

Love the coffee, hate the parking

Local coffee roaster's fans take over streets; residents fight back with one-way proposal

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HEAL benefits children on autism spectrum

Billie Nimnicht III, member of the HEAL board of directors, and Amanda Nimnicht, support the work of the HEAL Foundation (Helping Enrich Autistic Lives) while enjoying the annual gala.

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Trauma center responders hailed as heroes

Cayla Adams and Trevor Lee were among the many who raised a glass in honor of Harry Frisch at UF Health's A Night for Heroes.

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EPPING FOREST Celebrates 30 YEARS

Members of Epping Forest Yacht & Country Club gathered in their greatest Gatsby attire to celebrate the club's founding back in 1988. Out to enjoy the evening were Jason Rosen, Dena, Ellen and Barry Setzer for the anniversary affair. [Read More, Page 28](#)

Hendricks residents' parking concerns fall on deaf ears at FDOT

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Although it may be too late, Hendricks Avenue residents who live in the half-mile residential stretch between Dunsford Road and San Marco Boulevard are praying the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will yet find a compromise that will protect the on-street parking in front of their homes, which is slated to be eliminated when State Road 13 is resurfaced.

"The reality of it is, until the day they put wet paint on the pavement, it's not too late," said Hendricks Avenue resident Lamar Terry,

whose family has lived in his home since 1960. "Our bottom line is kind of a plea. We are asking FDOT to please compromise for this half mile of road and utilize the practice that is already in existence. We're not asking for anything new or to not accommodate any particular group."

FDOT's original resurfacing plan was to replace on-street parking with a seven-foot dedicated bike lane along all but a small section of the busy corridor from Cornell Street to San Marco Boulevard. During a public meeting in January 2016, FDOT received pushback from

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Unhappy residents Todd Osburn, Lamar Terry, and Patricia Bridgeman stand alongside some parked cars in front of Bridgeman's home on Hendricks Avenue.

A great day for chili lovers

Jim Bailey and Craig Shoup represented the Jacksonville Bar Association at the 2018 Charity Chili Cook-Off hosted by the JBA's Young Lawyers Section.

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Major milestone for Jewish Community Alliance

The Jacksonville Community Alliance (JCA) celebrated 30 years at its annual gala, where patrons combined fellowship with fundraising. The big night brought top donors, staff and other community partners together to celebrate the continued support for Jewish life and community. Event Co-Chairs were Linda and David Stein, Debbie and Jeff Parker, and Joy and Howard Korman.

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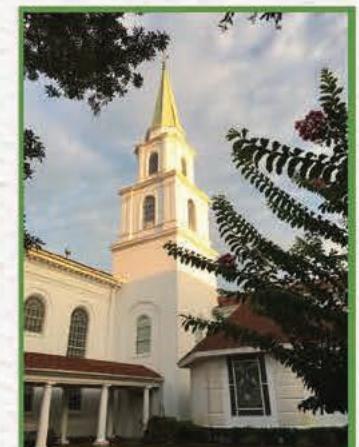
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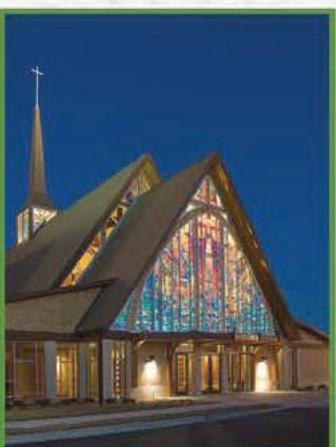
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New storage facility planned for San Marco



A new storage facility, similar to this one in Orlando, will soon be coming to San Marco.

With several sizeable multi-family developments in various stages of planning and construction underway in the San Marco area, the next logical business is soon to follow.

A new storage facility called My Neighborhood Storage Center is currently being reviewed by the St. Johns River Water Management District, with a target opening date of early 2019.

The storage center is strategically located near what will be San Marco Crossing, San Marco Promenade (the former Jackson Square site), and San Marco Apartments, all of which will offer a total of 750-plus residential units within the next two years.

The plans reveal a three-story, 99,000-square-foot building on 2.36 acres

at 1820 Kings Avenue, adjacent to Landon Avenue and the FEC railroad, and across the street from PRI Productions. The facility will offer nearly 700 climate-controlled units. An existing 3,600-square-foot building on the property is proposed to be retrofitted as an office and additional mini-storage.

My Neighborhood Storage Center, operated by Liberty Investment Properties, Inc., has nine facilities in Central Florida, and this will be the first one in Jacksonville. The investment is estimated between \$8 million and \$10 million.

The property is under contract by Jacksonville-based Finley & Shell Properties LLC, which intends to sell the property to Liberty Investment Properties and remain a limited partner.

Sweatshirts, pants being collected for new SAFE Center

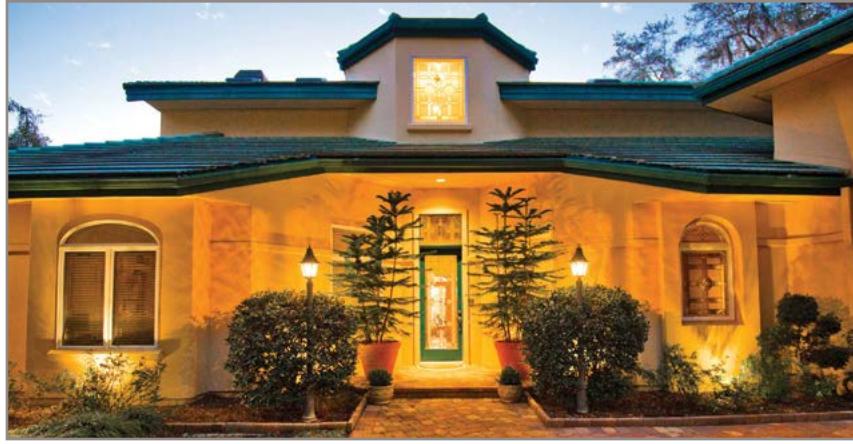
The Women's Center of Jacksonville is opening a new facility, SAFE (Sexual Assault Forensic Exam) Center at 5300 Emerson St., where the police take rape victims. As the victims clothing will be taken from them and kept as evidence, Mary Ann Miller, of Arlington, is collecting new sweatshirts and sweatpants for the women who will be served there.

"These women need clothes that are warm and cozy after a traumatic experience,"

said Miller. "They also need undergarments and short-sleeve T-shirts."

The center's opening date is March 30, and Miller's goal is to give the center 100 pairs of sweatshirts. If you can help, clothes of all sizes need to be new, with the tags on, and can be taken to St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 4758 Shelby Ave. or St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 7801 Lone Star Rd., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon.

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Friendship Fountain on the Southbank will undergo renovations that could include synchronized lights.

Renovations planned (again) for Friendship Fountain

Pocket parks plan seeks to activate riverfront

By Lilla Ross
Resident Community News

District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer is anxiously awaiting the master plan she hopes will take the Riverwalks to the next level, helping to activate the downtown riverfront.

The idea for nodes, or thematic pocket parks, along the Southbank and Northbank Riverwalks has been under discussion for several years. The vision was initially developed by the Jacksonville chapter of the American Institute of Architects as a way to unify the various developments emerging downtown.

The City of Jacksonville has hired consultants – HR&A, which specializes in economic development, and SWA, landscape architects to work with The Haskell Company – on a plan for a dozen nodes located at key points along the Riverwalks.

Boyer hopes by summer to have a master plan that will enable people to better connect with the St. Johns River as well as to the city's history and culture. One node might tell the story of the Great Fire and another explore the city's military heritage.

The first two nodes would be at Friendship Fountain and across the river at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts.

The City has allocated \$1 million for the renovation of the fountain, which is functioning but in poor repair. The City spent \$2.279 million in 2011 on

improvements to the fountain, including the pumps, spray jets, and intake valves and pipes. Additionally, the park area surrounding the fountain was a remnant of the original 1960s plan, so the 2011 renovation removed significant areas of concrete to add more lawn areas as well as improve the existing hardscape and landscaping of the park.

Boyer wants the current renovations to make the fountain capable of multimedia shows that could be at the fountain or incorporate the Acosta and Main Street bridges and the performing arts center.

The fountain node would also incorporate the Museum of Science and History and could include a playground, picnic area and amphitheater.

The performing arts center node would tell the story of Jacksonville's arts and culture history. It, too, could have an amphitheater and picnic area where multimedia shows could play off the façade of the adjacent CSX building, she said.

The City knows people will come downtown to events along the river like the annual Light Boat Parade and Fourth of July fireworks, she said. She hopes events at the nodes will give them another reason to come more often.

The sites of the other nodes are still up in the air. They are dependent on the location of the USS Charles Adams floating museum, the redevelopment of the old City Hall/Courthouse property, and Shad Khan's plans for the Shipyards property.

Whatever the final design is, Boyer says, there needs to be a WOW! factor.

"If people are wowed, it will bring people downtown," she said.

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Bold Bean withdraws application to serve food, alcohol outdoors

By Karen J. Rieley
Resident Community News

Despite approval by the City's Planning Commission, Bold Bean Coffee Roasters in San Marco will not be offering outdoor seating for patrons to consume outside food and beverages they have purchased inside the coffee shop.

The City's Planning and Development Department had approved the application with conditions, including adding two more parking spaces, bicycle parking and bringing landscaping up to code. The Planning Commission's approval was given at its Sept. 27, 2017 meeting, but without requiring the conditions be met.

When Robert Harris Trust, located next door to Bold Bean, and Southside Baptist Church, across the street from the coffee shop, learned the Planning Commission had approved Bold Bean's application with none of the conditions required, they both appealed the decision.

Robert Harris Trust and Southside Baptist Church have expressed safety concerns about the lack of adequate parking for Bold Bean Coffee patrons. Although patrons were able to use Southside Baptist Church's parking lot when the shop first opened, currently they are not allowed to use either the church or Harris' parking lots.

"Our issue with Bold Bean has always been and remains the safety of our friends and neighbors attempting to cross Hendricks Avenue," said Dr. Gary Webber, senior pastor of Southside Baptist Church.

In the past, Harris has expressed concern about the restaurant's lack of adequate parking, especially without the availability of the church's parking lot. According to Harris, Bold Bean's patrons park in his parking lot, displacing his staff and clients, and then walk to the shop next door. Delivery trucks for the shop have used his parking lot as well, or blocked traffic on Hendricks Avenue because they don't have room in Bold Bean's parking lot.

A public hearing before the City's Land Use & Zoning (LUZ) Committee regarding the appeals by Robert Harris Trust and Southside Baptist Church was originally scheduled to be heard on Jan. 3 but was rescheduled for Feb. 6.

During the Feb. 6 LUZ Committee meeting, Paul Harden, attorney for the appellants (Harris and Southside), stipulated to a remand back to the Planning Commission that the exception will be withdrawn. Bold Bean's attorney, T.R. Hainline, confirmed the applicant (Bold Bean) for the exception agreed to the withdrawal, the stipulation for the withdrawal, and the remand for the withdrawal.

District 5 Councilwoman and LUZ Committee Vice Chair Lori Boyer made the motion that the committee remand the exception back to the Planning Commission with explicit directions that they are to accept the applicants' requested withdrawal.

"If the appellants withdraw their appeal, but the applicants were to change their minds when the exception gets back to the Planning Commission, then we could have an exception that has been granted, but the appeals have been withdrawn," she said.

The motion passed unanimously.

Despite Bold Bean Coffee's withdrawal of its previously requested exception, Southside Baptist Church does not plan to open up its parking lot again to the shop's patrons. "We are glad Bold Bean has withdrawn their request for outdoor sales, as any increase in their seating capacity only increases the demand for parking and thus the number of people attempting to cross Hendricks," Webber said.

"We continue to believe the long-term solution to this problem lies within the power of the property owner, Mr. Turner."

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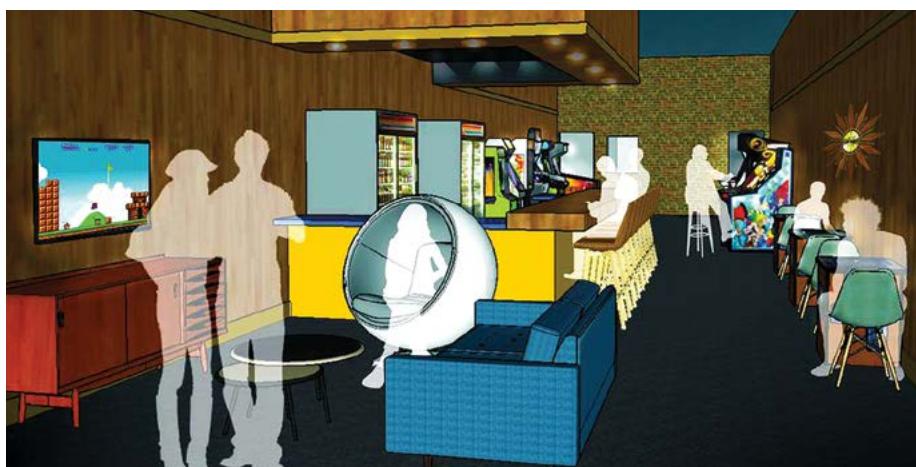
— Dr. Gary Webber, senior pastor of Southside Baptist Church

If he would use the vacant property he owns next door to Bold Bean to build adequate parking, it would alleviate the need for people to cross Hendricks at such a dangerous location," Webber said.

