

The Soiree of the Season

The 34th Annual Cumber Ball drew support from patrons citywide March 16, as Social season reached full bloom. The Ball was one of many events held during 'Garden Month' that welcomed spring. The month-long festivities were highlighted by the first farm-to-table dinner, a spring fashion show, an exhibit opening, lectures and children's programming. See expanded coverage on **page 22** and additional Cumber Ball photos on **page 18**.

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Honorees Diane and Steve Halverson with Aida Ribeiro and Fabio Mechetti - photo by Laurence Greene

Cathedral Arts Project honors arts advocates

Cathedral Arts Project honored the husband and wife teams of Diane and Steve Halverson and Aida Ribeiro and Fabio Mechetti with the 2013 Guardian of the Arts Award at its 9th Annual Spring for the Arts fundraiser held March 15. The annual event and awards banquet, celebrated at the Deerwood Country Club, hit a high note by coinciding with Youth Art and Music in our Schools Month. Honorary Chairs, Marilyn and Pete Carpenter, presented the award which is given annually to recognize exceptional efforts towards safeguarding and advancing the arts along the First Coast.

Site plan, check. PUD, check.

It's full steam ahead for former San Marco Train Station

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

After four years of hard negotiating with the City of Jacksonville, the JEA

and area residents and businesses over parking and other requirements, property developer Ed Ash is ready to move. On the San Marco Train Station project, that is. "This is one of the first shopping centers to be developed in Jacksonville coming out of the recession," Ash said in an exclusive interview with The

Resident. "And we believe it will be completed in 180 days or less." After purchasing about five or six years ago just prior to the economic recession, Ashco Inc. had worked for four years to get the property at 1440 Hendricks Avenue to where it is now, ready for development of the former train station and two more buildings.

"We were fortunate to get the issues resolved within four years," noted Ash. Part of the agreement with the city was to repave the parking lot for the San Marco Preservation Society office, which sits on the southeast corner of the property. "The City is a tough negotiator. See **TRAIN** on page 3

Bolles student number one in Florida swimming

Photo by ProSwim Visuals

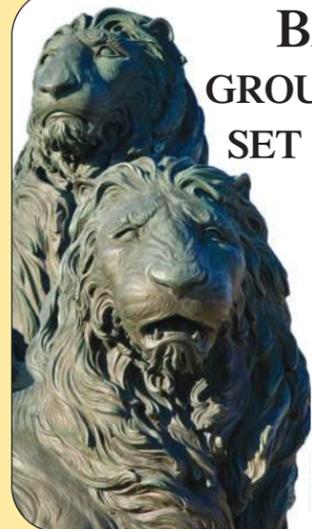


Bolles School sixth grade student and Ortega resident Katherine Baker is the Florida Age Group Champion for the 11-12 Girls in the 100-yard Breaststroke at a meet held last month in Sarasota, with a time of 1:09.85. Katherine also won second place for her 100-yard Individual Medley with a time of 1:05.55 and placed third in her 50-yard Breaststroke with a time of 32.44. Katherine will compete in the National Age Group Swim Classic in Clearwater this April at the FLAGS meet, formerly known as Junior Olympics. Katherine's time of 1:09.85 currently places her as the number one ranked 11-12 year old girl for the 100-yard Breaststroke for Florida Swimming.

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BALIS PARK GROUNDBREAKING SET FOR APRIL 5



The Lions fountain will be the place to be on Friday, Apr. 5 at 3 p.m. when the San Marco Preservation Society, San Marco Square merchants and EnVision Design + Engineering gather for the ceremonial groundbreaking of the Balis Park extension

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San Marco Streetscape encounters month-long delay

Impact on local merchants terrible, says Boyer

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

The San Marco Streetscape project, including the Balis Park renovation, seems like a never-ending nightmare for merchants on the Square. The contractor, Petticoat-Schmitt, is currently working on the Naldo Avenue roundabout, which was supposed to be finished and open to traffic by the end of March and now looking more like late April/early May.

According to District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer, the source of the delay is that Petticoat-Schmitt ran into underground utility conflicts with the gravity sewer line that goes across the Naldo Avenue roundabout underground, but she is confident they will have it resolved.

"I've had conversations with the Mayor's Office, and they and Public Works are both working to see if the

timeline can be accelerated, by adding weekend or overtime crews or additional crews simultaneously," she said. "The impact on the merchants is terrible. The concern is that when the contractor presents this as unforeseen circumstance and requests a delay that Public Works accepts, the merchants are the ones who will suffer – and they are suffering terribly as a result. You can't stop midway or go back, so the only thing we can do is finish this as quickly as possible."

According to Bob Scott, project manager for the City's Public Works department, the contractor added an extra pipe crew late last month and increased the work schedule to six days a week. They are working toward an end of April opening of the roundabout, and the Public Works department has all work on the entire project scheduled for completion by the end of May.

Boyer indicated that it's necessary to make sure that all who are working on the project, are doing every-

thing they can as quickly as they can. "I keep making those phone calls and people keep telling me they are doing that. It's certainly really challenging for the merchants," she said.

"All I can say is, please keep trying to patronize the merchants. It's our Square, our retail area. Twenty years ago when the Square was developed and the Fountain put in a big part of doing that was the recognition that as the Square went so goes the residential neighborhood values. It behooves us to support the Square and keep everyone in business and hanging on until we get through it. It will be wonderful when it's finished.

"The Park project is much more simple; we're mostly removing asphalt and grassing an area; we're not trying to install substantial underground utilities. That makes it better. Whether I have any assurance that there won't be some unexpected circumstances...who knows?" she concluded.

GranadaFest is here!

GranadaFest will be held on Saturday, Apr. 6 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Granada Park, 3960 Alcazar Ave. The annual festival includes a bike parade at 3 p.m, bounce houses, laser tag and food. Information available at the park or Market 1 in Miramar. Bring a covered dish to share.

Discussing faith and violence

The upcoming All Saints Episcopal Church Interfaith Forum will address Faith and Violence with commentary from some of Jacksonville's top civic and religious leaders, including Sheriff John Rutherford, JSO; State Attorney Angela Corey, State Attorney's Office; Dr. Parvez Ahmed, University of North Florida; Fr. Tom Deppe, All Saints Episcopal Church, and Rabbi Joshua Lief, Congregation Ahaveth Chesed.

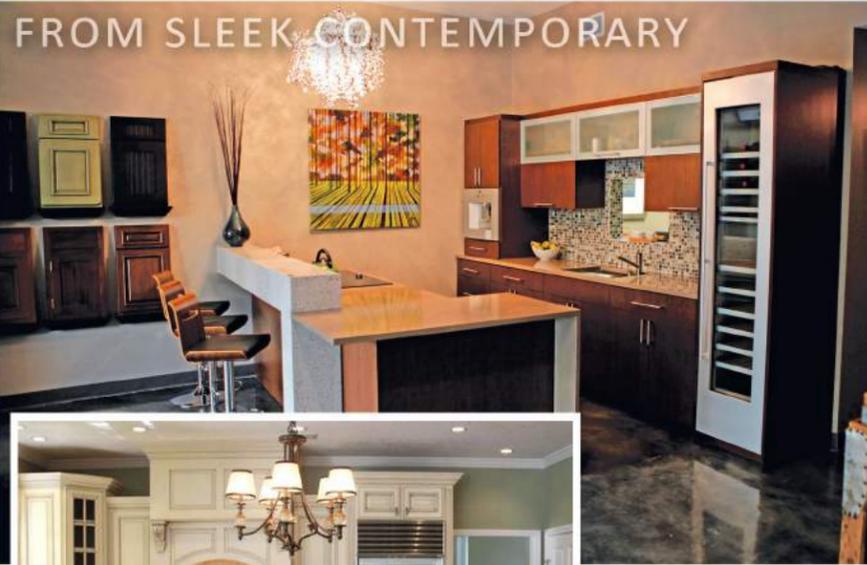
The forum on Apr. 11 is the sixth interfaith forum to be held at All Saints Episcopal Church, San Marco's oldest Episcopal church. The interfaith forum discussion begins at 6:30 p.m. in the All Saints Episcopal Church sanctuary, 4171 Hendricks Ave., ends promptly at 8 p.m. and a short reception will follow.

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In Memoriam Dale Regan memorialized under majestic oak

Under the majestic oak tree at Episcopal High School, a congregation of family, friends, students and colleagues gathered on Mar. 6 to celebrate the life of Dale D. Regan, former head of school at EHS. It was a year to the date that she was tragically taken from the community.

The oak tree on the campus meant so much to Regan and her family. She, along with her sons John and

Duke, spent time together as a family playing on the grounds under the great tree, even taking family photos there. It was fitting that she was honored with the memorial plaza underneath.

Behind a stage decorated with vibrant colored ribbons and kites was a platform of friends and family, with seven flags behind representing what Regan meant to so many peo-

ple: Mentor, Love, Faith, Teacher, Friend, Family and Legacy. It was evident by the hundreds of people at the service that she touched many people's lives.

State Attorney Angela Corey remembered her from the perspective of a former student at Englewood High school. "Dale saw more potential in us than we could see for ourselves." Oldest son John

Regan recalled a quote by Martin Luther that inspired his mother, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree."

That seemed to be the sentiment of the morning – to carry on and rejoice in the time shared with a remarkable and well-loved woman. Dale Regan's legacy lives on in the hearts of her community.

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They demanded a lot, but we met the demands," said the developer. "[District 5 Councilwoman] Lori Boyer is a very capable person; it was a pleasure working with her and city officials."

Anchor tenant of the two-story, 10,000 square foot historic building will be Panera Bread Company, which will occupy approximately 4,000 sq. ft. in a 30-year lease. Boost Mobile has also signed on and there's talk of an ice cream shop – possibly a national brand – for 1,200 sq. ft. in a stand-alone building.

Ed Ash and wife Roya are planning a European-style piazza for the vast area in front of the station facing Hendricks Avenue. "It will provide restaurant seating, trees, umbrellas and plants," said Roya. "We went to Italy for an architectural show to get ideas for the station."

The couple, who live in San Marco, believes the renovation and re-purposing of the station will be a pilot project

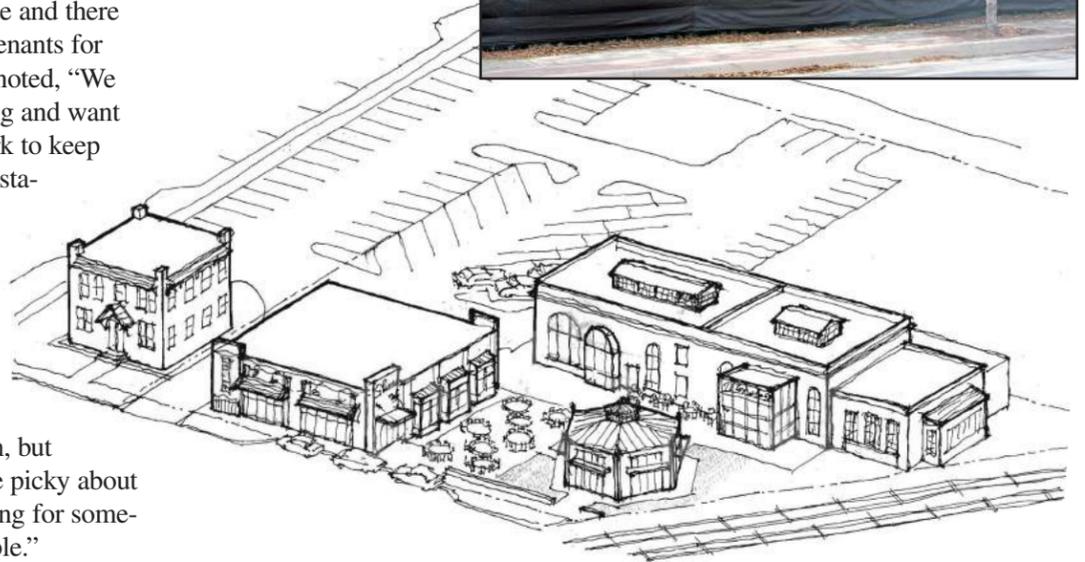
that will make San Marco somewhat different. They are working with Eric Lyke, an award-winning landscape architect, and Doug Skiles, EnVision Design + Engineering, to ensure a serene atmosphere.

All the restaurant and retail shops will face Hendricks Avenue and there are no restrictions on the tenants for modifications, but as Ash noted, "We like the look of the building and want to preserve it. We will work to keep the essence of the historic station." Roya added, "We're taking time to develop it properly. We want it to be a star in this area."

At least one or two retailers come looking each day, according to Ash, but they are going to be a little picky about their tenants: "We're looking for someone who is financially stable."

Right: Construction barriers are up for the San Marco Train Station renovation

Below: Aerial view of the proposed development at the former San Marco Train Station



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Downtown literary oasis may issue fresh water again

Jessie Ball duPont Fund announces plan to acquire Haydon Burns Library

BY NANCY LEE BETHEA
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Its modern architecture fit Jacksonville's vision as a city on the cusp of change. Built in 1965, two years before Jacksonville voters approved the consolidation of city and county governments, the Haydon Burns Library served Northeast Florida as an oasis of literacy. Now, almost 50 years later, the building may help revitalize downtown Jacksonville.

In March, the Jessie Ball duPont Fund announced plans to purchase and modify the Haydon Burns Library for use by nonprofit and philanthropic organizations. "We are very excited about this opportunity," Sherry Magill, president of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, said. "It has the potential to greatly benefit the nonprofit sector, invigorate downtown and enhance the legacy of Jessie Ball duPont, who cared so much about the nonprofit organizations in this community," she added.

Since non-profit organizations are bone and sinew of their communities, Magill sees the Haydon Burns Library as a place to streamline work in the downtown area. "I hope the building helps people see downtown as a place where the community is centered and not simply as a place to be entertained," Magill said.

"I hope the building illustrates that lots of different entities can consider repurposing an existing downtown building," she added.

The Library was named after William Haydon Burns, who served as both mayor of Jacksonville and governor of Florida in the 1950s and 1960s. It closed in September 2005, and the new Main Library opened across from Hemming Plaza a few months later.

Designed by Jacksonville architect, Taylor Hardwick, the three-level structure welcomed area residents as a brick-and-mortar hub of research and knowledge for four decades. Using a

daring color scheme—lime green and lemon yellow—and an open design, the Library helped define Jacksonville's slogan as the Bold New City of the South. Its airy, plant-filled floor plan allowed patrons to peer onto bustling downtown streets while quietly reading or studying.

"I spent many, many nights there using their microfiche researching old newspapers when I was writing my book on Henry John Klutho," retired Jacksonville architect and St. Nicholas resident, Robert C. Broward, said. The Library's space would work well for offices and community meetings, he added. Broward and Hardwick are colleagues and close friends.

"It was a joy to be in," Broward said. "The spaces and furniture went together so beautifully—an excellent design."

Broward's book, "The Architecture of Henry John Klutho: The Prairie

The Haydon Burns Library was built in 1965



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School in Jacksonville," is available from the Jacksonville Historical Society.

Years before smartphones and search engines, generations of school children, business people and community members visited the library to consult hardback encyclopedias, check out full-size paintings for office interiors or listen to long-play albums.

Wire fencing now encloses portions of the property. Red and white sale signs hang near the Library's entrances. The framed 'READ' posters featuring celebrities like Oprah Winfrey and Sting holding books no longer hang on the walls.

Currently owned by investors, the Haydon Burns Library is undergoing a due diligence review and other analyses which the duPont Fund hopes will be complete by June at the latest, Magill shared.

The Jessie Ball duPont Fund aided in the creation of the Community Service Building in downtown Wilmington, DE in the 1990s. Seventy-three non-profit organizations are now housed there.



Magill is optimistic about additional uses for a converted Haydon Burns Library. "When we brought 37 colleges from around the country together for an energy conservation conference," she said, "we brought them to Jacksonville. It was a two-day small conference, which we held in different locations. Had this building been developed, we would have held our conference in this building," she added.

In addition to providing office space for the Jessie Ball duPont Fund and other organizations, the Haydon Burns Library may also provide a downtown home for various community organizations.

"The Jacksonville nonprofit and philanthropic sectors collaborate a great deal. We'd like to see these organizations hosting their meetings in this building," Magill said.



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DCPS Strategic Plan almost mirrors ONE by ONE Community Agreement

Three of four priorities directly reflected

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Following the Feb. 21st release of the Duval County School Board's Strategic Plan draft – which almost directly reflects the priorities of the ONE by ONE Community Agreement – the public was invited to attend any of three community meetings to review the Board's plan, provide feedback and ask questions.

Fletcher High School was the first venue, where approximately 100 were in attendance to hear what Duval County School Superintendent Dr. Nikolai P. Vitti had to say about the Strategic Plan. The crowd was a little smaller at the subsequent meeting at Riverside's Lee High School while the final meeting at Andrew Jackson High School counted 230 in attendance.

