola Bay Charter School

The Seahawks got their 10th win, a 40-26 victory over the ABC School Eagles. Williams led the team with 18 points, followed by Hutchinson with 11, Green with seven and Howze with four.

Seth Rodgers led the Eagles with 13 points, followed by Graham Kirvin with five, and Ladarius Rhodes and Travion Turrell each with four.

•Dec. 18 at home vs. Apalachicola Bay Charter School

The Seahawks closed out the season with their 11th victory, a 47-23 defeat of the ABC School Eagles. Hutchinson had a season-high 19 points, followed by Williams with 15, Green with nine and Howze with four.

Turrell led the Eagles with eight points, followed by Rodgers with seven, Rhodes with four, and Mercury Wynn and Dwayne Griggs each with two.



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Members of the Franklin County Middle school cheerleading squad, are, top row, from left, Haley Mathes, Candice Bright, and Captain Shelby Myers. Middle row, from left, are Trianna Lockley, Savannah Cook and Co-Captain Haleigh Ming. Front row, from left are Bria Walker, Cynthia Duncan, Daiesha Carr, and Morgan Martin. In front is the Seahawks mascot, which is Ashley Carroll. Not pictured are Alex Simmons and Captain Devon Young. Sponsor coach is Stephanie Howze and volunteer coach Christy Crosby.



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The Seahawks' Skyler Hutchinson drives against the ABC School's Dwayne Griggs, jumping, and Mercury Wynn, with Seahawks teammate Zach Howze at right.

SPORTS SHORTS

Adult hoop tourney scheduled

Plans are in the works for the first annual Franklin County basketball tournament designed exclusively for men and women over age 40.

The tourney will likely be held at the former Apalachicola High School gymnasium.

If you are interested in entering a team, either male or female, call Granville at 653-7643 or 653-2010.

New reef fish regulations begin

Effective Jan. 1, 2009, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service will implement interim measures in the Gulf of Mexico reef fish fishery.

These measures will establish a 1.32-million pound commercial quota for gag grouper and require operators of federally permitted Gulf of Mexico commercial and for-hire reef fish vessels to comply

with the more restrictive of federal or state reef fish regulations when fishing in state waters for red snapper, greater amberjack, gray triggerfish, and gag grouper.

All measures implemented through this final temporary rule will expire on June 1, 2009 unless extended. Be on the lookout and check with your wholesaler for specific species availability.

For more information on the state's Source Supplier Directory, visit www.fl-seafood.com.

This Week with the Seahawks

Friday, Jan. 9

Seahawks JV and Varsity, and Lady Seahawks Varsity, Basketball plays at home against Maclay in district action. First tipoff is at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Seahawks JV and Varsity, and Lady Seahawks Varsity, Basketball plays at Port St. Joe. First tipoff is at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Lady Seahawks Varsity Basketball plays away at Mosley High School. Tipoff time 5:30 p.m.

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Dr. Nancy Chorba, right, chats with Nic and Maggie Hutchison, of Carrabelle Beach, at the Weems Memorial Hospital open house Nov. 16.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	Temperature		
	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Jan 08	68°	47°	0 %
Fri, Jan 09	66°	53°	0 %
Sat, Jan 10	69°	41°	10 %
Sun, Jan 11	57°	45°	30 %
Mon, Jan 12	63°	45°	10 %
Tue, Jan 13	62°	42°	00 %
Wed, Jan 14	60°	45°	10 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

To find the tides of the following areas, subtract the indicated times from those given for APALACHICOLA:

	High	Low
Cat Point	Minus 0:40	Minus 1:17
East Pass	Minus 0:27	Minus 0:27a

To find the tides of the following areas, subtract the indicated times from those given for CARRABELLE:

	High	Low
Bald Point	Minus 9:15	Minus 0:03

APALACHICOLA

01/08 Thu	08:18AM	-0.8 L	11:45PM	1.5 H
01/09 Fri	09:12AM	-0.9 L	05:34PM	1.2 H
	08:03PM	1.1 L		
01/10 Sat	12:53AM	1.6 H	10:01AM	-0.9 L
	05:55PM	1.2 H	09:01PM	1.1 L
01/11 Sun	02:00AM	1.6 H	10:46AM	-0.9 L
	06:15PM	1.1 H	09:53PM	0.9 L
01/12 Mon	03:04AM	1.5 H	11:26AM	-0.8 L
	06:32PM	1.1 H	10:45PM	0.7 L
01/13 Tue	04:04AM	1.5 H	12:02PM	-0.6 L
	06:46PM	1.0 H	11:39PM	0.6 L
01/14 Wed	05:04AM	1.3 H	12:33PM	-0.3 L
	07:00PM	1.1 H		

CARRABELLE

01/08 Thu	06:05AM	-1.3 L	10:20PM	2.4 H
01/09 Fri	06:59AM	-1.4 L	04:09PM	1.9 H
	05:50PM	1.8 L	11:28PM	2.6 H
01/10 Sat	07:48AM	-1.4 L	04:30PM	1.9 H
	06:48PM	1.8 L		
01/11 Sun	12:35AM	2.6 H	08:33AM	-1.4 L
	04:50PM	1.8 H	07:40PM	1.4 L
01/12 Mon	01:39AM	2.4 H	09:13AM	-1.3 L
	05:07PM	1.8 H	08:32PM	1.1 L
01/13 Tue	02:39AM	2.4 H	09:49AM	-1.0 L
	05:21PM	1.6 H	09:26PM	1.0 L
01/14 Wed	03:39AM	2.1 H	10:20AM	-0.5 L
	05:35PM	1.8 H	10:24PM	0.6 L

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Weems opens clinic in Carrabelle

Nancy Chorba MD is now at the new Weems Clinic East at the City Hall Complex in Carrabelle, from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Monday and Friday, and on Tuesday mornings, offering primary care by appointment. The clinic has two examination rooms and a new sidewalk has been constructed running from the rear of the parking lot to the back door entrance leading to the clinic for easy access.

Receptionist Amanda Wilson said Weems East is now accepting Medicare, Medicaid and Blue Cross / Blue Shield of Florida. She said that United Health Care coverage is in the works and should be available soon.

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Natalie Butler, a licensed practical nurse, pauses outside an exam room at the new Weems Clinic East in Carrabelle.



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COURTESY OF BOBBIE GULLICKSON | Special to the Times

The Gullicksons traveled through rain and shine and sidestepped barriers like this rain damaged road in Vermont.



COURTESY OF BOBBIE GULLICKSON | Special to the Times

Bobbie's bike, the Hare, fitted for long distance travel.

From Friday Harbor to Apalachicola

How a pair of wandering bikers found their way to the Panhandle.

Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

There are only a few roads leading into the Florida Panhandle, but there is more than one way to travel on those roads. When Bobbie (56) and Glen Gullickson (61) arrived in Apalachicola on Oct. 23, 2008, it was the culmination of a 5,608 mile, 123 day odyssey traveling the back roads and byways of North America on Surly tour bicycles.