"This action would also engender the goodwill of all of our neighboring businesses and residents who are feeling the pressure of inadequate parking. Because of the continued safety concerns, we have no plans to make our parking available to Bold Bean at this time."

When *The Resident* reached out to see if Bold Bean and Turner Plumbing had plans to add parking by demolishing another building on the property, Bold Bean's Zack Burnett stated, "I personally don't have any more time to dedicate to this nonsense with Harris and the church. We are in full compliance with our operations and look forward to putting this behind us."

Robert Harris Trust also did not wish to comment at this time.



Rendering of The Rec Room, a new arcade and bar planned for 5 Points.

New 5 Points arcade and bar will fit right in

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

A new entertainment venue will be added soon to 5 Point's eclectic restaurant and retail business mix, and – appropriately – will reflect the disco and video game era during which many of the businesses, such as Edge City, were established.

The Rec Room arcade and bar will be located at 1049 Park St., site of the former C.A.S.K. Wine Bar & Shop, which closed Sept. 1, 2017 after about two years in business. The 98-year-old building was purchased in October 2017 by 1049 Park Street LLC for \$235,000.

San Jose resident Michael Schmidt said he and business partner Chad Munsey are working with the owner on the build-out

of the 17-by-70-foot space, for which Doherty Sommers will be the architect/engineers on the project. Build-out is expected to be quick, according to Schmidt, who anticipates opening later this spring.

"We are opening this as a complement to what is already in 5 Points," said Schmidt. "We hope to attract all ages of people that want to come play some video games, enjoy some beer and wine in a cool nostalgic atmosphere."

The "barcade" will offer cabinet arcade games, pinball, and Golden Tee – a golf arcade game series, as well as console rentals. Beer will be bottled or canned; wine and soft drinks, as well as some bar snacks, will be available.

Schmidt and his wife, Mishayla, put their skills as architects to good use in the interior design for The Rec Room. The 1,300-square-foot space will evoke a 1970s-style basement, with a 10-seat bar and a vintage-style living room, where patrons can enjoy playing console games from a large selection.

Schmidt and Munsey are owners of Tanuki Group LLC, which also owns and operates The Bearded Pig in San Marco.

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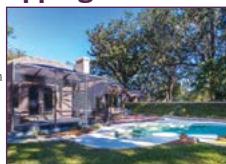
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New gift brings school closer to goal for new campus



Rendering of proposed new North Florida School of Special Education campus, to be named The Christy and Lee Smith Lower School Campus and Therapeutic Center.

With a gift of \$1.5 million by an anonymous donor last month, one year into the North Florida School of Special Education's three-year "Angel of the Woods" capital campaign, the school has reached \$5 million of the \$6 million goal toward a new campus.

The most recent gift was made to name the new campus The Christy and Lee Smith Lower School Campus and Therapeutic Center.

"This is a beautiful tribute," said Head of School Sally Hazelp. "The donor wants to name the new campus 'The Christy and Lee Smith Lower School Campus and Therapeutic Center.' The gift honors our past and helps plant the seeds for our future; we are so thankful for this donor's generosity."

The Smiths were one of the four families who founded the school in 1992. The current campus, The Anderson Smith Campus, is named after their son.

The capital campaign was launched to raise funds to build a 32,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art building and a Therapeutic Equestrian Center on five acres of land that was gifted to the school in 2014 by the Ida Mae Stevens Foundation and Doug Milne, Trustee. Immediately upon the announcement of the campaign, it was given a head start with a \$1 million gift from Delores Barr Weaver to name the Therapeutic Equestrian Center.

The school has also received major gifts from other community philanthropists

including Linda and David Stein; Jill and Charlie Arnold; Lynn and Lee Bledsoe; the Cascone Family Foundation; Tammy and Jay Demetree; The Dostie family; the Zimmerman Family; John and Anne Baker; the DuBow family; Emily and Hawley Smith, and Dorothy and Lee Thomas.

Groundbreaking is expected to occur in fall 2018 with grand opening in 2019. The new buildings will join the existing 9,000-square-foot classroom building on the existing 3-acre campus at 223 Mill Creek Road, bringing the total school size to 41,000 square feet on 8 acres.

Tree giveaway an opportunity to repair Irma damage to yards

If Irma left you with a bare yard last fall, you'll want to take advantage of the second annual Arbor Day Festival and Greenscape Tree Giveaway, Saturday, March 24, at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds.

Greenscape will give away 4,000 trees, including Fringetree, American Holly, Red Maple, Riverbirch, Tulip Poplar, Redbud, Live Oak and Winged Elm. The giveaway is on a first-come, first-served basis.

"This is a chance for people to replant some of the trees we lost to Hurricane Irma," said Executive Director Anna Dooley.

The festival is a fundraiser for the nonprofit that advocates for protecting and planting trees in Jacksonville. Since its founding, it has planted 300,000 trees.

The festival, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., replaces the flowering tree sale that was one of its signature events in years past. Activities will include children's arts and crafts, a petting zoo, pet adoptions, entertainment and educational talks on trees and the environment.

"We're going to have a lot of professional foresters, landscape architects, the master gardeners to answer people's questions about trees, yards and gardens," Dooley said.

The vendors will include Stubbees Honey, Gourds Gone Wild and San Marco Books, as well as businesses selling butterfly and hummingbird plants, worm castings and wood products such as birdhouses and feeders.

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Coffee shop's popularity creates headaches for nearby residents

By Lilla Ross
Resident Community News

San Marco Place is a little street directly behind Southside Baptist Church with about a dozen houses. A street you pass without noticing it unless you're looking for a cut-through from Hendricks Avenue and Atlantic Boulevard – or a place to park.

But residents say traffic jams caused by on-street parking have become a problem, and they are asking the City of Jacksonville to make it a one-way street.

On-street parking hasn't been that big of an issue, except for the occasional big event in San Marco Square, but since Bold Bean Coffee Roasters opened in 2016 on Hendricks Avenue cars routinely park on both sides of the two-lane street, sometimes making it almost impassable, said Bruce Klimek, a resident on San Marco Place.

Parking is not allowed on the south side of the street, but motorists routinely ignore it.

"With cars parked along the street, cars can't pass each other. I've seen people get into screaming matches because one of them is going to have to back up," Klimek said.

When the popular coffee shop first opened, customers were allowed to park at Southside Baptist's lot. But after Bold Bean began serving alcohol, the church withdrew its permission, citing concerns over the safety of potentially inebriated customers crossing the street, and the church's liability if they were injured.

Bold Bean's next door neighbor, the law firm of Harris Guidi Rosner P.A., objected to customers parking in its lot. Bold Bean erected signs asking customers not to use the law firm's lot.

Instead, customers and employees park on San Marco Place, creating all kinds of



This vehicle is parked in the turn lane in front of Bold Bean while the driver ran in for coffee.



Cars parked on both sides of narrow San Marco Place

issues for the residents, Klimek said. They block driveways, knock over trash cans, drive on lawns, damage sprinkler systems. And there is no space for homeowners to park in front of their houses.

Klimek said he has made his peace with Bold Bean's employees who park in front of his house. He's gotten to know them and explained the issues and they have been cooperative about respecting his property.

But parking is so bad in the area, Klimek said that he routinely sees people stop in the turn lane on Hendricks and run into Bold Bean.

Jay Burnett, owner of Bold Bean, declined to comment.

Several residents now park their cars at the end of their driveways to stop people from using their driveway to turn around.

Making the street one way will not solve the parking problem, Klimek said, but it might relieve the traffic congestion that it causes.



Above:
Rendering of a plan to convert San Marco Place to a one-way street to ease traffic congestion and illegal parking.

Left:
Bruce Klimek's San Marco Place driveway is blocked by someone using it as a parking place.



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Bacteria found in Millers Creek won't affect dredging project

By Lilla Ross
Resident Community News

City environmentalists have detected human fecal coliform in the St. Johns River near Millers Creek, but it shouldn't affect efforts to dredge the creek in the Mayfair neighborhood of St. Nicholas.

The City of Jacksonville's Environmental Protection Board routinely monitors the river for fecal coliform, which can be from human or animal waste. Millers Creek is one site that has shown high levels of human fecal coliform, said Melissa Long, environmental quality division chief. She said the department is working with JEA to try to find the source.

High levels of the bacteria from human sources can signal leaking sewage pipes or septic tanks. People who swim in contaminated water can get ear infections, dysentery, typhoid fever, viral and bacterial gastroenteritis, and hepatitis A.

But swimmers aren't an issue for Millers Creek, which is mostly muck.

"We have people who try boating up our creek and get stuck in sludge," said Sharon B. Johnson, secretary of the Millers Creek Special Tax District. "Just a few inches under

the water is all the silt. They have to get out in the sludge and push their boat back to the mouth of the creek. It is so gross."

Johnson said she is not entirely surprised that fecal coliform has been found in the creek.

"We have so many storm drains emptying in our creek," she said.

The problems date back to the 1960s when the AT&T building was constructed on Beach Boulevard and a spring that fed the creek was closed up.

Fecal coliform shouldn't affect the dredging project, said Joe Wagner, project engineer.

"It is something you find in every tributary in urban settings," Wagner said.

"When you dredge, you are removing the material off the bottom and separating out the water. The fecal coliform stays with the water. You oxidize it when the material dries out," Wagner said.

The actual dredging is at least a year away but before it is done, the water and silt will be tested for things like lead, arsenic, mercury and hydrocarbons, which could indicate contamination from gasoline. But since there's never been a marina or gas station in the area, that shouldn't be too much of a concern, Wagner said.

The project is now entering the permitting phase, which involves the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Army Corps of Engineers.

FDEP will want to know whether the water needs to be treated, Wagner said. When it is satisfied, it will issue a water quality certificate.

The Corps will be consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the NOAA Marine Fishery Services about what the project needs to do to protect threatened or endangered species like manatee and sturgeon, which spawn in the area, Wagner said. They'll also want marshes in the area protected with buffers.

"They want to know what condition you will leave the waterway when you're done," Wagner said.

Wagner said the goal of the project is to leave the creek with significantly better water quality and access to boaters.

But the permitting process could take six to nine months to complete, he said.

"This is a long-term infrastructure project, so it is realistic to think the dredging won't start until next year," Wagner said. "It should take about four to five months to complete."

Withdrawal of controversial state toxins rule protects surface waters

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) recently withdrew a dangerous state rule that would have allowed increased levels of toxic chemicals in Florida's surface waters. The St. Johns Riverkeeper and the Miami Waterkeeper, represented by Earthjustice, have been campaigning against this rule since it was proposed in 2016.

This rule, proposed by FDEP, was rushed through the Environmental Regulation Commission (ERC), despite having vacant seats that Governor Rick Scott had failed to fill for representatives from the environmental community and local government.

With mounting opposition and an administrative hearing looming on the horizon, FDEP formally withdrew the rule as proposed and reinitiated rulemaking. In preparation for a revised version of rule, the FDEP "intends to conduct a state-wide fish consumption survey to accurately determine the amount and types of fish commonly eaten by Floridians" before promulgation.

The rule used a controversial method to calculate cancer risk that differed from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommended method and the one utilized by every other state in the nation. This resulted in toxic exposure limits that were 10 times (or sometimes 100 times) higher than EPA recommendations for most of the chemicals examined.

Because chemicals accumulate in fish or shellfish, people who eat Florida-caught seafood even just once a week would have increased their cancer risk by orders of magnitude. For the full story, visit residentnews.net and enter "toxins" in the search bar.

FSCJ presents 'World's Strongest Librarian' in author speaker series

Florida State College—Jacksonville (FSCJ) will host presentations of author Josh Hanagarne – "The World's Strongest Librarian: A Book Lover's Adventures," on Tuesday, Mar. 13 at two campuses. All seating is on a first come, first served basis to the free events.

Hanagarne and his book illuminate the mysteries of Tourette Syndrome as well as the very different worlds of strongman training and modern libraries.

The annual FSCJ Author Series engages students in a learning community around a published memoir and social issues that promote academic discourse in higher education and create permanent and positive impact on the college and in the community.

The morning presentation at 11 a.m. will be held at the Kent Campus, Main Auditorium (F-128), 3939 Roosevelt Blvd. An evening presentation at 7 p.m. will be held at FSCJ South Campus, Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts, 11901 Beach Blvd.

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Hendrick's Parking

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Hendricks Avenue business owners, which caused the agency to roll out a compromise during a public meeting in May 2016, which was well received by both the bicycle and business communities.