The numbers look small for such an important issue, but when you consider that less than 200 members of the community came together for the Jacksonville Public Education Fund's ONE by ONE Community Agreement Convention in early January, these subsequent meetings indicate that the interest – and the passion – is still there.



Dr. Nikolai Vitti and Marsha Oliver

Attended by teachers, parents and interested community members, the town hall meetings provided an opportunity for tough questions to be asked. At the Lee High School meeting, parents expressed concerns about classroom discipline and disruptive students, stating that teachers don't feel they have the support of administrators to address the disruption.

"I believe we've gone too far too fast with inclusion," responded Dr. Vitti. "While we are trying to reduce suspensions, we do have to create a progressive discipline plan and a code of conduct, and embrace technology to communicate and document problems. We need to change the culture."

Comments from audience members who identified themselves as a member of the Substance Abuse Coalition, an in-school suspension teacher, a dis-

trict coordinator for the Farm to School Program, and a district counselor had common ground: identify the root cause of the disruption (that is, whether it stems from health or nutrition issues, substance abuse, lack of self-confidence or parental support, etc.), work with teachers to develop an Individual Education Plan for the



Deirdre Connor and Trey Csar

child, and use appropriate intervention according to the diagnosis.

"The district will be looking into wellness plans, and develop a menu of options for teachers to use and to suggest to parents [for suspected substance abuse]," Vitti said. "Diagnoses and intervention needs to begin at the kindergarten level in order to address disruption."

Dr. Vitti also noted that district funds have to follow at-risk students, providing extra wrap-around services for those below grade level. While core academic subjects (reading,

math, science and writing) are the foundation of learning, he stated that electives in arts, music and athletics help to build a child's self-confidence so he or she can then tackle the harder core subjects.

"If I could change one thing in Public Education, it would be to build schools that don't treat students like widgets in a factory on a conveyer belt," he shared with the audience. "Schools are built for academics and if you [the student] don't get it, you're left behind and pushed aside."

During the three community meetings at which he presented the plan, Vitti stressed a focus on the first priority: Educate the Whole Child. The Board's Strategic Plan wants to facilitate and align effective wrap-around services for students based on needs, similar to the ONE by ONE Community Agreement which looks for individualized instruction to meet unique needs of each child.

Additionally, the Strategic Plan indicates addressing the needs of all students with multiple opportunities for enrichment compared to the Community Agreement priority of ensuring that students have educational opportunities in art, music, counseling and vocational education. The last action item in the Board's Strategic Plan for "developing the whole child" was to encourage positive

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behavior, respect toward others and to ensure safe environments throughout the school district versus ONE by ONE's desire to prepare students for a global world as a moral obligation.

The one goal out of four that was not totally reflected by the School Board's Strategic Plan was that of policy and political reform. ONE by ONE's desire is for autonomy, flexibility and local control; transparency; use of research and evidence-based practices, and highly qualified, responsive and informed elected officials. Alternatively, the Strategic Plan's fourth goal was the equitable and efficient use of resources to ensure that the use of district funds is transparent, strategic and aligned, to distribute district-wide pro-

grams and resources in an equitable manner, and to deploy information technology that supports the academic needs of all students, teachers and district staff.

To view and compare the other goals of both the DCPS Board and the Jacksonville Public Education Fund's ONE by ONE Community Agreement, visit jaxpef.org/news.

To show support for the priorities of ONE by ONE, community members are urged to ratify the Community Agreement. The goal

for ratification of ONE by ONE's petition was 2,000 signatures; as of March 20, the number was 2,068. You can still ratify online at www.jaxpef.org. On Saturday, May 4, an event will be held to move the conversation into an action plan.

"If I could change one thing...it would be to build schools that don't treat students like widgets."

Dr. Nikolai Vitti

Duval County School Superintendent

Number Hunter project on stage at One Spark

Lest you think that One Spark projects are only about the arts, here's one that could change the face of math education for inner city children. The Number Hunter, a fun, educational web-based show for preteens, will be front and center at The Landing during One Spark, Apr. 17-21.

According to Stephanie Glen, a mathematician and creative writer, The Number Hunter is a cross between "Bill Nye, the Science Guy" and "The Crocodile Hunter."

"We want to do for math what Bill Nye did for science! Each episode introduces one topic in math and explores it in an original and adventurous way," said Glen. "For example, did you know that binary code was invented by an African tribe in Mali – and they still use it today?"

Glen needed funding, though, to develop her One Spark presentation. For that she turned to Kickstarter, an online funding platform for creative projects. The Number Hunter project exceeded its \$2,500 goal by mid-March and Glen's team began filming for the One Spark five-minute, promotional video.

For a preview of the project, visit <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/564889170/the-number-hunter-promo>.

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Boyer speaks against another Mobility Fee moratorium

What does it mean for taxpayers?

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

For the hundred or so citizens who deigned to attend the Mar. 11 joint committee meeting of the City Council's Rules, Finance and TEU committees, the two-and-a-half hour session on Mobility Fees didn't get interesting until nearly the end.

That's when District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer spoke. And everyone listened.

Prior to her turn at the microphone, the session heard voices from both sides of the ongoing 2030 Mobility Plan argument: to waive or not to waive. The prior one-year moratorium expired Oct. 11, 2012 on the plan that had been approved in 2009 by City Council to replace the mandated concurrency system.

Subsequently, District 3 Councilman Richard Clark sponsored a proposal (2013-94) that would enact a three-year moratorium on fees paid by developers of residential dwellings (not including apartment buildings).

Developers have been opposed to the 2030 Mobility Plan – at least in its current calculated fee configuration – claiming that the industry hardest hit by the economic recession needs a break. They would welcome another moratorium on paying the fee.

Citizens, community groups and

businesses, however, are worried that without the fee, many of the infrastructural niceties – like sidewalks, bus stops and bicycle lanes – would not be funded, to the detriment of the city's livability.

Those speaking at the meeting in support of Clark's bill included Curtis Hart, a local builder, as well as Wyman Dugan, representative for Fairfield Residential Development. Some of their points included that the assessed mobility fee often exceeded the cost of the lot; that only 8% of the fee contributed to the infrastructure amenities, and that the calculation just wasn't fair, based on overestimated traffic counts (which are actually decreasing due to high gas prices and job losses, according to Hart).

The mantle on the bill's opposing side was taken up by Doug Skiles, EnVision Engineering + Design. He acknowledged that his was an unusual position for a civil engineer and land use architect, but Skiles has been a proponent for positions and actions that work together to make Jacksonville a people-friendly city.

Bill sponsor Clark stated that a mobility fee, at this time, would choke the momentum of the building industry and create one more financial hurdle to get homes built. "I will choose

the guy on the backhoe or the one slinging a hammer over the guy who wants a bike path," said Clark.

But Councilman-at-large John Crescimbeni expressed concern about a three-year moratorium, "I don't think it's prudent to land-bank parcels for two to five years when there are

over 13,000 lots ready to be developed."

The original goal of the Mobility Plan, according to City Council President Bill Bishop, was to broaden the base by requiring all developers to pay in and to lower the per capita fees. "The goal was to incentivize infill [developing on previously platted

vacant parcels] and dis-incentivize building out [new parcels]."

What does another moratorium mean to area residents? Boyer put it best. "This is a zero-sum game. If we don't charge the fee [to developers], the public will have to pay. Both developers and homeowners are sitting on properties that have suffered losses in investment, but the homeowner doesn't get a break. If the fees are not paid, this will be one of those decisions that will require future generations to pay for it," she said.

Although Boyer, along with District 14 Councilman Jim Love, supported

the earlier moratorium, she indicated that she has not seen the expected results and would have "a real problem shifting the cost of infrastructure needs to everyone else."

Council members in support of the new three-year moratorium, such as at-large member Robin Lumb, felt that the waiver was necessary to move jobs in construction. "No other industry has taken such a hit as construction," he said. "With a mobility fee, what is the rationale for building more?"

Love said, in a separate interview, "If the fee is not paid [by developers], there are two choices. One, take money from general funds for sidewalks and bicycle lanes and then not have it for something else, or two, don't build roads. And that leads to over-utilization of current roads."

At the end of the day the joint committee deferred the vote for the three-year waiver, but two action items were put forward. Bishop offered to convene an ad hoc committee of both council members and community members to come up with a better method of calculating the fees. Crescimbeni would like to work with both sides to negotiate a temporary agreement to the proposed moratorium. The latter item would probably be accomplished soonest.

I think the deferral was a good idea," said Love. "It will give us time to review the plan."

In the meantime, mobility fees are currently in force for any new projects under development.

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Robin Lumb

Council member, supporting new three-year moratorium



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Jacksonville brewmasters applaud Growler Bill

Until late last month, Florida was one of few states that did not allow a 64-ounce container for beer. Under Florida law, craft brewers and brewpubs could only use quarter-gallon or gallon containers, nothing in between.

The industry-wide standard in the craft beer industry is, you guessed it, the 64-ounce Growler. It's readily available and less expensive to buy than 32-ounce or 128-ounce bottles and legal in almost every state except Florida – until now.

Senate Bill 1344 – passed unanimously on Mar. 21 – decreased the regulation on permissible container sizes under Florida Law Section 563.06, F.S. which only permitted the smaller or larger bottles.

Effective July 1, 2013, fans of Florida beers can buy a 64-ounce growler for filling and sealing at a brewery or specialty retailer, then bring it back for cleaning and re-filling. The passing of SB 1344 will help small business Florida Breweries grow through the use of the cheaper industry standard and will decrease restrictions on the free market.

The folks at newly opened (the day after the bill's passage) Aardwolf

Brewing Company concur. "It is good to see this bill finally moving forward. Being able to sell our beer in a standard sized growler will make things easier on us from a supply

chain perspective, but it will especially benefit the consumer," said co-owner Michael Payne. "Sixty-four ounces is a much more reasonable container size for takeaway beer and it leads to beer being consumed fresher, unlike the gallon growlers we are stuck with right now which are often more beer than people want and lead to leftover beer becoming stale before the consumer can drink it."

What are Growlers? According to Intuition Ale Works, "Growlers are refillable beer bottles that contain 64-ounces (a half-gallon) of beer. Allegedly, refillable bottles or pails were given the nickname "growler" sometime in the early 20th century due to the rumbling noise made by the carbon dioxide rattling the lid. The nickname stuck, and most folks in the beer industry still refer to any refillable bottle as a Growler."

Funny name or not, Growlers are great for brewers and their customers.

New teen hangout at San Marco library



Eric Evans of Perdue Office Interiors, interior designer Marie Jones of Perdue Office Interiors, Ronnie King of the JPLF Board of Trustees, District 5 City Councilwoman Lori Boyer, Library Director Barbara Gubbin, and Guy Anderson of the JPLF Board of Trustees

In a time where trouble can become a quick companion to a curious teen, the Jacksonville Public Library staff, city council members and Jacksonville Public Library Foundation board members all came together for a higher purpose. A goal was met that ensures the safety and proper environment for learning by fostering growth and knowledge in the comfort of the library.

On Mar. 21, District 5 City Councilmember Lori Boyer participated at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Teen Scene space at the San Marco Branch of the Jacksonville Public Library. "The library is adapting and recognizing this is a great place to welcome these students and allow them to have a safe place after school...where they can come and still talk to one another and not get kicked out and stand out on the sidewalk to have a quiet conversation," Boyer said. "It's so ideal...and a great model."

As part of the library's priority of ensuring educational success for youth, the Teen Scene provides a safe, inviting place for teens to gather after school to do homework, use laptops or just relax and enjoy

reading. Students from several area schools, including nearby Julia Landon College Prep, visit the library regularly after school and need a dedicated space of their own.

A handful of teens were already on hand for the opening and made quick use of the area. Local seventh-grader Isabelle Green, of Landon Middle School said, "It's not too much to pop into the library [space], it totally fits in and it's great for teens."

Carved out of existing space in the library, the Teen Scene was created using transparent mesh panels. It houses four computer stations for laptops, modular seating and lounge chairs, an ottoman, a bar-height work table with comfortable stools and outlets to charge laptops. The color palette includes bright, geometric prints that appeal to teens and complements the library's interior.

Teen Scene was made possible by a gift from the trust of the late Gilbert Clarke, a longtime resident of Jacksonville. The furniture was purchased from Perdue Office Interiors, who also provided assistance with space planning and interior design.



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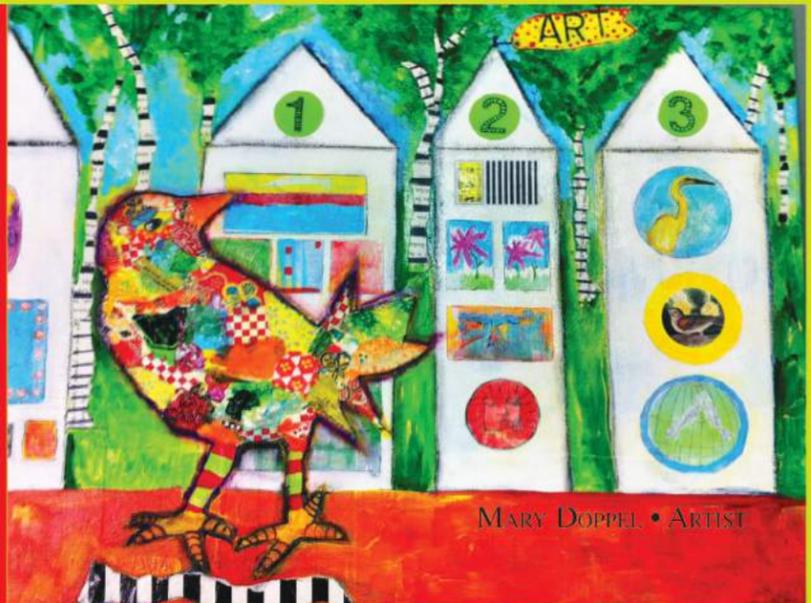
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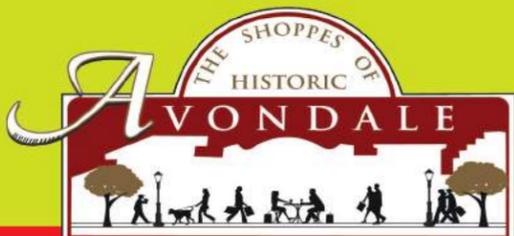


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19th century benefactress' grave in disrepair

Ownerless cemeteries a city eyesore

BY LARA PATANGAN
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Romanticism and enchantment once enveloped Villa Alexandria and her famed mistress, Martha Reed Mitchell, like the intoxicating scent of exotic jasmine in full bloom. Yet, more than a century after Mitchell's death, her final resting place in historic St. Nicholas Cemetery, on the corner of Olive Street and Linden Avenue, is broken in pieces exposing both earth and neglect in between its fragmented tombstone.

Contrasting sharply with the regal life she lived, it illustrates the plight of many local cemeteries.

"One hundred twenty-five cemeteries is just scratching the surface of what is out there in terms of neglected cemeteries," Steven Rankin, program director of JCCI explained. "What happens too often is once these cemeteries fill up and they are no longer money-making enterprises, owners are

reticent to keep spending money on upkeep. Even when the owner does the right thing, once he dies it may not change hands."

Rankin served on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Abandoned and Neglected Cemeteries in 2007, the study, initiated by Jacksonville City Council, included 125 cemeteries, of which about eight are the responsibility of the city. The others, like St. Nicholas Cemetery, are essentially ownerless. "It is a horrible plight," Rankin said.

Joel McEachin, of the Planning and Development Department of the City of Jacksonville, served on the com-

mission with Rankin. "Most cemeteries, even the ones that are maintained, aren't responsible for the individual markers," said McEachin.

St. Nicholas Cemetery encompasses 250 such markers that reflect a 163-year period whose names read like a who's who in the annals of Jacksonville history.

"St. Nicholas Cemetery is the cornerstone of Florida history. It contains the movers and shakers of Jacksonville back to the days

when it was still Cowford. The people buried here each have unique and significant stories that ultimately made Florida what it is today," said Brian



Brian Berry, a lifelong resident of St. Nicholas and his wife, Beth Pavlicberry, who played Martha Reed Mitchell in a cemetery reenactment stand over her broken grave.



Mitchell Grave

Berry, a St. Nicholas resident who has lived next to the cemetery for 53 years. He said the sale of luminaries fund the upkeep of the cemetery, along with proceeds from a book about those interred there written by neighbor, Kay Ellen Gilmour, M.D.

Still, some of the markers in this cemetery, deemed a historic landmark in 2006, are in bad disrepair hardly reflecting the remarkable legacies of people like Mitchell.

