



2009: No rain and still no parade

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

The forces of nature were not a problem in 2009, even if there was global warming, but that's going to take a while and it isn't just around here.

Hurricanes and flooding were low, thankfully, on the list of events.

People still went to jail but a major crime did not coarsen the year's highlights.

Countywide elections, there were none, and of the two city elections, neither was for mayor.



What happened in Franklin County, in this last year of America's divisive and troubled '00s, was a lot about money, the widening wave of a fading real estate boom sweeping across in a sometimes frantic, but gradual pace of depletion in value until much less is left over than anyone thought would ever be the case.

Not just here, the whole economy suffered. Money on paper everywhere was lost, so spending tightened, and most people's earnings continued their reversal downward.

You still had to pay taxes, but not as much, because you weren't buying as much, and your property wasn't worth what the government had been making off it before.

More gift shops closed than opened, same with restaurants. Hourly service workers joined real estate agents on the unemployment line. The people who work for the cities and the county and the schools, they all kept their jobs. Not so with everybody else.

Even the recreational fishermen had it tough. Not only did they spend less money on charters, but when they did go out, one notorious foursome ended up catching a huge jewfish off St. George Island, then making a big deal about it only to be ratted out by lovers of fragile marine life to the "grouper troopers."

You can't win.

So it will be a brand new year for Alabama fisherman Billy Daniels when he gets his chance Jan. 11 to explain to Judge Russell how it was he didn't know a jewfish from its cousin, and just how he plans to move past 2009's sinful transgressions and be an honest man again.



It was a year that went by in a hurry, but nothing seemed to happen fast. Not a hare year, but a tortoise one, plodding along with a hardened shell.

Unraveling the mistakes of the past. Shaking yourself off, putting it behind you, rejoining the race.

Pulling yourself out a deep hole, the threatening kind that can swallow you up entirely if you're not careful, and then looking around and seeing there's another hole that you could fall into tomorrow.



The struggle to pick up steam is what this year seemed like, and what better way than to end a two-year long winless streak for the infant Franklin County Seahawks football team, and then have until the last game of the season to decide if it will go in the record books as a 5-5 year.

Don't stop at a single success. The more the merrier.

The grouper mix-up and the first four wins ever for the fledgling Seahawks, those are, emphatically, two of the year's Top 10 stories, the sports component.



Somewhere in there has to be the economic situation itself, and all that went with it. With real estate values as much as half or more what they were just a few short years ago, and with unemployment levels climbing month after month, more and more people found themselves bedeviled by joblessness and foreclosures.



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A float in the Florida Seafood Festival parade derided the FDA for its proposed ban on raw oyster during the summer months.

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COPS FOR KIDS LIFTS HOLIDAY SPIRITS

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Carah Glass and her family had a difficult year in 2009, so it only made sense that she would burst into tears when she met with cops just before Christmas Eve.

First, her telephone and cable were disconnected, and then when her job cleaning on St. George Island completely dried up, she couldn't pay rent and got evicted.

She didn't have anywhere to store her goods so she lost them too.

About the only place she could turn to was her in-laws' house, so Glass and her three children, ages 8, 9 and 12, went to live with them in Apalachicola.

"I didn't want them to know how bad it really was," she said.

The woes of 2009 extended to her friend, Loreal Daniels, who was on hand just before Christmas at the Apalachicola fire station to meet with the cops.

Her good friend's husband, unable to work because of heart and kidney surgery, lost his oyster boat in Hurricane Dennis, and then his grouper boat, the "Zig Zag," when its engine had blown up and the hull cracked when it dropped while being lifted in and out of the water.

Glass' mother-in-law had worked as a licensed practical nurse for 14 years, but she was let go right before Thanksgiving. It meant for the first time, at age 60, she would have to sign up for a welfare-type program.

So right now Glass makes her \$374 food stamp allotment go far enough so there's enough to eat between three children, parents in their 30s, and two grandparents.

"It's the first time I've got help," she said. "If I didn't get foods stamps, we would starve."

But even with this bleak background for the Christmas holiday, Glass's eyes had



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Sgt. David Ferrell, left, shares some toys that were part of the Cops for Kids program with a local child.

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Apalachicola post office to cut back hours

By David Adlerstein
Times City Editor

Beginning Jan. 11, the Apalachicola post office is going to open later and close earlier on all five weekdays, with no change on Saturdays.

The move comes as part of cost cutting measures being taken throughout the county by the U.S. Postal Service, which lost \$3.8 billion during the last fiscal year.

Alan Ballas, the officer-in-charge postmaster, in Apalachicola, at least until Jan. 8, when a new one takes over, said the hours will go from a 9 a.m. weekday opening to a 10 a.m. one, with closure at 4 p.m. rather than 4:30 p.m. The 9 a.m. to noon Saturday morning hours will remain unchanged.

"From 4 to 4:30 p.m. it's just about dead in there," said Ballas, who arrived on the job Dec. 22. "We're trying to keep the highest level of service we can."

He said consideration was given, as part of a study of various models, to being closed Wednesday afternoons, as used to be the case when the economy was different. The determination was made to avoid cutting out any peak time, he said.

Delivery will remain six days a week, with just window service affected. Home delivery will continue at the usual times, with a minor exception due to a change in one of the supplemental routes. No changes in hours are planned for Eastpoint and Carrabelle.

In addition, it is expected that more people will continue to turn to www.usps.com to "click and ship" packages directly through the Internet. "We're working hard to educate customers," said Ballas, noting that already about 15 percent rely on the Internet to buy postal products and services.

From Jan. 2007 to May 2009, Ballas, who has nearly 30 years in with the Postal Service, worked with a cost reduction team throughout the Southeast. Their task was to help in tailoring clerk hours to match people to workload.

"We've had a reduction all across the country," he said, stressing that the Postal Service is self-supporting and not paid for out of tax revenues.

"The post office for the past 30 years has been paying its own way," Ballas said. "We have not been bailed out by the government."

He said the Postal Service's \$7 billion deficit is largely attributable to a pre-funding pension plan requirement that has the money in place through the year 2017. A bill passed by Congress this year will give the Postal Service more than \$3 billion in relief.



ALAN BALLAS

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Teen TIGERS throw reading party for little ones

A group of teenagers helped bring books alive for some younger children.

The county library's TIGERS program threw a reading party on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the library's Teen Activity Center located in the old weight room behind Apalachicola High School.

TIGERS is a library program funded by the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. TIGERS participate in group activities including field trips and work study internships. They learn to set goal and function as members of the community.

Thirteen TIGERS teens read to 40 youngsters ages 5 and up and guided them through games. Pam Jones and Bri'Anna Gordon co chaired the event. The



Hanna Sweet hustles to win the sack race at the Books Gives Us Wings program held Dec. 12.

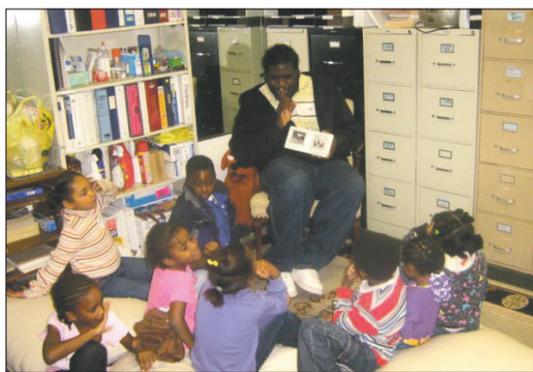
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TIGERS readers were Teresa Carr, La'Tresa Carr, Rahkeim Pierce, Kamilah Hand, Jeffrey Banks, Taisa Jones, Zachary Jones, Shaquana Weaver, Tydron Wynn, Direek Farmer, Adreenah Wynn, Pam Jones and Gordon.

TIGER's director Carol

Barfield said the students hand delivered 50 invitations to the children.

Beginning at 10 a.m., the teens read aloud from books recently donated to the teen center by Bring Me a Book Franklin, a program that provides easy access to children's books



CAROL BARFIELD | Special to The Times

TIGER Zach Jones quiets a group of excited children at Dec 12's reading event.

and encourages reading aloud to children.

After story time, the kids adjourned to the gym where they played basket-

ball and dodge ball and held relay races until time for lunch.

Barfield served up hot dogs and hamburgers to

the entire crew. The kids also enjoyed a cake provided by the library.