Setting out from their home, a sailboat moored in Friday Harbor, on San Juan Island, 90 miles north of Seattle in Washington State, they traveled to Bar Harbor Maine along the Northern Tier of the Adventure Cycling Route Network. They detoured at one point to dip into Canada and travel down the Sunrise Coast of Michigan. The Gullicksons journeyed 4,345 miles over 97 days from May 18, 2008 to Aug. 22, 2008. Then, after shipping their bicycles to their daughter's bike shop in Bettendorf, Iowa and visiting family for a month, they trekked from Iowa in the Corn Belt to Florida in the Sun Belt; 1,263 miles over 26 days from Sept. 28, 2008 to Oct. 23, 2008.

Glen met Bobbie while coaching a women's softball team in Portland, Oregon. (He said he volunteered to coach hoping to meet girls.) Amazingly, the Gullicksons are new to cycling and say they became interested in fitness late in life.

Glen said, "We've always been active but it wasn't until a few years ago we joined an athletic club in Tennessee."

At the time, they were caring for a grandchild while their daughter was deployed as a communications officer in Iraq.

The pair insists they are no more fit than anyone else. Glen has an artificial knee and says the other one needs replacement.

They didn't even own bikes until two years ago.

Bobbie enrolled in a spinning class. Spinning, in this case, does not refer to the process of hand producing thread. It is an instructor-led class on stationary bikes modified to give the feel of a mountain bike. The instructor takes you on a virtual ride, changing the speed and resistance for a challenging cardiovascular workout normally accompanied by a lot of shouting and background music.

A number of triathletes were in the class and Bobbie decided she wanted to start participating in triathlons. She bought an

expensive graphite racing bike and started training. Somebody gave Glen an old English ten-speed so he could ride along, but there was a problem.

"We've always tried to do things together," said Bobbie, "but, when I said I wanted to do triathlon, he said he had no interest. He said he'd be the cheerleader, but we had forgotten how much fun it is to ride bikes. When he came up with the idea of riding across country, I embraced it, because it was something we could enjoy together."

The Gullicksons researched touring bikes on line and finally found what they wanted, a pair of Surly Long Haul Truckers, in Victoria, British Columbia. They wound up spending \$1,500 for each bike completely fitted out for long distance travel.

"There's bikes you can get for less that would do the job," advised Glen, but he said it's important to get the right kind of bike for long rides. Touring bikes have a steel frame, which is heavier than the frame of a racing bike, but is an excellent shock absorber.

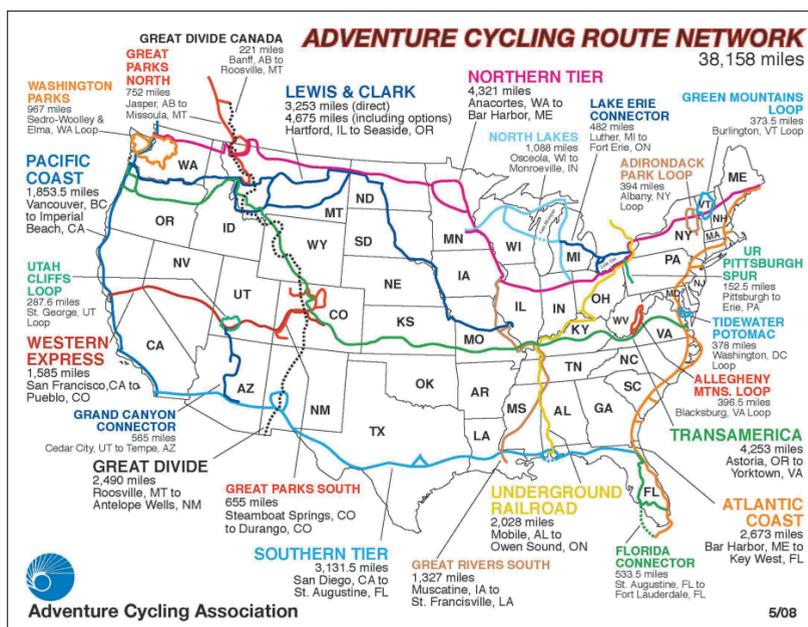
Glen's bike is dubbed the Tortoise and Bobbie's is the Hare. Each carries a carved mascot on the handlebars. The couple carried all of their gear with them slung on the frames of their bikes in specially designed bags and racks. Careful attention was given to each detail. In addition to a Hubba Hubba two person tent, fleece jackets, Keen sandals, cooking utensils and bike repair gear, their equipment included more exotic items like a Hawaiian silk shirt, Sealskinz waterproof socks, a four leaf clover, peanut butter and dog repellent. Dogs actually turned out to be such a big worry on one leg of their Sun Belt travels that they opted to rent a car for a while.

Glen also said they took out health insurance before embarking. Fortunately, they never needed to use this, although Glen said he is still sore from a fall onto railroad tracks in Michigan.

During their journey, Bobbie and Glen rode rain or shine, only pausing once to wait out a torrential downpour under a tarp. While on the road, the pair tent camped about two thirds of the time, but opted to stay in a hotel about twice a week.

Bobbie said they originally thought they would camp more. She said that, although they usually stopped at a roadside diner for a hot breakfast, she did most of their cooking.

"I didn't think I was going to feel like fixing dinner after a forty-five mile ride, but it turned out I did. I've always loved cooking," she said.



COURTESY OF THE ADVENTURE CYCLING ASSOCIATION | Special to the Times

The Adventure Cycling Route Network was started in 1976, by the non profit Adventure Cycling Association, with the designation of the TransAmerica Bicycle Trail. Since then, it has blossomed into a system of 38,158 miles linking together rural roads to create safe low traffic bike routes through some of the most scenic and historically significant areas of the United States.

Glen said they averaged about 45 to 60 miles a day. They found that a stretch of road that could be traveled in an hour by car takes about eight hours by bike.

The cost of a biking adventure?

The trip was relatively inexpensive. They had hoped to survive on \$50 a day but the reality was closer to \$85. The couple spent around \$7,700 on their adventure, not including the cost of their gear. Glen said they spent \$675 on campsites, \$2,700 on motels, \$1,600 on groceries and another \$2,000 eating out.

The trip, they both agree, was fabulous. The roads they were on took them off the beaten path. They didn't see McDonalds and Wal-Mart. They saw America. Both said that it was a spiritual journey as well as a physical one and a journey that brought them even closer together.

At the end of their trek from Washington to Maine, Glen wrote the following in his journal.

Well, we did it! I kept a little, tiny piece of me prepared for the "What if?", if we didn't finish; fortunately, I can now discard that last remnant of doubt!

Let me make one thing absolutely, perfectly, crystal clear. This idea may have been my hair-brained suggestion, but this trip would not have ever come to fruition without Bobbie!!

I am truly blessed to have a woman like her in my life! She would bike all day, in all sorts of weather, without complaint; and then, while I was setting up the tent, she would stick her head in her panniers and come up with some absolutely gourmet dinner! Plus, her 'can do' attitude saved me from any whining I thought I was justified in voicing. I love you Bobbie!! UDDA-BEST!!!!