The new plan, which is currently under construction, incorporated both dedicated bike lanes and on-street parking from Peachtree Circle North to Dunsford Road. In that section, FDOT will widen the roadway by reducing the median from 20 feet to 12 feet, allowing for two 11-foot travel lanes in each direction as well as a 5.5-foot bike lane and 8-foot parking lane.

Several Hendricks Avenue residents who live in the residential section north of the business area and attended both public meetings cannot understand why FDOT ignored their pleas to keep on-street parking in front of their homes, which is essential to their "quality of life."

According to Terry, the residents would be happy with the same accommodation FDOT has made for the businesses near Metro Diner. After he measured the road in both locations with a laser device, Terry contends this is feasible because the width of the road is exactly the same.

"What makes the Metro Diner, the antique store, and Mr. Carlucci's business more in need of parking than the residents that live here and pay taxes as well?" he asked. "Why is there less value for parking in front of our homes than there is in front of someone's business?"

Pat Bridgeman, whose family has lived on Hendricks for more than 50 years, agreed. "They are discriminating against the residents that have been here the longest," she said. "I think it's totally unfair. FDOT is completely disregarding us residents from Dunsford down to San Marco Boulevard. FDOT is prejudiced against residents," she said.

"It will really hurt my family," she continued, adding that her friends, lawn service company, and delivery services, will have to park on nearby side streets, inconveniencing everyone, including the side-street residents. Also, if the only parking available lies across Hendricks Avenue, pedestrians may find it dangerous to traverse Hendricks without a crosswalk nearby, she said. "Heaven forbid you might want to have a Super Bowl party at your house. Without the parking, it's just not going to happen."

With a very little space in her driveway, backing out of her driveway onto Hendricks, with traffic racing by at over 40 mph, is difficult, Bridgeman said. "There is so much more traffic now and the light at River Oaks doesn't hold very long. By the time you start to back out, the light has changed, and the traffic is right on you," she said. "I'd love to see the speed on Hendricks reduced."

San Marco Square merchants rely on using the 80 to 100 on-street parking spaces near her home when special events take place during the holidays, said Terry. "We supply the overflow parking to San Marco Square. This will make a big impact not only for our family life, which will really be hurt, but also for the Square and the businesses down there," said Bridgeman.

FDOT had good reasons for its final decision, said Sara Pleasants, FDOT public information officer.

"The existing roadway typical section contains additional space between the travel lanes and the outside curb. Although this area is not designated as a parking lane, it has historically been used for parking and, when available, as a wide bicycle lane or temporary parking for service trucks or other vendors. During the public meetings for this project held in 2015 and 2016, businesses between Lakewood Road and Southside United Methodist Church shared concerns that their customers would lose the ability to park on State Road 13. Ultimately, the Department was able to reduce the width of the landscape median between Peachtree Circle North and Dunsford Road to allow both designated bike lanes and designated parking lanes. Unfortunately, this option was not viable from Dunsford Road to San Marco Boulevard due to limited existing right-of-way, so space to provide designated parking lanes in front of residences within the north portion of the project limits could not be accommodated," she wrote in an email.

Pleasants said the designated bicycle lanes are essential because State Road 13 has been designated a bicycle route as part of the City of Jacksonville's master plan. "Providing multi-modal opportunity is required in this designation, so a designated bike lane is included throughout the project limits from Cornell Road to San Marco Boulevard," she wrote.

"With all resurfacing projects, FDOT looks for opportunities to make the roadway safer for all users – motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. The design of the State Road 13 resurfacing project includes a number of safety improvements, such as sight-distance improvements at San Jose Boulevard South; ADA-accessible upgrades to sidewalk ramps and bus stops; the addition of audible countdown pedestrian timers at Ridgeland Road, River Oaks Road, Dunsford Road and Hendricks Avenue Elementary School; and new traffic signals, mast arms and crosswalk improvements, including countdown audible pedestrian timers, at Emerson Street and Greenridge Road," she wrote.

In contrast, FDOT's recent resurfacing of Emerson Road did not include bicycle lanes because it is not considered a "priority project"



Heading north, a cyclist utilizes the sidewalk alongside Hendricks Avenue between Dunsford Road and San Marco Boulevard.

in the City of Jacksonville's Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, Pleasants said.

Since the May 2016 public meeting held by FDOT, Terry said he and his neighbors have reached out to District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer, as well as FDOT, numerous times with possible ways to compromise. Their solution is to lower the speed limit in front of their homes to 30 mph, which is typical for residential areas; place signage and paint share-the-road markings on the right travel lane to accommodate cyclists; and encourage bike commuters to use the sidewalk as many already do, while keeping the on-street parking. Having motorists and bicyclists share the right traffic lane also makes turning left onto San Marco Boulevard easier, he said.

Terry also suggested the city and FDOT consider transforming the half-mile residential stretch to one lane with on-street parking and wide medians similar to what was done on San Marco Boulevard north of the Square. This would help with traffic calming and encourage motorists to utilize I-95 instead of cutting through the San Marco neighborhood, he said.

James M. Knight, urban planning and modal administrator for FDOT, and other state engineering officials met with Hendricks residents July 15, 2016 in front of Bridgeman's home to discuss their concerns, but left the residents unsatisfied.

"We put out every possible compromise, and at the end of the day it didn't seem like DOT wanted to make a real effort to develop a true compromise, and the compromises they came up with would only create major inconveniences in other parts of the neighborhood," said Matt Carlucci, a San Marco resident who attended the meeting. "The residents did not say they didn't want bicycle lanes. Nobody was asking FDOT to get rid of the medians. There should be enough room to squeeze in both. There was one engineer that said it could be done, but he was never able to put forth his concept, and I felt bad for the folks who need that parking.

Their homes are going to be an island unto themselves," he said.

Carlucci said he and the other residents tried to follow up with FDOT later but received no response. "It really hurts when you make a phone call or email FDOT and you don't get a return call or response," he said.

Terry offered several potential solutions in a lengthy packet sent to Boyer and FDOT dated August 2016. Neither Boyer nor FDOT officials ever acknowledged receiving his packet," he said. In an email to The Resident, Boyer said she was unaware of the packet and her secretary was unable to locate it in her email.

"FDOT standards and processes govern the project as it is not a city road," wrote Boyer. "I realize the hardship for residents when they have visitors who use current on-street parking spaces and will be forced to now park on side streets. However, I watched and participated in FDOT's hearings and believe they have arrived at a reasonable compromise," she wrote.

"The addition of bicycle lanes is not simply a fitness or recreation decision. As the number of cars traveling on the roadway increases, the road becomes more dangerous for motorists, and we see the pressure on the neighborhood cut-through traffic. We cannot simply continue to add vehicle lanes without impacting yards fronting the roadway, without increasing the number of crashes and without forcing more cut-through," she continued.

"Alternative modes of travel such as bicycling and walking – whether for short trips to the Square or for commutes to work – can reduce the demand on vehicle lanes and have been proven to do so in cities throughout the country. But that will not happen unless there are dedicated facilities for those users where they can feel safe. Our city's ranking as one of the most dangerous in the country for pedestrians and bicyclists is testimony to the public safety hazards that our current facilities present," Boyer said.



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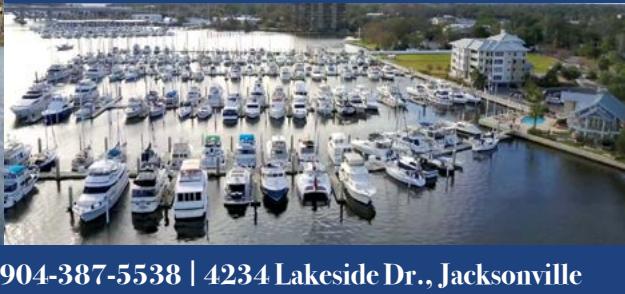
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Chance Partners get rezoning approval for second San Marco development



Rendering of the proposed San Marco Crossing on Kings Avenue

By Lilla Ross
Resident Community News

Just as construction is beginning on the old Jackson Square property, the developers, Judd Bobilin and Jeff Rosen, are launching a second residential project to the north that they envision becoming the gateway to San Marco.

Bobilin and Rosen, principals of Chance Partners LLC, won approval to rezone 6.8 acres on Kings Avenue anchored by Southside Assembly of God and 23 other parcels. The property was approved for rezoning from Community General Commercial to planned unit development (PUD) at the Feb. 27 City Council meeting.

The Planning Commission and Land Use and Zoning Committee approved the application earlier in February.

Chance Olevia LLC, an affiliated company, has a contract on the property bounded by Kings Avenue, Olevia Street, Mitchell Avenue and the Florida East Coast tracks. The sale is pending the rezoning.

San Marco Crossing will have up to 331 apartments and townhouses with a pool and park area. About two-thirds of the units will be one-bedroom with rent ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,400. The remainder would be two- and three-bedroom, renting for between \$1,600 and \$2,000.

The complex will have a four-story parking structure with 300 spaces and surface parking equivalent to 1.35 spaces per unit, according to the rezoning application.

The development, at the new Atlantic Boulevard exit on Interstate 95, is three blocks north of the former Jackson Square project that Chance Partners is redeveloping as San Marco Promenade.

Work is scheduled to begin this month on the first phase of the Promenade – 286 apartments on the northern end of the 17-acre site. The second phase will be built in 2020, Bobilin said.

The two developments will have more than 800 apartments that could add about 1,600 residents to the area that is now commercial.

District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer said the rezoning will change the area from heavy commercial to residential.

"It's going to be shifting the use to residential when it could easily be used for heavy commercial or even a dancing establishment like Wacko's," Boyer said.

The prospect of so many new residents on a blighted area is both welcomed by San Marco residents and raising questions. Increased noise and traffic were two big concerns raised about the development at a public meeting Boyer convened on Jan. 30.

The property backs up to the FEC tracks that are frequently traveled by trains. Several

people said they are worried that the buildings will create an acoustic barrier that will bounce train noise into the neighborhood on the opposite side of the track.

Bobilin said landscaping along the track could absorb some of the noise. Boyer said that while it is realistic to expect more noise, the buildings also will block noise from the interstate.

Longtime resident Whatley Law said San Marco was designed to be a residential neighborhood and the increased traffic is threatening the character of the neighborhood.

Several residents are worried about increased traffic on St. Augustine Road and the nearby residential streets like River Oaks Road, which is used as a cut-through.

"If it were built it would result in more cut-through traffic on River Oaks," said Matt Carlucci, a San Marco resident. "It's a cut-through street, let's be honest about it."

Boyer said it is reasonable to expect more traffic, but plans are in the works to reduce the speed limit and add an additional speed hump on River Oaks Road.

Others questioned the development's impact on schools. Boyer said the state will not allocate money for new schools as long as there is sufficient capacity somewhere in the district, but it could benefit Spring Park Elementary School.

Several residents said they think the development would be an asset.

"I went to Southside Assembly of God for years, so I have a lot of emotion about this," Carlucci said. "But I think it will clean up an area that has so many problems with crime."

Michael Schmidt, owner of the Bearded Pig, said new apartments will mean more people who can come to his restaurant on Kings Avenue, as well as to the new coffee shop, Southern Grounds, going in on Atlantic Boulevard.

Several people expressed hope that more residential in the area would finally convince Publix to build a store in East San Marco, at Atlantic Boulevard and Hendricks Avenue, a project that has been on hold for a decade.

Rosen said the property will be managed by Pegasus Property Management, which also is managing Chance's Avondale development, RiverVue, on the site of the old Commander apartments.

The San Marco Crossing property has been declared a brownfield, after early assessments found arsenic and benzene – chemicals caused by burning fuel and other pollutants that can leach into soil or groundwater, according to a city summary of test results.

Once the property sale has closed, Chance Olevia will come up with an environmental cleanup plan for which they are expected to seek state tax credits.

Bobilin said construction is expected to begin in early 2019.

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Earlier this year, Katie Penkala of Avondale brought Turner in to address extreme humidity in her 90-year-old home.

"I called many different companies asking for their assistance in fixing the problem," she said. "Every company told me that they could not fix the problem and that I needed to call someone else."

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"If you keep your crawlspace dry year round, that means you are pumping dry air into your home all the time. In Florida, our dehumidification system is the only way to keep it dry!"

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the problem was the crawlspace. After thoroughly explaining the process, the job was completed within a week.

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Penkala went on to say "I am so thankful Turners Underseal was able to quickly and efficiently fix a problem that many others just passed off. I would definitely recommend Turners Underseal to anyone who wants a healthier crawlspace and a less humid house."

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Local Reformer Pilates studio opens in Square

Everbalance Wellness Studio, a new boutique Pilates Reformer studio, opened in San Marco Feb. 5 at 2000 Hendricks Ave. at the Atlantic Boulevard intersection.

"As the newest members of the San Marco community, we are excited to meet residents and welcome them to our studio. Pilates is truly an exercise for every age and all fitness abilities," said Tetyana Boyeva, founder of Everbalance Yoga, Barre, Pilates.

Great for the beginner to the advanced, classes are customized for specific health goals and include a variety of equipment. Rates are offered for drop-ins, classes and monthly memberships – there are also new client specials.