At the end of the day, participants went home with a gift bags containing goodies provided by Florida Therapy, the county health department, Superior Bank, the Workforce Board, and the Library Youth Development Program.

"I must say it was a very successful program," said Barfield. "Even in the rain, the kids still came and that was wonderful."

Barfield said she wants to send special thanks to Sister Leonius Stear and Annette Prince who helped make the reading party possible and to Burger King for donating gift certificates as prizes.

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Carah Glass, right, talking with A.J. Smith at left, was one of the parents who got a new bike for their children this year through the Cops for Kids program.

tears in them, and a smile danced on her face Dec. 23 when she met with the crew of law enforcement officers at the fire station.

Apalachicola's A.J. Smith, now retired from

the state's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, found the name of her three children on a prepared list, and with the help of Sgt. David Ferrell from the Tallahassee

Police Department, Sgt. Ryan Sandoval from the Sheriff's Office, and Officer Anthony Croom, from the Apalachicola Police Department, selected the perfect bicycles for the three Glass children.

It was the third and final stop in the county for the Cops for Kids program, now in its 10th year, thanks to the advocacy of Smith. All in all, the program gave away more than 300 bikes in Leon, Gadsden and Franklin counties this year, including about 100 at stops in Carrabelle and Apalachicola.

"We've done pretty well this year," Ferrell said. "With the economy like it is, people have been very

generous and we've been fortunate to have the year we've had."

The program raised money from a 5K run and golf tourney at Southwood, and in addition to private donations and the corporate sponsorship of the Committee of 99, got help from Catholic Charities' Christmas Connection.

"It wouldn't work without A.J.," Ferrell said. "He's very dedicated to it.

It's a great way for him to give back to the community.

"He grew up here. You can tell it means a lot to him," he said. "Every child deserves a bike for Christmas, that's been his motto."

Bikes like the ones wheeled away that morning by Glass and Daniels, to top off a Christmas enhanced by presents from the Franklin County Toy Connection, and those bought by Sister Susan

Roche through private donations.

"Isn't this awesome?" Daniels said. "God has blessed us this year."

Glass hugged Smith and the other officers.

"It's going to be great this year," she said.

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A. I know it can be inconvenient, but it's another sign of the times we're in.



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Marcia Johnson

Security measures were actually begun back in 2004 before my taking office as your clerk. The chief judge of our circuit entered Administrative Order 2004-15, which dealt with security in all six counties within our circuit. He ordered security measures be put in place, including that all visitors at court events be screened before entering. He also ordered that all judges, general magistrates and hearing officers have an additional bailiff in personal attendance at all times while conducting court. In addition, he ordered that courthouse floors housing these officers be designated secure facilities.

At the time the order became effective, the county commission had already adopted its budget for that year, and no funds were available. The county put in the bare minimum requirements. If you've appeared for jury duty or court, then you've experienced the security screening that's been in place since the filing of the Administrative Order of 2004. With the help of the Office of Court Administration, the county applied for and received a grant for security. The trial court marshal had the responsibility to oversee the grant and the installation of the security equipment for compliance. Our sheriff's office also applied for and received a grant, which was used to install security cameras.

In order to have effective security, we are required to have only one public entrance and exit. The back door was chosen because of the accessibility of the elevator. Currently, most local citizens use the back door anyway. This is the same process being put in place in the other counties within our circuit. To make it more accessible, the county has had sidewalks installed around the building and signs placed at the bottom of the outside stairs directing the public to the back door.

I need to point out that since the security measures have been put in place, our officers have seen an individual who tried to enter the building with a gun in his possession. There have also been several incidents in the recent past that could have escalated to violence had security not been present.

Please be patient, and hopefully, all the kinks will be worked out soon and the new system will operate effectively and efficiently. I hope everyone has a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

If you have any questions or comments about this column, please send them to Marcia Johnson, Clerk of the Court, 33 Market St., Ste. 203, Apalachicola, FL 32320, or mmjohnson@franklinclerk.com.

We like to get, but love to give

One day last week, my good pal, Bud, brought over some fresh fish — a flounder all cleaned and scored, and a handful of whiting fillets. I was out of cornmeal, but after a dip in self-rising flour and a plunge in hot oil, they were as good as it gets.



RED WHITE AND ROUX
Denise Roux

I started thinking about the pleasures of giving and receiving.

In the late '70s, I worked at WFLA-TV and Radio in Tampa. A young cameraman would bring in big brown paper bags of avocados from his mother's tree. They were huge, by grocery store standards, and there for the enjoyment of all. We would bring in stacks of saltines and sit at our desks eating our fill, smearing the crackers with huge spoonfuls of the ripe fruit. There was plenty to take home for guacamole and fancier stuff.

Now, at Thanksgiving, there are guests who raid their citrus trees and bring boxes of oranges and grapefruit to share. This year, there were even key limes. Sometimes, there is heart of palm. Everyone brings cake.

We like to get, but we love to give. Even my students have been known to bring me a mess of bream.

My kumquat tree has disappointed the past two years, but previously, colleagues have been invited to come and pick at will. I am looking for a good year of Japanese plums (loquats), and I hope carloads of children will come and eat to their heart's content. I will

confide to them, though, that stolen Japanese plums taste better. The same goes for mulberries.

When I began planning my raised-bed garden in the backyard, one of my first fantasies was being able to bring in bunches of green beans, snow peas and carrots to friends. The green beans produced enough for only a few meals. I have high hopes for the snow peas. The broccoli is doing fine, and we were able to give Bud a short stalk. We were so proud.

When I was a kid, we didn't grow vegetables or can preserves; we baked. Mama routinely made cookies for all of the employees at the county road camp. I made sweet yeast bread confections every Saturday (part of my 4-H project), and Mama always had a list of worthy recipients.

In return, we never bought seafood. We rarely asked, but it often appeared, thanks to the generosity of those who knew my mother.

And now we come to pecans. When I was young, we had three aunts with trees. My sister and I liked Aunt Nannie's nuts the best. They were barrel-shaped with a paper shell. Cracking was a breeze, and two perfect halves were the result. Aunt Sara's nuts were more problematic. They were small and had a thick shell. Most times, extreme picking was required to extract even a big hunk of a piece. The flavor was glorious. Aunt Goldie Mae had a mixture of trees. We were grateful



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THE JAPANESE PLUM, OR LOQUAT

for the bounty even though it meant hours of cracking hard work in the evenings in front of the television.

Buying pecans was not even a consideration.

In the '80s, I wrote a food column for The Times. Just before the new pecan crop, I wrote about recipes that could use up nuts left over from the previous year. Just imagine that kind of bounty.

My aunts are gone, and so are their trees. I hope there are people out there planting now, even though it might be 11 years or more before children pick up the nuts and crack them in front of the TV at night.

In the meantime, we still have the urge to grow and give. The collards will be sweet after they are kissed with a bit of frost and produce more

than enough leaves to spread around. It won't be long before the pear trees are burdened with too much to eat out of hand. How about sharing so that others will be able to make Miss Edwina Chauncy's pear pie (Look in an old Philaco Club Cookbook.) or my nana's pear relish? Figs will transform into preserves. Sometimes the giving goes both ways — fruit to canner and back again.

This is all unspoken generosity. There is no "How about a pound cake for a pound of shrimp?" We don't even keep an internal accounting.

We give. We get. It is as simple as that.

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New forensic technique IDs sharks from their bite

By Cathy Keen
Special to the Times

Hit-and-run attacks by sharks can be solved with a new technique that identifies the culprits by the unique chomp they put on their victims, according to a University of Florida researcher and shark expert.

In a method analogous to analyzing human fingerprints, scientists can make identifications by precisely comparing shark bites to the jaws and teeth of the powerful predators, said George Burgess, director of the International Shark Attack File, which is housed at UF's Florida Museum of Natural History.

"Every time we investigate a shark attack, one of the pieces of information that we want to have is what species was involved and what size it was," he said. "Because I've been looking at shark attack victims for 30 years, I can estimate what did the damage, but I have never been able to actually prove it."

Now scientists can say with a degree of certainty whether the beast was a 14-foot tiger shark or a 9-foot bull shark, a distinction that has unforeseen emotional, ecological and even monetary benefits, said Burgess, who collaborated with researchers from the University of South Florida. Their findings are published in the November issue of Marine Biology.