On this trip, I learned the gratification that comes with seeing a job through to completion; of doing a good job. I have always been good at starting projects and so-so at finishing them; hopefully, I will now continue to complete projects that I start!

What's next for the rambling Gullicksons? They say they are considering a ride south to Tampa. Right now they have rented an apartment in the historic district and are looking at houses locally. Bobbie has taken a part-time job as a barista. Glen is preparing to send off an historical novel about the Knights Templar he wrote over the last three years for editing.

"Friday Harbor will always be our home," said Glen, "but we like it here. We picked this spot because it was similar to home. It's about the same size as our town but the weather is better."

Glen said the pair built their 31-foot sailboat; Laurel, themselves and it will always be their home base.

"She's a perfect sailboat. We could go back and live on her any time if we want to or we could just sail away," he said.

If you want to learn more about the Gullicksons and their amazing adventure check out their online journal at <http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/directory/?o3Tzut&userGlenandBobbie&v4>.



COURTESY OF BOBBIE GULLICKSON | Special to the Times

Bobbie and Glen at Washington Pass in the Northern Cascade Mountains.



COURTESY OF BOBBIE GULLICKSON | Special to the Times

Bobbie and Glen's camp set up along the Erie Canal Towpath. Glen said this was perhaps his favorite leg of the journey.

Trio Internazionale to perform



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

The Trio Internazionale, pictured above, will present the Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts' first concert of 2009 on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 4 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Apalachicola. The concert, traditionally among the Ilse Newell series' most well-attended events, features a trio of local musicians. A \$2 donation is asked of non-members of the Ilse Newell concert series.

BIRTHDAYS

Samantha Elizabeth Shiver

Samantha Elizabeth Shiver celebrated her 13th birthday Jan. 8, 2009. She is the daughter of Tony and JoAnn A. Shiver of St. George Island. Maternal grandparents are Veronica and Graham Armistead of St. George Island. Paternal grandparents are Barbara and Art Clough and Lloyd Shiver. Happy Birthday Sam, Love, Mom, Dad, Tamara, Jason, Tony Jr. Steven and Patches



Matthew Gabriel Gordon Jr.



Matthew Gabriel Gordon Jr. celebrated his fourth birthday Dec. 2, 2009. He is the son of Gabe Gordon of Apalachicola and Jessi Montgomery of Carrabelle. He is the grandson of Rolf and Linda Gordon and Mitchell and Ranie Montgomery all of Apalachicola.

Wilt returns to Panhandle

Keith Wilt has joined the Resort Collection of Panama City Beach as chief financial officer, a newly created position that will oversee all financial operations of the Edgewater Management Company and its resort properties.

"We are excited to have Keith joining our management team," said Tom Sparks, general manager of The Resort Collection. "He brings a fresh perspective and years of financial management experience to the operations of the Collection."

Previously, Wilt was vice president, CFO and asset manager for the Inisbrook Resort and Golf Club in Palm Harbor.

Originally from Apalachicola, Wilt, a 1975 graduate of Florida State University, has returned to his roots of Northwest Florida with his wife, Josie, and

three children.

"It is nice to return to the Panama City Beach area," said Wilt. "I have been living in Tampa for many years, and my family's roots are here in Northwest Florida. I am looking forward to being a part of this great family of resorts."

The Resort Collection of Panama City Beach includes the family-friendly Edgewater Beach & Golf Resort, the intimate Majestic Beach Resort, the new luxuriously appointed Emerald Beach Resort, the relaxing Long Beach Resort, the exclusive En Soleil, and the distinctive Marina Landing - all properties are managed by The Edgewater Beach Resort Management, Inc.

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Peeples, Lonesome Doves to play Dixie Saturday

Grant Peeples performs at the Dixie Theatre in Apalachicola on Saturday, Jan. 10.

Before joining Peeples on the venerable 1912 stage, The Lonesome Doves, a freshly minted Lon and Lis Williamson band, will open the show with a special Gram Parsons and Emmylou Harris tribute performance.

Peeples, who one reviewer called "a finger-in-your-eye songwriter" is a self-described "left-neck" and no stranger to controversy. His song "Summer Camp," a stinging parody of the St. Joe development in Franklin County, ruffled a few feathers.

"There are gigs I've lost because of the song, and places I've performed in Franklin County where I've been told not to play it," Peeples said.

But, he adds, "The Dixie Theatre ain't one of them."

Peeples is probably best known for his tongue-in-check submission to last year's State Song contest, "Sunshine State." The chorus has brought a smile to the face of many Floridians: "Come on down to the Sunshine State/bring your money, check out the place/Chances are you'll decide to stay/heck, everybody else does!"

The song did not win the contest.

From Houston to Miami to Nashville and the Carolinas, Peeples has just concluded a rigorous 2008 touring schedule in support of his May release "It's Later Than You Think."

The Dixie Theatre show is something of a reunion for Peeples and the Williamsons, who produced the record. "Lis and Lon helped build the record," Peeples said. "We recorded the songs together in their



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Grant Peeples

studio, but I've been playing them almost exclusively as a single while touring."

The record has been well received, getting airplay on Americana stations around the country and in Europe. It has been nominated for Best Debut Album of 2008 by the Texas publication Third Coast Magazine.

The Lonesome Doves, while not specifically a tribute band, focus largely on the much-loved Parsons/

Harris tunes. The Williamsons have been playing the Southeast for years, most recently in the widely acclaimed Gatorbone Band.

"For a long time the most requested songs at our performances have been those songs that Gram and Emmylou sang," Lis said. "So in some ways, the Lonesome Doves is what you'd call a 'band-by-demand.'"

Gordon Scott, who played with the Williamsons in their Rose Tattoo band in the 1980s said the new band makes perfect sense. "Nobody does Gram Parsons and Emmylou Harris songs like Lis and Lon Williamson," he said. "Some of the songs, like 'Grievous Angel,' you just don't hear anybody else doing because, for most of us, those song are just too hard to sing."

The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 653-3200 tickets and reservations.

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Sheriff's REPORT

The following report is provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Arrests are made by officers from the following county and state law enforcement agencies: Apalachicola (APD), Carrabelle (CPD), Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FLDOACS).

All defendants are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Dec. 23

•Robert D. Allen, 30, Sopchoppy, withholding child support (FCSO)

Dec. 24

•Robert K. Leonard, 31, Panama City, failure to appear (FCSO)
 •Arthur M. Londono, 27, Apalachicola, disorderly intoxication (APD)
 •Johnny B. Tyson, 35, Monticello, DUI, refusal to submit to a breath test, resisting without violence and Wakulla County violation of probation (CPD)

Dec. 27

•Robert F. Griffin, 49, Apalachicola, Santa Rosa warrant for violation of probation (FCSO)
 •Lisa M. Sellers, 37, Bristol, two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance (FCSO)
 •Linda C. Forester, 32, Castleberry, violation of probation (FCSO)

Professor who introduced 'keystone species' to speak

From 7-9 p.m. Jan. 9, the Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory invites the public to the next lecture in its Conservation Lecture Series.