The San Marco location is Boyeva's second, after opening a studio in Mandarin in 2013. For more information, visit everbalance.com or call (904) 584-3468.

Everbalance owner Tetyana Boyeva (center) with San Marco studio clients.



One Call consolidation to create one of largest Downtown employers

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

Three weeks after One Call's 80-by-16-foot signs were installed at the top of company headquarters, employees and guests celebrated the event with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Feb. 12 in the lobby of the 22-story skyscraper at 841 Prudential Dr.

The health care management company provides business services in the workers' compensation industry and is moving 500 workers to the Southbank from its Baymeadows office. About 1,500 employees will work in 200,000 square feet of One Call's headquarters when the move is complete later this year, and will make the company one of downtown Jacksonville's largest employers.

"I'm a transplanted Yankee and I'm delighted to call Jacksonville my home for the last four years, and it will be the last home I ever have," said Dale Wolf, CEO, who said the 33-year-old company has about 3,000 employees nationwide, formed from the merger of two companies in 2012. "We look forward to increasing our involvement in the Downtown community and raising awareness for local charities throughout the area at the same time we grow our business."

Among the speakers were Congressman John Rutherford, Florida Chief Financial



Fred Pensotti, Pat Rowland, Mayor Lenny Curry, Dale Wolf, Rep. John Rutherford, Will Smith and Jimmy Patronis at ribbon-cutting for One Call's new signage on the former Aetna Building on the Southbank.

Officer Jimmy Patronis, and Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry.

"It's my belief that free enterprise, free markets and capitalism has done more in history for individuals than any government program, so the jobs, the opportunity you fight to create every day for your employees, for the people in Jacksonville, that's what makes things happen, and I know, coming from the private sector, that's not easy," said Curry. "We are focused on our Downtown, our quality of life...reviving it, and while much is happening, it's really the private sector that is going to do much more than what government can do."

The 63-year-old building is owned by IP Capital Partners, which is making extensive renovations for its tenants.

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— Lenny Curry, Jacksonville Mayor



JTA receives first place marketing award

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) received a national first place award during the 2018 American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) Annual AdWheel competition for best educational social media campaign. The JTA won the category for Take a Selfie, an innovative social media campaign designed to appreciate diversity.

JTA was recognized during APTA's Annual Marketing and Communications Workshop held February 25-28 in San Francisco. JTA Vice President of External Affairs Jacquie Gibbs, right, accepted the award on behalf of JTA at the AdWheel Awards Celebration.

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Gary Josephson

Gary Josephson, MD, MBA, FACS, FAAP, has been named Chief Medical Officer at Nemours Children's Specialty Care.

Dr. Josephson joined the Nemours Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology in 2000, and he was division chief for many years before he advanced to chair of the Department of Surgery in 2010. He also serves as the Chief of Staff at Wolfson Children's Hospital, a position he has held since January 2017. In addition to his leadership roles, Josephson holds academic appointments at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and the University of South Florida College of Medicine.

Prior to Nemours, he was division chief of pediatric otolaryngology at the University of Miami College of Medicine. He earned his medical degree from the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine, and then completed a residency in otolaryngology at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, and a fellowship in pediatric otolaryngology at the University of Virginia. He also earned a master's degree in business administration at the University of Massachusetts. In addition to his extensive work in pediatric research, he is an active board and committee member both locally and internationally and has been recognized for his work in pediatric advocacy.

Josephson is also named among Jacksonville's "Best Surgeons in the City" and the "Best Doctors in America" year after year. He is a fellow of numerous medical societies and has completed a multitude of peer-reviewed publications and book chapters; he has also edited a medical textbook. Josephson is certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

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WJCT welcomes new leadership at helm

After 18 years as president and CEO of WJCT, Michael Boylan retired at the end of 2017. David McGowan was named Boylan's successor by WJCT's board in September 2017 and took over station operations Jan. 8.

Boylan joined WJCT in May 1999 to oversee operations of the organization and its long-range plans and goals. A 2016 OneJax Silver Medallion Award recipient, Boylan has filed to run for City Council District 6, according to the Duval County Supervisor of Elections.

Boylan also participated in the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission's Study Circles, was a trustee member of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, an honorary member of the Jacksonville Rotary, and served on the steering committees for Reclaiming Young Black Males for Jacksonville's Future and Cultural Fusion. He is currently board chair of Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville and treasurer of Yoga 4 Change's board.

McGowan grew up in St. Louis, Detroit and New York City, and after graduating from Yale with a bachelor's degree in history, published a nonprofit magazine, which led to a position as head of media development at Time magazine.



David McGowan and Michael Boylan

He brings more than 20 years of senior executive management to WJCT, successfully leading a variety of leading media and digital businesses. He has served in senior executive roles for several cable and telecoms companies in Europe,

including most recently as CEO of Invitel, a major media and telecoms company based in Hungary. After stepping down from Invitel in 2016, McGowan ran an independent media consulting business in London.

Bolles Associate Head named ninth Head of School

Associate Head of School Tyler Hodges was appointed the Bolles School's ninth president and Head of School by the Board of Trustees Feb. 5. Hodges takes over Bolles' top administrative post this summer from Dave Farace, who will leave at the end of the 2017-18 school year to become the Head of Baltimore-based McDonogh School, his alma mater.

"The Board has worked tirelessly during the past month to analyze all of the school's options for appointing our next Head of School," said C. Daniel Rice, Chair of the Bolles Board of Trustees. "Bolles is fortunate to have many skilled professionals in key leadership positions on all four campuses. We are also privileged to have an Associate Head of School in Tyler with the foresight, leadership skills and compassion that has already proven successful within our community."

Hodges said he is elated to begin his tenure as Bolles President and Head of School.

"I am honored to assume this role at Bolles and am grateful to the Trustees for providing me the opportunity to lead what is inarguably one of the foremost independent schools in the world," said Hodges, who has been working toward a Head of School position for many years.

As Bolles' Associate Head of School since July 2015, Hodges has been overseeing all day-to-day administration duties of faculty, curriculum and student academic affairs for students in Pre-K through Grade 12.

Hodges' educational career includes more than 18 years as a teacher and administrator at some of the country's top independent schools, including Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia. He received his Ed.M. in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from Harvard University



Tyler Hodges

Graduate School of Education and a Master of Arts in Diplomatic and Military History from Temple University. He received a Bachelor of Arts in History with a minor in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia.

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Former CEO praises employees for UF Health's success

After spending decades making an impact in academic health center and medical school administration, Russ Armistead may be forgiven for looking at retirement as a job.

"Retirement is like a new career, so I plan to stay busy," said Armistead, who retired Dec. 31, 2017, after serving as chief executive officer for UF Health since 2013. "I promised my wife, Susan, I would not get busy doing some kind of work, like consulting or something with a significant time commitment, for six to 12 months."

Armistead had retired once before, in 2000, then started a consulting firm before accepting a position in 2004 as associate vice president for finance and planning for the University of Florida Health Science Center in Gainesville and Jacksonville. In 2013 he was named CEO for what was then called Shands Jacksonville.

In addition to travel plans here and abroad in Normandy, France and in Ireland, Armistead and his wife intend to spend part of the year in North Carolina in order to be involved in their grandson's and granddaughter's activities.

He also will continue to be involved in philanthropic activities in Jacksonville. "I will be active in organizations that can use my background and have a need," said Armistead. "Having done this 'retirement



Russ Armistead

thing' before, I know your time can become consumed quickly, so I will select carefully."

Recalling some of his accomplishments during the past five years as CEO, including the May 2017 opening of UF Health North, Armistead spoke highly of the UF Health employees and staff.

"I loved the people at UF Health Jacksonville and going to work every day was a privilege," said the Southbank resident. "Employee engagement is not only as measured by surveys, but by developing two-way trust with each individual. It takes time and you can't fake it. I truly enjoyed the interaction with the dedicated people at UF Health."

Armistead would take lunch in the cafeteria so he could talk to people who would not necessarily visit his office, and would perform "rounds" on the floors weekly, especially in the emergency department. "I could see and hear what was going on, so I could understand the important issues of the day," he said.

His successor confirmed Armistead's ability to relate well with people.

"Russ did so much for this organization that's it hard to pick out one thing in particular, but for me it was the way he respected and treated every employee here and made them realize they're a part of our success," said Leon L. Haley Jr., M.D., now the CEO and dean of UF Health Jacksonville. "I was honored to work with Russ, even for a short time, and will always admire his genuineness, his ability and thoughtfulness to problem solving and his willingness to work with other leaders, both in the city and the state, to improve UF Health."

Armistead cherished "being a member of an organization that is driven by a desire to provide care to anyone in need." During his tenure of leadership with the major Northeast Florida medical center, UF Health continued to receive Magnet recognition, the most prestigious national distinction for excellence awarded by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

His parting advice for Haley underlined his passion for people.

"Always remember that the hospital is a 'people' business providing compassionate care. Physicians, nursing, pharmacists, technical and support staff are all people and they must trust that you not only care, but will make decisions that are best for the entire organization," Armistead said. "Be yourself, speak to everyone you meet and do something that makes work life better. Besides being CEO, you are responsible for their professional lives. Talk to them, trust them and they will trust you back."

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— Leon L. Haley Jr., M.D., CEO and dean of UF Health Jacksonville



San Jose resident funds café for FSCJ culinary arts students

Culinary students and staff at FSCJ's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Program outdid themselves on Feb. 15, at the grand opening of Café Frisch, a simulated restaurant at the downtown campus designed to showcase their talents to the community.

Guest of Honor Harry Frisch, founder of Beaver Street Fisheries, and his sons, Ben and Karl Frisch, cut the ribbon at the door of the new restaurant made possible by the Harry Frisch family and the Beaver Street Foundation. Speaking at the ribbon-cutting ceremony were Martha Barrett, FSCJ Foundation board chair, Dr. Cynthia Bioteau, FSCJ president, Connie Pecoraro, culinary student, Cleve Warren, FSCJ Foundation executive director, and Harry Frisch.

"We've been working hard on the appearance of this café as it was important to convey the great heritage of the Frisch family here in Jacksonville," said Wanda

Willis, Director of Development of Major Gifts for the FSCJ Foundation.

Pointing out the unique photographic wall created from an old black and white 1950s Beaver Street Fisheries photo, Ben Frisch remembered riding in those same trucks with his father and the working with the men pictured. Harry Frisch, whose business prowess has become legendary as his business has grown to an internationally known and respected brand, Seabest, was impressed with the wall and he beamed as he saw another wall covered with dinner plates bearing some of his familiar points of good business practice. The plates bore such words as "Don't criticize your competitors," "Smile constantly," "Treat Employees with Respect," and "Use Your Head," interspersed with photos of Harry and his late wife, Lilo Frisch. "This is a great honor," said the 94-year old Frisch, as he posed with culinary students and staff. "I'll be back!"



FSCJ Culinary students and staff pose with Harry Frisch in the doorway of a unique photographic wall mural of the old Beaver Street Fisheries.

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Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty honored its top producers with a celebration unlike any other at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens. Amid an outpouring of glitter, glamour and glitz, the exclusive gala honored the company's elite Realtors who achieved extraordinary success in 2017.

"We congratulate our award-winning associates, who are the best of the best, on their tremendous accomplishments," said Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty Founder, President and CEO Linda Sherrer.

The festivities honored more than 80 Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices sales associates and their guests from the company's branch offices throughout Northeast

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty honored its top producers from the Avondale/San Marco offices at the company's Glitz and Glitter Gala: Leighton Tesche, Josh Cohen, Josh Nugent, Allison Steilberg, Julia Fattahi, Sarah Leuthold, Linda Maxwell, Christy Budnick, Lisa Ly Nguyen and Terri Rigdon.

Florida. Dressed in stylish and sophisticated attire with plenty of bling, the company's real estate associates enjoyed a sparkling celebration featuring gourmet cuisine, libations and entertainment.

"Our company is comprised of incredibly talented, passionate and successful agents, for whom we are most grateful," said Broker/Executive Vice President Christy Budnick. "It is because of their contributions our company is the market leader in Northeast Florida."

Baptist Health recognizes two nurses as Schrank Scholars

Registered nurses Ciara Flowers, BSN, RN and Nathan Heathcoat, BSN, RN were presented with the Schrank Scholar Award, which recognizes nurses at Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville who have shown outstanding achievement in the realm of cardiology.

For the first time in the award's three-year history it recognized two nurses instead of one. The Schrank Scholar Award began in 2015 in recognition of Joel Schrank, MD, who practiced in Jacksonville for more than 40 years and is considered among the top cardiologists in the region, along with his colleagues at Baptist Heart Specialists.

"These two are some of the best examples of people who need recognition and support – what they've already accomplished and how quickly they learn," said Dr. Schrank, a San Marco resident. "It's a real honor for me to see them get this award."