"There's a psychological need for many shark attack victims to know what bit them," Burgess said. "One of the few things shark attack victims have going for them after a bite is bragging rights, and the bragging rights include knowing what did the damage."

Because of the hype surrounding shark attacks, off-the-cuff estimates of shark size are often exaggerated, he said. "This will give an actual basis for determining what species

was involved and the size, not that that's going to affect the size claimed by the victim in a bar," he said.

Using dried shark jaws from museums and private collections, the researchers were able to identify bite patterns of particular sizes and species of sharks by measuring jaw circumference and the distance between the six frontal teeth on the top and lower jaws, Burgess said. They experimented on 10 to 24 sets of shark jaws for each of the 14 species they analyzed. The technique works not only on human and animal tissue, but also on inanimate objects like surfboards and underground cable lines, he said.

The ability to make determinations from bite patterns is important to understanding the behavioral underpinnings of shark attacks and their prey habits, said lead researcher Dayv Lowry, a biologist with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, who did the work as a graduate student at USF.

"Often someone will send us a picture of a dolphin carcass or a sea turtle and want to know what kind of shark bit it," Lowry said. "Knowing that it's a large tiger shark, for example, would help us figure out what large tiger sharks like to eat and how they attack their prey. If an animal or person has been bitten on the rear end, then we know these sharks are likely to sneak up to get their prey instead of facing the victims."

Being able to determine what size shark attacked people in certain geographic areas such as South Africa, where offshore nets are used to protect swimmers, is valuable because it may influence the size mesh that is used, Lowry said. With larger sharks, beaches can get by

with bigger mesh sizes, which are cheaper and less environmentally intrusive, he said.

The technique also has the potential to save thousands of dollars in damage caused by sharks' penchant for attacking underwater electronic equipment, which includes intercontinental telephone wires, top-secret communication lines between government officials, and sensors companies use to uncover oil fields, Burgess said.

Sharks are equipped with organs on the underside of their snouts — gel-filled pits called ampullae of Lorenzini — that allow them to detect electromagnetic fields from their intended food, Burgess said. Unfortunately, sharks often do not distinguish between the signals sent by prey and equipment, which can be ruined by water seeping in through the bite marks, he said.

"That's one thing that makes them special — they can sense electromagnetic fields around their prey items," he said.

Laying cable lines at the bottom of the ocean is extremely expensive, and having to remove a piece, fix it and install it again adds to the cost, Burgess said.

"Knowing that a certain species of shark did the damage is useful, because in the future, cable lines can be placed in a different location, outside the path of that particular shark's area of distribution," he said.

And the ability to determine what size shark was involved in an attack by the size and configuration of its bite marks could result in the installation of a heavier seal designed to withstand damage from that kind of shark, he said.

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New home construction, which had absorbed lots of workers moving off of working the bay, was at a standstill.

Only tourism seemed to hold its own, but even the steady stream of visitors couldn't prevent the shutting down of several businesses.

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Speaking of shutdowns, there were the two land use amendments that were lingering on the books for St. James Island, east of Carrabelle, which were going nowhere anyway. It was a year that the foundering St. Joe Company was set back on its heels by an angry county commission that once collaborated with the same land development schemes they now felt had betrayed them. The "rescinding of the FLUMs" may turn out to be more important for long-range planning than just an ostentatious-sounding phrase, and 2009 will be when that reversal in public position began.

The GreenSteel modular home factory in Carrabelle, hoping to stay alive in 2010 after settling its debts through Chapter 11, did not have the

kind of four quarters hoped for by city officials when they a couple years ago paved the red carpet with favorable tax consideration in hopes of decent employment foreseen in far greater numbers than ever actually came out of 2009.

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Carrabelle did have good news despite the economy, a big investment by both Weems Memorial Hospital and the county health department into health care for that half of the county. It may not be the most cost-effective way to spend health care dollars, as the county had to hammer out just who had the responsibility to pay whom, and how much. But, no matter how much it eventually costs and how many people it serves, this will be the year a major step was taken to restore services to that area, beginning with the groundbreaking of a new clinic paid for with sales tax dollars.

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In Apalachicola, the big news was in education, as the Apalachicola Bay Char-

ter School moved into the former Chapman Elementary School complex, bringing a dynamic educational approach embraced by the community like a long-lost friend, but less enthusiastically welcomed by traditional public school teachers.

The City of Apalachicola mirrored the charter school's efforts, and by investing federal after-school dollars into a Project Impact program also revitalized an empty campus. The county library, too, transformed the hollowed-out, hallowed old school space into a community center, an important place for rejuvenating fallen spirits during deteriorating economic conditions.

Economic woes meant a tighter focus everywhere on spending tax dollars, and the battle over a land buy of buffer space at the Apalachicola Airport, which seemed personal at times, the guys against the gals, was eventually settled narrowly.

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A new grocery store was approved for St. George Island, despite much fervid opposition from mainly competing business interests

and those wanting less traffic on the island. Whether it ever gets built may be as likely as peace coming to the Middle East but who knows what can grow from Israelis going into business in Florida, specifically Franklin Boulevard in Franklin County?

Septic tanks on the island remained a problem, too, and that brought out a large share of public heat this year, along with evidence that either some or many, but not all, of the businesses on the island are way out of compliance when it comes to having enough capacity to treat sewage the way it ought to be treated. The commission agreed to studies, put off approving a central sewer, and generally postponed resolving the problem.

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One group that didn't postpone any problems, but moved aggressively towards solving it, was the Food and Drug Administration, which pushed ahead with a plan to require post harvest processing of all Gulf oysters in the summertime. The proposed 2011 ban was beaten back with rational argu-

ments that the health threat from raw oysters is rare and forewarned, and not of the dire extent that would call for killing off the livelihoods of many, many seafood workers, in this area especially.

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The largest mammal in the news this past year was the Florida black bear, and its growing interactions with human beings throughout the county. Some wanted them hunted, and someone decided not to wait around for the law to change before shooting one. Bear-proof containers, reminders not to leave food out, trapping and relocating the ones who took out domesticated animals, these were just some of the events that combined to make bears in the area a big story in 2009.

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War, too, came to Franklin County, with the death of a Marine, Lance Cpl. Seth Sharp, who was the first to die in stepped-up fighting in Afghanistan that is sure to grow in size and shed blood next year. The aftermath of war came as well, in a

somber and proud moment when Apalachicola's Veterans Plaza became the first site outside Washington D.C. to juxtapose a detail of the Three Servicemen Statue next to a replica of the Vietnam Wall.

There were other horrors in 2009, dog mauling and possible fighting, and the killing of an inmate at the prison outside Carrabelle only to be followed up the likely suicide of its perpetrator. A fire claimed the life of a well-liked Alligator Point couple.

A beloved mayor, Jimmie Nichols, passed away after a long and distinguished career of public service, just a couple days after his great-niece became the new Miss Florida Seafood, part of the long line of Greek-Americans who helped grow and prosper this fishing community.

Far too many people died too soon, bringing grief to their families. Joy came with marriages and births, all part of the life cycle that rolls on.

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Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

POSTAL SERVICE from page A1

In addition, there have been cutbacks throughout Florida, now served by three, not four, districts.

These cutbacks have meant there are people waiting to be called back to work as positions open up, and that is one way reason a new postmaster should be in place within a month or so, as bidding is completed on the job.

In the meantime, Robin Laster is set to replace Ballas as the new officer in charge beginning Jan. 8.

Ballas will return to his post as Woodville postmaster, with fond memories of

the three months he spent last summer managing the Apalachicola post office and this month's stint.

"I have never been treated as well anywhere than in Apalachicola," he said. The staff here's the finest. Everybody pitches in.

"You're here with a group of people who really like their job," he said. "Everybody has treated me with dignity and respect.

"We truly care and we're going to do everything we can to keep a high level of service," said Ballas. "We pride ourselves on service."



LOOKING FOR LOST CAT

Have you see a friendly, little cat with soft, orange fur?

She wears a pink diamond collar, has had all of her shots and has been spayed. She disappeared on Sunday morning in the vicinity of 164-22nd Avenue in Apalachicola. This is unusual because she is an inside cat but went out for a little while and disappeared.