Robert Paine, professor emeritus of biology at the University of Washington, will give the upcoming talk, titled "Food Webs: From bay-mouth bar to keystone species, interaction strengths and beyond."

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of his presentation.

Paine, who earned a doctorate from the University of Michigan in 1961, is credited with introducing the keystone species concept, a mainstay of the ecological and conservation biology literature, in 1969.

His seminal work, which extended the conclusions of a field experiment published three years earlier, established that if a single predator is removed, dramatic changes result in the varieties and population densities of all other species in the community.

Keystone species are usually noticed when they are removed or they disappear from an ecosystem, resulting in dramatic changes to the rest of the community. Put another way, a keystone species is one whose impacts on its community or ecosystem are large and greater than would be expected from its relative abundance or total biomass.

Paine's work has been cited by hundreds of researchers over the

years and has been proposed as a foundation for management efforts to protect the biological diversity of the world's ecosystems. The concept has provided a powerful model for understanding the forces that organize ecological communities, and it has influenced the thinking of managers and policy makers as they set priorities in their efforts to conserve species and habitats.

Paine's research focuses on experimental ecology of organisms on rocky shores, interrelationships between species in an ecosystem, and the organization and structure of marine communities. He has examined the roles of predation and disturbance in promoting coexistence and biodiversity.

He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and was a member of the Ocean Studies Board. He has served on numerous National Research Council committees, including the Committee on Ecosystem Effects of Fishing.

The Jan. 9 talk will be held at the FSU Coastal and Marine Laboratory, located in St. Teresa at the intersection of US. 98 and 319 in Franklin County, halfway between Carrabelle and Panacea.

For more information, visit the FSU Coastal and Marine Laboratory Web site at www.marinelab.fsu.edu or contact Sharon Thoman at 697-4120 or via e-mail sthoman@fsu.edu

Lighthouse license plate available



The Lighthouse specialty license plate, "Visit Our Lights," is now available at the Franklin County Tax Collector's Office. Jim and Terry Kemp (left and center in the photo) were the first county residents to purchase the lighthouse tag from Donna M. Owens in Tax Collector James Harris' office on Dec. 8. Jim is the treasurer of the St. George Lighthouse Association, and Terry is SGLA secretary and a district commissioner of the Florida Lighthouse Association, which sponsored the tag. The additional \$25 for the specialty plate, which is tax deductible, will provide sustained funding for the remaining 30 historic lighthouses in Florida. FLA will allocate the funds to the lighthouses through a grant process. Because FLA is an all-volunteer organization, all but the funds needed for marketing the plate will go to lighthouse preservation. Legislation creating the specialty plate was co-sponsored in the Florida House of Representatives by former District 10 Rep. Will Kendrick and signed into law by Gov. Charlie Crist earlier this year.

OBITUARIES

MONETTE EVANS HICKS

Monette Evans Hicks, 92, a lifelong resident of Eastpoint, born Sept. 30, 1916, passed away on Jan. 3, 2009 at home surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 1/2 years, Louis Hicks. She is survived by her loving children; a son, Charles Hicks (Frances); two daughters, Agnes Keene (Roger) also of Eastpoint Eunice Smith (the late Ayden) of Vandalia, MO; ten grandchildren, twenty-four great grandchildren, and fourteen

great-great-grandchildren.

She was a very good mother and was very dearly loved by her family and will be missed very much.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of God in Eastpoint.

Funeral services were held Jan. 6, 2009 at The Church of God, with Rev. Ronald Crum and Rev. Casey Smith officiating. In Eastpoint Cemetery.

Arrangements by Comforter Funeral Home.

LUCY JACOWAY

LucyLee "Entzminger" Jacoway, 91, passed away Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at Harbor Breeze Assisted Living in Carrabelle, Fla. Culley's Funeral Home, 1727 Riggins Road, (850) 877-8191, conducted graveside services Jan. 6, 2009, at Oakland Cemetery, Tallahassee.

She was born Jan. 19, 1917, in Arcadia, Fla., and had been a teacher for 31 years in the Leon County Schools, which she dearly loved and had a deep devotion to the children she taught. She was a member of the Carrabelle Christian Center and Teachers Association and an FSU alumni and booster; she was a devoted Seminole fan.

She is survived by

two daughters, Janet (husband, Lawrence) Stoutamire and Susan Jacoway; one brother, Donald Entzminger; one sister, Alma Tapers; one granddaughter, Heather Katherine Jacoway; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wade S. and Emily L. (Halley) Entzminger; her husband, Hicks E. Jacoway, who died in 1980; three brothers, Wade, Ed and Percy Entzminger; and two sisters, Katherine Tibbals and Grace Daniel.

Memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308 or to the FSU Athletics Fund.

JACK ROBINSON

Jack Crum Robinson, age 80, husband of Hazel McGee Robinson of Anderson, S.C., passed away on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at the Rainey Hospice House. Born in Lakeland, Ga., on Nov. 26, 1928, he was a son of the late Julian Adrian Robinson and Mary Crum Robinson. He retired from Owens-Illinois Inc. after 26 years of service as an accountant. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War, and he was a 32nd Degree Mason.

Surviving is his wife, Hazel McGee Robinson; sons, Jack A. Robinson of Midland, Mich., and

Robert E. Robinson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; daughter, Deborah Berry of Anderson, S.C.; and sister, Anie Mae Willett of Lakeland, Ga.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by three brothers and a sister.

A memorial service was held Jan. 8, 2009, at The McDougald Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Frey officiating.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.mcdougaldfuneralhome.com.

The McDougald Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Health department can help you quit smoking in 2009

For smokers who want to make 2009 the year they finally quit cigarettes, the county health department is here to help.

Their program to help smokers quit features a series of six Monday evening classes, all free and available throughout the county. Studies by the U.S. Surgeon General have found quitting strategies that combined counseling or support elements boost success rates by 22 to 30 percent.

Classes are held Mondays from

6-7 p.m., although some classes end earlier depending on the size of the class. The classes are a partnership between Big Bend Area Health Education Centers, Boys and Girls Club of the Big Bend and the county health department.

The Apalachicola classes are held at the former Chapman Elementary School; the Eastpoint classes are at the former Brown Elementary School; and the Carrabelle classes

are at the former Carrabelle Elementary School, now the city's municipal complex

The rule of the class is that everyone must attend all sessions and must be on time. Please do not register for a class that will interfere with another engagement on your schedule.

Register by calling Franklin County Health Department at 653-2111 ext. 1234. If you cannot make it to a class and need immediate assistance, please call the Florida QUITLINE at 1-877-822-6669.

New 911 Communications Group meets Jan. 14

In the ongoing interest for public safety in Franklin County, local officials, agencies and individuals came together on Nov. 14 at the Emergency Operations Center in Apalachicola and agreed to form a working group dedicated to improving emergency communications within the county.

This new group, named the Franklin County 911 Communications Group, will host its first meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 14 at the emergency operations center.

Mike Rundel, coordinator at the emergency operations center, said meetings will be held quarterly and locations will vary

throughout the county.

Format for the meetings will be an open forum type, looking to be both informative and constructive. Anyone with an issue or concern regarding communications may participate.