"Mitchell was such a powerful person here. People would bow down and honor her like a queen," said Jon Ferguson, a member of the Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, and a self-professed cemetery lover.

Movies in the Park returns to Southbank Riverwalk

Downtown Vision, Inc. presents the 6th annual installment of four free Friday family-friendly movies, shown on the Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk Hotel's riverfront lawn (1515 Prudential Drive). Beginning with G-rated Mary Poppins on

Apr. 12, followed by PG-rated Who Framed Roger Rabbit? on Apr. 19; PG-13-rated Ferris Bueller's Day Off on Apr. 26, and finally, PG-rated Brave on May 3. The free shows begin at dusk (around 8 p.m.).

Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs and picnic baskets. Well-behaved pets are welcome. Onsite concessions will be available. Alcohol is not permitted on the hotel lawn; however, adults 21 and older are welcome at the

Currents Lobby Bar following the movie. Free, convenient parking is available onsite at the Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk parking lot, accessible from Prudential Drive. For more information and a directory of Downtown restaurants, visit www.downtownjacksonville.org or call (904) 634-0303.

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Outspoken columnist receives Godbold Award

BY VICTORIA REGISTER-FREEMAN
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

In 2012 Ron Littlepage, environmental gadfly and Op-Ed writer for the Florida Times Union, received an important letter. Chris Buckley, chair of the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission, wrote, "It is my pleasure to inform you that the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission has selected you as the recipient of our Annual Jake Godbold Award. This award is given to those individuals whom we deem to have a positive impact on making or keeping Jacksonville a beautiful place to live."

"Through your articles, you bring the natural beauty of Jacksonville to all your readers, encourage the community to preserve these natural habitats and urge everyone to keep litter in its rightful place."

Littlepage received the award on February 7, 2013. The KJB commission is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful which is the nation's largest volunteer-



Ron Littlepage receives Godbold Award, presented by KJB commission; councilman Love helps to present the award

based community action and education organization.

The KJB commission is comprised of representatives from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors appointed by the mayor of Jacksonville. Created in 1983 by Mayor Jake Godbold, KJB supports community beautification, enhances community pride and improves the quality of life in Jacksonville through the provision of outreach and educational activities

and programming.

The Godbold Award was created by the Commission

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Chris Buckley

Chair of the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission

in 2009 to honor former Mayor Jake Godbold who was known for saying, "A clean city makes for a more economically-viable city." In 2010, he was the recipient of

the first Godbold Award which is designed to honor individuals who put forth the effort to make Jacksonville a cleaner, greener place.

Ron Littlepage was honored for his St. Johns River advocacy. Calling the river the city's soul and bemoaning

the fact that it had, at one point, been the city's sewer, Littlepage has been an outspoken advocate of improved river care. His Op-Eds have investigated increased nutrient loads, algae bloom, proposed pipelines, and Water Management District practices. He has spoken in favor of St. Johns River license plates, supported the Riverkeeper and highlighted river-friendly landscaping practices.

Littlepage revels in solutions to environmental problems. He delighted in the

creation of Jacksonville University's Marine Science Research Institute. "It will provide a central location for researchers to study the river and the impacts on its health. Such research and focus are critical because the river is under assault from pollution, from plans to dredge the channel deeper to meet the port's need and from the management district's plans to use the river for water supplies."

An avid outdoorsman, Littlepage has kayaked or hiked through many of the public parks in Duval County. By writing adventure articles emphasizing the wild beauty he encounters on his excursions, he has encouraged others to explore Duval County's natural delights.

Anna Dooley, Director of Greenscape, commented on Littlepage's award by saying, "Ron was selected because of his enduring efforts to raise awareness on the benefits of better environmental stewardship. He is a great advocate of the planet and particularly of our portion."



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TED Talks: Ideas Worth Spreading

Neighborhood license going city-wide

BY CAREN BURMEISTER
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Inspiring. Engaging. Brilliant. Life changing?

Words seem inadequate to describe TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design), a series of dynamic global speaker conferences that has drawn the likes of Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, British anthropologist Jane Goodall and a 15-year-old who has built a cheaper, faster and better cancer detector.

Sometimes you don't have to look beyond your own neighborhood to find creative and talented leaders whose vision fits TED's mission of "ideas worth spreading."

TEDxRiversideAvondale sprang up last year, showcasing local poet and NPR radio host Al Letson, architectural preservationist Wayne Wood, Dr. Bert Herring on the global obesity epidemic and many others. Now, the name of the local conference is changing to TEDxJacksonville to embrace a city-wide base of remarkable talent and audiences.

"Jacksonville is undergoing a renaissance of sorts and people here are clamoring for something like this," said Sheena Koshy, the TEDxRiversideAvondale experience consultant.

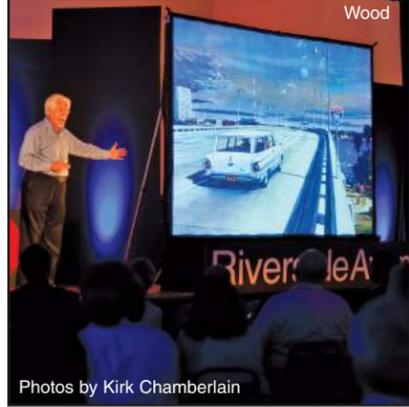
As its name changes, the local conference is gaining momentum with more recognition and more events.

"We want to show Jacksonvillians that they're capable of bringing change to their city," said the team's event producer Sabeen Perwaiz.

Last month, WJCT – Jacksonville's public radio station 89.9 FM – began hosting a TED radio hour at 1 p.m. on weekdays to offer "a journey through fascinating ideas, astonishing inventions, and new ways to think and create."

WJCT has agreed to host TEDxJacksonville's first live conference on Oct. 26. There will be room for 250 people, more than double the space for last year's local conference.

Coordinators are seeking nominations for speakers with fascinating material and dynamic presentation skills. "We've had a great response so



Photos by Kirk Chamberlain

far," Koshy said.

In June, TEDxJacksonville will also host a free, live simulcast of TED Google from Portland, OR.

"My intent is to bring inspiration and creative ideas to this city," said Doug Coleman, a Riverside resident and Riverside Arts Market organizer, who acquired the local TEDx license.

Coleman was inspired by a TEDx event he attended in late 2011 in Muskegon, MI, a city of roughly 38,000 people. Fired up by the level of optimism and enthusiasm in a town laid low by a high unemployment rate, he began thinking, "If they could do this in Muskegon, we could certainly do this in Jacksonville."

He launched TEDxRiversideAvondale in March 2012 and built a management team of 25 people. All of them, from Coleman to the team members and conference speakers, are volunteers.

The team hosted its first independently organized TEDxRiversideAvondale conference last October attended by 110 people at the Friday Musicale.

A survey showed that 96 percent of the audience thought the event, with its eight speakers and musical performances, was brilliant (the highest score available).

Riverside resident Wayne Wood, historian, preservationist and author of a dozen books, was one of the event's highlights with his presentation on architecture and its ability to create a "sense of place, a sense of importance."

"The distinction and personality of our buildings added liveliness to our cities, neighborhoods and towns," Wood told the audience.

Wood bemoaned the direction that development has been taking the last few decades and its impact on our culture. "American cities are all beginning to look the same. Our downtowns are choked with bland boxes that have no souls."

In a recent interview, Wood said he was honored to share his passion for Jacksonville's rich history and display of outstanding buildings, nature and the St. Johns River.

"It just seems precious," Wood said.

He said several guests approached him after the program, some of whom acknowledged they hadn't been interested in historic preservation until his TEDx presentation.

In February, TEDxRiversideAvondale held a live simulcast of the TED2013 conference at the Sun-Ray Cinema in 5 Points, which included a presentation by 15-year-old Jack Andraka, who lives in Maryland.

Andraka shared the huge challenges he faced in developing a paper sensor that's 168 times faster and 400 times more sensitive in detecting pancreatic, ovarian and lung cancer. "The best part: it costs three cents and five minutes to run," he said.

"It's just your ideas that count," Andraka told the audience. "You could be changing the world with the Internet."

Overcoming dyslexia was the subject of Letson's presentation at last year's TEDxRiversideAvondale conference. Letson, an acclaimed poet and playwright from Jacksonville and host of the NPR radio show State of the Re:Union, explained how comic books grabbed his attention and imagination and whet his appetite for meatier literature like Shakespeare.

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The audience was entranced by his opening, a punchy, rap-style spoken word poem delivered as he dribbled an imaginary basketball and repeated: "One boy, one ball, one dream, one hope."

"That poem was written by a guy who probably shouldn't have graduated from high school," Letson told the audience. "Me. I've been struggling with dyslexia my whole life. When I was younger it was a huge barrier."

Considering such remarkable beginnings, what will come of TEDxJacksonville? How will it impact our city? Who knows, Coleman said. Maybe it will inspire someone in Jacksonville to do great things.

"Ideas are where things begin to happen," Coleman said. "We view TEDx as being a catalyst."

To learn more about the local TEDx conference, visit www.tedx-riverside-avondale.com. The launch date for the new TEDxJacksonville website was scheduled for April 1, but that date is tentative. Website visitors will be directed from the old site to the new one.

To learn more about TED, the parent conference, visit www.ted.com. Videos of TED and TEDx speakers are also available on www.youtube.com. Coordinators are accepting nominations through June for speakers at the Oct. 26 TEDxJacksonville conference. Nominations may be made by an application on the website.

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San Jose resident recognized for community service, vision

Terry Lorince, executive director for Downtown Vision Inc. (DVI), received the Jesse B. Smith Community Service award at NAIOP of Northeast Florida's Annual Awards & Celebration on Mar. 7, 2013.

The award honors a non-real estate individual who has shown outstanding commitment and service to the office and industrial real estate industry in Northeast Florida.

"We are excited to recognize Terry Lorince as the recipient of the Jesse B. Smith award and are grateful to her for the hard work and dedication she puts forth to make downtown Jacksonville a vibrant business community," said Traci Jenks, 2013 NAIOP of Northeast Florida Chapter president.

"My passion for Downtown dates back to day trips to Downtown as a child," said Lorince. "This award is a great honor, but to me, I'm just doing my job. Advocating for Downtown, bringing more people and businesses Downtown, and helping to build a Downtown that will create memories for us and future generations."

As inaugural and current executive director of DVI since 2001, Lorince has more than 20 years of experience in the field of economic development with 15 years of specialization in



the field of Downtown revitalization. Some of Lorince's major initiatives include the Downtown Ambassador program serving Downtown seven days a week, the First Wednesday Art Walk bringing 6,000-8,000 people Downtown each month, the Eat Up Downtown dining promotion, so popular it expanded from one week to two, and the Off the Grid initiative, which leased more than 50,000 sq. ft. of space to more than 15 artists' collectives Downtown.

San Marco author's novel is an Amazon breakthrough

Ashley Halil, a resident of San Marco, was notified by Amazon that "Comin' Across Grace", a quirky novel about a pay-for-prayer one-woman business, was selected as one of the e-tailer's top 100 breakthrough novels. Said husband Don, "How does one raise four children, put up with me and write a great novel? I am so proud of her!"



Catholic Charities honors Betty Trad

Betty Trad, of Trad's Garden Center and longtime resident of San Jose, was recognized at a Catholic Charities Women's Guild meeting on March 14 at the Granada home of Jessica Mills. Betty has been a volunteer for Catholic Charities for more than 20 years, having served on their board for six years, chairing the Black and White Ball for two years, a founding member of the Women's Guild, and

current volunteer for the agency's food pantry distributing food to those in need each month.

Plans are also in the works for the guild's Black and White Gala of Giving event on Saturday, April 13, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront. Tickets may be purchased online at www.ccbjax.org. For more information, contact Debbi Moore at (904) 354-4846, ext. 243.

Top producers celebrated in San Marco office

Two agents from Prudential Network Realty's San Marco office were recently honored as the agency's top producers who achieved \$4 million or more in closed sales in 2012. Those elite Realtors include Lynne Ferguson and Anita Vining. The million-dollar sales associates were among more than 60 from eight different offices.

"Prudential Network Realty is consistently ranked at the top of the industry because our Realtors are the best in the business," said Christy Budnick, executive vice president of residential real estate, Prudential Network Realty. "It is the commitment and quality of our people



that has placed our company in a lead position for growth, strength and success. We value our agents and, thanks to their contributions, Prudential Network Realty's success is unmatched in Northeast Florida."

A.C. Skinner Family honored by UNF dedication

The University of North Florida dedicated Buildings 3 and 4 last month in honor of Arthur Chester Skinner Jr., Charles Brightman Skinner and Mary Virginia Skinner Jones, Jacksonville landowners and developers.

Building 3 will be renamed Skinner-Jones Hall South and Building 4 will become Skinner-Jones Hall North. The two buildings are scheduled to undergo renovations in the near future and house labs, classes and offices for various academic departments on campus.

The University wouldn't exist today in its present location if it weren't for the generosity of the A. C. Skinner family's donation and sale of approximately 500 acres for part of the UNF campus.

"The A. C. Skinner family's generosity and



University of North Florida President John Delaney watches as Mary Virginia Skinner and UNF Board of Trustee Myron Pincorb unveil a plaque honoring Arthur Chester Skinner Jr., Charles Brightman Skinner and Mary Virginia Skinner Jones, Jacksonville landowners and developers, for their contribution to the University - photo by Jennifer Grissom

commitment to the University of North Florida will forever benefit our community and its students for generations to come," said UNF President John Delaney. "They had a vision and a desire to make Jacksonville and Northeast Florida a better place to live, work and raise a family."

NAI Hallmark Partners honored with 2012 CoStar Power Broker awards

San Marco resident Christian Harden received the 2012 Top Industrial Leasing Broker award with NAI Hallmark Partners and San Jose resident Patrick Thornton was awarded the Top Office Leasing Broker award. The firm itself was selected by CoStar Group, Inc., commercial real estate's leading Internet



provider of information, analytics and marketing services, to receive the Top Leasing Firm award.

"NAI Hallmark Partners is privileged to have a core group of brokers whose success is marked by a comprehensive understanding of the market

and an unwavering commitment to our clients," said Dave Auchter, Executive Vice President of NAI Hallmark Partners. "Patrick and Christian are best-in-class individuals and as we look to grow our firm we see the CoStar Power Broker status as a solid measurement of performance."

This annual award recognizes the "best of the best" in commercial real estate brokerage by highlighting the U.S. firms and individual brokers who closed the highest transaction volumes in commercial property sales or leases in 2012 in their respective markets.

San Marco commercial real estate broker awarded CoStar Power Broker

Warren & Company has been selected by CoStar Group, Inc., commercial real estate's leading Internet provider of information, analytics and marketing services, to receive a 2012 CoStar Power Broker Award.

"We are very pleased to have been selected by CoStar for this distinguished Power



Broker Award," said Robert J. Warren, Warren & Company's broker and president. "We are especially proud of the fact that we have been able to accomplish this, as a boutique brokerage firm located in Jacksonville, Florida."

Warren & Company qualified as one of the top commercial brokerage firms in Jacksonville based on total sales transactions closed during the year. In order to be selected for this honor, Warren & Company was evaluated against other commercial real estate brokerage firms active in its region by CoStar Group, and subsequently ranked among the top firms in the market.

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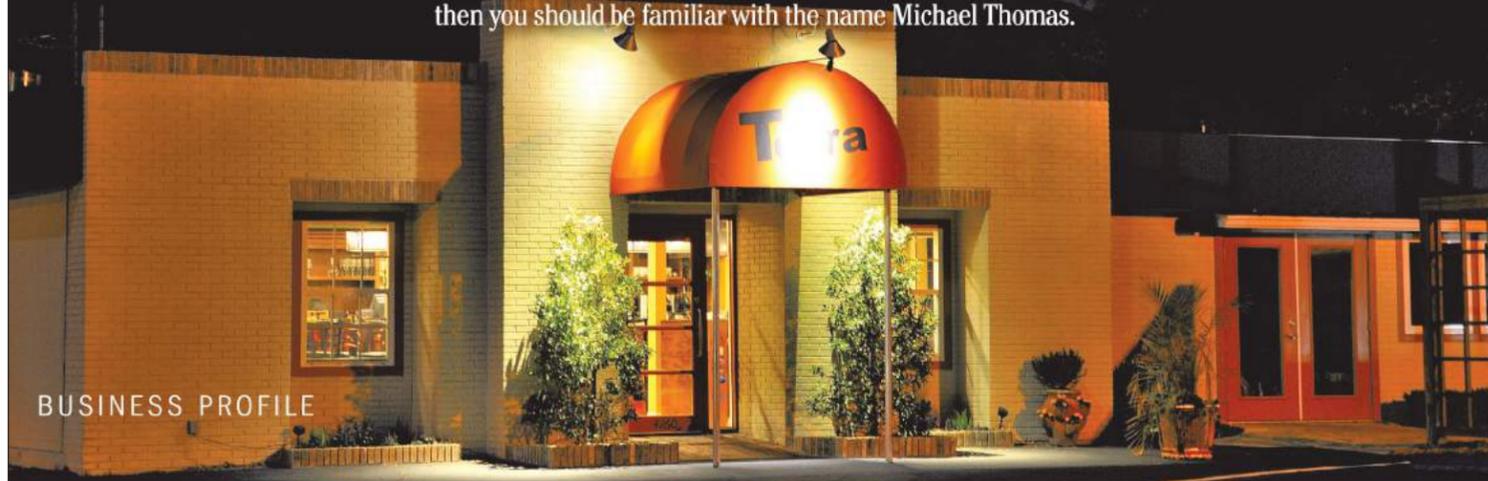
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A seasoned restaurateur opens his latest creation 'Terra'

If you consider yourself a foodie, or perhaps you like to dine in some of the finest restaurants in Jacksonville, then you should be familiar with the name Michael Thomas.