Flowers, who has been an RN with a focus in cardiac intensive care since 2010, was selected as nurse manager for the newly developed Clinical Decision Unit at Baptist Health. She's played an integral part in developing and instituting the unit, which focuses on patients with cardiac-related diseases. She has also served as chair for the Baptist Shared Governance Committee, and was awarded the Clinical Award for Student Nurse Excellence. Highly respected by all members of the medical and clinical staff, Flowers has built a strong, cohesive



Ciara Flowers and Nathan Heathcoat

"These two are some of the best examples of people who need recognition and support."

— Dr. Schrank

team that strives to deliver exceptional care to every patient.

Heathcoat started his career at Baptist Health in 2011 as a volunteer. He then transitioned to working as a transporter. In 2014, Heathcoat became a CNA, caring for patients in that role for approximately a year. After acquiring his bachelor's degree in nursing, Heathcoat began work as a RN at the Baptist Heart Hospital in June 2015. This past December, Heathcoat was presented with the Daisy Award in recognition of his extraordinary care and compassion provided to patients. In January 2018 he was promoted to assistant nurse manager, and he continues to pursue his dreams of furthering his education in the medical arena.

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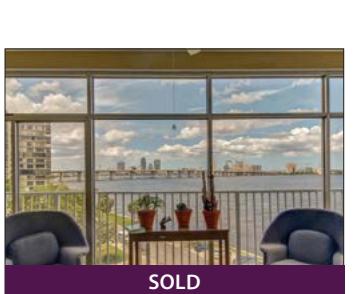
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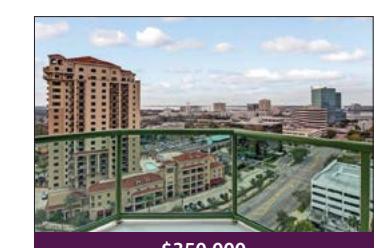
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Perfect weather draws crowds to 5th Annual Rotary Craft Beer Fest

The Riverside Rotary Club hosted the 5th annual Riverside Craft Beer Festival in the Riverside Arts Market space under the Fuller Warren Bridge Feb. 24, tapping beer from 93 brewery partners across the country, including some local breweries which haven't yet officially opened, such as Fishweir Brewery and Legacy Ale Works.

A one-hour VIP admission gave guests access to specialty, limited quantity brews. Food was provided by 10 food trucks and live music by Grandpa's Cough Medicine, a crowd-pleasing favorite.

The popular event benefited Community PedsCare® for the third year in a row. So far, over the past two years, the Rotarians have presented \$175,000 to PedsCare, a Community Hospice & Palliative Care program for children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.

"Our goal is to have raised \$125,000 this year, which is very doable based on the



Bessie Howard, Heather Henderson and Jillian Bauman



Scott and Braylee Swick with John and Joy Kauffman

preliminary figures. I feel confident in saying that we had at least 2,500 attendees this year," said Chris Croft, president of North Florida Plumbing, and a member of the Rotary Club.

The club also plans to donate a portion to Riverside Arts Market and to other charitable causes supported by the Riverside Rotary Foundation.



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Annual gala, golf gig support nonprofits who serve those on autism spectrum

The HEAL Foundation (Helping Enrich Autistic Lives) hosted its annual gala Feb. 22 at the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse, followed by Bobby Weed's Golf Gig on Feb. 23 on Dye's Valley Course. After the scramble, an awards lunch was served in the clubhouse.

The gala featured world-renowned performance painter David Garibaldi, and dancing to the music of The 7 Street Band. A live auction included a South Africa photo safari for two, a four-night stay for two at Belize Thatch Caye Private Island Resort, and a Banfi wine dinner for 12 at TPC Sawgrass.

HEAL has granted over \$2 million locally since its beginnings, and in 2016 began iHEAL, a program to put iPADs into Exceptional Student Education (ESE) classrooms. Proceeds from the gala will go towards purchasing iPads and funding grants to programs and organizations who support individuals and families living with autism in Northeast Florida.



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'Justice for girls' center celebrates five years making a difference

The Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center celebrated its fifth birthday Jan. 31 with a celebration at the Jessie Ball duPont Center, where the Policy Center has offices, but the story really began nearly 20 years ago.

When statewide programming for girls in Florida's juvenile justice system faced threat of elimination from the state budget in the late 1990s, Dr. Lawanda Ravoira partnered with Roy Miller, president and founder of The Children's Campaign, to launch a focused reform initiative for justice-involved girls and young women.

Several early key efforts by Ravoira and Miller included the publication of two of the largest research studies specific to girls ever conducted in the country, funded by the Jessie Ball duPont Fund; Florida becoming the second state in the country to pass legislation requiring gender-specific services in the juvenile justice system the creation of the Juvenile Justice Blueprint Commission; the Women's Giving Alliance underwrote an initiative to help transform Duval County and Northeast Florida into a national model for effectively addressing the multiplicity of girls' needs in the justice system; private funding from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund to open a National Center for Girls and Young Women, and then in 2012, Delores Barr Weaver supported a request to open the Policy Center.

"With all the accomplishments, what matters the most is that our community has truly opened its heart to make a difference for girls and young women who are impacted by the justice system," said Ravoira, president and CEO of the Policy Center.



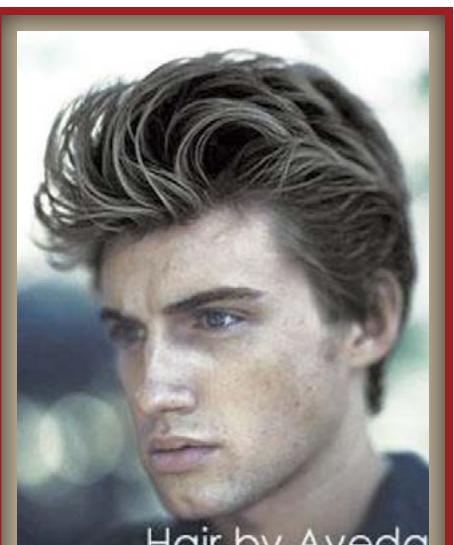
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"The Policy Center has gained unbelievable credibility in the community and is participating in Tallahassee on policy issues, but we're also helping individuals," said John Taylor, board member.

"As I reflect over the past five years, what I'm most proud of is that we have served eighteen hundred girls and young women, and we've seen a very different future for them, thanks to the incredible support of the people who are here at this celebration today," Ravoira said. "Of course, it wouldn't be possible without Delores Barr Weaver, who was the first to believe in the idea of having a policy center that would focus on girls in the justice system. It is her incredible generosity that's really made this possible."



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Almost as magnificent as the British art in the Cummer Museum of Art and Garden's galleries inside and the English Garden outside, the British Invasion on Feb. 15 was a "jolly good evening" for the 175 guests who mingled with British "royalty" and enjoyed the pub crawl-style evening, all for a good cause.

Beatles tribute band Liverpool Live, palace guards and two classic British roadsters helped complete the authenticity of the evening. Cam Anderson's 1965 Triumph TR-4A and Barry Northway's 1968 Triumph TR-250 were on loan for the evening on the front lawn.

"I've owned the car since 1981 and my wife and I were married in 1987. We left



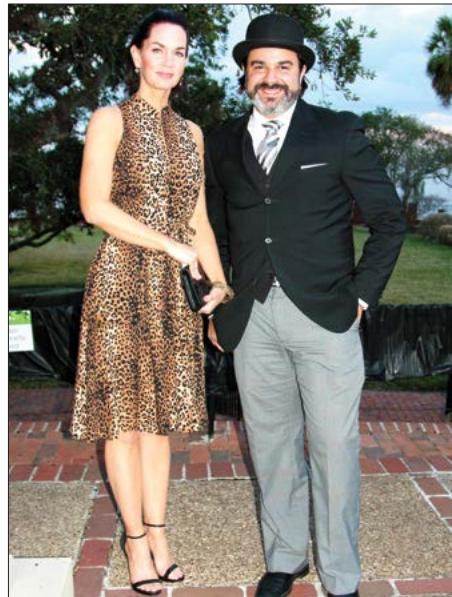
Scott and Braylee Swick with John and Joy Kauffman

our wedding in that car!" said Anderson, a State Farm insurance agent.

British Invasion was the second of three dinners in the Inspired Palates Dinner Series, with Lory Doolittle as English Dinner Partner and David and Elaine Strickland as Dinner Underwriters. Proceeds will help restore the gardens, which suffered damage from Hurricane Irma in September 2017. The last event, a New York Dinner Party, will be held Mar. 15.



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Young lawyers charity chili cookoff bigger, better than ever



Front: Kim Israel, Amy Kisz, Jessica Vantrost, Gina Vulecza and Bethany Hartsell; back: Wes Ridout, Gabe Hartsell and Matt Vulecza from McGlinchey Stafford

The 2018 Charity Chili Cook-Off hosted by the Jacksonville Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (YLS) was the biggest ever, with 49 chili teams vying for prizes.

The YLS brought chili, charity and community together Feb. 17 at the Riverside Arts Market (RAM), raising approximately \$10,000 to benefit Rethreaded, which fights human trafficking and supports survivors of the sex trade on a local and global level, by providing a safe, supportive work environment for survivors to earn money, forge business skills and create beautiful artisan items for sale.

Local state and federal judges selected winners of the cook-off, including Fisher, Tousey, Leas & Ball, P.A. (spiciest); Coker, Schnickel, Sorenson, Posgay & Iracki (meatiest and best overall); Lewis Longman Walker (most original); Liles Gavin, P.A. (best fixins'); Moseley Prichard Parrish Knight & Jones (best cornbread); Kubicki Draper (most spirited); and McGuireWoods LLP (crowd favorite).



Jeff and Debbie Eiserman, Captain "Brad Eubanks" America, Sean O'Neil, Kara Cosse, Chelsea Winicki and Sarah Lake from Kubicki Draper



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Established in 2006 by Episcopal Children's Services to recognize individuals and organizations who work passionately on behalf of children in order to help elevate their welfare to the highest priority in the community, the 12th annual Children's Champion Awards gala was held Feb. 22 at the Omni Jacksonville Hotel.

The 2018 honorees included John A. Delaney, president, University of North Florida; Dr. Nathaniel Glover, president, Edward Waters College; Dr. Richard G. Skinner, Jr., retired pediatrician, and Corporate Honoree Florida Blue, represented by North Florida Market President Darnell Smith.

Episcopal Children's Services is a recognized leader in early childhood education directly serving 2,300 children in Head Start and two early learning centers – The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Riverside and the San Jose Early Learning Center – and over 50,000 children through contracted early childhood education services in 14 counties in North and Central Florida.



Children's Champion Award Honorees Dr. Richard Skinner and former mayor John Delaney



Malachi Beyah with Michael Aubin, president, Wolfson Children's Hospital, and Darnell Smith, Florida Blue North Florida market president



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Love for St. Vincent's mission always in the air

The 37th Annual Red Rose Ball, themed "For the Love of the Rose," was hosted by St. Vincent's HealthCare Foundation Feb. 16 at the Jacksonville Marriott at Southpoint.

The black-tie affair featured cocktails, dinner and dancing, as well as a silent auction and a live auction. Co-chairs for the event were Sonnie Kim-Ashchi, M.D. and Majdi Ashchi, D.O, Seana and Matthew McAfee, and Tracy and David Williams.

This year, the proceeds will benefit Ascension St. Vincent's women and children programs. The funds will support equipment

like The Panda Warmer, a multi-functional infant bed used when temperature is a critical concern.

"The Red Rose Ball is a wonderful event which helps us fulfill our Mission to provide compassionate care to all people in our community, no matter where they are in life," said St. Vincent's HealthCare Foundation President, Jane R. Lanier, CFRE. "Each year, our sponsors and patrons help us raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for programs that help make our community healthier for all."

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"Past, Present, Future" was the theme of the 30th anniversary gala for the JCA. Honorary chairs for the event held Feb. 24

at the Alliance, 8505 San Jose Blvd., were David Stein, Howard Korman and Jeff Parker.

In addition to the gala, the JCA 30th Anniversary Campaign supports scholarships and financial assistance for preschool, after-school and summer camp tuitions.