Rundel said the goal of the communications group will be to clear the way for finding solutions to problems, be they natural, man-made or technological with respect to the many phases of communications in the county.

It is requested that if you plan to present an item, first contact Rundel at Emergency Management at 653-8977 to be placed on the agenda.

VHS radio lost at island boat ramp

A handheld I-com VHS radio was lost Dec. 29 at the St. George Island boat ramp. It has a "Boat US"

sticker on it.

If anyone has found it, please call John Newton at 850-339-6916.

Retired educators to meet Jan. 12

The Franklin/Gulf Retired Educator Association is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. Jan. 12 at

Caroline's Restaurant in Apalachicola.

For more information, call Margarita at 697-4200.

Sea Oats gardeners to meet Jan. 21

Sea Oats Garden Club meeting is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 21 at the Franklin County Public Library Carrabelle Branch.

The speaker will be Bill Mahan, University of Florida Franklin County Extension Agent. For more information, call Arlene at 697-9790.

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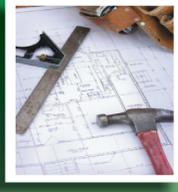
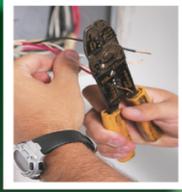
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Notice of Final Agency Action Taken by the Northwest Florida Water Management District

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Notice is given that stormwater permit number 389 was issued on November 26, 2008, to St. George Plantation Owner's Association, Inc. for replacement of all existing improvements to the Plantation clubhouse with the exception of the pool, as well as upgrades to the parking lot and stormwater management facility at 1712 Magnolia Ave., St. George Island. The file containing the application for this permit is available for inspection Monday through Friday (except for legal holidays), 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Northwest Florida Water Management District's ERP Office, The Delaney Center Building, Suite 2-D 2252 Killcare Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32309. A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57 F.S., or may choose to pursue mediation as an alternative remedy under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-404, Florida Administrative Code. Petitions must comply with the requirements of Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 28-106 and be filed with (received by) the District Clerk located at District Headquarters, 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, FL 32333-4712. Petitions for administrative hearing on the above application must be filed with twenty-one (21) days of publication of this notice or within twenty-six (26) days of the District depositing notice of this intent in the mail for those persons to whom the District mails actual notice. Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right(s) such person(s) may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 F.S., concerning the subject permit. Petitions which are not filed in accordance

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with the above provisions are subject to dismissal. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice of intent. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the District on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceedings, the accordance with the requirements set forth above.
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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT

This intent to issue a permit (File No.19-0265414-001-DF) to Dogcatcher Properties II, LLC, 6445 Powers Ferry Road, Suite 300, Atlanta, Georgia 30339, requesting a sovereignly submerged land lease appurtenant to the applicant's riparian ownership on U.S. Highway 98, in Lanark Village, Florida 32322, on Saint George Sound, Class II Waters of the State, Unclassified Shellfish Harvesting Area, Section 14, Township 07-S, Range 4-W. Latitude: 29°52'12.66"N, Longitude: -84°36'38.9"W, in Franklin County, for the purpose of constructing a 22-slip public docking facility pre-empting 11,995 square feet, is hereby granted unless a sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes as provided below. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes. The petition must contain information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to re-determine final agency action on the application, the filing of a petition for an administrative hearing may result in a modification of the permit and lease, or even a denial of the application. Accordingly, the applicant is advised not to commence construction or other activ-

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ities under this permit/lease until the deadlines below for filing a petition for an administrative hearing, or request for an extension of time have expired.

Under rule 62-110.106(4) of the Florida Administrative Code, a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon. If a request is filed late, the Department may still grant it upon a motion by the requesting party showing that the failure to file a request for an extension of time before the deadline was the result of excusable neglect.

In the event that a timely and sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is filed, other persons whose substantial interests will be affected by the outcome of the administrative process have the right to petition to intervene in the proceeding. Intervention will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code.

In accordance with rules 28-106.111(2) and b2-110.106(3)(a)(4), petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 14 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under section 120.60(3) of the Florida Statutes, must be filed within 14 days of publication of the notice or within 14 days of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

Under section 120.60(3) of the Florida Statutes, however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition for an administrative hearing

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or pursue mediation as provided below within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of those rights.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information:

(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;

(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination;

(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;

(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;

(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; and

(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;

(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by rule 28-106.301. Under sections 120.569(2) (c) and (d) of the Florida Statutes, a petition for administrative hearing must be dismissed by the agency if the petition does not substantially comply with the above requirements or is untimely filed.

This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition is filed in accordance with the above. Upon the timely filing of petition this order will not be effective until further order of the De-

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partment.

This permit constitutes an order of the Department. The applicant has the right to seek judicial review of the order under section 120.68 of the Florida Statutes, by the filing of a notice of appeal under rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000; and by filing a copy of the notice of the appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date when the final order is filed with the Clerk of the Department. Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when the final order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

The application is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at Department of Environmental Protection, 160 Governmental Center, Suite 201, Pensacola, Florida 32502-5794.
January 8, 2009

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order of Amended Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida described as:

Lot 28, Block "B", St. James Island Park, Unit No. 3, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 6, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

at Public Sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on January 22, 2009.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 22nd day of December, 2008.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: TERRY E. CREAMER
Deputy Clerk

Steve M. Watkins, III
FBN: 0794996
41 Commerce Street
Apalachicola, FL 32320
(850)653-1949
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687, according to the plat thereof recorded in the public records of Franklin County, at Plat Book 2, Page 20, (Mortgage ORB 775, Page 448)

Lot 5, Block 211 (48), Keough's Second Addition to the City of Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. (Mortgage ORB 775, Page 448 & ORB 882, Page 32)

Lots 9, 10, and 11, Block 86 (249), Keough's Second Addition to the City of Carrabelle, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 20, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida. (Mortgage ORB 882, Page 32)

All of Lot 37 in Block "A" of an unrecorded plat or subdivision joining Three Rivers Subdivision as described by metes and bounds as follows: Begin at the NW Corner of Lot 16, Block "A" of Three Rivers Subdivision, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 1, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida and run thence South 89 degrees 28 minutes 40 seconds East along the North boundary of said lot a distance of 60.00 feet to the NE corner of said lot; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 05 seconds East 100.00 feet to the Southerly Right-of-Way boundary of a proposed 60.00 foot roadway; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 40 seconds West, along said Southerly Right-of-Way boundary 60.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 05 seconds West 110.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. (Mortgage ORB 889, Page 535)

Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 48(211), Keough's Second Addition to the City of Carrabelle, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 20, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida. (Mortgage ORB 901, Page 279)

Tract 4, Jeppson Estates, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 8 South, Range 5 West, Franklin County, Florida, and thence run N 00 degrees 33 minutes 40 seconds East 651.26 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 23 minutes 20 seconds East 1176.076 feet to the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning continue South 89 degrees 23 minutes 20 seconds East 112.80 feet; thence run South 01 degrees 35 minutes West 386.16 feet; thence run