BUSINESS PROFILE

When names like 24 Miramar, Slider's and Sterling's (currently Blue Fish in Avondale) are mentioned in most circles, many people in town could tell you some of their fondest memories were made at the tables of these great dining establishments. This is where Thomas had made his mark, igniting the dining scene in Jacksonville after purchasing his first restaurant over 25 years ago.

He's back at it again and poised to raise some eyebrows and some expectations with his newest creation Terra, "a deceptively simple, innovative dining concept". After a brief hiatus from running restaurants, Thomas has emerged back on the scene and finds himself in

a location familiar to many of Jacksonville's discerning diners. After all, Eric and Donna Fritsche, formerly of Pastiche fame- made quite an impression on Thomas. "I have a great deal of respect for what Eric and Donna did for dining in Jacksonville. I'm pleased to be here and I grew up just down the road on Edgewood Circle." Thomas now occupies the

former location in the quaint Fairfax neighborhood, just outside historic Avondale at 4260 Herschel Street.

When asked about why he chose to open his seventh restaurant, Thomas said, "It seemed as though Jacksonville lacks great dining establishments. There are those who do a great job, but there is definitely room for another impressive restaurant and that's been my intention- to bring a restaurant to people who love great food. We need great service and excellent food in a casual atmosphere where the servers don't out dress the guests."

What he missed the most from working in the restaurants was putting smiles on faces. He fondly remembers residents of San Marco and San Jose- those who helped anchor 24 Miramar; allowing the accolades to follow. According to Thomas, it was the only restaurant in Jacksonville at the time to have been recognized by the prestigious Florida Trend magazine Top 100 restaurants.

"I've had so many people already say- "When you left 24 Miramar, it changed the face of fine dining in Jacksonville," said Thomas of his recent conversations with former patrons. "It's been really good thus far- especially on Friday and Saturday nights." Reservations are recommended by calling 388-9124.



Grilled Pork Chop- red pepper jelly glaze, apple butter sauce, chipotle mac n'cheese

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Michael says, "I won't buy a soda or iced tea if it's over two dollars in a restaurant, so I'm offering all drinks- from sodas to iced tea and coffee at \$1.50 per drink."

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Terra' highlights locally sourced ingredients-highlighting hand cut beef, chicken, handmade pastas and seafood in season. The menu is comprised of ingredients farmed locally and sustainably. "Terra' is pleased to play a part in the local movement to work with thoughtful vendors and create seasonally adjusted menu items to bring the freshest approach to cuisine possible.

www.terrajax.com

Sample Menu

APPETIZERS

Chorizo Stuffed Mushrooms- Mushrooms filled with Palacios Spanish Chorizo

Pork Belly Skewers- Black Hog pork belly, skewered with sautéed apples and served with a balsamic reduction

SALADS

Wilted Frisee- shallots, bacon, tomato, warm bacon vinaigrette, Black Hog Farms poached eggs

Gorgonzola and Spiced Seasonal Fruit Salad- baby greens, balsamic vinaigrette, candied nuts, Black Hog cherry tomatoes, shaved red onion

ENTREES

Ribeye- Buckhead Beef Ribeye, hand-cut, served with blue cheese fingerlings and caramelized shallots

Black & White Seared Tuna- Seared Sashimi Grade Tuna, coated with Toasted Sesame seeds, served over haricot verts, potatoes, Niçoise olives, and roasted tomatoes

PASTA

Pork Ragu with Gnocchi- braised Black Hog pork, seasoned with carrots, onions, celery, basil, paprika, tomatoes

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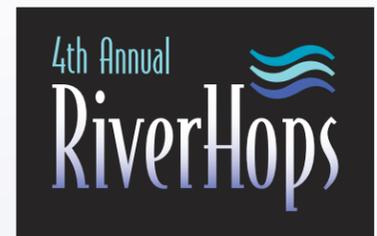
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Attendance down for third JAX2025 event

But downtown & neighborhoods a lively topic

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Perhaps it was the balmy weeknight that resulted in less than 1,000 people who were there to develop the indicators for measuring the success of the vision in 12 years. Or maybe interest is waning in the months-long process of determining the future of Jacksonville.

But although attendance appeared to be smaller than previous sessions, there were first-time participants at the third JAX2025 Vision event who wanted to make sure their voices were heard.

Participants of all ages from all parts of Jacksonville were asked to select two categories to discuss – and brainstorm answers to – the question: How will we know if we're getting there?

Lists of existing community indicators were provided to help the tables of eight determine what needs to be measured in order to know where we are in relation to the vision and if we're moving in the right direction.

Conversation was thoughtful among a group who chose to focus on the Downtown and

Neighborhoods Vision. Dawn Emerick, president and CEO of the Health Planning Council, noted key words in the vision statement to help determine success measurements: livable, walkable, safe, business powerhouse, entrepreneurial spirit, first-class arts, culture, sports and unique shopping.

"Our walkability score is important for the health of the community," she said. "We also need to increase the number of bike racks to encourage retention of the millennials [those born after 1980]. Biking is a huge attraction for that age group."

Emerick and her son Dylan, an eighth grade student at LaVilla, live Downtown and feel safe jogging along the Northbank, shopping at Winn-Dixie and bicycling to school. "We need to promote Downtown as a safe place to get around," said Dylan. "Don't be afraid of homeless people; they are just minding their own business."

Paul Astleford, president and CEO of Visit Jacksonville, suggested that safety is a perception issue, especially for visitors to the city. "Word of mouth is our biggest marketing tool. I've found that residents aren't afraid to walk through Hemming Park, but visitors are."

City neighborhoods were held up as examples of successful turn-arounds. Avondale resident and Riverside businessman Richard Skinner (of Richard Skinner &

Associates) explained what he thought has made Riverside a success. "Diversity, density and a pleasing scale are key in this neighborhood. Putting in a Publix and building residential living at 1665 Riverside has attracted 20 to 25 restaurants, which has played a key role in the success of the neighborhood."

Skinner, an architect, felt that Downtown could be revitalized "if we narrow the focus on the river and Hemming Plaza, things will happen."

San Marco Place residents David and Pat Balanky moved to the condo six years ago after living in Mandarin for many years. They enjoy the proximity to Downtown and feel safe walking in their Southbank neighborhood, but hope that access to the Southbank Riverwalk will be improved soon.

At the end of the 45-minute brainstorm session, the Downtown and Neighborhoods Vision group agreed that success indicators would include measuring the number of Downtown residents, improvement in Downtown retail space, hotel occupancy and activities on the river.

The next JAX2025 meeting will be Saturday, Apr. 27, 9-11a.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Parking is free and you can register online at www.JAX2025.org to have your voice heard in the future of Jacksonville.

JCCI brings millennials into the conversation

BY ABIGAIL WRIGHT
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Networking as a young adult can be crucial for "making it" in the business world. Long lasting professional relationships require a certain amount of rapport that can sometimes be difficult to establish. Attending events sponsored by up and coming groups, like JCCI Forward, helps facilitate bonds that may otherwise be labored if one is not ambitious enough.

Quite effectively, there were over 100 people eager to shake hands and weave through 927 Events for the JCCI-sponsored pizza party. The kick-off following the Mar. 19 JAX2025 meeting supported the "In Town vs. Downtown" forum by JCCI. The organization with the most young professionals representing their affiliation won tickets to the "Prom" themed party on June 8.

Aiming for the honor were several groups; United Way Atlantic Circle, TransformJAX, The Republican Revolt Group, FDOT, Jax Parks, Dragstravaganza, One Spark and JCCI Forward to name a few. The tickets were won by Rotaract of Florida's First Coast with 8% of the total attendees. Their vision is to enhance the community through the common bonds of professional development, service and friendship. In second place was United Way Atlantic Circle. Intuition Ale Works donated plenty of libations from the brewery and the party was catered by the in-house chefs from 927 Events.

Ennis Davis, a civic activist, spoke about the power of the people in the surrounding downtown boroughs and how getting involved can make such a difference in the vibrancy of the community. One Spark outreach and engagement director Aschelle Morgan was also on hand to speak on behalf of the foundation in order to inspire existing volunteers to recruit more friends to the crowd funding festival in mid-April.

Michelle Simkulet, volunteer coordinator for JAX2025, explains that the "In Town vs. Downtown" forum will help give a better understanding of the obstacles and challenges that face those citizens trying to improve the core and surrounding neighborhoods. She added, "There is so much interest in downtown and in our neighborhoods but sometimes we forget that downtown is actually multiple neighborhoods connected."

The conversation topics begin with What is "In Town"? Framing the Issue; Bridging the Past: Neighborhoods New and Old; Getting Around: Mobility and Connectivity; Out and About: Our Parks and The River; Strike Up the Band: Arts, Culture and Entertainment. They will be held on Wednesdays from March 27 through April 24 inside WJCT's community room. JCCI events are open to the public of all ages.

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Research Director Furqan Haq, Ph.D., MBA, MPH, and the NFDA Research Center is currently inviting people to participate in current investigative studies.

"We are seeking

individuals who are interested in current treatments of psoriasis above and beyond the standard of care. We are developing and creating synergy between clinical practice and clinical research to translate medical discoveries to benefit patients," stated Dr. Haq.

In addition to the new research study on psoriasis, NFDA is also running two separate acne studies and one for rosacea. These clinical trials are designed primarily to test the effects of a new or existing treatment on a disorder or illness and must take place before new treatments are made available to the public through prescription or over-the-counter use.

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CUMMER BALL THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SOCIAL SEASON

The Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens hosted its annual black tie gala March 16. The event was a hit, as Co-Chairs Suzanne Hinckley and Chris Hieb planned the eventful evening from start to finish. The celebration of natural Florida and themed art from Jim Draper and Allison Watson set the tone with original, large format works highlighting native fauna, flowers and landscapes. The evening included the opportunity for Grand Benefactors to adopt a work of art in the Museum's collection for one year during the live auction.



Eric and Branita Mann with Telecia and Morris Applewhite



Co-Chairs Chris Hieb and Suzanne Hinckley



Richard and Jerri LaMee



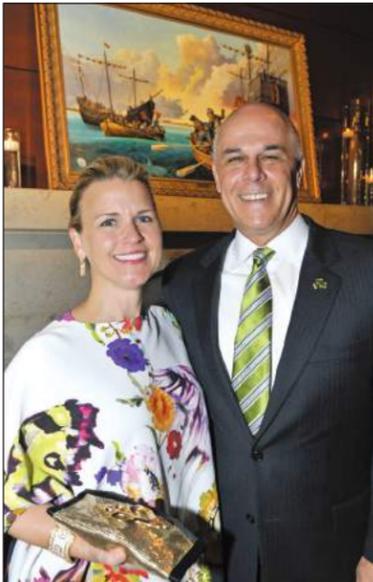
Allison Watson with Janne Brandenburg



Ellaymah Bowles with Eloise and Bill Ga

PATRONS GO BIG FOR ARTS, SUPPORT CAP FOOD AND PHILANTHROPY. CELEBRITY CHEFS LUNCHEON

There were high hopes for the Cathedral Arts Project's largest annual fundraiser, as art and education advocates tried to out-perform a fundraising goal of \$450,000, topping 2012 numbers. Arts and education advocates were recognized for their exceptional efforts, helping over 1,800 students enrolled in Cathedral Arts Project afterschool and summer classes this school year alone. Through these enrichment programs, the quality of life for these young people in Northeast Florida is enhanced, allowing them to succeed in all areas of their lives. The event was held March 15 at the Deerwood Country Club.



Heather and Patcick Geraghty



Douglas Anderson and Elizabeth Darden



Rebekah Richmond, Mandy Hudson and Annika Wallace

Recognizable Jacksonville celebrities from television, nonprofit leadership positions and other successful businesses came together at the Salvation Army's 27th annual Celebrity Chefs Tasting Luncheon and Silent Auction on Mar. 14. The event, held



Laurie Mai with Mark Davoli of The Metro Diner



Jane Lanier of St. Vincent's HealthCare Foundation and Rita Joost



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Ronnie Roberts, Ed Witt Jr., Ed Witt Sr., Al Kinar Sr., Al Kinar Jr.



Charlotte and Jim Lynn with Melanie and Bennett Brown

25 YEARS AT EPPING

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The 4th Annual Police Athletic League Sheriff's Roast draws a crowd to the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville riverfront hotel to roast some of the more prolific characters in Jacksonville. This year was no exception as Ron Autrey, Gregory Smith, Rick Cox, Bruce Barcelo, Sandy Bartow and James Rinaman, Jr. raised a glass and wreaked some havoc on the past president of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. The event was held March 7 with Emcee Cole Pepper of the Jaguars Radio Network.

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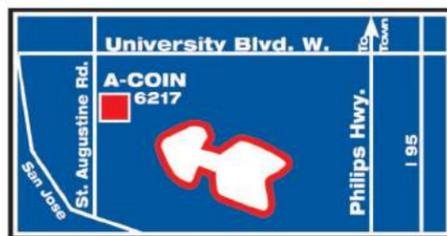
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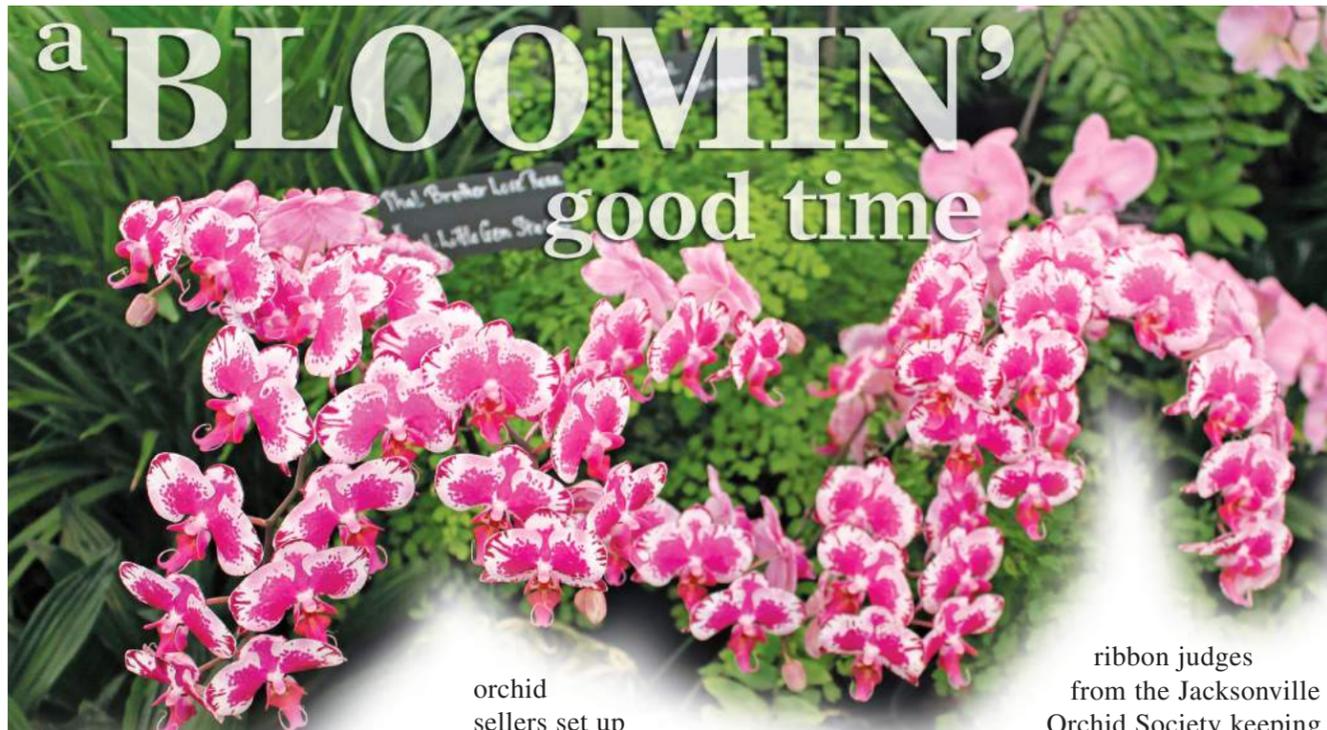
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BY KATE A. HALLOCK
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Beautiful orchids from JOS grace the annual show and sale, win many awards

Orchids in the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of species (the number ranges between nearly 22,000 and just over 26,000 species cataloged) were in full bloom at the annual Jacksonville Orchid Society's annual show and sale at the Garden Club of Jacksonville last month. Eleven

orchid sellers set up shop in the perimeter of the ball-room doing a brisk trade in plant sales while visitors enjoyed the 10-exhibit display in the center of the room.