If anyone has seen Precious, please call Sybil Kemper at 653-8642 or 323-0260. "We miss her dearly and would love to have her back," Kemper said. "She is such a sweet little cat and is 1 year old."

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Project Description: This Project consists of the construction of a new concrete boat ramp, resurfacing asphalt parking, new asphalt parking, retaining wall, floating dock guided on concrete pilings, wooden pedestrian landing, information kiosk, and the installation of an aluminum gangway leading from the pedestrian landing to the floating dock.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF CITY ORDINANCE

The City Commission of the City of Apalachicola will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving citizen's comments on the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF GOLF CARTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 316.212 (FLA. STAT. 2003); PROVIDING THOSE RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF STREETS AND ROADS WITHIN THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA AND CHANGES IN SAID DESIGNATION FOR THE USE OF SAID GOLF CARTS BY THE CITY COMMISSION BY RESOLUTION FROM TIME TO TIME; PROVIDING FOR LIMITED EXCEPTION FOR THE RENTAL, SHORT TERM LEASE OR USE OF GOLF CARTS IN CONNECTION WITH COMMERCIAL OR BUSINESS PURPOSES BY PERSON(S) WHO ARE NOT THE OWNER OF THE GOLF CART; PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION FROM THE CITY, PROVIDING THAT GOLF CARTS ARE NOT ALLOWED OR PERMITTED TO BE LOCATED OR OPERATED ON THE SIDEWALKS, PARKS, PIERS, DOCKS OR OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 2005-01 AND THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL SUPERCEDE AND TAKE PRIORITY OVER CONFLICT PROVISIONS OF OTHER ORDINANCES.

The Public Hearing will be held in the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida, beginning at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. All interested parties are encouraged to appear and be heard with respect to this proposed ordinance.

Library HAPPENINGS

Free computer classes at the library

Special to The Times

Free computer classes resume at the Franklin County Public Library, Eastpoint and Carrabelle, the first week in January. County residents and visitors to the area can register for free computer classes. Each class is a stand-alone instruction, with different classes offered each week at the two library sites. Check below for the classes in

January that you would like to attend; then call 670-8151 in Eastpoint or 697-2366 in Carrabelle.

Thursday, Jan. 7

- Microsoft Word II. Windows user and familiarity with the functions of Word in the Word Level I class, Carrabelle, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Microsoft Excel II. Windows user and

familiarity with the functions of Excel covered in the Excel Level I class, Carrabelle, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 8

- Computer Basics I: Getting Started. For first-time, beginning-level users, Eastpoint, 2-5 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9

- Intro to Adobe Photoshop Elements 7. For

beginner and intermediate digital photographers, Carrabelle, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

- Creating Resumes and Cover Letters using Microsoft Word. Need to know Windows basics, Carrabelle, 2-3:30 p.m.
- Online Job Resources. Must be able to use the Internet, Carrabelle, 4-5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 21

- Microsoft Word II. Windows user and familiarity with the functions of Word in the Word Level I class, Eastpoint, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Microsoft Excel II. Windows users and familiarity with the functions of Excel covered in the Excel Level I class, Eastpoint, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23

- Building Websites with Dreamweaver Part II. Know Dreamweaver Part I, Carrabelle, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All classes are taught by the staff of the Wilderness Coast Public Library and are made possible by a Library Service and Technology Act grant administered by the State Library of Florida.



New Year's celebrations coming up

Hope your Christmas was a great one! Did you get over to Chillas for the turkey and things during coffee hour? Bob, Carol and helping hands did a very good job.

Can't hardly miss the brass plaque by the front door. Bill Miller, a longtime friend of the association, donated the polish, and Mike Hansson, one of our new members, furnished the elbow grease. Thanks, guys. Can't remember when it was last cleaned.



LANARK NEWS
Jim Welsh

You can dance the night away on New Year's Eve at the American Legion Post 82. Doors at the Legion celebration, at 2316 Oak St., will be opened at 6 p.m., with party favors, finger food, live music and a champagne toast at midnight. A donation of \$5 will be collected at the door for all guests who arrive after 8 p.m.

On New Year's Day morning, come over to Chillas Hall and enjoy boiled shrimp and other goodies. Bob and Carol, and friends, will host. Donations accepted. Doors open at 8 a.m.; see you there!

Be kind to one another, and check in on the sick and housebound, and have a happy and safe New Year's!

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

In Loving Memory of Ray Hatfield and Bruce Keith

As the years have gone by, our hearts still ache. Knowing you're not with us, makes our hearts break.

Holding on to your memories, help us from day to day.

But it still won't bring you back our way!
We know you're in Heaven, walking with the Lord.

Down those streets made of pure gold.
We treasure your memories, in our hearts we hold.

For one day we will meet again, and hands we will hold.

Love and miss you both,

Heather Hatfield Frazier

Obituary

Maria Quintero

Mrs. Maria Ochoa Quintero, age 79, passed away Tuesday morning, Dec. 22, 2009, at her home in Eastpoint.

Maria was born on Oct. 11, 1930, in Eljalisco, Mexico, and lived in Eastpoint since 2001. She was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include godson Jesus Carranza Quintero and his wife, Rosa, of Eastpoint; nine grandchildren; and 18

great-grandchildren.

Mass was held Monday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m. (CST) at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Blountstown, with Father Allan Rodrigues. The family received friends Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27, at Peavy Funeral Home.

Memorialization will be by cremation. All arrangements are under the direction of Marlon Peavy at Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown.

Card of Thanks — DALTON FAMILY

The Dalton Family would like to take this opportunity to thank any person or organization that had any participation in finding and acquiring us a home to live in. To those who worked so hard, those who prayed so hard, those who thought about us so hard, we appreciate every single effort put forth.

To Mr. Andy Buchleitner, you should know you are an angel sent from God above, because he filled your ear and heart with

love. To Mr. Ray Courage, thanks to you for coming to our aid with your contribution. To Mrs. Irma Courage, thank you so very much just for caring about total strangers enough to do what you did. To those of you who wished to remain anonymous, thanks be to you all wherever you may be.

We so appreciate everything you have done for us, whether you be our friends, family or someone we don't even know. THANKS AGAIN, EVERYONE. Finally, we saved

the best for last: Thank you, GOD, for touching our lives at a time when we really needed it. Thank you for touching people's hearts and seeing fit for them to be able to give whatever it was that you blessed them to be able to give. With you all things are possible. You are an AWESOME God, and we praise you for it ...

Thanks,

Frankie, April, Marcus and William

Card of Thanks — COPS FOR KIDS

We would like to express our gratitude and thanks to everyone who donated monetary contributions to the Cops for Kids organization to help provide bicycles for the kids on Christmas. We would like to give a special thank-you to Steve Rash, R & R Siding,

Harry Arnold, Jimmy Gander, Apalachicola State Bank and Ace Hardware.

Yours sincerely,

Cops for Kids and staff

News BRIEFS

Auditions set for Panhandle Players' 'Oklahoma!'

Auditions have been scheduled for the spring production of "Oklahoma!" by the Panhandle Players of Franklin County.

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 11 and 12, are set as the days for auditioning for their production of this classic musical. Auditions will be held between 6 and 7 p.m. in the former Apalachicola High School building on Fourteenth Street.

Those auditioning should be prepared to sing a song of their own choice plus one of the songs from the show, "Oklahoma!" Also required will be a short reading of a scene or two from the script. Those who want to be in the chorus only will only need to sing.

There are speaking/singing parts for seven men and four women principals. There is an additional need for six to eight men and eight to 10 women for the chorus.

Rehearsals for the April 16 and 17 production will begin on Monday, Feb. 11.

Questions about the production may be answered by calling the director, Merel Young, at 927-4731, or Panhandle Players President Liz Sisung at 670-8261.

Carrabelle Senior Center to host Saturday dance

The Carrabelle Senior Center will

host its First Saturday Dance of the new year this Saturday, Jan. 2.

The dance starts at 7 p.m., and admission is free. Music will be provided by local disk jockey Ron Vice, serving up a lively mix of big band dance tunes and mellow pop hits.

Enjoy this Saturday night — come on by the Carrabelle Senior Center to dance or to just listen! The Center is at 201 Ave. F, on the corner of First Street and Avenue F in downtown Carrabelle.

For more information on the dance and other activities, visit www.CarrabelleSeniorCenter.com.