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North 89 degrees 23 minutes 20 seconds West 112.80 feet; thence run North 01 degrees 35 minutes East 386.16 feet to the Point of Beginning. (Mortgage ORB 909, Page 511)

Lot 44, Block 4, Lanark Village, Unit No. 1, as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 14-14A of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida. (Mortgage ORB 909, Page 516)

Lot 8, Block N, Lanark Beach No. 1 according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 13 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida. (Mortgage ORB 913, Page 63)

at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front steps of the Franklin County Courthouse, Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on January 22, 2009.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owners as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 22nd day of December, 2008.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Michele Maxwell
DEPUTY CLERK

Steve M. Watkins, III
41 Commerce St.
Apalachicola, Florida
32320
(850) 653-1949
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which ALBANY BANK & TRUST is the Plaintiff and JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY a/k/a JEFFREY STUART GALLOWAY; SHELLEY GALLOWAY; FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA; ST. GEORGE ISLAND OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Front door of the Franklin County Courthouse in Apalachicola, Franklin County, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on January 22, 2009, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 14, Block "J", ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES UNIT NO. 2, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page(s) 15, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

DATED: December 15, 2008.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

Garvin B. Bowden, Esq.
Gardner, Bist, Wiener,
Wadsworth & Bowden PA
1300 Thomaswood Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32308
January 1, 8, 2009

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF DIANE L. FISCHER, DECEASED; MICHAEL FREEMAN a/k/a MICHAEL LEE FREEMAN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL FREEMAN, HEIR; BOBBY CARTER, HEIR; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BOBBY CARTER; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEE, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 08-000039-CA

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9636T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF DIANE L. FISCHER, DECEASED; MICHAEL FREEMAN a/k/a MICHAEL LEE FREEMAN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL FREEMAN, HEIR; BOBBY CARTER, HEIR; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BOBBY CARTER; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEE, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 08-000039-CA

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9636T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF DIANE L. FISCHER, DECEASED; MICHAEL FREEMAN a/k/a MICHAEL LEE FREEMAN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL FREEMAN, HEIR; BOBBY CARTER, HEIR; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BOBBY CARTER; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEE, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 08-000039-CA

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9641T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

KAREN BETH MILLENDER, a single person; WILLSON'S SEPTICTANK; TENANT # 1, TENANT # 2, UNKNOWN TENANTS, Defendant(s)

CASE NO.: 08-000414-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order of Summary Judgment of Foreclosure in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Franklin County, Florida described as:

Block 47 (210), Lots 12, 13, 14, Keough's 2nd Addition ORB 170, Page 400, ORB 354, Page 275, ORB 361, Page 2266, ORB 388, Page 252, ORB 654, Page

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9643T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

ALBANY BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY a/k/a JEFFREY STUART GALLOWAY; SHELLEY GALLOWAY; FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA; ST. GEORGE ISLAND OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-000135-CA

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 12, 2008, in Case No. 08-000135-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. d/b/a BANCFINANCIAL, plaintiff and JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY et al., are defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder and best bidder

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9643T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

ALBANY BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY a/k/a JEFFREY STUART GALLOWAY; SHELLEY GALLOWAY; FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA; ST. GEORGE ISLAND OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-000135-CA

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 12, 2008, in Case No. 08-000135-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. d/b/a BANCFINANCIAL, plaintiff and JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY et al., are defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder and best bidder

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9643T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

ALBANY BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY a/k/a JEFFREY STUART GALLOWAY; SHELLEY GALLOWAY; FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA; ST. GEORGE ISLAND OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-000135-CA

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 12, 2008, in Case No. 08-000135-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. d/b/a BANCFINANCIAL, plaintiff and JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY et al., are defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder and best bidder

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9643T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

ALBANY BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY a/k/a JEFFREY STUART GALLOWAY; SHELLEY GALLOWAY; FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA; ST. GEORGE ISLAND OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-000135-CA

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 12, 2008, in Case No. 08-000135-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. d/b/a BANCFINANCIAL, plaintiff and JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY et al., are defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder and best bidder

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9643T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

ALBANY BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY a/k/a JEFFREY STUART GALLOWAY; SHELLEY GALLOWAY; FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA; ST. GEORGE ISLAND OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-000135-CA

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 12, 2008, in Case No. 08-000135-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Franklin County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. d/b/a BANCFINANCIAL, plaintiff and JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY et al., are defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder and best bidder

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for cash at the front of the Courthouse steps at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, at 11:00 A.M. on February 12, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said order or final judgment, to-wit:

Lot 4, BAY COVE VILLAGE, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page(s) 18, of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida

commonly known as 2027 Sand Dollar Trail, St. George Island, Florida 32328.

Dated at Apalachicola Florida this December 22, 2008.

MARCIA JOHNSON As Clerk, Circuit Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within a reasonable time prior to any proceeding, contact the ADA coordinator at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 or telephone 850-653-8861 not later than five (5) business days prior to such proceeding.

BLOCH, MINERLEY & FEIN, PL. Attorneys for Plaintiff 980 N. Federal Hwy, Suite 412 Boca Raton, FL 33432 561-362-6699 January 8, 15, 2009

9662T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff,

VS.

JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY, et al. Defendants.

CASE NO: 08-000185CA

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a final judgment of foreclosure dated December 22, 2008, and entered in Case No. 08-000185-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., plaintiff and JEFFREY S. GALLOWAY et al., are defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder and best bidder for cash at the front of the Courthouse steps at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, at 11:00 A.M. on February 12, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said order or final judgment, to-wit:

Lot 29, CASA DEL MAR SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page(s) 2, Public Records of Franklin County, Florida

commonly known as 2266 Sailfish Drive, St. George Island, Florida 32328.

Dated at Apalachicola Florida this December 22, 2008.

MARCIA JOHNSON As Clerk, Circuit Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within a reasonable time prior to any proceeding, contact the ADA coordinator at 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 or telephone 850-653-8861 not later than five (5) business days prior to such proceeding.

BLOCH, MINERLEY & FEIN, PL. Attorneys for Plaintiff 980 N. Federal Hwy, Suite 412 Boca Raton, FL 33432 561-362-6699 January 8, 15, 2009

9666T **NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, Florida, will on, January 22, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at the front of the courthouse steps, in the city of Apalachicola, Florida offer for sale, and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder, the following described real property situated in Franklin County, Florida:

Lot 15, Sunset Isle & Yacht Club, according to that certain plat recorded in Plat Book 9, page 14, official records, Franklin County, Florida, being a subdivision, lying in Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 4 West, city of Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida.

pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of, which is

REGIONS BANK, Plaintiff

vs.

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STUART WHITE, JR. a/k/a FREDERICK S. WHITE, JR. and KRISTIE R. WHITE, husband and wife: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; and SUNSET ISLE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants.

and the docket number of which is 2007 CA 000483.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim with the clerk of the court within 60 days after the sale.

In accordance with the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the undersigned not later than seven days prior to the proceeding to ensure that reasonable accommodations are available.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 17th day of December, 2008.