Alan Rosner with Jeff Parker



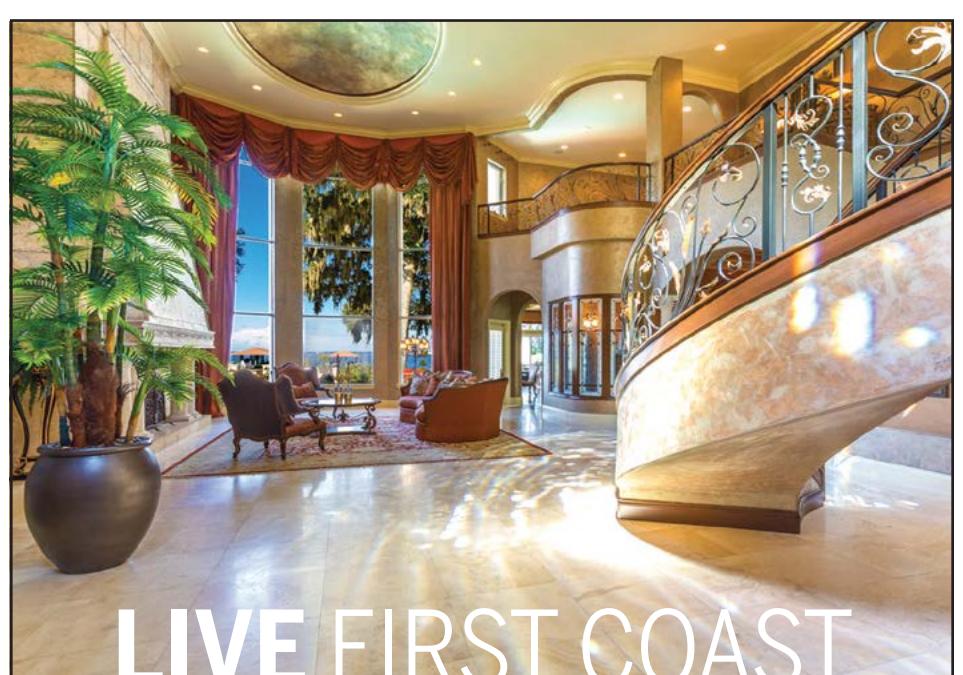
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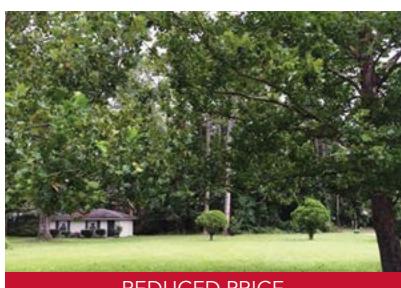
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Fans, furs, and feathers fill ballroom for Equality Masquerade Gala

A masquerade ball was the theme for the annual Greater Jacksonville Equality Gala, held Feb. 3 at the Florida Yacht Club. The event celebrated Equality Florida's 20th birthday and honored three City of Jacksonville Councilmen – Jim Love, Aaron Bowman and Tommy Hazouri – for co-sponsoring the Human Rights Ordinance passed Feb. 14, 2017.

After speeches given by Gala Chair Patrick Douglas and Chris Altamore, representative for Presenting Sponsor PNC Bank, and by Equality Florida co-founder and Deputy Director Stratton Pollitzer, who gave a "state of the union," the councilmen were presented with awards and hand-painted portraits.

"I'd like to thank my fellow councilmen, Tommy Hazouri and Aaron Bowman. It just makes it a lot simpler when you have friends helping you do the good fight. It was a tough fight, but with them behind me, it made it a lot easier," said District 14 Councilman Jim Love, in whose district the event took place. "I was so proud to co-sponsor this extremely important bill, that will remain as the most important legislation that we have voted on."

"Equality is the essence of the American spirit. That includes equality regardless of



City Councilmen Aaron Bowman, Jim Love and Tommy Hazouri, sponsors of the Human Rights Ordinance, were honored at the annual Equality Gala.

one's gender identity or sexual partners. After the passage of the HR bill Jacksonville will no longer be considered by outsiders as a backwards or bigoted city. Our city can now move forward and reach her full potential. I'm very excited about the future of Jacksonville and will do everything I can to ensure all its citizens will be treated fairly and equally," Love concluded.

The gala, which raised \$155,000, was attended by 400 mostly masked guests, who enjoyed live music by the Chris Thomas Band, a silent auction, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and full open bars.



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'Refined' low-country boil draws rowing club supporters

There couldn't be anything more appropriate for the First Coast Rowing Club's gala than dancing to bluegrass tunes from Cain't Never Could at "A Night on the Riverbank – A refined low-country boil," held Jan. 27 at the Ortega River Club.

Originally planned for last September, Hurricane Irma had other plans for the former Stanton River Bank Rowing organization. With a new club name and a new date, the annual fundraiser drew guests from all over Northeast Florida in support of the medal-winning rowing club.

Founded in 1990 to help children establish strong character, learn life skills and develop physically and emotionally through the sport of rowing, the nonprofit has won numerous local, state, regional and national championships.



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Jenny Fernandez, Jan Healy, Aidee Chavez Frescas, Paula Liang, Donna Kuldau, Dr. Mary Gatta and Ellen Wiss, president of the Women's Giving Alliance

New York professor shares insights on female poverty

Breaking the cycle of female poverty is the new five-year focus of the Women's Giving Alliance, which hosted Dr. Mary Gatta, an acknowledged expert on women, sexual harassment, and the gender pay gap, at its Jan. 23 luncheon at the Junior League's Riverside House.

Gatta, a sociology professor at City University of New York, and author of several books including, "All I Want Is A Job!" and "Not Just Getting By," spoke

about the economic insecurity of elderly women in Northeast Florida.

"Florida women earn just 87 cents for every dollar that Florida men earn," said Gatta. She said factors leading to economic insecurity for aging women include age discrimination, sex segregation in the labor market, lack of access to defined pension benefit plans, caregiving costs (and taking time out of the labor market), and the fact that women live longer.

Gatta noted solutions include modernizing Social Security caregiving credits, raising benefits by 5 percent for Americans 85 years and older, improving survivorship benefits so surviving spouses do not face large benefit cuts, and strengthening divorce benefits so divorcees are eligible for more benefits. Lower life costs through SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), energy assistance, affordable housing and healthcare will also help older Floridians.

Annual Dinner of Champions recognizes local agency for its support

St. John & Partners Chairman and CEO Dan St. John and agency employees were recognized for their ongoing contributions at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's 35th Annual "Dinner of Champions." Held Feb. 8 at the TPC Sawgrass clubhouse, the dinner raised nearly \$150,000 to help support much-needed research, resources and services for people living with MS.

St. John accepted the MS Silver Hope Award as the highest tribute given by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to a corporate or community leader who has demonstrated outstanding philanthropic generosity and community service. The award also recognized the employees of St. John & Partners, a full-service public relations and advertising agency, for their Kindology community giving program.

The Valentine-themed event featured FSU Baseball Head Coach Mike Martin as special guest speaker, and was emceed by Action News Jax Anchor Paige Kelton. Other activities included live entertainment by The Chris Thomas Band and a seated dinner for over 160 guests and generous contributors to an annual event that has raised more than \$1.7 million since 1983.



Dinner of Champions Honoree Dan and Tresa St. John



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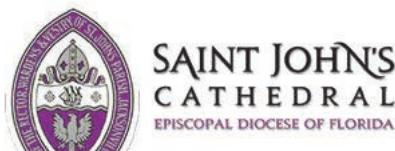
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A Gatsby-style affair rolled out for Epping's 30th

It was an evening to remember at Epping Forest Yacht & Country Club, as founding members mingled with fresh faces in membership in celebration of the club's founding. The Gate Hospitality group rolled out a Great Gatsby-styled affair Feb. 24 to welcome attendees with sophistication and flair to the mansion on the river.

Music, fine food and good company engaged the evening's patrons, as they danced the night away in tents adorned beautifully with period décor and design. The grand gala affair commemorates the club's founding back in 1988. The club is now part of the Gate Hospitality portfolio of the Landmark Clubs of North Florida, which include the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, the Lodge & Club, and the River Club, as well as Epping Forest Yacht & Country Club.



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Chaim and Jeanine Rogozinski with Randi and Sam Rogozinski

Party-goers celebrate heavenly partnership

Donors donned glittering Mardi Gras masks and necklaces as they gathered in the ballroom at the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club to enjoy the Grand Anchor Gala: Port of Call – New Orleans, a party in support of Project SOS, a daytime program for teenagers, which is now part of Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida.

The goal of the festivities was to raise at least \$200,000, the cost of supporting the Project SOS program for one year. The celebration also marked a last hurrah for Project SOS Founder Pam Mullarkey Robbins, who recently retired after 25 years.



Connie Riik, Lisa Brezil and Scott Peterson



Andrea and Chad Shaw, Staci and Joel Chamberlain, Amy and Tolga Tari with Manala and Christian Douglas

"It's a marriage made in heaven," Robbins said, noting that over the years Project SOS has been known both as Project Save Our Students and Project Strengthen Our Society before merging with the Boys & Girls Club.

"Project SOS goes into the schools and works with teenagers during school hours and the Boys & Girls Club works with them after school. Together we are double-teaming them," she said, noting Boys & Girls Club is building two new teen centers, one in Springfield and the other at Jacksonville University. "They will be state-of-the-art and

include everything teenagers love to do. We are trying to get them out of their homes and off the internet, so they can do something constructive with their time," she said.

Among the revelers at the Mardi Gras-themed gala were Kim Dias, chair of the event, and Boys & Girls Club President/CEO Paul Martinez. "What we want to do is take the best of both organizations and move forward," said Martinez. "Pam has done such great work over the past 25 years. We are honored that she and her board chose us to be the group they wanted to partner with."

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Women's Garden Club holds annual flea market

The Garden Club of Jacksonville's annual two-day flea market, held Feb. 23-24 at the Garden Club, is one of the nonprofit's larger events planned to raise funds to support operations and for the club's charitable projects. The next fundraiser is Blooms Galore and More, held Friday, April 6, and Saturday, April 7, with a preview party the evening of April 6, at the Garden Club, 1005 Riverside Ave.



Point La Vista Garden Circle: Debbie Keller, Michele Rainwater, Joan Harmon and Marianne Hocker



Barbara DeWitt, member of the Hibiscus Garden Circle, shows a "treasure" to Shirley Williams at the Garden Club of Jacksonville's annual two-day flea market.

Event plans for Celebrity Chefs in home stretch

The Salvation Army's Women's Auxiliary is on the countdown to the 32nd annual Celebrity Chefs fundraiser, to be held Thursday, March 29, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center.

The women met at the Fort George home of Rita Cannon Feb. 26 to finalize the program for the annual event which features local celebrities dishing up tastes of their favorite recipes, as well as an extensive silent auction to raise money for the programs of The Salvation Army of Northeast Florida. This year, Jacksonville's educators will be the featured chefs.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and include admission to the tasting and silent auction, as well as a cookbook containing the recipes featured at the tasting. Parking for this event is free.



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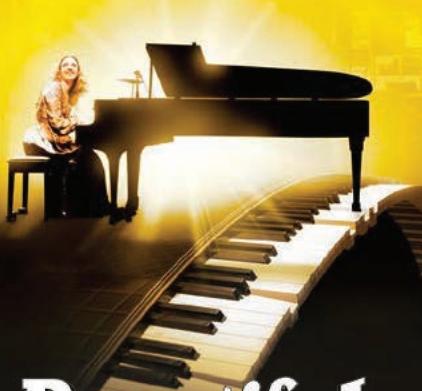


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Root Ball 2018 – Irish for a day, green all year

For the first time in seven years, Greenscape of Jacksonville is pulling up the roots of its largest fundraiser of the year and returning to The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens for the annual Root Ball. Scheduled for Saturday, March 17, the Root Ball, produced by the Late Bloomers Garden Club, has as its theme "Irish For A Day, Green All Year."

According to Anna Dooley, executive director of Greenscape, the organization made the change in venue for several reasons. "We think the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is the perfect backdrop for promoting our mission of planting, protecting and promoting trees," she said. "And we've also been told that in addition to the wonderful exotic animals living at the zoo, several leprechauns are rumored to live there, too. There may even be a pot of gold."

Tying the event in with St. Patrick's Day will add another level of fun, Dooley said. Irish musician/songwriter (and Jacksonville transplant) Brendan Doherty will perform traditional Irish songs, as well as original

songs, which Irish Music Magazine compared to "John Denver at his very best." Doherty will be accompanied on fiddle by Philip Pan, former concertmaster for the Jacksonville Symphony and member of Canary in a Coalmine. Pan, of Murray Hill, currently performs with folk/rock band Folk is People and Mariachi Primera Costa.

The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails, festive food, music, dancing and a silent auction featuring a variety of original artwork, fine wines, gift baskets, a putter autographed by Arnold Palmer and a catered yacht cruise on Innisfail, an impeccably restored 1930 Mathis-Trumpy motor yacht that hosted several U.S. presidents.

Tickets are \$130 per person and are available through 904tix.com. Attire is "green casual."

A portion of the funds raised at the event will be used to purchase and replant trees throughout the city that were damaged and destroyed as a result of Hurricane Irma last year.

Women for Christ holds 33rd annual luncheon



In 1986, four women met around a kitchen table to talk about bringing female Christian speakers to Jacksonville. After taking that step of faith, Women for Christ celebrated its 33rd annual luncheon Feb. 20 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Front: Jan Andrews, Peggy Allcorn, Susie Marshall, Janice Brinker, guest speaker Whitney Capps, Vicki Yong and Colleen White; middle: Roseanne Ennis, Kim Joel, Katy Towers, Christy Mobley, Dianne Diffenderfer; back: Anne Tyre, Gail Brent, Linda Stowell, Kathy Story, Allene Zvara and Sheri Cheek

Jacksonville African Violet Society to hold Silver Anniversary show

The 25th Annual African Violet Show and Sale, themed "Cheers for 25 Years!" will be held Friday, Mar. 23, noon to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Mar. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at San Jose Church of Christ, 6233 San Jose Blvd.