According to show chairperson Harry McElroy of Mandarin, there were 15 accredited judges from the American Orchid Society as well as 50 or so

ribbon judges from the Jacksonville Orchid Society keeping busy Friday night and Saturday.



Andrea Bailey and Mia Horstmann enjoy the show

The Avondale Orchid Club won many ribbons in the amateur division and club member Eric Cavin, an immediate past president of the JOS, is currently in the process of becoming accredited as an orchid

judge for the American Orchid Society.

The JOS' president, Bonnie



Bonnie Myers, Jacksonville Orchid Society president

Myers, raises over 300 orchids on the lanai at her and husband Tom's home in Southside. A JOS member since 2006, Myers noted "This is a wonderful hobby; you meet a lot of great people. One of the best things I ever did was joining this society."

Venetia resident Mia Horstmann couldn't resist making the annual trip to the orchid show with her daughter, Andrea Bailey of Avondale. "We do this every year," said Bailey. "And can't leave without buying something."

Mandarin annual plant sale & garden festival

It's time for the Mandarin Garden Club's most popular event. The annual Plant Sale & Garden Festival will be held on Saturday, Apr. 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2892 Loretto Rd. Admission is free, with plenty of parking next door at the Masonic Lodge.

Inside, the clubhouse will be overflowing with a wide selection of reasonably priced plants that grow very well right here in Jacksonville. Many of the plants are grown by Mandarin Garden Club members in their own gardens. These plants are affectionately referred to as pass-along plants because they are so beautiful and do so well that they are passed along from friend to friend and from generation to generation.

Outside will be the back-by-popular-demand vendors selling the most wonderful gardening related items.

Jacksonville's own herb expert Linda Cunningham will have all the very best kinds of herbs to grow at her booth. Cunningham not only sells the best herbs, she can teach you anything you want to know about growing and using herbs. Other vendors will be selling handmade herbal soap, garden art, unique recycled denim creations, handmade hypertufa pots, glass totem

garden sculptures, remarkable hand carved birds and much more.

The 65th Anniversary Mandarin Garden Club Cookbook will also be available two for \$20 or \$12 each. A BBQ lunch will be available to purchase along with delectable homemade sweets made by garden club members.

The always knowledgeable and helpful Duval County Master Gardeners will be on hand to help with your gardening questions. Be sure to visit the Mandarin Garden Club booth for membership questions and special events building rental questions.

The garden club grounds behind the clubhouse will be open for all to enjoy the Butterfly Garden, Herb Garden, Perennial Garden, Veggie Garden, Bromeliad Garden, Native Plant Garden, Ornamental Grass Garden and the Children's Bumblebee Club Garden. Sit a spell on one of the many garden benches and enjoy the simple beauty of nature.

For more information, contact mandaringardenclub@comcast.net or (904) 268-1192. The Annual Mandarin Garden Club Plant Sale & Garden Festival is a charming, small town gathering from a time gone by.

Garden Club and Artists Guild team up for art show, gala

Floral designers and artists will compete in a juried show at the Garden Club of Jacksonville, co-sponsored with the Jacksonville Artists Guild in early May. Art in Bloom will open on Friday, May 3 at noon until 2 p.m. and on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., where each exhibit will be displayed in a unique setting ranging from traditional to contemporary. Also on May 3, beginning at 5 p.m. the Garden Club will host Gala in the Garden, an evening of music, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and special viewing of the show. For more information about the event, upcoming classes or membership, contact Robin at (904) 355-4224 or visit www.gardenclubofjacksonville.org. Tickets are now on sale at The Garden Club.

Antiques Art & Garden Party set to bloom in San Marco

Looking for some fabulous antique finds, or that special piece of art? Ready to plant something new for spring? Then the 2nd Annual All Saints Episcopal Church Antiques Art & Garden Party should be on your calendar.

The show will be held Apr. 19-20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in and around All Saints Episcopal Church's beautiful historic grounds at 4171 Hendricks Ave.

An appraisal fair will be held Apr. 19 only from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guests are invited to bring in their beloved antiques and items for

professional feedback on their value.

Vendors will be showcasing their wares inside the church hall and around the campus. Lunch will be offered during the show both on Friday and Saturday.

The 2nd Annual Antiques Art & Garden Party weekend events benefit All Saints Episcopal Church's outreach ministries in the community, including work at the Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless and the All Saints Intergenerational Care Center.

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A lineup for spring presented at Garden Month fashion show

It was an afternoon full of fashion design, accessories and new spring lineups as the Terry Gallery became a fashion-filled interior during Garden Month festivities. Krista Eberle Boutiques displayed the looks of spring by Nicole Miller while local "boy made good" fashion designer Timo Weiland showed off his talent. Weiland, who has made his ascent in the fashion world from roots in Jacksonville, has blossomed from his Deerwood roots, finally working his way to New York City as a bonified designer.

The afternoon luncheon and fashion show featured models dressed from head to toe, first in Timo's looks for



Local San Marco boutique owner Krista Eberle of Krista Eberle Boutiques and fashion designer Timo Weiland



Robin Albaneze, chair of the fashion show, with 'Garden Month' Chair Patty Nimmicht

spring, followed by the beautiful designs of Nicole Miller. Both collections were highlighted with accessories by Crowned Phoenix Jewelry and Bags to footwear by Emly Benham, hair by Dirty Blonde Salon and makeup by The Chanel Department at Dillard's. Rudy York Designs garnered thanks for lending a hand in the design aesthetic of the day.

The event drew ladies throughout the city in support of the Cummer. The events also helps to recognize the efforts and hard work of Council President Susanna Hinckley, Garden Month Chair Patty Nimmicht, Event Chair Robin Albaneze and the Board of Trustees who have all played a role in the success of the month-long calendar of events.



Design by Timo Weiland



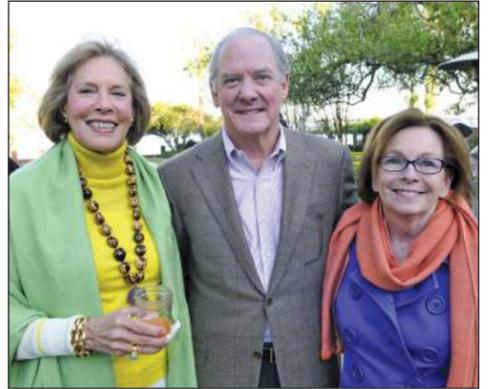
Catering Director Matt Blinkhorn of Ashley St. Catering, Chef Steven Gaynor of Biscottis and Jamey Evoniuk of The Chef's Garden and the Tree Cup Cafe



Jennifer Corrente of The Chef's Garden and Tree Cup Café and Karin Tucker of Biscottis



Christopher Ball, Steve Rosenbloom and Hal Catlin



Carol Kaplan, Willis and Chris Ball

Farm-to-table dinner debuts at the Cummer

It was a collaborative effort between chefs, patrons, local farmers and a team of culinary professionals that made the first farm-to-table event a success during 'Garden Month' at the museum. Guests mingled in the gardens where they were treated to crafted cocktails by the Grape & Grain Exchange of San Marco and passed hors d'oeuvres.

The party eventually made its way indoors for the dinner presentation where the chefs left the guests in eager anticipation of amazingly descriptive dishes that would tantalize the senses. The intersection of farm fresh ingredients and fine wine pairings, compliments of The Grotto made the evening one to remember, and one to revisit.



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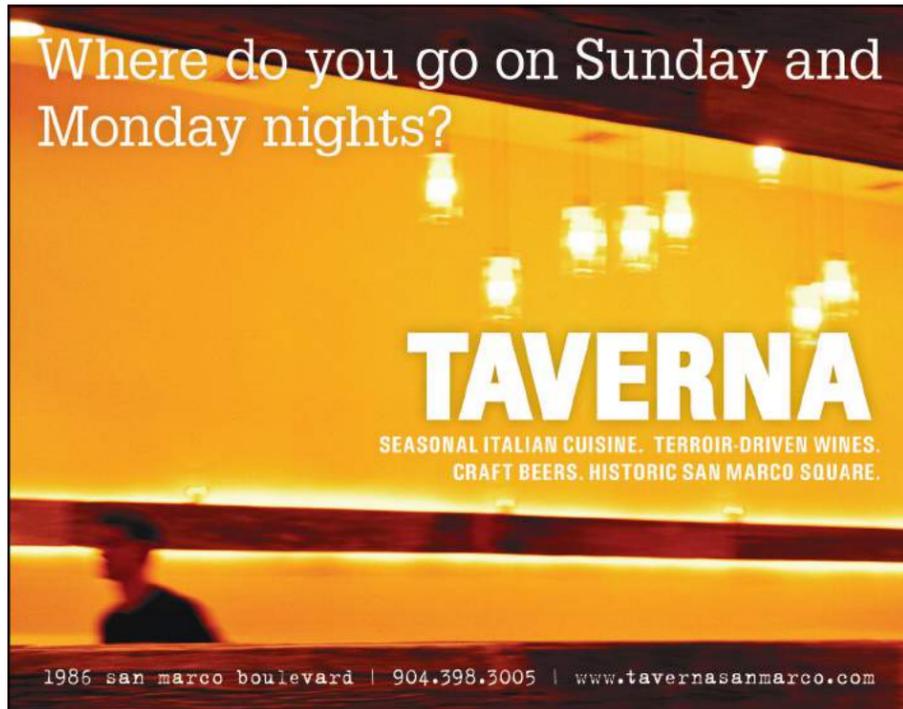
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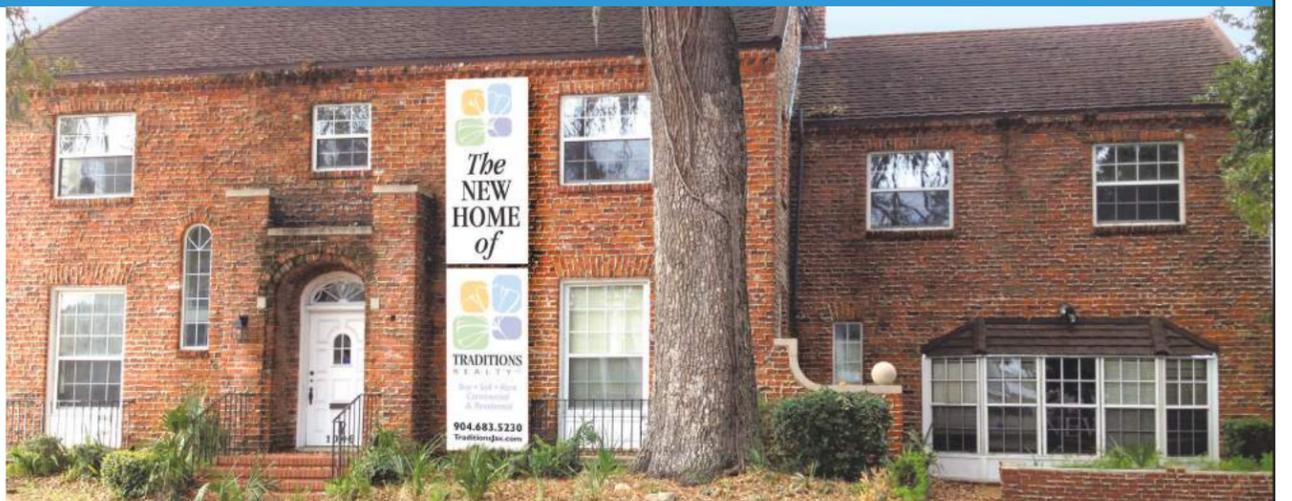
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Airheart's carefully selected team of hair, makeup and skin care professionals range in age from 20-something to 40-something, guaranteeing forward-thinking fashion trends for women of all ages in the Jacksonville area.

"This spring the hair trends from Europe invoke the glamour girl era," shares Mary Airheart, proprietor of the intimate salon at The Lofts San Marco. "It's either rough textured, voluptuous hair or a very polished, coiffed look. Think 'Bardot ponytail'."

Loosened braids and swept-up hair will be a staple of the summer look, and clients can book a one-on-one tutorial with their own styling tools and products to learn how to replicate the salon effect at home.

A great way to pamper yourself for half a day is to make

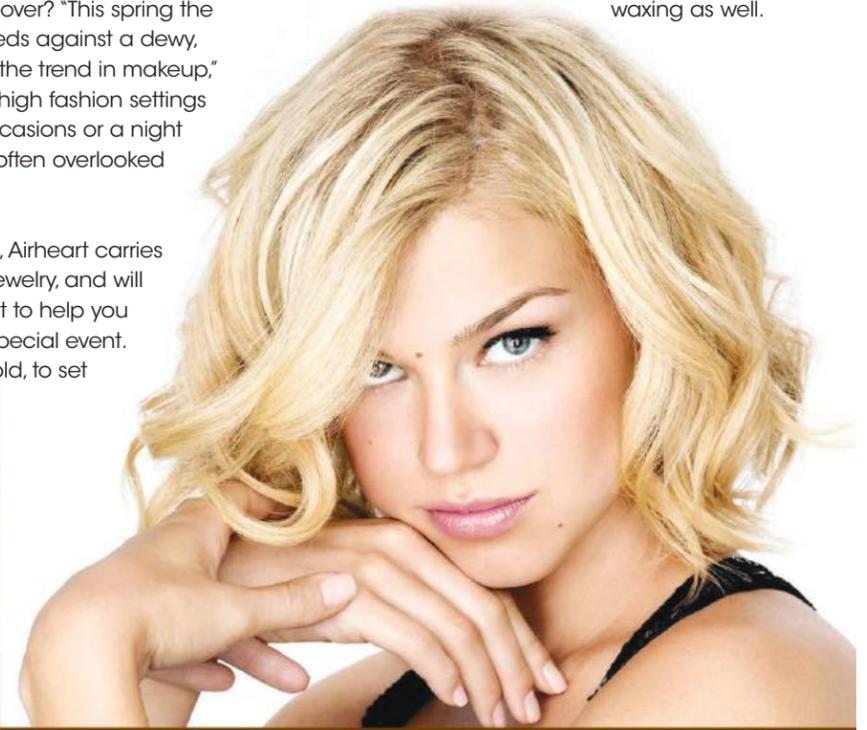
an appointment for a variety of services. Start with stylists Lauren Berryman or Jessica Lovingood to get new softer, tonal highlights or very affordable extensions that can add length, volume or fun fashion colors to your hair. Then, allow Lisa Vanni, salon aesthetician, to give your body the full treatment (or choose a la carte services). Enjoy anything and everything from facials, body scrubs and cellulite treatments, to glycolic hand and foot peels, waxing, and professionally applied self-tanners.

Who doesn't enjoy a custom makeover? "This spring the drama is on the lips - bold matte reds against a dewy, peaches-and-cream foundation is the trend in makeup," Mary revealed. "We do quite a few high fashion settings for hair and makeup for special occasions or a night on the town. That's a service that's often overlooked here in Jacksonville."

For the bow on the pretty package, Airheart carries lines of clothing, accessories and jewelry, and will also bring in a wardrobe consultant to help you put on the finishing touches for a special event. "The trend in jewelry is bold and gold, to set

against that terrific sunless tan," said Mary. "We also have a line of hats to protect hair, scalp and face. And, clothing this spring is Parisian-inspired."

Men are welcome, too, at Mary Airheart Salon. "We offer cold wax treatments for men to painlessly remove nose, ear and knuckle hair," Mary said. "We can be discrete for gentlemen who prefer not to come face-to-face with our female clients." Men can also schedule facials, hand and foot peels and back waxing as well.