Winners announced for Carrabelle decorating contest

The Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of the Carrabelle decorating contest.

First place in the home category was won by Brooke O'Neal, of 1900 Beacon St.; second place went to Joseph Dellagatto, 902 N.W. Ave. C; and third place to Rhettta Strange, 1102 N.E. First St.

First place in the business category went to Dockside Marine, at 292 Graham Drive.

Community Garden holds holiday photo contest

The City Square Community Garden is holding a Holidays in the Garden and Nature

photography contest.

Photos must use plant life, such as foliage, flowering plants, vegetables or fruits, to express a holiday sentiment or a general garden landscape.

Photos may address any recognized holiday that falls between Oct. 1 and Jan. 20. Submission must be made between Jan. 2 and 8 at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, 122 Commerce St. in Apalachicola.

Judging will take place Monday, Jan. 18. For details, visit the City Square Community Garden Facebook page.

Apalachicola receives nod from National Geographic

National Geographic Traveler has once again featured Apalachicola as a vacation destination.

In an article titled "Southern Soul" published in the Nov./Dec. edition of the magazine, Apalachicola is highlighted as "a taste of Old Florida."

It praises local cuisine and architecture and the ambiance of the "real working waterfront here, a briny mix of seafood packing houses, docks, and oyster joints."

This is the third time in as many years that Traveler has featured Franklin County, touting the area in earlier articles as a great spot for a long weekend and a retirement paradise.

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SATURDAY 5 PM
SUNDAY 10 AM

ST. GEORGE ISLAND MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

Birthday



Lillie Grace turns 1

Lillie Grace Gaskill celebrated her first birthday on Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, at her home in Eastpoint with lots of family and friends.

She is the daughter of Jason and Tasha Gaskill, of Eastpoint.

Maternal grandparents are Lucretia Taylor and Shorty Shiver, both of Eastpoint.

Paternal grandparents are Kathy and Ronnie Raffield and the late Tommy Gaskill, all of Apalachicola.

Birthday



Dinner to honor Selma Roberts' 80th birthday Friday

Selma Braswell Roberts will celebrate her 80th birthday on Friday, Jan. 1, 2010.

She will be honored by family and friends with a covered dish dinner scheduled at 6 p.m. on Jan. 1 at the Church of God in Eastpoint, 379 Avenue A.

Everyone is invited to join us in showing our love and appreciation for this special lady.



Baines completes basic training

Christofer Paul Baines, 19, part-time resident of St. George Island, completed 13-week recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., on Dec. 11.

He graduated with Platoon 1088 of Delta Company 1st Battalion.

Chris is the son of Larry and Patricia Hale, of St. George Island, and Neal and Jovanna Baines, of Flowery Branch, Ga.

He is the grandson of Jim and Vern Stefanko,

of Eastpoint; Neal and Marsha Baines Sr., of Snellville, Ga.; and Tommy and Betty Hodges, of Cumming, Ga.

Chris' next step will be Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, N.C., and then study at the Army base in Fort Meade, Md., where he will take a three-month course at the joint command school for his military occupational specialty of public affairs.

Way to go, Chris!

PET OF THE WEEK



Bubbles

Bubbles, an 8-month-old orange and gray tabby cat, arrived at the Adoption Center at the end of March. She was adopted and returned because her owner could no longer care for her. Bubbles is a beautiful, sweet, affectionate girl waiting patiently for a loving home.

VOLUNTEERS are desperately needed to socialize Bubbles and all of the other dogs and cats. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

Call Kam at 670-8417 for more details or visit the Franklin County Humane Society at 244 State Route 65 in Eastpoint. You may log onto the website at www.forgottenpets.org to see more of our adoptable pets.

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Dec 31	65°	47°	40%
Fri, Jan 01	54°	31°	10%
Sat, Jan 02	50°	29°	0%
Sun, Jan 03	52°	40°	0%
Mon, Jan 04	58°	39°	40%
Tue, Jan 05	55°	40°	10%
Wed, Jan 06	54°	46°	10%

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

	HIGH	LOW
Cat Point	Minus 0:40	Minus 1:17
East Pass	Minus 0:27	Minus 0:27

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

	HIGH	LOW
Bald Point	Minus 9:16	Minus 0:03

APALACHICOLA

12/31	Thu	01:08AM	1.6	H	10:10AM	-0.9	L
		06:12PM	1.2	H	09:10PM	1.1	L
1/01	Fri	02:15AM	1.6	H	10:54AM	-0.9	L
		06:27PM	1.2	H	10:04PM	1.0	L
1/02	Sat	03:15AM	1.6	H	11:36AM	-0.8	L
		06:48PM	1.1	H	10:57PM	0.8	L
1/03	Sun	04:15AM	1.5	H	12:14PM	-0.6	L
		07:07PM	1.1	H	11:54PM	0.6	L
1/04	Mon	05:17AM	1.3	H	12:50PM	-0.3	L
		07:26PM	1.1	H			
1/05	Tue	12:59AM	0.4	L	06:25AM	1.1	H
		01:22PM	-0.1	L	07:45PM	1.1	H
1/06	Wed	02:12AM	0.3	L	07:45AM	0.9	H
		01:50PM	0.2	L	08:07PM	1.2	H

CARRABELLE

12/31	Thu	07:57AM	-1.4	L	04:47PM	1.9	H
		06:57PM	1.8	L			
1/01	Fri	12:50AM	2.6	H	08:41AM	-1.4	L
		05:02PM	1.9	H	07:51PM	1.6	L
1/02	Sat	01:50AM	2.6	H	09:23AM	-1.3	L
		05:23PM	1.8	H	08:44PM	1.3	L
1/03	Sun	02:50AM	2.4	H	10:01AM	-1.0	L
		05:42PM	1.8	H	09:41PM	1.0	L
1/04	Mon	03:52AM	2.1	H	10:37AM	-0.5	L
		06:01PM	1.8	H	10:46PM	0.6	L
1/05	Tue	05:00AM	1.8	H	11:09AM	-0.2	L
		06:20PM	1.8	H	11:59PM	0.5	L
1/06	Wed	06:20AM	1.4	H	11:37AM	0.3	L
		06:42PM	1.9	H			

LUNAR

	12/31	1/01	1/02	1/03	1/04	1/05	1/06
Sun Rise	7:34	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:36
Moon Set	5:50	5:51	5:52	5:52	5:53	5:54	5:55
Moon Phase	☉	☉	☉	☉	☉	☉	☉

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Christmas oratorio opens Ilse Newell series

The Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts concert series began its 2009-10 season in stirring fashion Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, with a performance at Trinity Episcopal Church of the Christmas portion of the "Messiah" oratorio, a popular work by the 18th century composer George Frederic Handel.

The Bay Area Choral Society of 35 voices performed, under the direction of Merel Young, with piano accompaniment by R. Bedford Watkins. Soloists included sopranos Leslie Coon, Virginia Harrison, Megan Lamb and Carla May; alto Tamara Marsh; tenor Scott Kinkead; and basses Gordon Adkins, Don West and Young.

The Ilse Newell Fund is funded primarily by the generous contributions of committed sponsors, patrons, associates and friends and is administered by The Apalachicola Area Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving the rich history of Apalachicola and the surrounding area.

— DAVID ADLERSTEIN



Above, singing the soprano roles in Handel's "Messiah" oratorio Dec. 13 are, from left, Mary Virginia Robinson, and Virginia Harrison and Leslie Coon, both of whom later performed solos. **At left**, Bass Merel Young, who conducted Handel's "Messiah" oratorio, also sang the aria "O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion."

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MARITIME MERRIMENT



LOIS SWOBODA | The Times

On Sunday, Dec. 20, the Apalachicola Maritime Museum hosted a holiday party for members and friends. The event included food, hot cider and boat rides on the Starfish Enterprise, a pontoon boat custom outfitted to accompany kayak trips down the Apalachicola River from museum founder George Floyd's property in Chattahoochee. More than 50 people attended the Christmas party. In the photo above, the Starfish Enterprise prepares to dock at the newly constructed cement pier at the museum on Water Street, with Floyd at the helm giving visitors a firsthand look at the river and waterfront. The museum has been closed recently for renovations, but the doors were open again after Christmas.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY,
FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF
DAVID CARL SHIVER
Deceased.