Seminars will be offered on both days. On Friday, "Violet Basics" will be held at 1 p.m., and "How to Create a Dish Garden" at 3 p.m. Those interested are asked to bring their own dish. On Saturday, "Violets

101" is the topic at 10:30 a.m., and at 12:30 p.m., participants will learn about the many "cousins" of African violets at "Know Your Gessies!"

For more information contact Sharon Gartner, Jacksonville Violet Society president, at (904) 536-4182 or email Sharon@jacksonvilleviolets.org. Also, visit www.jacksonvilleviolets.org or search for Heart of Jacksonville Violet Society on Facebook.



Front: Silvia Pulido, Dr. Elana Schrader, Dr. Estrellita Redmon, Volunteers in Medicine founders Dr. Jim Burt and Dottie Dorion, Cheryl Barnett, Dr. Pam Chally; back: Melissa Ross, Dr. Diane Raines, Leslie Gordon, Emcee Jayne Atkinson-Gill, Dany Atkinson and Shelley Morgan. Not available: Florida Sen. Audrey Gibson

Volunteers in Medicine honors 11 local 'Women With Heart'

The 2018 "Women With Heart" Luncheon, benefiting Volunteers in Medicine and presented by Florida Blue, took place Feb. 7 at the Florida Blue Conference Center.

For the second year, the recognition luncheon served to kick off a year-long celebration of 11 Northeast Florida women whose leadership, advocacy and generosity have greatly impacted many in the community.

The women honored as 2018 "Women With Heart" were Dany Atkinson, certified Life Coach; Cheryl Barnett, senior vice president at First Tennessee Bank; Dr. Pam Chally, interim provost/vice president for academic affairs at the University of North Florida; The Honorable Audrey Gibson, Florida State Senator; Leslie Gordon, educator at Flagler College; Shelley Morgan,

real estate agent at Keller Williams Atlantic Partners; Silvia Pulido, St. Nicholas entrepreneur; Dr. Diane Raines, chief nursing officer for Baptist Health; Dr. Estrellita Redmon, president of St. Vincent's Medical Group and Clinical Integration; Melissa Ross, host/producer of First Coast Connect, and Dr. Elana Schrader, chief medical officer for Guidewell/Florida Blue.

Emcee for the program was Jayne Atkinson-Gill, an actor, director and producer, as well as sister of honoree Dany Atkinson.

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The Way We Were: Karyl & Bert DeSousa

By Susan D. Brandenburg
Resident Community News

Karyl Crowley DeSousa remembers when there was no Beach Boulevard in Jacksonville. "We lived on Belden Street in St. Nicholas and we'd take the bus down Atlantic Boulevard to the old Pier at Jacksonville Beach," said Karyl. "There was an arcade and there were rooms to rent at the Pier. Mother, my cousin Yvonne, and I would rent a room for the weekend."

Growing up in Jacksonville, Karyl attended Spring Park Elementary School, which was about five blocks from her



Cousins Yvonne O'Steen and Karyl Crowley

house on Belden Street. She remembers walking to school, always with a quarter in her shoe for a phone call; she also remembers dancing around the May Pole and eating at her favorite restaurant, Beach Road Chicken Dinners.

In seventh grade, she was bussed to Riverside to attend Annie Lytle School. "I smoked cigarettes for six weeks when I was in seventh grade and then my Granny found out," recalled Karyl. "I never smoked again."

Back in those days, the worst punishment of all was disappointing Granny. "When we acted up, she made Yvonne and me sit in the corner with our noses to the wall. My Granny was awesome."

Granny...Karyl's beloved grandmother, Allie Braddock...grew up on a farm in Hilliard, Florida (near Kings Ferry in Nassau County) and, despite being stricken with polio at an early age, was the mother of eight children, including Karyl's mother, Linda Crowley. A marquee at the Florida Theatre advertising the Jason and Karyl Show inspired Linda Crowley to name her baby daughter Karyl. "And there was already a Jason in our family – my cousin who was four years old when I was born," noted Karyl, an only child who grew up surrounded by the love of her mother's large, close-knit family.

Even today, as Karyl and her husband, Bert DeSousa, sit on the couch in their comfortable family room, they are surrounded by attractively framed photos of family, with Granny Allie Braddock at the top left and Bert's grandparents, Florian and Julia DeSousa, at the top right. Photos of Karyl and her cousin, Yvonne, prompt stories of Yvonne being more of a sister



Bert and Karyl DeSousa

to Karyl than a cousin, and Aunt Aggie (Yvonne's mother, Agnes O'Steen) being a central figure in her childhood as well.

In fact, when she was 14 years old, Karyl went to work for her Aunt Aggie and Uncle Herman O'Steen at their business, Florida Dry Cleaners and Laundry on Davis Street downtown. Being too young to work around machinery, the enterprising young girl did paperwork. When she became a

junior at Landon High School, she opted for the Diversified Cooperative Training (DCT) program, attending school from 8 a.m. to noon, and working at the Credit Bureau of Jacksonville from 1 to 5 p.m. She also worked at the Credit Bureau on Saturdays, making \$1 an hour.

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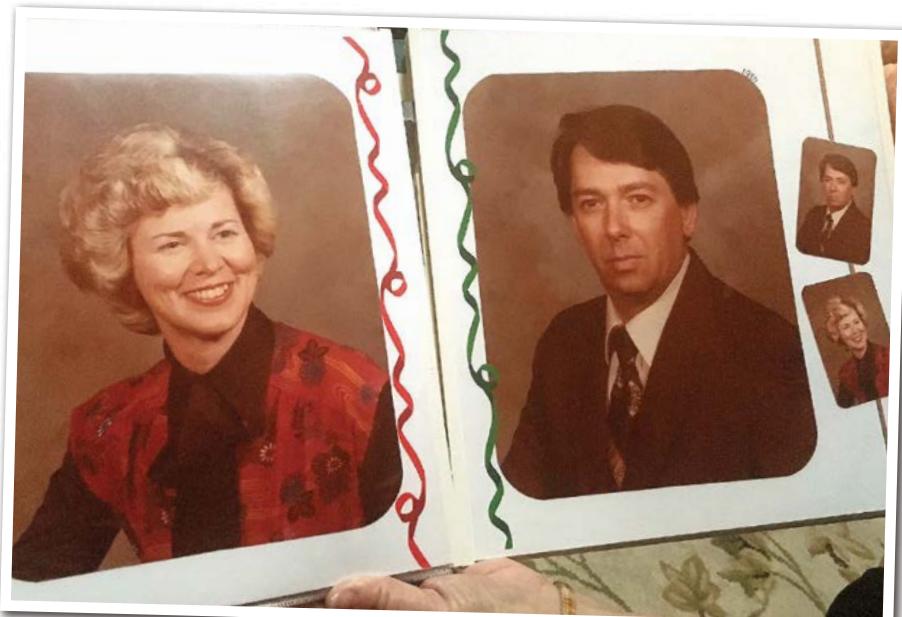
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Karyl Crowley and Bert DeSousa



Karyl Crowley, Landon High School



Karyl Crowley, age 4

During both her junior and senior years at Landon, Karyl was voted a DCT Superlative student – Best All Around and Most Promising. After graduating in 1962, she continued working for the Credit Bureau.

"I got my 'MRS' degree in 1963," she joked, noting that when her son, Todd, was born in 1968, she quit work for a short time and watched soap operas. "That was not for me!" declared Karyl, who has since worked for several firms in Jacksonville, including Armstrong Fence Company, Jacksonville University, Patrick & Sties CPA and James & Harris CPA.

For the past 33 years, Karyl has worked with Howard Publications of Jacksonville, a family-owned business with home offices on Oak Street in Riverside. "I respect David and Hayes Howard so much," Karyl said. "They ask rather than tell...they know how to treat their staff. I have no plans to retire any time soon."

"She is the energizer bunny!" declared Bert DeSousa, Karyl's husband of 38 years. "She never stops, and she always seems to be doing five things at once!"

Recalling that they met at a Friday night dance held by the Florida Divorce Association back in 1983, Bert DeSousa joked that Karyl was a "goody-goody" and he was a "low-life sailor." When they married, each of them had a son from a previous marriage, Karyl's son, Todd Carter, then 12, and Bert's son, Michael, then 18. Today, they proudly display wall photos of their sons and grandsons, Daniel DeSousa, and Jared and Trevor Carter.

Having traveled around the world twice with the Navy for 20 years, Bert DeSousa settled down in Jacksonville, working for 20 more years with the Naval Air Defense Department at NAS. Bert introduced Karyl to travel and at one time, the couple owned six time-shares. They have traveled to

more than 60 places including Spain, Portugal, Hawaii, Bermuda, Alaska and throughout the United States. Smiling fondly at her favorite sailor, Karyl said, "If I never go another place, Bert has given me vacations to last a lifetime."

In addition to working, traveling, scrapbooking, and gardening, Karyl DeSousa, the aptly nicknamed "Energizer Bunny," has been an active member of the Pilot Club of Jacksonville since 1984. For the past 25 years, she has been the manager of the Annual Charity Antiques and Vintage Show & Sale, the Pilot Club's main fundraiser which is held in late January at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds Expo Center. For the 2017-2018 budget year, the Pilot Club provided funds to help Angelwood, Brooks Rehab Clubhouse, Children's Home Society, City Rescue Mission, Community Hospice, Dreams Come True, Girls, Inc., Jacksonville Speech

& Hearing, K9s for Warriors, PACE Center for Girls, Girl Scouts, Mission House, Safe Harbor Boys Home, UCOM, Volunteers in Medicine and the YMCA.

In addition to providing funds, Pilot members volunteer their time in hands-on projects such as providing meals for Adoptive Parents Support Group at Children's Home Society, sponsoring and serving at quarterly awards ceremonies at PACE Center for Girls, conducting quarterly clean-up in the Adopt-a-Highway Program, collecting used cell phones for Hubbard House, small hygiene items for Mission House, and more.

Karyl's enthusiasm about the Pilot Club of Jacksonville is nearly tangible. "Our club is rich in so many ways," she said. "Pilot friendships are endearing, loving and supportive and there is the camaraderie resulting in our fundraising and hands-on projects. My favorite thought is that we don't just help one person – we help multitudes."

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Helon Reddick Henry, 102, passed away Dec. 29, 2017 after celebrating Christmas with family and friends in the Miramar home she lived in since 1946.

Born Aug. 7 1915 in Perry, Florida, five years before women won the right to vote, Helon was the first of five children born to George Franklin Reddick, a master machinist, and Nettie Prince Reddick, a homemaker and volunteer.

Independent for a woman of her time, Helon attended Jones Business College, where she earned an associate's degree and pursued a life-long career as a bookkeeper and accounting assistant for Pedrick Motor Company, Hotel China and Glass, and James A. Moore Accounting. She worked full-time until her retirement in 2007 at the age of 92.

Helon met her husband, John Beatty Henry of Ortega, while working at Pedrick Motor Company. A veteran of the Army Air Corp, John served as an officer in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After the war, Helon and John bought a new house on Eutaw Place to raise their only child, daughter Ann. Married 40 years, John died in 1979 from complications due to diabetes.



Helon Reddick Henry, age 3



Helon and John Henry



Helon Reddick Henry, age 102

"The thing I felt most was the appreciation of being with someone who was not only a beautiful, wonderful person, but who lived through so many significant events," said John Hutchinson, the grandson who lived with Helon for her last 10 years. "From Prohibition, the Depression, Kennedy's assignation...she took one of her nieces to see the Beatles in concert in 1964, the day before Hurricane Dora."

Hutchinson said when his grandmother first moved to Jacksonville, women weren't allowed to be served in bars, so she and her mother-in-law would drink in the parking lot. "She learned how to drive at

age 11 – before she learned how to ride a bike," he shared.

Helon attended Lakewood United Methodist Church. During her last years she enjoyed supporting charitable requests through the mail by sending a few dollars. "She also watched more sports than anyone I know," said Hutchinson. "Even if the Gators or the Atlanta Braves were losing, she'd watch to the end."

Helon is survived by her daughter Ann (Jack) Hutchinson; grandson, John Hutchinson; granddaughter, Amy (Edward) Elmore; great-grandchildren, Scott, Anna and Heidi; brother, Harold Reddick; and nephews and nieces.

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— John Hutchinson

Dr. James L. Borland Jr.

NOV. 20, 1932 – JAN. 30, 2018

Not long after celebrating his 85th birthday and 57th wedding anniversary, Dr. James Louden Borland, Jr. of Ortega, died peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on Jan. 30, 2018.

Borland was born Nov. 20, 1932 in Durham, North Carolina, to Dr. James Louden Borland, Sr. and Kathleen Scott Randolph. At age 14, he moved to Ortega and graduated from The Bolles School in 1950, then from the University of Florida in 1954 with a B.S. degree.