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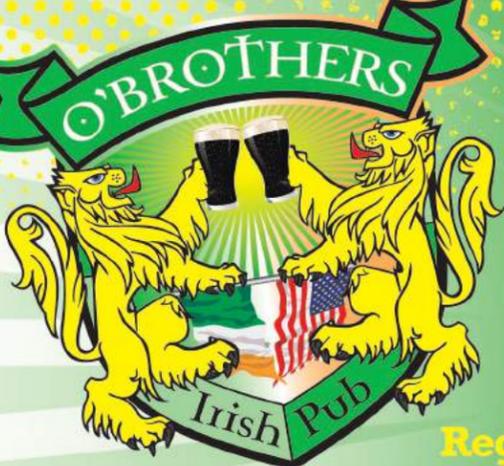
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Honoring family leads to annual philanthropy

Backyard BBQ Championships in 5th year

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Humble beginnings and a lot of hard work describes both the Daniel Foundation and Cole Pepper's Blackjack's BBQ Sauce. Although those beginnings are separated by 120 years, the two organizations have now been intertwined for the past five years.

Jacksonville residents know of Cole Pepper as the voice of the Jaguars. As Sports Director of the Jaguars' flagship station WOKV, Pepper was awarded Florida Associated Press Radio honors 13 times, including five times winning "Best Sportscast of the Year," the most prestigious award given by the Association to radio broadcasters annually. Pepper was also chosen "Best Sportscaster in Jacksonville" by both Jacksonville Magazine and Folio Weekly.

All that came to an end in May 2009 when Pepper's position at WOKV was abruptly eliminated.

Back up, first, to 2003 when Pepper teamed up with Rich Goldfarb, founder of Blackjack's Best BBQ, to create Cole Pepper's Blackjack's BBQ

Sauce. Pepper's sauce went from being a novelty item giveaway to a staple at restaurants and finer meat markets around Jacksonville and in Florida.

Forward, now, to 2008, when the Glyn Cook Memorial Scholarship, named for Pepper's late father-in-law (a longtime and influential member of Daniel's Board of Directors), was launched by Pepper and his in-laws. The next year, after the former sportscaster's unceremonious release by WOKV, Pepper created the Jacksonville Backyard BBQ Championships as an annual fundraiser for the scholarship designed to help Daniel kids fund college education.

Celebrating its 5th year as a major contributor to the Glyn Cook Memorial Scholarship, the Avondale resident said this about what the annual event might have meant to his father-in-law: "Glyn was so dedicated to Daniel. He served on the board for years and served as Chairman of the Board. He truly believed in the great work that Daniel did for kids, and the benefit that Daniel provides to the community at-large.

"He had a profound impact on me and my wife's family and seeing the success stories from the scholarship winners is really a great way for us to remember him. When Glyn died, it left a hole in the family and I think if

you asked everyone in the family, they would tell you that his influence is still being felt, in part, through the scholarship," Pepper concluded.

Founded in 1884 as the Orphanage and Home for the Friendless and now the oldest child-serving agency in Florida, Daniel helps more than 1,000 children, adolescents and families each day with a wide variety of innovative and nationally-recognized programs.

Since the formation of the scholarship, Daniel has awarded over \$33,000 in scholarships, awarded in August each year.

Pepper, now Chief Communications Officer for Four Elements Media, serves on the Board of Trustees of Daniel Foundation, hosts or emcees up to 50 charity events each year and has served on committees for Meals on Wheels and the Humane Society, and is a member of the Professional and Businessmen's Association of Jacksonville.

Kellie Ann Kelleher, Executive Director, Daniel Foundation said, "Cole is an active board member, but he is also active advocate for Daniel's cause. He truly works to improve the odds for kids in the community. Cole is dedicated to giving these children the opportunity to pursue their education. Our gratitude and appreciation for the work that he does is endless."



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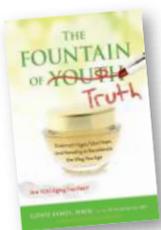
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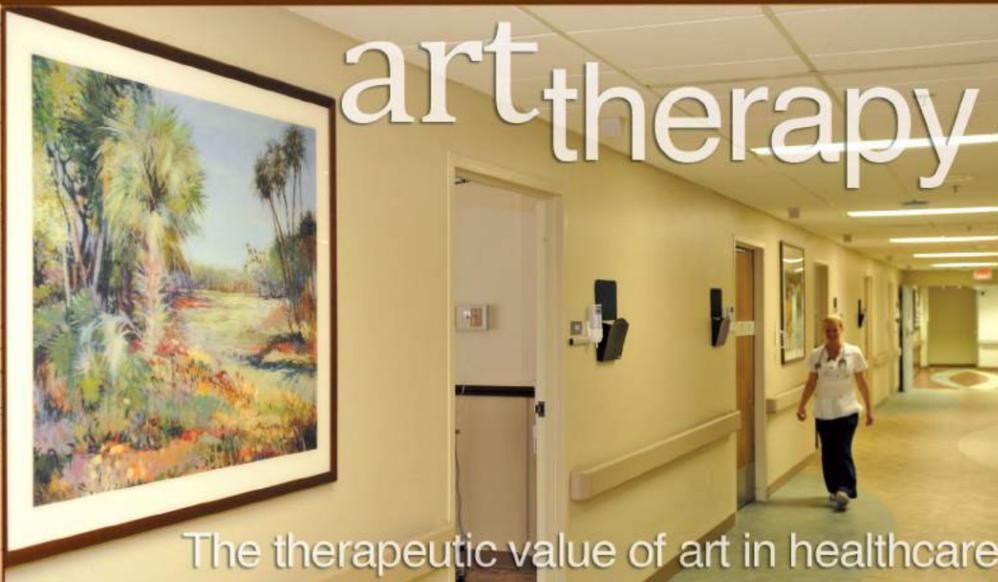
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As more studies emerge about the healing effects of art, more hospitals, medical centers and doctors' offices are getting on the bandwagon.

Recognizing the importance of art in healthcare is local artist Nancy Schultz, The Framing Establishment – Fairfax Gallery, and St. Vincent's Medical Center. Together they've made an impact in the health and well-being of the medical community – from patients to visitors and to staff.

Schultz donated a very large installation of her Southern Magnolia printed on steel last month to The Mary Virginia Terry Cancer Center at St. Vincent's Medical Center Riverside. A prolific, well respected artist, Schultz's positive images of nature

seemed, well, a natural when it came to adding art to the healing process at St. Vincent's.

"I was thrilled when my good friend, Mary Virginia Terry, told me she would like at least one of my flower paintings in her beautiful new Terry Cancer Center at St. Vincent's," said Schultz. "I went over there with photographs and I chose three that were possibilities. Then Jack Slaughter and I went back with the three original paintings. Later Jack met with the committee and they decided they would like to have all three. Of course, I was honored."

Represented by The Framing Establishment – Fairfax Gallery for 18 years, Schultz's 4-foot by 5-foot image was printed on steel, giving a

traditional painting a contemporary look. The large piece and two smaller works of art, Autumn Bearded Iris and Magnolia Blue, were installed by Framing Establishment – Fairfax Gallery at The Mary Terry Cancer Center. Adding artwork that comforts and reduces stress provides relief from dealing with frightening disease with often uncertain outcomes.

The Framing Establishment – Fairfax Gallery has also managed the selection and installation of Ellen Diamond's artwork at the Heekin Orthopedic Unit. Diamonds' paintings of North Florida landscapes provide a familiar and beautiful image during patients' recovery. St. Vin-

cent's Southside selected serene and peaceful photographs of nature to hang in the patient rooms in the Surgical Oncology Unit. The Mayo Center of Jacksonville, Baptist South Medical Center and Flagler Hospital, among others, have art projects managed by The Framing Establishment – Fairfax Gallery.

"Our overriding goal is to tie art into the healthcare provider's mission and objectives," says Jack Slaughter, owner of The Framing Establishment – Fairfax Gallery. "We want our healthcare clients to view art as an investment in their patient, visitor and staff's well-being."

Nancy Schultz and Ellen Diamond are represented by The Framing Establishment – Fairfax Gallery, at 4216 Herschel Street. Call (904) 384-7724 for more information or visit <http://www.fairfaxgalleryjacksonville.com/>

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BY VICTORIA REGISTER-FREEMAN
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Want a nutritious way to help your child learn or retain concepts in math, science and language arts? According to the *Gardening for Grades* handbook used in the Master Gardener teacher training workshops, gardening at school can

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shops, St. John's Riverkeeper and garden centers. Older students sometimes enjoy making their own barrels and instructions abound on the Internet. For very young gardeners, right-sized watering cans, seed tapes and small coiled hoses are useful.

Size matters. Squarefoot gardening, created by civil engineer Mel Bartholomew, is the easiest way to garden because the technique specifies which



influence students' environmental attitudes, nutritional attitudes, self-esteem, test scores, school attitudes, social concerns and behaviors. Gardening at home can have many of the same positive outcomes.

And to paraphrase a famous saying, gardening is not rocket science.

Whatever the age of the gardener, a few basic elements are essential: sun, water, space and time. Most fruit and veggies need six to eight hours of sunlight typically between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. One warning: because the sun's position changes with the seasons – an astronomical fact worth a little summertime discussion – an area that is full sun in one season might not be full sun in another.

Finding the home garden's position can lead to good conversations concerning the science of seasons, earth's rotation, morning rays vs. evening. For the older student there might be some additional conversation about photosynthesis, pollination and nutrient requirements.

After sunlight, water is the second basic requirement. Since many environmental experts are becoming increasingly concerned about Florida's supply of potable water, deciding on a garden's water source is a good opportunity to mention the stewardship of this valuable resource.

Drip irrigation saves water. Rain barrels collect and save water also. They are available from Duval Extension work-

plants go where and when to put them in. In addition, if there is more than one gardener, squares can be assigned to individuals to keep the peace. There is no digging in the ground in SFG as all gardening is in a small raised bed. The book *Squarefoot Gardening* is available at Amazon or at Chamblins Book Mine, a local used book store. There are numerous YouTube videos on the subject, some of them featuring Mel himself.

Small raised beds with purchased organic soil and compost are almost instantly productive. If an in-ground plot is chosen, the soil needs to be tilled and amended at least 30 days before planting to discourage mole crickets and wire worms.

In North Florida spring is an easier time to garden than summer because of heat and humidity. An excellent planting guide for all seasons is available on the Internet at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu>. Hard copies can be had by calling the Extension Education Center at (904) 255-7450 and requesting a Florida Vegetable Guide.

Of course, the key to using the garden to advance or maintain academic skills is to involve the young gardener at all stages of the garden: choosing the site, measuring the area, researching correct plants, creating planting plans and, finally, planting and maintaining the garden. For older students, a garden journal is also helpful to remember when and where seeds were sown and to capture both crop successes and failures. For technophiles, garden blogs can be created to share the adventure with others.

When the temperature soars or the spring rains slosh and the young gardeners leave the field, there are a number of books that have both a garden theme and a good story. For elementary students: *Sunflower House*, *the Tiny Seed*, *I Will Never Not EVER Eat a Tomato*, *The Ugly Vegetable*, and *Anna's Garden Story*. For middle and high school students: *A Land Remembered*, *The Yearling*, *Mules and Men*, *Dust Tracks in the Road*.

Finally, for a garden experience with little or no effort, Linda Cunningham's April Herb Faire is a way to acquire herbs that can be planted and enjoyed instantly. Because herbs are a true sensory delight, an herb garden appeals to all ages. To add a language arts component, author Lesley Tierra's *A Kid's Herb Book* introduces elementary students to herbal potions, remedies, salves and syrups.

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BUSINESS PROFILE

Local produce service sprouts into San Marco

Local food for local folks



Today's consumer is increasingly interested in where fruits and vegetables are grown. When Avondale resident Amie Keslar began The Veggie Bin three years ago, she was seeking to serve those who wanted to eat locally.

"The origin of produce is not always transparent," Keslar said. "It is often hard to determine what is actually grown locally and what is not – so we began cultivating relationships with local farmers and growers."

Keslar started The Veggie Bin, a local produce delivery service, to serve her neighborhood in Avondale. The business now serves more than 200 clients between weekly home deliveries to residents of Ortega, Riverside, Avondale, Murray Hill and businesses throughout the city. In the past two seasons, the service has expanded to offer delivery to San Marco and parts of the Beaches.

"San Marco is one of our employees' favorite neighborhoods," Keslar shares. "The streets are easy to navigate, the people are always friendly and the homes are a pleasure to see."

For \$25 per bin, customers can choose weekly or every-other-week delivery of produce sourced from small farmers within 150 miles of Jacksonville. Those requiring 100% organic have the option of a bin which globally sources fill-in organic items in addition to the organic local items. In addition, customers can add on locally produced Waldoch honey, Florida Coffee Roasters coffee, Green Lotus soaps and French Pantry breads. "We feel passionately about supporting our local business owners," said Keslar.

The service goes the extra mile by providing customers with a newsletter and blog with photos identifying each item, recipes for everything in each bin and a "Veggie Unearthed" section which features a different veggie each week, detailing how to store and prepare that item.

All of the farms The Veggie Bin uses are located in Florida or Georgia

Using local farms benefits the consumer because they can be assured of quality and freshness. But it also ensures support of the hardworking farmers of the area — and using a variety of farms ensures that The Veggie Bin customers get as much variety as possible while staying true to locally-grown produce.

Local bins have an emphasis on organic produce, but current local sources haven't caught up to the demand for organic items yet. The Veggie Bin compensates by filling in the remaining items with sustainably grown produce, such as hydroponically grown tomatoes and produce grown sustainably but sourced from farms too small to afford the lengthy organic certification process. They are also working closely with farms toward establishing a supply of organic items that can fully meet demand in the future.

"We use organic produce whenever possible, but our first priority is making sure everything is locally grown," said Keslar. "The majority of our produce comes from farms that are within 150 miles of Jacksonville – except in cases where we have to get items from South Florida due to cold weather."

"The farmers we meet are amazing, they are such hard workers. I have never heard a complaint even when weather limits their production or when crops fail. It takes a lot of patience and persistence. I have to admit, interacting directly with the produce supply chain has been an eye-opening experience. At the grocery store, perfectly shaped items appear like magic. As a consumer, I never understood the hardship these farmers endure," Keslar said.

Making locally-grown produce more readily available to Jacksonville

The Veggie Bin has teamed up with several Jacksonville businesses to make local produce more readily available. One way businesses can use this service is to enhance corporate wellness programs. Employees' sign up for the service through The Veggie Bin, and deliveries are made to the company.

"This is essentially a free service for the participating business, and it has been a great way for people who don't live in our delivery area to take advantage of our offerings," said Keslar. "The company provides a place for us to drop our produce and ensures the bins are picked up by the end of the delivery day. In return, the company can offer their employees a healthy lifestyle change. It has been a great partnership."

The Veggie Bin also delivers multiple orders to specific places in other parts of town by special arrangement. As an example, Orange Park residents can sign up for The Veggie Bin and pick up their delivery at Life's Journey Yoga & Wellness on Kingsley Avenue.

"The most rewarding thing about this business is hearing parents say that their children are excited about vegetables," said Keslar. "Children who refused to eat vegetables in the past open their Veggie Bin like it is Christmas morning. Brussels sprouts on the stalk, beautiful candy cane-striped beets and exotic, spiraled Romanesco make eating produce fun for these kids. Children, as well as their parents, don't only get an education about the world outside of the canned food aisle; they start truly enjoying healthy local produce. That can change a person's life."

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The Way We Were

Marsha Leibo Pollock & Deborah Mizrahi Katz

PART II – JUNIOR HIGH AND BEYOND

BY LAURA JANE PITTMAN
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

When Marsha Leibo Pollock and Deborah Mizrahi Katz entered junior high together, the two had already been friends for many years. They recall their remaining years of school

to be equally as fun as the first ones.

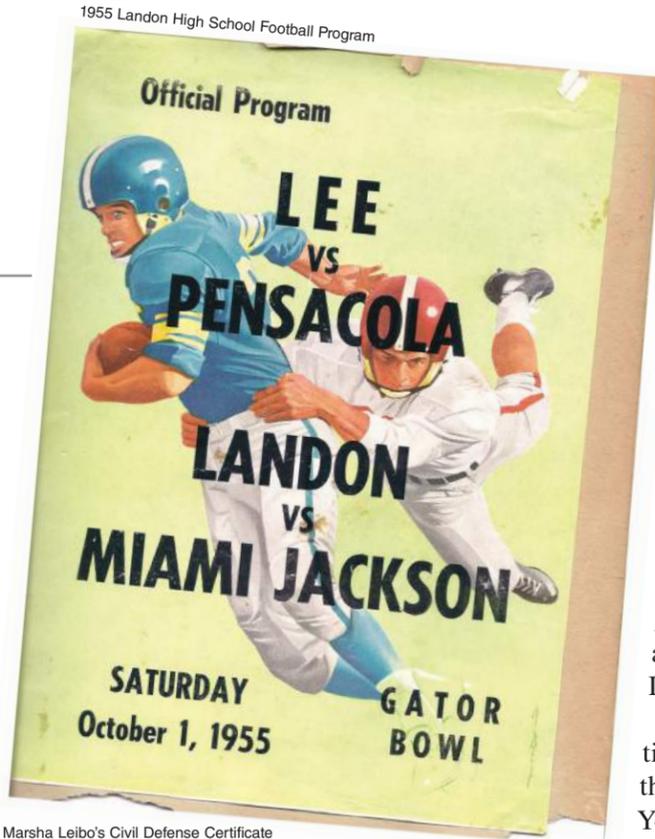
Their 7th grade classes met in Swaim Memorial Methodist because it had a lot of classrooms. For 8th grade, the two had Mr. Whitson – one of the few male teachers at the time.