File No. 09-49CP
Division Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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The administration of the estate of DAVID CARL SHIVER, deceased, whose date of death was September 4, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for FRANKLIN County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the

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decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 17, 2009.

Attorney for Personal Representatives:
Kirsty Branch Banks
Attorney for Carla Carlson
Florida Bar No. 517143
PO Box 176

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Apalachicola, Florida 32329
Telephone: (850) 670-1255
Fax: (850) 670-1256
Personal Representatives:
Carla Carlson
5108 Old Cheney Highway
Orlando, Florida 32807
December 24, 31, 2009

5203T NOTICE

To All Interested Parties

Croom's, Inc. has received grant funding under FDOT's (ARRA Stimulus Grant Program) and is now accepting bids from qualified, licensed contractors for the construction of a maintenance facility on the premises of Croom's, Inc., located at 133 Highway 98 in Apalachicola, Florida. All interested parties may submit a sealed bid addressed to:

Croom's, Inc.
Attn: John Croom
Post Office Box 6
Apalachicola, Florida

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32329-0006
The deadline for submission is January 7, 2010.
December 24, 31, 2009

5214T
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

GULF STATE COMMUNITY BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs
CONRAD SEASHOLTZ,
Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 09-000336-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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lin County, Florida described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NORTH HALF OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANCH 6 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID FRACTIONAL SECTION 28 AND RUN THENCE EAST ALONG THE SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 1675 FEET TO A POINT MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 30° EAST 1347 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUN NORTH 60° EAST 840 FEET TO A POINT, WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND TO BE DESCRIBED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN THENCE SOUTH 30° EAST 836.5 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE 66 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD NO. 30, AND CONTINUING ON THE SAME

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BEARING ACROSS SAID HIGHWAY TO THE WATERS OF ST. GEORGE SOUND; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE WATER OF SAID SOUND TO A POINT FROM WHICH A LINE RUN NORTH 30° WEST WILL BE 210 FEET FROM AND PARALLEL TO SAID LAST DESCRIBED LINE; THENCE RUN NORTH 30° WEST ALONG A LINE 210 FEET FROM AND PARALLEL TO SAID LAST DESCRIBED LINE TO A POINT WHICH IS NORTH 60° EAST OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 60° WEST 210 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; LESS AND EXCEPT 66 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD NO. 30. SAID LAND BEING SITUATE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.

LESS AND EXCEPT:
Lot 3, One Particular Harbor, a subdivision recorded in Plat Book 10,

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Page 7, 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 28, 2010.

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 of this Court this 14th day of December, 2009.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: Michele Maxwell
Deputy Clerk

Steve M. Watkins, III
FBN: 0794996
41 Commerce Street
Apalachicola, FL 32320
(850) 653-1949
December 24, 31, 2009

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5220T
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUPERIOR BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.
STEVEN R. MACCHIARELLA and CADENCE BANK, N.A.,
Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-550-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 14, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 08-000550-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, SUPERIOR BANK, and the Defendants, STEVEN R. MACCHIARELLA and CA-

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DENCE BANK, N.A., I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 20th day of January, 2010, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 14 of Hidden Beaches, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 11, of the public records of Franklin County, Florida

The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.

DATED this 14th day of December, 2009.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

FRANK A. BAKER ATTORNEY AT LAW 4431 Lafayette Street Marianna, FL 32446 December 24, 31, 2009

5221T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUPERIOR BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT H. WHATLEY and CINDY H. WHATLEY Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-000222-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 14, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 08-000222-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, SUPERIOR BANK, and the Defendants, ROBERT H. WHATLEY and CINDY H. WHATLEY, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 20th day of January, 2010, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 24 of Village Green By The Sea, Phase I, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 8, page(s) 10, of the public records of Franklin County, Florida

The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.

DATED this 14th day of December, 2009.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

FRANK A. BAKER ATTORNEY AT LAW 4431 Lafayette Street Marianna, FL 32446 December 24, 31, 2009

5222T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUPERIOR BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

BARBARA RIDDLE WARD and JAMES W. WARD Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-546-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 14, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 08-546-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, and the Defendants, BARBARA RIDDLE WARD and JAMES W. WARD, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 AM (Eastern Time) on the 20th day of January, 2010, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 19, Block 1, Dog Island Gulf Beaches Unit No. 3, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3 at Page 18 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.

DATED this 14th day of December, 2009.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

FRANK A. BAKER ATTORNEY AT LAW 4431 Lafayette Street Marianna, FL 32446 December 24, 31, 2009

5223T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUPERIOR BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

BARBARA RIDDLE WARD and JAMES W. WARD Defendants.

CASE NO.: 08-546-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 14, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 08-546-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, and the Defendants, BARBARA RIDDLE WARD and JAMES W. WARD, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 20th day of January, 2010, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

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The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.

DATED this 14th day of December, 2009.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

FRANK A. BAKER ATTORNEY AT LAW 4431 Lafayette Street Marianna, FL 32446 December 24, 31, 2009

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5242T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUPERIOR BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT H. WHATLEY and CINDY H. WHATLEY Defendants,

CASE NO. 08-000222-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 14, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 08-00222-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, SUPERIOR BANK, and the Defendants, ROBERT H. WHATLEY and CINDY H. WHATLEY, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 AM (Eastern Time) on the 20th day of January, 2010, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 24 of Village Green By The Sea, Phase I, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 8, page(s) 10, of the public records of Franklin County, Florida

The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.

DATED this 14th day of December, 2009.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

FRANK A. BAKER ATTORNEY AT LAW 4431 Lafayette Street Marianna, FL 32446 December 24, 31, 2009

5243T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

BARBARA RIDDLE WARD and JAMES W. WARD, Defendants.

CASE NO. 08-456-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 14, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 08-546-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, and the Defendants, BARBARA RIDDLE WARD and JAMES W. WARD, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 AM (Eastern Time) on the 20th day of January, 2010, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 19, Block 1, Dog Island Gulf Beaches Unit No. 3, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3 at Page 18 of the Public Records of Franklin County, Florida.

The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.

DATED this 14th day of December, 2009.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michele Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

FRANK A. BAKER ATTORNEY AT LAW 4431 Lafayette Street Marianna, FL 32446 December 24, 31, 2009

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DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that any action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in FRANKLIN County, Florida:

COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF SECTION 25, 26, 35 AND 36, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 25, A DISTANCE OF 3054.39 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 30, THENCE RUN NORTH 57 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 272.15 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 32 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 32 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 383.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 57 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 100.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 32 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 383.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 57 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Florida Default Law Group, P.L.

Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 9119 Corporate Lake Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on this 25th day of November, 2009.

Marcia M. Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Terry E Creamer Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 December 24, 31, 2009

5301T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

SUNTRUST BANK D/B/A SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

WISDOM MINISTRIES, INC.; NASIR K. SIDDIKI; SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; SUNSET BEACH OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.

DATED this 16th day of December, 2009.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michelle Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

December 31, 2009

5321T PUBLIC NOTICE State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection

You are hereby notified that the Department of Environmental Protection has issued a permit under File Number FR-865 by Byron F. Smith for the construction of a single-family dwelling, other structures/activities, and placement of fill pursuant to Section 161.053, Florida Statutes. Project location: Lot 14, Block 2, Southern Dunes Unit One, Tarpon Street, Bald Point. The permit and construction plans may be reviewed at the office of the Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems, 5050 West Tennessee Street, Building B, Tallahassee, Florida. Copies of the permit may be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems at (850) 488-7708, or by writing to 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 300, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

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.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2009.

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

IMPORTANT In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 8506972112, PO Box 340, APALACHICOLA, FL, 32320. If hearing impaired, contact (TDD) 8009558771 via Florida Relay System.

Ben-Ezra & Katz, P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff 2901 Stirling Road, Suite 300 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 Telephone: (305) 770-4100 Fax: (305) 653-2329 December 31, 2009 January 7, 2010

5319T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

NATHAN DONAHOE, Defendant.