MARCIA M. JOHNSON Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

MELISSA HOLLEY PAINTER Florida Bar No. 0144177 Clark, Partington, Hart, Larry, Bond & Stackhouse Suite 800, 125 West Romana Street P.O. Box 13010 Pensacola, Florida 32591-3010 (850)434-9200 (850)432-7340 fax Attorneys for Plaintiff January 1, 8, 2009

9667T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

INDYMAC BANK F.S.B., Plaintiff,

VS.

PAT G. MOORE, et al, Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 08-0036-CA DIVISION

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 12, 2008 and entered in Case No. 08-0036-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida wherein INDYMAC BANK F.S.B., the Plaintiff and PAT G. MOORE; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B., A FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS BANK; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 33 MARKET STREET APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 10 FOOT FENCE EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE NORTHWESTERLY 10 FEET THEREOF, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER (ALSO THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER) OF LOT 9, BLOCK 112, CITY OF APALACHICOLA, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN SOUTH 48 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 9, A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 41 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 99.69 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 48 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 9, A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 41 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 9, A DISTANCE OF 99.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 212 AVENUE C, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from any sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on December 17, 2008.

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

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Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F08000505 January 1, 8, 2009

9668T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

BANK OF AMERICA, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

RYAN MCDOWELL A/K/A RYAN C. MCDOWELL, et al, Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 19-2008-CA-000305 DIVISION

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 12, 2008 and entered in Case No. 19-2008-CA-000305 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for FRANKLIN County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, NA, is the Plaintiff and RYAN MCDOWELL A/K/A RYAN C. MCDOWELL; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RYAN MCDOWELL A/K/A RYAN C. MCDOWELL N/K/A JANE DOE; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT DOOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 33 MARKET STREET, APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA, at 11:00AM, on the 22nd day of January, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 3 BLOCK ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO (162) IN THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT OF SAID CITY IN COMMON USE

A/K/A 226 9TH STREET, APALACHICOLA, FL 32320

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on December 17, 2008.

Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F08044622 January 1, 8, 2009

9669T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

HSBC BANK USA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

KAY W. EUBANKS; HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION (USA); BARBARA JO PALMER; FRANCES C. CANNON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BARBARA JO PALMER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANCES C. CANNON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KAY W. EUBANKS; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-000075-CA

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 12th day of December, 2008, and entered in Case No. 08-000075-CA, of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein HSBC BANK USA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and KAY W. EUBANKS; HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION (USA); BARBARA JO PALMER; FRANCES C. CANNON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BARBARA JO PALMER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANCES C. CANNON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KAY W. EUBANKS; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the ON FRONT STEPS OF COURTHOUSE at the Franklin County Courthouse, in Apalachicola, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 22nd day of January, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 12, BLOCK C, THREE RIVERS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, AT PAGE 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM

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WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), disabled persons who, because of their disabilities, need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320 or Telephone Voice/TDD (904) 653-8861 prior to such proceeding.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2008.

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk

Law Office of Marshall C. Watson 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309 Telephone: (954) 453-0365 Facsimile: (954) 771-6052 Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438 08-03442 January 1, 8, 2009

9702T STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FIND FRANKLIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT(S) IN COMPLIANCE

DOCKET NO. 08-CIEI-NOI-1901-(A)-(I)

The Department gives notice of its intent to find the Amendment(s) to the Comprehensive Plan for Franklin County, adopted by Ordinance No(s), 2008-28 on November 18, 2008, IN COMPLIANCE, pursuant to Sections 163.3184, 163.3187 and 163.3189, F.S.

The adopted Franklin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment(s) and the Department's Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report, (if any), are available for public inspection Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, during normal business hours, at the Franklin County Planning & Building Department, 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320.

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

If a petition is filed, other affected persons may petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding. A petition for intervention must be filed at least twenty (20) days before the final hearing and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. A petition for leave to intervene shall be filed at the Division of Administrative Hearings, Department of Management Services, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060. Failure to petition to intervene within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such a person has to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to participate in the administrative hearing.

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

Charles Gauthier, AICP Division of Community Planning Director Department of Community Affairs 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100 January 8, 2009

9712T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC., Plaintiff,

vs.

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CLYDE OLIVER; KENNETH FRIENDLY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR PRIMARY CAPITAL ADVISORS, LC MIN MO. 1002293-3000020639-5; ONE CHARLESTON PLACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendants.

CASE NO. 192008CA000001XXXXXX

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 23, 2008, and an Order Resetting Sale dated December 22, 2008 and entered in Case No. 192008CA000001XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, is Plaintiff and CLYDE OLIVER; KENNETH FRIENDLY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR PRIMARY CAPITAL ADVISORS, LC, MIN MO. 1002293-3000020639-5; ONE CHARLESTON PLACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 at Franklin County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 5th day of February, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 43, BLOCK 10 (WEST), ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES, UNIT 1, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 7 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court no later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Franklin County Courthouse. Telephone 850-653-8861 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Apalachicola, Florida, on December 23, 2008.

Marcia M. Johnson As Clerk Circuit Court By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

SMITH, HIATT & DIAZ, PA. Attorneys for Plaintiff PO BOX 11438 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339 Telephone: (954) 564-0071 January 8, 15, 2009

9722T STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

The Department announces receipt of an application for a permit from Paul Aughtry c/o Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc. Post Office Box 385, Apalachicola, FL 32329. File No. 19-0293158-001-DF, to construct a 111 foot long by 3 foot wide breakwater consisting of limestone or granite boulders placed 10 feet seaward of mean high water line, and plant Spartina alterniflora on 1 foot centers landward of the breakwater for the purpose of stabilizing the shoreline and preventing future erosion.

This project site is located along the shore of Lot 7 of Kinja Bay Subdivision on St. George Island in Franklin County, Florida; Section 29, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Latitude: 29 40' 34" North, and Longitude: 84 49' 55" West. The effected water body is St. George Sound, and Outstanding Florida Water-body and Class II Approved Waters of the State.

This application is being processed and is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Northwest District, Tal-

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lahassee, Branch Office at 630-3 Capital Circle NE, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. January 8, 2009



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Work to move forward on Apalachicola Maritime Museum

Lois Swoboda
Times Staff Writer

December 18 marked the first anniversary of the founding of the Apalachicola Maritime Museum by George Kirvin Floyd.

While work on the museum building has been delayed beyond anticipated deadlines, Floyd said plans have been approved by Apalachicola Planning and Zoning after almost a year of negotiation.

The 84 West Building Corporation of Eastpoint will act as the liaison between Floyd, architects and construction firms.

Mark Carrell, president of 84 West, said based on a preliminary timeline, the request for bids from "design/build" teams will go out by the end of 2008. He expects bid review for the project to be completed during Feb. 2009. Demolition and site preparation are scheduled to begin around

April 1.

Floyd said he will construct the building in accordance with all safety and accessibility requirements, by using funds from the museum foundation. He will then solicit grants to do the finish work on the interior galleries.

The museum will be located on lot number 10 on the waterfront behind the courthouse. It will include a climate-controlled indoor workshop for the construction and repair of wooden boats.