“All the girls were in love with him,” recalled Katz. “We were so used to having old maid teachers.”

A combination of Mr. Whitson and the sweltering heat of an un-airconditioned classroom turned Pollock into a daydreamer during school, she laughed.

The two girls, along with their friends, frequently took the 31 Colonial Manor bus to Downtown Jacksonville to go to the movies or shop. At the time, there were separate water fountains for black and white residents, and the bus was segregated as well.

“I was very dark back then because I was outside all the time, and the bus driver would look at me to see if I was sitting in the right



Marsha Leibo's Civil Defense Certificate



place,” said Katz. “I would sometimes sit in the back if I was riding with our maid.”

Their families also belonged to the Beauclerc Country Club (it became the JCA 25 years ago).

“We weren’t allowed at the other clubs because we were Jewish, so we had our own,” said Pollock. “I remember my housekeeper refusing to take me because it was ‘too far.’ San Clerc Road was the end of the city limits at that time, and it took about 25 minutes to get there. The golf course was located where the

Villages of San Jose is.”

But most of the fun took place around Landon High School. Football games on Friday nights at the Gator Bowl, fashion shows, class plays and programs were highlights. Students frequented the Hasty Tasty, the Amber House for its hamburgers and the Texas Drive In for its barbecue and lime freezes. On weekends, groups would spin records and hang out in the Leibo’s huge rec room.

“We had to swim sometimes in PE, and we used the pool at the Southside Youth Center, near where the San Marco Library is now,” said Pollock. “We would have to go there, get dressed, swim, change, and get back. And you had to pass PE to graduate. It was strict – we had white one-piece gym suits that we had to keep clean, and our shoes had to be polished.”

Another interesting memory took place during wartime. The students had regular training in case of a military attack. The drills consisted of them jumping under desks and learning what to do in case of emergency.

All the activities made for closeness among classes. Pollock and Katz still keep in touch with a bunch of “girls” with whom they graduated – traveling together about once a year. The “Girls of ’42/’43,” as they call themselves, come from as far away as Texas, Michigan and the West Coast to maintain lifelong friendships and reminisce.

“We just celebrated our 70th birthdays together,” said Katz. “We have so much fun.”

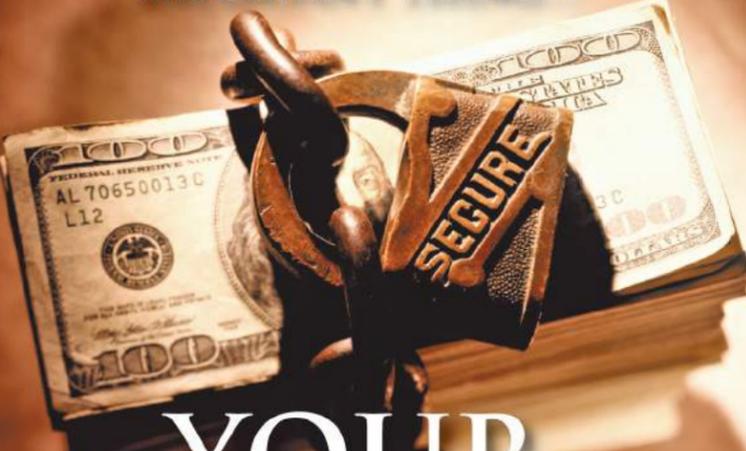
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More than 50 gather to celebrate women's service to the military

BY STEVE HOLLAND
VFW DISTRICT 6

As long as this nation has had a military, women have been playing an important role in it.

From Molly Pitcher taking the place of her wounded husband working cannon at the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth, to the Civil War, and to World War II, Korea and Vietnam, women have served. Today they are again in harm's way in far off places like Iraq and Afghanistan.

More than 50 people gathered at VFW Post 1689 on Mar. 9 to observe and celebrate women's military service in prayer, video and talks. Among the guests were four World War II women veterans.

"I would like for people to take away an appreciation of women's service to the military since the inception of this nation," said Karen Nigara, VFW District 6 commander, who hosted the

event for the public. "Now more than ever we have women serving in positions of great danger in harm's way. They sacrifice both while they are in the service and when they come back



Left to right, Amber Putnam, Florida VFW Surgeon; Pauline Webb, WWII Army Veteran; Virginia Jones, WWII Navy; Florida VFW Commander Wayne Carrigan; Army Sgt. Maj. Sally Bailey, stationed at Camp Blanding; Martha Burt, WWII Army, and Karen Nigara, VFW District 6 Commander

to take care of their families."

Nigara said women in the military are getting better and more important jobs.

"For the first time there are more women in general officer positions than ever before," she said. "We have gotten

to the point where we have four-star generals – one in the Air Force and one in the Army. That parallels, really, society at large as we have more women CEOs than ever before."

VFW State Commander Wayne Carrigan said the recognition of women in the military is overdue. He said working with women and bringing them into the organization is a major priority.

"It's long overdue," Carrigan said. "As women get more involved in the VFW and its leadership, our organization can only get stronger. It's moving in the right direction."

According to a House of Representatives Resolution (H.Res 868) women in the military made significant contributions:

- 34,000 women served in World War I; 400,000 in World War II; 130,000 in the Korean War, more than 7,000 in the Vietnam War and 41,000 women served in the first Gulf War;
- 185,000 women were deployed in support of Operation Enduring

Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and other missions since 2001;

• 350 service women have given their lives for the nation in combat zones since World War I, and more than 85 have been held as prisoners of war.

"Patriotism; that is what gets you up every morning," said Army Sgt. Maj. Sally Bailey, stationed at Camp Blanding and a speaker at the conference. She said patriotism is a prime motivator to serving in the all-volunteer army. "That is what keeps you going every day. You don't have to be there. It is an honor to serve."

Bailey said jobs in the military have become more important and meaningful over the years. She said women have always risked their lives for their country.

"Women have been in the frontlines for a long time because those lines are undefined," said Bailey, whose truck convoys were hit twice in Iraq by improvised explosive devices (IEDs). She said she was sent there in 2007. "We have been doing great work for many, many years."

Military veteran and actor tells story of Confederate black soldiers

Free Blacks in the South did fight in the War Between the States, but it's a story that isn't shared in too many places. It was shared recently by Ronald Parks – a Desert Storm veteran, actor, re-enactor and member of Kirby Smith Camp, Sons of the Confederate Veterans – with the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Martha Reid Chapter.



Ron Parks with Dianne Boren, president of Martha Reid Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy

Parks' presentation on Feb. 23 at the Florida Yacht Club spoke to the heart of many misunderstandings about the Confederacy, including that all Blacks were slaves. Many free Blacks and slaves fought for the Confederacy of their own free will, Parks' great-grandfather among them. Confederate Blacks, often referred to as the Forgotten Soldiers, should be recognized for their service and re-enactments such as

Parks' helps in the recognition.

For more information about the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), contact Davine Roberts at (904) 766-6182 or DavineR@aol.com.

'In River Or Ocean' honors son's memory



It was a beautiful sunny day on what would have been Clay Roberts' 24th birthday on Mar. 16 River Cleanup & Celebration Day. Parents Gary and Terry Roberts, founders in their son's memory of In River or Ocean, were out with the cleanup crew at the Arlington Boat Ramp site. "It was neat to honor Clay's memory that way," said Terry. "He loved being on the water." The Roberts bought bottled water and snacks for the 30 volunteers who filled 60 bags of trash from Exchange Island.

The 6th Annual Clay Roberts Memorial Inshore Slam Fishing Tournament will be held Saturday, Jun. 15 at Beach Marine.

To sign up, visit FishWithClay.com or InRiverOrOcean.org or email Board@inriverorocean.org for details.

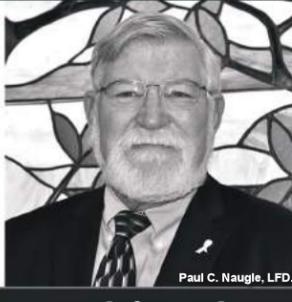


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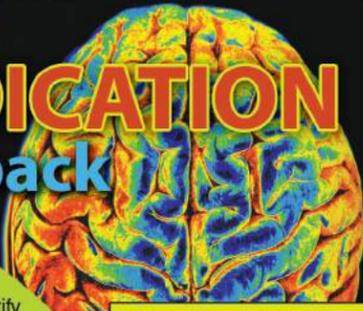
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Don & Mary Riggle

BY JULIE KERNS GARMENDIA
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Don, and Mary Riggle, 71- and 67-year-old volunteers for The Children's Home Society – Buckner Division in Jacksonville, are pleased to share information about the important work done by the society. They adopted their son, David Reese Riggle, 34, in 1978 from the Orlando Children's Home Society.

"Our son encouraged us to volunteer after we moved here in 2011 from Kissimmee. The children at the Children's Home really need grandparent figures in their lives. Retirees in good health who have patience and love for children – who have free time – can really help these kids. The staff there is wonderful, too. They work with us and are always available to help in any way," Mary said. "Don and I taught school for thirty years. We now tutor about eight to ten children during the school year in co-ed reading classes in a specially set-up classroom."

The Riggles are currently the only couple available to tutor middle schoolers and they said many more tutoring volunteers are needed. Volunteers go through a screening process that includes an interview, a background check, finger printing and orientation, according to Myra

Simmons, Children's Home Society Development Specialist. There are a

variety of volunteer opportunities available.

"Every time is different. Some days are diamonds and we make progress and get ahead...then some days are like stones...we may do no tutoring at all, just help or comfort the children. I always take my special brownies and that helps everything. I like to spoil them," Mary said. "We each have become attached to the kids...if we were younger there are a couple of them we would definitely adopt!"

The Riggles particularly encourage others to consider adoption. They have concern for the teens who age out of the system at age eighteen.

"When the children turn eighteen, if they don't go to college, go to work or join the armed forces then they are truly out on their own," Mary said. "These kids all just want a calm, steady, stable life where they can depend upon someone. One of the girls told me that she just wants a home with a mother and a father."

The Riggles are no strangers to volunteer work. They have wonderful memories of a favorite volunteer activity some years back when they lived in Santa Claus, Indiana.

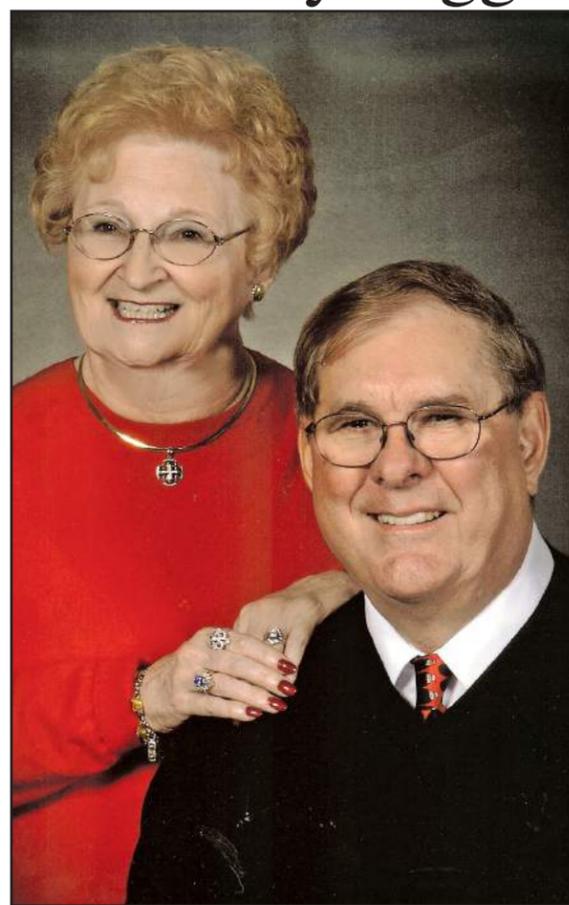
"We were the volunteer elves who helped Santa by writing letters in response to the thousands of children

who wrote letters to him every year," she said.

The couple is active in many organizations, including their church, Southside United Methodist. Mary is a member of Jacksonville's Kanyuksa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She knows a great deal about genealogical research as a result of her involvement with DAR. She is also active with the Democratic Women's local group. Don is a 50-year member of his Masonic Lodge in Gentryville, Indiana. Over the years they both caught a serious case of the travel bug and there is no recovery in sight.

"While we were teaching, we took 29 straight trips overseas to Europe with students. Don loves Paris, I love Venice and we both love cruises. Our next trips will be touring the Baltic countries and we want to tour the Southwest by car," Mary said. "We like to work out together at the Jewish Community Center. The truth is, we have been married 44 years and enjoy doing everything together. We're best buddies."

Their greatest common interest may be their pride in son David, 34, who has continued the family tradi-



tion of community service. He is a volunteer on the Children's Home Society Board – Buckner Division and works in Jacksonville as the Dalton Agency Director of Advertising.

"Don and I are both graduates of Ole Miss but we also love the Florida Gators and the Jacksonville Jaguars," Mary said. "Because as the saying goes...our money went to the University of Florida....David is a UF graduate!"

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Child advocates honored at Children's Home Society of Florida

Just in time the showers ended and the sun came out for the annual Under the Tent Awards Luncheon at the Children's Home Society of Florida, Buckner Division, on Mar. 20 where more than 150 long-time donors, board members, award recipients and guests enjoyed a catered lunch.

Spring Park residents Steve and Sandy Alvey were named Foster Parents of the Year. For over 20 years they have cared for 25 children and currently foster two children with great medical and physical challenges

resulting from severe abuse. Others honored include Julie Sechrist, Volunteer of the Year, for 16 years of dedicated service; Rep. Charles McBurney, Jr., Public Official of the Year, for child advocacy through legislative work; the Jess and Brewster J. Durkee Foundation, Child Advocate of the Year, for donating more than \$26,000 to Children's Home Society over the last two year, and Publix Super Markets was named Corporate Citizen of the Year for generous initiatives, including \$18,000 raised locally through Santa Dollars.



Left to right, Jessie Spradley, a district aide who accepted the Public Official of the Year award on behalf of Florida Rep. Charles McBurney; Foster Parents of the Year Sandra and Steven Alvey; Edward McCarthy, Jr. and Kendall Durkee of the Child Advocate of the Year Jess and Brewster J. Durkee Foundation; 2011 Child Advocate of the Year Marcus Drewa; Alan Thomas of Corporate Citizen of the Year Publix Super Markets and Volunteer of the Year Julie Sechrist were recognized at the event - Photo by Richard Flemming Photography



Dan Schnock (Executive Director of Soldier Ride, Wounded Warrior Project), Amy Groshell (Director, the Joshua Frase Foundation), Julie Terrazzano (Director, the Donna Foundation) and Toni Williams (Community Involvement Manager, Second Harvest North Florida)

The Blood Alliance gives more than \$13,000 back to community

Donating with The Blood Alliance during fourth quarter 2012 meant that with one blood donation, donors would help raise money for local breast cancer research, feed local families in need, raise money for wounded warriors, and fund pediatric research for children with deadly myopathies.

The Blood Alliance donated \$1 for each blood donation made at any of its donor centers in the months of October, November and December 2012, to The Donna Foundation (\$3,560, October donations), Second Harvest (\$4,136, November donations), and the Joshua Frase Foundation (\$4,199, December donations). The Blood Alliance also donated \$5 for every 50 ePoints donated back by donors through its online Hero Rewards Store. Additionally, special Veterans Day blood drives raised \$1,244 for Wounded Warrior Project.

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City's Animal Shelter envy of the state



Abigail Waltz, who lives in Riverside, came to the Animal Control & Protective Services Center for some help in fostering a 5-week old Border Collie mix

fied to bring home a long-haired grey cat. "I miss having a big, furry, fluff ball," Swyers said.

A small, white, long-haired pooch convinced Judy Parker to take him to her home off Beaver Street by wiggling his tail in a little "hello" motion when she spoke to him.

If animal lovers had tails, those tails would be wagging, too.

Unique collaborations between Jacksonville's Animal Control and Protective Services and dozens of community animal placement groups are saving thousands of animals' lives and helping the city gain recognition as a model of pet adoption success.