CASE NO. 09-000224-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 15, 2009, and entered in Civil Action No. 09-000224 CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein the parties were the Plaintiff, COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, and the Defendant, NATHAN DONAHOE, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the 27th day of January, 2010, at the front steps of the Franklin County Court-house, Apalachicola, Florida, the following-described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lots 11 and 12, Block 2, River Bluff Subdivision, an unrecorded subdivision of lands in Section 21, Township 8 South, Range 8 West, Franklin County, Florida; said lands being conveyed in that certain deed from River Bluff Subdivision, Inc., as grantor to Gerald Greenway, as grantee, dated October 20, 1972, and recorded in Franklin County Official Records Book 111 at page 293; said Lots 11 and 12, Block 2 are more particularly described as follows: Commence at the intersection of the line dividing Sections 27 and 28, Township 8 South, Range 8 West, Tallahassee Meridian, and the Northerly right-of-way line of State Road S-384; run thence Northwesterly along the right-of-way line of State Road S-384 a distance of 1,590.3 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and from said POINT OF BEGINNING run North 26 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 125 feet, thence North 63 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 137.1 feet to intersection with the Easterly line of Canal Drive; thence South 36 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 127.9 feet, more or less, to intersection with Northerly right-of-way of State Road S-384; thence Southeasterly along said right-of-way line of State Road S-384, a distance of 157.7 feet, more or less, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.

DATED this 16th day of December, 2009.

Hon. MARCIA JOHNSON Clerk of the Court Franklin County, Florida By: Michelle Maxwell As Deputy Clerk

December 31, 2009 January 7, 2010

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5319T IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

NATHAN DONAHOE, Defendant.

CASE NO. 09-000224-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

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monwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. The Department must receive the request within twenty-one (21) days after your receipt of this notice.

When the Department receives an adequate and timely filed request for hearing, the Department will request the assignment of an administrative law judge. Once an administrative law judge is requested, the referring agency will take no further action with respect to the proceeding except as a party litigant, as long as the Division of Administrative Hearings has jurisdiction over the formal proceeding.

Rule 28-106.201(2), Florida Administrative Code, explains what must be included in a petition for a formal administrative proceeding.

Section 120.54(5)(b)4, Florida Statutes, and Rule 28-106.201(2) of the Florida Administrative Code, explain what must be included in a petition for a formal administrative proceeding. Unless otherwise provided by statute, and except for agency enforcement and disciplinary actions that shall be initiated under Rule 28-106.2015, F.A.C., initiation of proceedings shall be made by written petition to the agency responsible for rendering final agency action. The term "petition" includes any document that requests an evidentiary proceeding and asserts the existence of a disputed issue of material fact. Each petition shall be legible and on 8 1/2 by 11 inch white paper. Unless printed, the impression shall be on one side of the paper only and lines shall be double-spaced.

(a) The name, address, and telephone numbers of all parties to the proceeding (which include the applicant, the Department, and any person who has filed a timely and sufficient petition for a hearing) and by showing how the substantial interests of each mediating party are affected by the Department's action or proposed action. The agreement must be filed in (received by) the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, by the same deadline as set forth above for the filing of a petition.

The agreement to mediate must include the following:

(a) The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all persons who may attend the mediation;

(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the mediator selected by the parties, or a provision for selecting a mediator within a specified time;

(c) The agreed allocation of the costs and fees associated with the mediation;

(d) The agreement of the parties on the confidentiality of discussions and documents introduced during mediation;

(e) The date, time, and place of the first mediation session, or a deadline for holding the first session, if no mediator has yet been chosen;

(f) The name of each party's representative who shall have the authority to settle or recommend settlement,

and

(g) Either an explanation of how the substantial interests of each mediating party will be affected by the action or proposed action addressed in this notice of intent or a statement clearly identifying the petition for hearing that each party has already filed, and incorporating it by reference.

(h) The signatures of all parties or their authorized representatives.

As provided in Section 120.573 of the Florida Statutes, the timely agreement of all parties to mediate will toll the time limitations imposed by Sections 120.569 and 120.57 for requesting and holding an administrative hearing. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the mediation must be concluded within sixty days of the execution of the agreement. If mediation results in settlement of the administrative dispute, the Department must enter a final order incorporating the agreement of the parties. Persons whose substantial interest will be affected by such a modified final decision of the Department have a right to petition for a hearing only in accordance with the requirements for such set forth above, and must therefore file their petitions within twenty-one days of receipt of this notice. If mediation terminates without settlement of the dispute, the Department shall notify all parties in writing that the administrative hearing processes under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 remain available for disposition of the dispute, and the notice will specify the deadlines that then will apply for challenging the agency action and electing remedies under those two statutes.

December 31, 2009

Failure to petition within the allowed time frame constitutes waiver of any right that such a person has to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes and to participate as a party to the proceeding. If a legally sufficient petition for hearing is not timely received this notice constitutes final agency action. When this order becomes final, any party to the order has the right to seek judicial review under Section 120.68 of the Florida Statutes and Rules 9.030(b)(1) and 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure by filing a notice of appeal with the Department of Environmental Protection, Office of General Counsel, Department Clerk, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, and with the appropriate district court of appeal within thirty days after this final order is filed with the Department Clerk. The notice filed with the district court must be accompanied by the filing fee

specified in Section 35.22(3) of the Florida Statutes. Any subsequent intervention will only be at the approval of the presiding officer upon motion filed under Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code.

A person whose substantial interest; are affected by the Department's proposed agency action may choose to pursue mediation as an alternative remedy under Section 120.573 before the deadline for filing a petition. Choosing mediation will not adversely affect the right to a hearing if mediation does not result in a settlement. The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth below.

A person may pursue mediation by reaching a mediation agreement with all parties to the proceeding (which include the applicant, the Department, and any person who has filed a timely and sufficient petition for a hearing) and by showing how the substantial interests of each mediating party are affected by the Department's action or proposed action. The agreement must be filed in (received by) the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, by the same deadline as set forth above for the filing of a petition.

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Seahawks down Bay, head for Georgia tourney

By Pat McCann

Florida Freedom Newspapers

Bay coach Michael Grady was hoping that scheduling Franklin County four days prior to the Tornadoes hosting the Barnstorm Christmas Classic might give his team some momentum heading into the 10th annual holiday tournament.

Instead, a 58-46 loss to the Seahawks Dec. 22 might have given him a few more question marks.

Bay (5-4) suffered two critical defensive lapses, the second after clawing within four points with 2:54 seconds left. Franklin County, which had a run of 11 consecutive points to erase Bay's biggest lead in the second quarter, scored 10 straight the second time to put away the Tornadoes.

As far as Grady was concerned, however, his team was lacking on the defensive end throughout. "We got out hustled," he said. "Our defensive intensity wasn't there all night. We were a step slow."

Coach Fred Drake said it was another example of the Seahawks stepping up against the tough teams, "We get up for the harder teams and a little complacent for the less talented teams," he said. "Bay knew Mosley had beat us. They thought we were down."

"The last two games we finally played some good defense," said Drake, referring to the earlier win over Jefferson County. "These are our best two defensive performances and now the kids realize what can happen when you play great defense like

they're supposed to."

Franklin County used 28 points from 6-foot-6 sophomore Carlos Morris, 15 from senior Austin O'Neal and 11 from junior Marcus Allen to improve to 6-3.

Morris shrugged off a subpar shooting night, he was 0 for 7 from the floor in the first quarter, to finish 11-for-30 and added 11 rebounds and three blocked shots.

He got into the flow in the second quarter after Bay had built its largest lead at 19-12. Morris had seven of his 13 first-half points from that stage, and the Seahawks led 27-23 at the half.

"His last two games have been how I expect him to play, his best two games of the season," said Drake. "He's not really limping anymore.



Seahawks junior Marcus Allen scoops up a loose ball in action vs. Bay High Dec. 22.

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He's close to 90 percent now, and not favoring that foot."

The Tornadoes opened in a three-guard set that was more the result of disciplinary action against some players, Grady said, than a shift in strategy.

Bay fired away from the outside, but only was able to net four of 25 3-point attempts. All of the makes were by Kenny Jones, who had a team-high 22 points. Alex Hamilton added 10.

"We had to play good man-to-man to take away three-point shots," said Drake.

Still, the Tornadoes were within 48-44 with 2:54 remaining. That was the result of a brief defensive surge, with Kelvin Russell scoring in transition and Hamilton's steal leading to his assist on David Jones' bucket.

But that was as close as Bay could get. Morris scored inside, hit the front end of the bonus, and then Allen nailed the 1-and-1 and a 3-pointer from the left wing with Drake imploring his team to run some clock.