Currently, marine artifacts and several antique boats are on display at the site in a building that once housed a seafood processing facility. The crown jewel of the collection is the *Heritage*, formerly the *Quark*, a 45-foot-long ketch constructed by the Brooklin Boat Yard of Brooklin, Maine in 2002, designed to resemble a Herreshoff boat from the early 20th century. Nathaniel Herreshoff, an illustrious boat builder in Bristol, RI, designed many successful



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George Kirvin Floyd, founder of the Apalachicola Maritime Museum, at the helm of the *Heritage*, the museum's first major exhibit.

yachts, punt-hulls, scows, ketches, fin-keelers, and other sailing craft during the late 19th century and into the 20th century.

Floyd said he is looking for an alternative site to house the col-

lection while construction is underway.

Public participation in the museum has grown steadily over the first year. The nonprofit organization has almost 500 members, including 167 individual memberships and 263 family memberships.

The museum has welcomed about 1,200 visitors as the *Heritage* nears its 100th voyage. It has provided free sail trips to both locals and visitors and donated voyages to local non-profits such as the St. George Island Light House Association, the Apalachicola Riverkeeper, St. Patrick Catholic Church, St. George Island Boys Scout Troop 22, the First United Methodist Church of Apalachicola and the Raney House Museum.

Since its founding, the museum has participated in numerous local events including the Apalachicola Art Walk, the Antique Boat Show, Project Riverway, the Apalachicola Recreational Sum-

mer Program, Seafood Festival, Blues on the Lot and Carrabelle's annual Christmas celebration, Holiday on the Harbor.

Linda Suarez, spokeswoman for the museum, thanked the numerous volunteers who have donated time and energy amounting to almost 1,300 hours of labor.

This year the museum, in association with the Apalachicola Riverkeeper, hosted an eight-day paddle trip down the Apalachicola River from Floyd's newly acquired land just below the Woodruff Dam in Chattahoochee to the Apalachicola Bridge.

The Chattahoochee tract was formerly slated for development, but Floyd says he will place a conservation easement on the property. He plans to build a satellite museum, music venue, outdoor store and staging facility for future paddle trips on the site. He said the land will eventually be deeded to the city of Chattahoochee.

HAPPY ENDINGS

Three dogs right after an absolute no

By Joe Taylor
Special to the Times

I laugh at my words now. "No. Absolutely not, we do not need another dog, especially a puppy! Do you realize how much work they are?"

That is what I said to my wife, Jeanette, as she "ooohed" over the picture of the puppy in *The Times*. Now it is after 9 at night and she encouraged me to call Susan Turner, then a volunteer for the Franklin County Humane Society. My next move began a year of havoc, interrupted sleep and incredible joy.

Needless to say Susan was relentless in her efforts to get us to the shelter. I made it perfectly clear that we would get there when we could and if it was "meant to be," the puppy would be there waiting for us. Susan's version of "meant to be" included her standing at the door to our business with the puppy when opening time came. That was it, I was beaten.

This most adorable puppy, quickly named Turner in honor of Susan, was snuggled in a shopping basket and went everywhere we did for the next eight months. We love the little dog and the story of the other puppies at the Humane Society encouraged us to help. The next thing we knew, we were fostering puppies for the Humane Society and adopting them to visitors from our shop downtown.

Many evenings the entertainment was Turner and his foster siblings playing for hours. I smile now thinking about it. Seven fosters later we decided to take a "puppy break" due to an out-of-town trip. The day before we were set to leave, Susan shows up again with a vehicle full of

puppies and one special little dog, Trixie, jumps into my arms.

What could I do? We had to find her a home. To make a long (very long) story short, Trixie was our last foster and now sleeps between our pillows.

What began as an absolute no is now a summer full of fond memories of the puppies that stayed with us and a house vibrant with canine charm. Many times Jeanette and I comment on how our little pack, Chica, our senior "God-dog" that lives with us, Turner and Trixie have brought so much happiness to our lives.

Open your home to a rescue pet, it could be the best thing you ever do for yourself and a deserving animal. If you can not make a long-term commitment, foster or volunteer at the shelter. You will not regret it.

Lois Swoboda is archiving success stories of animal adoptions for her series "Happy Endings" for *The Times*. To share a story for "Happy Endings," please email Lois at lswoaba@starfl.com.



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Trixie and Turner

New year treats for our wildlife neighbors

Hi everyone, Happy New Year!

Well, hopefully you enjoyed a merry Christmas and spent some quality time with your family. If you are looking for some fun activities and family projects to do with your children or grandchildren, you might want to spend some time making treats for our wildlife neighbors.

Pine Cone Feeder

Supplies: Pine cones, one cup of ground up suet, one cup of peanut butter, two - three cups of yellow corn meal, half a cup of flour, raisins and/or peanuts.

Method: Melt the suet in a saucepan and then stir in the peanut butter until it is melted. In a bowl, mix the corn meal and flour. When the suet/peanut butter blend has cooled and begins to thicken, add the corn meal/flour mixture and blend everything thoroughly. Then stuff the pine cones with the mixture and top it off by adding some raisins and/or peanuts to the mix and hang the cones outside and wait for the birds to show up.

Note: Suet provides many important nutrients and vitamins of a bird's diet. However, when outside temperatures are greater than 70° F, it will spoil. Therefore, use peanut butter when the weather is warm.

Types of Food

Certain types of food attract specific animals. Fruit and berries are good for raccoons, while squirrels love peanuts and peanut butter. The following is a list of seeds and which types of birds are attracted to them.

Oil Sunflower: Cardinal, mourning dove, blue jay, painted bunting, red-winged blackbird, house sparrow, white-crowned sparrow and white-throated sparrow.

White Millet: Cardinal, mourning dove, blue jay, painted bunting, red-winged blackbird, house sparrow, white-crowned sparrow, white-throated sparrow and Eastern towhee.

Striped Sunflower: Cardinal, blue jay, painted bunting, red-winged blackbird, house sparrow, white-crowned sparrow, white-throated sparrow, chickadee, tufted titmouse and red-bellied woodpecker.

Safflower: Cardinal, mourning dove, blue jay, white sparrow, and red-bellied woodpecker. Note: Squirrels, grackles and blackbirds do not eat safflower seed.

Thistle (Niger): Mourning dove, house sparrow, song sparrow, blackbird, nuthatch, American goldfinch, and white-throated



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sparrow.

In addition to these purchased foods, if you haven't already, you might want to consider planting trees, shrubs and plants that provide food as well as shelter for our wildlife neighbors. All you need

to do is select plants that produce seeds and fruit during the winter to help ensure that local wild critters have plenty of winter time food items to choose from.

If you are interested in getting a list of plants that can provide food and shelter for wildlife, please give us a call at the Extension office and we will be happy to send you the information you need to landscape your home to attract wildlife.

Have a safe and happy New Year!

Bill Mahan is a Florida Sea Grant Agent and the Director of the Franklin UF-IFAS Extension Program. Contact him at 653-9337, 697-2112 x 360 or e-mail at bmahan@ufl.edu



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