"We're the envy of the state and maybe even the nation," said Scott Trebatoski, chief of Jacksonville's Animal Control and Protective Services.

In February, the animal control agency was recognized as the Outstanding Agency of 2013 by the Florida Animal Control Association.

Trebatoski attributes much of his agency's success to 100 or more pet placement partners, such as the Jacksonville Humane Society, Friends of Jacksonville Animals, First Coast

No More Homeless Pets and many others.

"This has had a tremendous impact on placement rates and a reduction on euthanasia," he said.

In 2007, only 17.4 percent of animals left the shelter alive, Trebatoski said. In 2012, 64 percent of animals got out alive. So far this

year, the adoption and transfer rate is about 80 percent.

"You've basically seen the equation flip upside down," Trebatoski said.

"It's amazing. I never thought it would have been possible."

The relationships are critical because animal shelters have limited space and resources and the community groups are passionate about saving animals and improving their quality of life.

"They [animal control] finally recognize that we're a big part of it," said Sherri Andette, a Northside resident who volunteered at the March 2 adoption event at the city's main animal shelter. Andette is the past president of Friends of Jacksonville Animals, which offers temporary foster homes, shelter enrichment and medical treatment and supplies for animals.

Of course, the city's animal control agency has also made other changes, too, like using social media to promote adoptions, cross-training its 44-person staff, adding a new building and streamlining the application process.

Every week, workers at the Jacksonville Humane Society, a no-kill adoption facility on Beaches Boulevard, meet with Animal Care and Protective Services staff and bring many abandoned and orphaned animals back to its facility.

In 2007, the city's Animal Control and Protective Services transferred out 425 animals, Trebatoski said. By 2012 that number had grown to 6,500.

The collaborations mean the city's animal control agency and community partners avoid duplication of services and focus on what they do best, whether it's public education, spaying and neutering, or providing rescue and foster homes.

In March, ACPS launched a new partnership with the non-profit Homeless Pet Clubs, which works with local schools, businesses and civic clubs to encourage animal adoption. Getting youth involved in

Turbo, a long-haired mixed breed dog, brought a smile to Judy Parker, who has lived without a pet for some time and was happy to take him home with her



the effort to end needless euthanasia will nudge adults to make a difference, Trebatoski said.

Also in March, the Jacksonville Humane Society raised \$100,000 from the Mutt March and festival at the Jacksonville Landing.

Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown said the partnerships and funding opportunities that helped cinch the statewide award are "great for taxpayers and for our quality of life."

But new animals are coming in as fast, or faster, than they're going out. A week before the city received the award, Brown visited the Forest Street

shelter to make a public plea for more adoptions as kennels overflowed with adoptable dogs.

Roughly 600 animals arrive at the shelters each month during the slow season, Trebatoski said. But that number typically doubles to about 1,200 in April and quadruples to roughly 2,400 in June.

Presently, the agency is working to preserve space and resources by developing a program that would help foster parents adopt the pets straight from their home. Trebatoski said he hopes to launch that program in about a month.

Adoption rates up, but many homeless animals need families

BY CAREN BURMEISTER
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Tails are wagging at Jacksonville's main animal shelter at 2020 Forest Street as cats and dogs are freed from their cages and enter the arms of their new owners.

"Doesn't she look beautiful," said Northside resident Sandra Jenkins about the female mix-breed dog she adopted at the March 2 adoption event at the city's main animal shelter.

"She let me kiss her and pet her," Jenkins said. "She's skittish right now, but she'll warm up to her mamma."

Westside resident Debbie Swyers broke out in a smile when she quali-

Hannah Lombar adopted 3-year-old mixed breed Breezy



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Debbie Swyers, shows off her newly adopted cat



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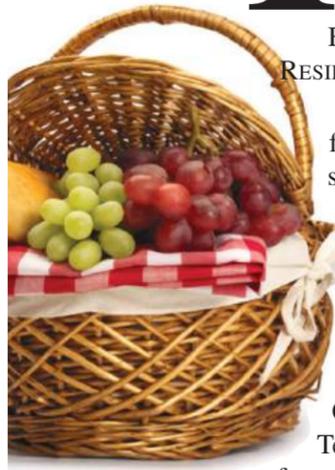
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Top 10 Healthy Picnic Foods TO GO



BY ABIGAIL WRIGHT
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

What makes the perfect picnic? Think outside the basket and visit some of our neighborhood's many great local eateries that offer excellent and healthy options for a perfect springtime lunch. Counting down our Top Ten Picks for your al fresco meals are:

10. Pulp, located on San Marco Blvd., gets you fueled for the day with various smoothies and juices blending veggies and fruits alike for a delicious and healthy jump start.

9. Switch up the mundane cereal for an Acai Bowl from High Tide Burrito Company on Hendricks. Included in the bowls are options like bananas, granola, beets, honey and goji berries.

8. Maple Street Biscuit Company, located in the heart of San Marco Square, specializes in gourmet biscuits and even has some vegetarian options like the Rural Oatmeal made with real oats and pure maple syrup.

7. San Marco's own European Street offers the favorites-to-go for your perfect picnic. House favorite: The Riviera is a Provolone, hummus,

spring mix with cucumbers, banana peppers, onions, tomatoes and olive oil on a honey-wheat flour tortilla wrap.

6. Next on the list is Mediterranean restaurant, The Olive Tree, on Hendricks Ave. Mediterranean food has long had a reputation as healthy fare and this place has it all, from dolmadas to hummus. They also deliver to the area.

5. Think you can't get smarter options at a wing place? Think again! Hurricane Wings and Grill on Hendricks Ave. has colorful salads and grilled fish for the more health conscious consumer.

4. Jimmy Johns on Hendricks Ave. will get your food to you 'freaky fast' so you can enjoy the sunshine. They deliver a bevy of subs, with baked meats, guacamole and low calorie veggies.

3. Sushi is a notoriously clean dish and can be a great way to mix up an average picnic, perfect for sharing with friends. Fuji Sushi on San Marco Blvd. has lunch specials and is open every day of the week.

2. The San Marco Deli in Historic San Marco offers choices like wraps, salads and sandwiches perfect for carting to the park.

1. The number 1 picnic pick-me-up place is Green Erth Bistro located on Hendricks Ave. Dedicated to the vegetarian and vegan communities, the peaceful catering company boasts organic and fresh food fitting for a perfect springtime picnic.

Kids eat free – or almost

Going out to eat can sometimes be a gamble when you have children's appetites to satisfy. It doesn't have to be a hassle! Enjoying time with your little ones while still staying on a budget is within reach at these local restaurants.

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- **European Street Café**
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- **Famous Amos**
6315 San Juan Ave (904) 786-4940
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- **Hurricane Grill and Wings**
1615 Hendricks Ave (904) 393-7933
Kids eat free on Tuesday starting at 4 p.m.
- **The Loop San Marco**
3721 San Jose Place (904) 399-5667
Kids Meals are \$1.99 all day Saturday
- **Mama Fu's Asian House**
11111 San Jose Blvd (904) 260-1727
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- **Players Grille**
4456 Hendricks Ave (904) 448-6670
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- **Steak 'n Shake**
10661 San Jose Blvd. (904) 886-3484
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- **Tropical Smoothie Café**
1808 Hendricks Ave (904) 399-1514
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Sherri Webber with daughter Abby on the violin

Hendricks Avenue Elementary School Teachers Honored

Pearthree, Teacher of the Year

Teachers at Hendricks Avenue Elementary School have awarded the annual honor of representing the school in the Duval County Schools' "Teacher of the Year" to Cheryl Pearthree, 1st Grade Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year. "As a teacher at Hendricks Avenue Elementary this is a huge honor. To be elected by such an impressive group of teachers is beyond belief," enthused Pearthree of the honor. Pearthree has been a public educator for 28 years and at Hendricks Avenue Elementary for 15 years.



JAX Symphony Guild takes Instrument Zoo to HAE

An Evening of the Arts at Hendricks Avenue Elementary school was a family night full of entertaining and creative activities, not the least of which was a musical "zoo". The Jacksonville Symphony Guild brought its full complement of instruments to the Mar. 21 event to provide an exposure to and appreciation of orchestral music.

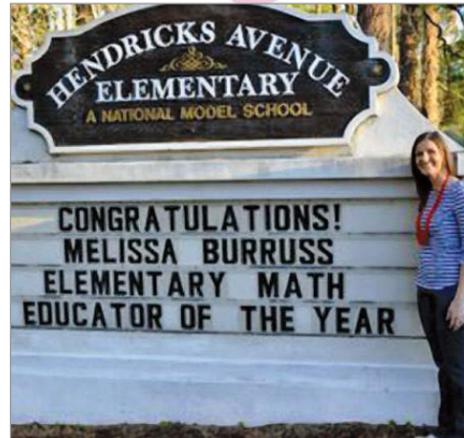
Joyce Hanson, of the Guild's Education Committee, said they have 15 such Instrument Zoo classroom visits to supplement music education in the schools. The Symphony Guild also offers scholarships for the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra,



Cheryl Pearthree assists Eli Greene with the saxophone -- photos by Heather Sims Stine

Docent Training programs, Musical Safari teaching booklets and Harmony Grant awards.

Families enjoyed performances by a recorder ensemble and the Melody Makers, and got creative juices flowing with hands-on art projects. Local artist showed their work while the school's Art Club displayed work submitted in its Art & Literature contests. A dad's band, assembled by Pretty Boy Freud's Ed Cotton (an employee of HAE and a father) along with three other fathers, Terry Fore, Aaron Winters and CJ Fluharty, added to the general merriment of the evening.

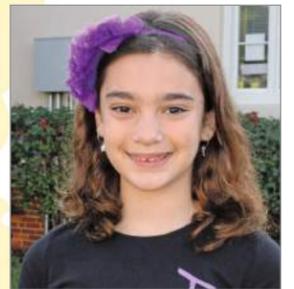


Burruss named Elementary Math Educator of the Year

Melissa Burruss, second grade teacher at Hendricks Avenue Elementary School, was honored with the Elementary Math Educator of the Year award by the Duval Elementary Mathematics Council. A 2009 Elementary Education K - 6 graduate of the University of North Florida, she has taught both first and second grade at Hendricks Avenue Elementary. Of teaching and her award, Burruss said, "I absolutely love teaching and watching my little ones grow and learn each year. I can't think of a better school to be a part of!"

Hendricks student video goes to state, is honored

Kylie McNeil, a 5th grade Hendricks Avenue Elementary student, received an Award of Merit for her Film Video entry for the 2012-2013 Florida State PTA Reflections contest. Kylie is one of only four students for her age category to receive this honor at the state level. Her film was about a small-town boy to meets a new friend at a Florida beach under the program theme The Magic of a Moment.



San Jose Catholic student wins award

Chloe Newell, a 7th grade student at San Jose Catholic School, has earned national recognition in the 90th Annual Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. She was awarded a Silver Medal in the Short Story Category, with her original story A Free Bird, and will be accepting her award at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Friday, May 31. Chloe has been identified by panels of creative professionals as one of the most talented young artists and writers in the nation. This year 230,000 works of art and writing were submitted; only the top 1% was recognized at the national level. Regional winners will be recognized in a



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Special guest Roberta Zipperer, Family Support Services, read "I'm a Little Tea Pot" to the children and Gwendolyn Fields was honored for her time of service and volunteering with the school this year. Refreshments of jelly sandwiches, teddy bear cookies and tea were served and, after the tea party, the children performed "I'm a Little Tea Pot" and Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear.

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Farmers markets come to Bolles

The Bolles School wrapped up three days of successful Farmers Market events on three campuses in mid-March, broadening students' awareness of local agriculture and enterprise on the First Coast.

Hosted by the Bolles Parents Association, the lively daylong markets were staged on the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus, the Bolles Middle School Bartram Campus, and the Bolles Upper School San Jose/Lower School Whitehurst Campuses with the help of many parent volunteers.



San Marco resident and Bolles Head of School Brian Johnson (right) holds a newly hatched chick during the 2013 Farmers Market, while Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Principal Julie Hudson (middle) tends to Penelope the miniature piglet

more than 20 carefully selected local vendors selling everything from fresh flowers and plants, to vegetables, fruits and artisan breads.

Natural, locally grown honey also was available for purchase – and the honey bee hive received much student interest. Other items showcased during the market included handmade jewelry, shell art, aromatherapy, natural soaps, pet food, smoothies and desserts.

Students learned many other practical and educational lessons during the markets including the origins of food, different farming methods, the role of the farmer in the community, the importance of buying organic

Students from the Bolles Lower School



Bolles Upper School San Jose Campus students purchased flowers



and what that means, and the science behind farming. Displays at the San Jose/Whitehurst and Bartram campus markets featured information about recycling, Earthy Day, clean water in Third World countries, embryology, and aquaponic farming among other subjects.

Suzanne Whelan, event organizer, said she was happy with the way the markets turned out this year and said she feels "so fortunate to have had such great weather, volunteers and the support of the Parents Association."



Bolles students get their green on during the Farmers Market

Students' sacrificial giving a lesson and a blessing

Three students from San Jose Catholic School did something that truly exemplifies the meaning of sacrifice. Completely on their own, without any prompting from their parents, John Costa, Jacob Essa and Nicholas Rukab gave up birthday presents on their tenth birthday and asked for monetary donations to help others in need. They collected more than \$500 at their joint birthday party and then their parents made contributions in order to give Catholic Charities a donation of \$1,000 to help those the agency serves. The students were recognized and presented with a thank-you plaque at a Catholic Charities board meeting on March 20.



Front: Jacob Essa, Nicholas Rukab and John Costa; back: Ricardo Bedoya, Board Chair, Catholic Charities-Jacksonville, Rev. Michael Morgan and Jennifer Garzio, Catholic Charities-Jacksonville, Executive Director

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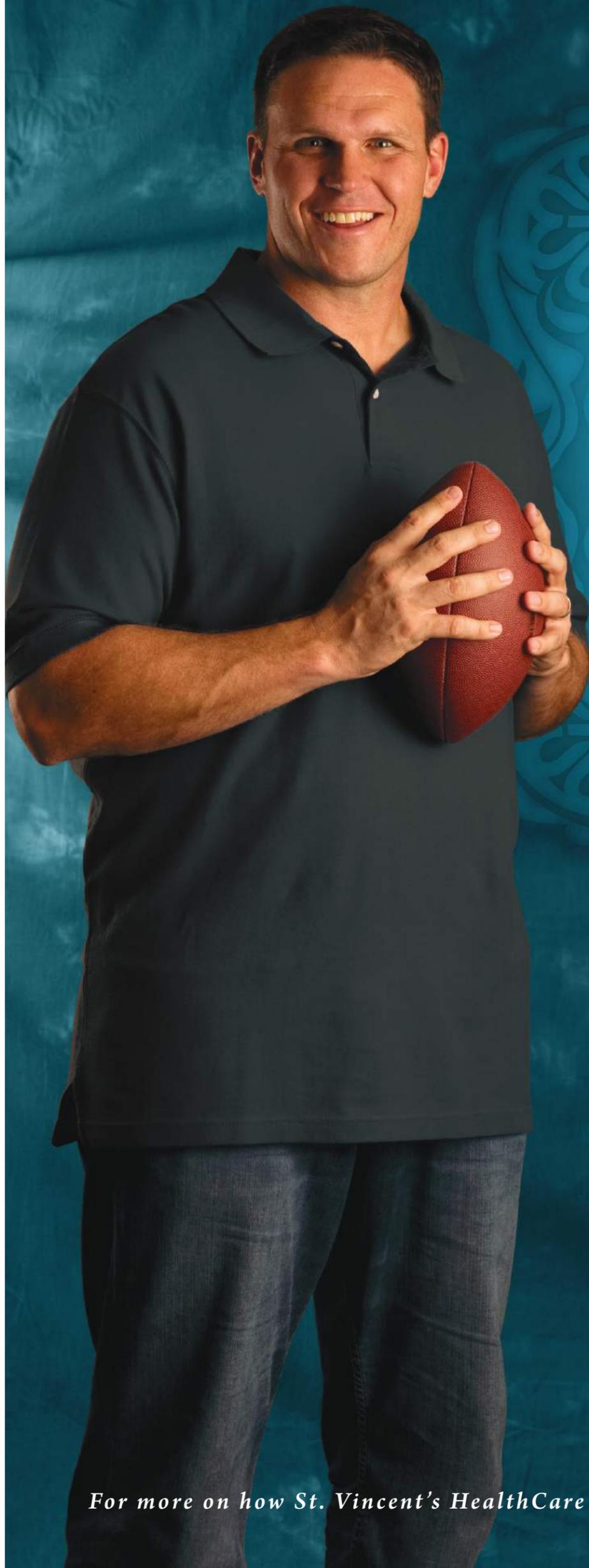
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