By that time it was 56-44, and O'Neal finished off 10 straight points mo-

ments later with two more free throws.

With senior Arron Prince ill for the last two games, Allen has started, and Drake said he's getting the hang of it. "He's coming along," he said. "I'm asking him to play defense and not turn the ball over as a point guard. He's played good defense."

In addition, junior James Winfield has moved into the starting lineup, with junior Modican rounding out the five.

In the junior varsity game, Bay won 51-46, with junior Adam Joseph tallying 16 and sophomore A.J. Allen 15 for Franklin County.

A.J. Allen, along with sophomore Chance Buffkin, were among the 11-player squad that left Monday morning for Columbus, Ga., for the annual William Henry Shaw Christmas tournament. Not making the trip were seniors Zachary Jones, Tydron Wynn and Prince.

The Seahawks are seeded fourth in the tournament and, after practicing Monday, were slated to play Columbus Hardaway on Tuesday afternoon.

"This tournament is for the guys," said Drake. "There's no guarantee we're going to make it to Lakeland. It may be their only chance to play in front of scouts all year."

Apalachicola Times City Editor David Adlerstein assisted with this story.

FRANKLIN

Marcus Allen 4 2-2 11, Carlos Morris 11 4-5 28, James Winfield 1 0-0 2, Austin O'Neal 4 7-10 15, Treka Turrell 1 0-0 2, Zachary Jones 0 0-0 0. Totals: 21 13-17 58.

BAY

D. Jones 2 0-0 4, O. Russ 2 0-0 4, Russell 2 0-0 4, K. Jones 9 0-0 22, McAllister 1 0-0 2, Hamilton 2 6-8 10, Baxstresser 0 0-0 0, Felton 0 0-0 0, K. Russ 0 0-0 0. Totals: 18 6-8 46.

Franklin 6 21 11 20 — 58
Bay 9 15 13 9 — 46

Three-point goals: FRANKLIN: 3 (Morris 2, Allen), BAY 4 (K. Jones 4).

Total fouls: FRANKLIN 10, BAY 14. Fouled out: Bay (Russell).

RAISING THE BAR



Charles Whitenburg, pressing, and Tim Whitehead, spotting, both set new bench press world records on Dec. 12 in Lawrenceville, Ga.

TIM WHITEHEAD | Special to the Times

Charles Whitenburg, 67, of Eastpoint, established a new world record bench press Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Southern Powerlifting Federation (SPF) Body by George Mini-Meet bench press and dead lift championship in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Whitenburg pressed 180 pounds, while weighing in at only 146 pounds.

Strength Trainer Tim Whitehead, 51, of Eastpoint also broke a SPF world record for "Bench Press for Reps." Whitehead, weighing in at 215 pounds, surpassed the old record of 24 by pounding out 27 full extension reps. This was the first time Whitehead has competed in the rep division and dropped 20 pounds of body weight while preparing for the event.

"It was great," Whitehead said. "When I got to 24, I just grinded the last three out."

Although Whitenburg has been attending gyms for over 20 years, he has been training for this type of lifting for just two months. "I'm hooked," he said. "I'm only going to get better. My goal is 225 by April 2010 at the meet on St. George Island."

Both men train at the Apalachicola Fitness Center in Apalachicola. If you would like more info or like to train with HHP Powerlifting Team call Whitehead at 653-1920.

"We start training January 2010 for the meets that start in March and April. Male, female, young, old, big or little can train for this team," he said.

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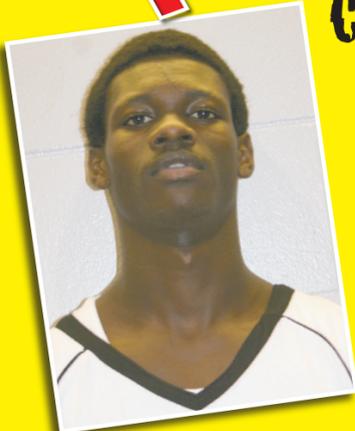
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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Carlos Morris

Marcus Allen



Sophomore Carlos Morris had 28 points, 11 rebounds and three blocked shots in the Seahawks' Dec. 22 win over Bay High School.



Junior Marcus Allen, playing in the point guard spot, had 11 points, including one trey, and 2-for-2 from the free throw line in the Seahawks' win over Bay High School.

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Go Seahawks!

Project Impact hosts Holiday Camp

The Project Impact and the City of Apalachicola sponsored Holiday Camp was a good 'ole time for all who attended.

Just before Christmas, community kids from Pre-K through high school enjoyed two days of fun including drawing classes, culinary arts, a pool tournament, foosball, basketball, and a Christmas Crafts workshop to make presents for their parents.

The approximate 40 students in attendance helped to prepare the daily breakfast and lunch with the highlights being banana pancakes and a pizza party on Tuesday. Students also made cookies and cakes for

dessert as well.

The drawing lessons conducted by instructor Leslie Coon focused on self-portraits which will become a treasured gift for any parent. Crafts included Christmas cards and ornaments, lovely mirrored jewelry boxes, and handmade baskets.

The high school and middle school students took advantage of the school break to begin preparing for a Project Impact Theater production of "The Color Purple" to be presented in the spring, while the younger students presented dance and songs for Talented Tuesday Talent Show.

Project Impact will re-

open next month at the Apalachicola Bay Charter School and the City Community Complex. A new Project Impact site will open in January at the Franklin County Consolidated School to offer high school students' tutoring and credit recovery classes after school.

Students from Pre-K to eighth grade attend the ABC site, while the City Complex is open to students from Pre-K to high school. The regular after-school program includes homework help, tutoring, arts and drama, and recreation.

Project Impact is funded through the Department of Education's 21st Century



Crafts at Holiday Camp included mirrored jewelry boxes.

Community Learning Center grants and the City of Apalachicola's Recreation Program. To learn more about the program please visit www.projectimpactfcs.com or call 653-1325.



Crafts at Holiday Camp included hand-made baskets.

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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 city, 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), Florida Division of Insurance Fraud (DIF) and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FLDOACS).

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

Lee A. Harris, 51, Apalachicola, petit theft (FCSO)

Dec. 22

Margarita D. Creamer, 36, Apalachicola, introduction of contraband into a correctional facility (FCSO)

Brandon L. Langley, 23, Apalachicola, violation of probation (FCSO)

Dec. 24

Hugh D. Smith, 40, Apalachicola, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon (FCSO)

Rhonda L. Saunders, 46, Lanark Village, failure to appear (FCSO)

Dec. 25

George M. Gilbert, 35, Apalachicola, domestic battery (APD)

Kathline L. Whitewater, 49, Apalachicola, domestic battery (APD)

Dec. 21

David S. Smith, 30, Apalachicola, conspiracy to introduce contraband into a correctional facility (FCSO)

Lance A. Flowers, 30, Apalachicola, conspiracy to introduce contraband into a correctional facility (FCSO)

Dec. 27

Denetria T. Robinson, 21, Apalachicola, two counts of battery, resisting an officer without violence, escape, felony criminal mischief and failure to appear (APD)

Troopers to conduct vehicle inspections

Members in Troop H, Quincy district, of the Florida Highway Patrol plan to conduct driver license/vehicle inspection checkpoints next month during daylight hours at the following locations in Franklin County:

Friday, Jan. 1, 2010 through Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010: State Route 30, SR 30A, SR 65, SR 384, SR 67, SR 377, SR 385, County Road 370, CR 157, CR 59, CR 374, CR 30A and SR 300 (St. George Island Causeway).

All personnel participating in the checkpoints will be responsible for following the procedures outlined in Chapter 17.12 of the Florida Highway Patrol Policy Manual regarding driver license and vehicle inspection checkpoints, said Lt. Mark Brown.

FCTDC PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

January 5, 2010 – 3:00 PM Franklin County Courthouse Annex, Full Council

This is a public meeting and two or more County Commissioners may attend



PUBLIC NOTICE

The owner of the historic structure located at 159 Avenue B, Apalachicola, Fl. have applied for a demolition permit for this structure. This structure is listed in the Apalachicola Historic Register as a contributing structure. If this structure is not sold and relocated by June 6, 2010, a permit for demolition will be issued. For information on purchasing and relocating this structure, Please contact Hollis Vail at 850-653-6459.

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