While attending Johns Hopkins Medical School in Baltimore, Maryland, Borland met his future wife, Lee-Margaret Vogel, who was studying nursing. Borland graduated in 1958 and began an internship at Johns Hopkins. They married Dec. 17, 1960.

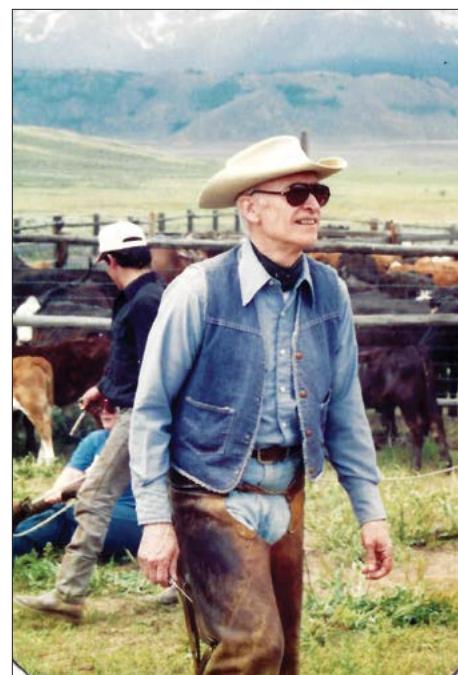
Upon completion of a gastroenterology fellowship at Duke University Medical Center in 1963, Borland served as a U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander at Naval Air Station Jacksonville 1963-1965, then moved into the Borland family home on Apache Avenue in 1968.

After completing his military service, Borland entered private gastroenterological practice with his father in 1965. He is a former director of the Borland-Groover Clinic, founded by his father in the 1940s.

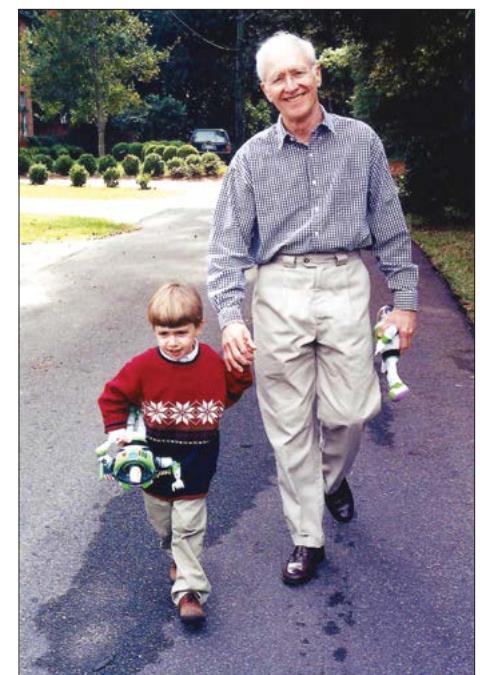
For the nearly 50 years Borland was involved in medicine, he was active in



Jim Borland at 1950 graduation from The Bolles School



Jim Borland at Davis Ranch, 1992, wearing chaps that belonged to his father



Jim Borland with grandson Max, Thanksgiving 2000

many organizations, serving on almost two dozen boards or in leadership positions at medical institutions, including Jacksonville Hospital Education Program; Duval County Medical Society; St. Luke's Hospital, Jacksonville; St. Vincent's Hospital; Foundation for Medical Care in Duval County; and the Florida Medical Association. He authored several publications and was an active teacher at the University of Florida Health Science Center as well as teaching medical students and residents in his practice and in his community.

Borland received many honors, beginning in 1972, when the American Society of Internal Medicine awarded him the Young

Internist of the Year award and up to his 15th in 2010 when he received the Exemplary Service Award from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C.

Locally, Borland gave his time to many organizations, from his alma mater, where he served on The Bolles School Board of Directors, to the Rotary Club of Jacksonville, the Jacksonville Community Council, the Florida Yacht Club and more.

Enjoying travel for both medical organizations and pleasure, Borland and his wife had visited every continent except Antarctica at the time of his death. He also spent nearly 25 years seasonally working as a ranch hand on A.D. Davis' Colorado ranch, castrating bull calves.

Borland and his wife also became certified open water scuba divers in 1995 and by 2008 had logged over 265 dives in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Borland is survived by his wife, Lee-Margaret; son, James Louden Borland, III (Sandy); daughter, Donia Elisabeth Borland; brothers, Rev. Thomas P. Borland (Sally) and Craig Lowe; sister, Susan Borland Huston; daughter-in-law, Marie Attaway Borland, mother of his only grandson, Maximilian Vogel Borland; and several extended family members, nieces and nephews. His son, Christopher, three sisters and one brother preceded him in death.



Jacksonville University photography major Savannah Dobbs received an Honorable Mention for "Mustangs vs. Mustangs." With Dobbs is her former JU instructor, Ginger Sheridan.

Laura Street Trio photo awarded grand prize

The Feb. 7 opening reception for the Jacksonville Historical Society's Photo Contest exhibit at the Main Library included the announcement of the contest winners. The 50 best photos chosen by the judges were presented at the opening of this month-long exhibit.

Grand prizewinner Kjell Fransson received \$1,000 for his depiction of the Laura Street Trio. Ray Murphy's image of a baseball game earned him \$500 for second place, while third-place winner Kathy Cook took home \$300 for "Chamblin's Uptown." Honorable mentions were given to Savannah Dobbs, a photography student at Jacksonville

University; Debra Heuskin, an adjunct in costuming at Douglas Anderson School for the Arts, and Laura Evans, a professional photographer.

Amateur and professional photographers of all ages were invited to enter their four best images celebrating the community. There were over 60 entrants, who submitted over 200 photos. The photos were judged based on their artistic quality, as well as their ability to creatively capture a slice of life in the Jacksonville community.

The contest and exhibition were underwritten by a grant from William H. Jeter, Jr. and Deanne M. Clark.



Debra Heuskin, an Honorable Mention awardee, poses with daughter, Tess Adloff, one of the models in the photo, "Old City Cemetery."



Fred and Pat Andrews, a Jacksonville Historical Society board member and contest judge

More than 100 compete in the heat in Mt. Acosta Classic

With February temperatures historically in the high 60s, the 6th Annual Mt. Acosta Classic should have been an easier race. But the 82-degree high at 3 p.m. on Feb. 17 promised runners, walkers and cyclists would need to hydrate often.

After 78 cyclists shot out of the starting gate for a one- or three-hour race, 28 runners came next for their one- or



Loren Morgan and Garrison Gaylord both placed first in their categories in the three-hour bike race. Morgan cycled 24 legs in 2:45:26 and Gaylord did 25 legs in 2:49:56.

two-hour race. Seven hardy athletes – four men, three women – accepted the 90/90 challenge, alternating running and cycling for 90 minutes each. Former Murray Hill resident Jonathon Babilonia, now of San Marco, had hoped to repeat his 2017 17-leg first place win, but came in third after completing 15 legs in 2:41:44.

Eight walkers completed the roster of 121 registered for the annual fundraiser that honors the memory of Jared Bynum, a triathlete who lost his life in 2012 when struck from behind by an SUV while on his last 100-mile training ride for the Florida Ironman.

The race proceeds benefit a scholarship fund for Julia Landon College Preparatory students from underprivileged backgrounds. Bynum and his wife, Kelli, had mentored at-risk Landon students through their church, Southside Baptist, which manages the fund.

Sponsors for this year's race included Haskell, Southside Baptist, Lakeshore Bicycles, OpenRoad Bicycles and Champion Cycling.



Ashley Davis, Hollis and Hays Mayhew, members of the VeloBrew Junior Cycling team, set their goal at six legs. Ashley came in first in the one-hour bike women's open, completing seven legs. Hollis also completed seven legs, coming in ninth and Hays cycled five legs in his first-time race.

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Beam me up, Scotty!

Students from Bolles Lower School in Ponte Vedra Beach try out the Star Trek transporter at the new "Science Fiction, Science Future" exhibit at the Museum of Science & History. The exhibition, open through May 13, offers interactive displays in invisibility, mind control, robotic mimicking, and more.

"What we really enjoy about exhibits like this one is not only are they STEM-based, they are presented in such a way that offer hands-on, and even full-body, experiences that engage the kids and adults as well," said Paul Bourcier, MOSH curator. "That level of interaction with the exhibits really sparks people's curiosity, and we have a number of interpretive panels that talk about the scientific principles behind things. The connection between science fiction for the past, what's going on today and what's possible in the future is what we want people to get out of this exhibition."

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Teen beauty queen makes breast cancer awareness her platform

By Peggy Harrell Jennings
Resident Community News

Brookie Brown, newly crowned Miss River City Outstanding Teen, confessed she originally thought beauty pageants were about wearing pretty dresses and getting your makeup done.

When the junior at Christ's Church Academy realized there was scholarship money to be won and an opportunity to promote her platform of educating young people about breast cancer she decided to give it a try and, at her first pageant, won the title.

"It was so fun and exciting to meet new girls from all over. Each of them was so talented and any one of them deserved to win," said Brown. "I was standing on stage and they announced contestant number seven, but I didn't realize I'd won until they said my name. I was just blown away and speechless!"

Brown is more than a pretty face. The San Jose resident holds a 4.7 GPA and has accumulated over 1,000 community service hours, many with the Donna Foundation, which raises money for women with "giant medical bills as a result of their diagnosis," she said. Brown was Sponsorship Director's Assistant, a position she created in the sixth grade at San Jose Elementary School.

Brown explained she has experienced the devastation of the disease when her maternal grandmother died from breast cancer. "I have an incredible job and role in the community to push awareness about breast cancer," she said. "The youngest person in Jacksonville who has been diagnosed was six years old. Many



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— Brookie Brown, Miss River City Outstanding Teen

people are not aware that it can happen to someone so young."

Her duties as Miss River City Outstanding Teen include appearances, presentations and attending the Miss Florida Outstanding Teen competition in Lakeland in June. Her mother, Valerie Brown, is with her all the way. "My mom and I are definitely a team — from picking out dresses and filling out applications — she's there," she said.

Brown has volunteered at San Jose Elementary as a summer camp counselor for five years, is active with the Youth Leadership Jacksonville program, vice president of her school's Key Club, which works with Ronald McDonald House and the homeless, and she is working on publishing a cookbook to raise money for the Donna Foundation. "It's all about time management," she remarked.

Brown is undecided about whether she will sing "O Mio Bambino Caro" in Italian again for her next competition, but she definitely hopes to win scholarships to realize her dream of attending University of Florida to become a pediatric oncologist.



Brookie Brown as she is crowned Miss River City Outstanding Teen Jan. 27.

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Bishop Kenny multi-media students create film for diocese

Students in the Bishop Kenny High School Multimedia Design 2 class put their skills and talents into action in support of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Academies, creating an informational video featuring Council Chairman Lou Walsh and Executive Director Lesley Harvey. The video describes some of the financial options available to parents who are interested in enrolling students in a Catholic school, and will be available as an online resource for Catholic and non-Catholic families looking for ways to meet the cost of tuition. Currently in post-production, once completed, the video can be found at www.choosecathoicschool.com.



Front: Cooper Huskey and Council of Catholic Academies Executive Director Lesley Harvey; back: Paul Ashley, Emma Jane Warren, Aaron McAdams, and Council of Catholic Academies Chairman Lou Walsh

The Council of Catholic Academies was formed in June 2017 by the business community in Northeast Florida in coordination with Bishop Felipe J. Estévez to cultivate and promote excellence in Catholic education. Since June, under the leadership of Walsh and Harvey, the Council has grown to 24 board members. The board currently consists of business men and women, school principals, school teachers, and parents that have various talents and skills, but all share the common passion for excellent Catholic education.



Front: Spencer Huie, Jackson Ravis, Sam Williams, Isaac Zhang, Adrien Zhu; back: Caroline Anderson, Katie Nicholson, Marco McGowan, Mabel Smith, Jack Barksdale, Ashton Body, Julia Downes, Krystal Shi, David Li

Episcopal students move on in science fair

Students from the Episcopal School of Jacksonville presented their science projects at the Northeast Florida Regional Science and Engineering Fair February 4-6, where more than 300 students from public and private schools in Duval and Nassau Counties submitted their work to judges.

The 14 Episcopal students who presented projects include Avondale residents Jack Barksdale and Spencer Huie, Ortega area residents Jackson Ravis and Sam Williams, San Marco resident Ashton Body, San Jose residents Julia Downes and Mabel Smith, as well as Caroline Anderson, David Li,

Marco McGowan, Katie Nicholson, Krystal Shi, Isaac Zhang and Adrien Zhu.

Every Episcopal student who participated in the fair was an award winner, receiving certificates, gifts and cash prizes from local and national organizations and businesses. Seniors Nicholson and Zhang were selected to represent the region at the International Science & Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh in May. In addition, Barksdale, Body, Downes, Ravis and Williams will represent the region at the State Science Fair of Florida during spring break.

Local rowers sign with colleges



The Jacksonville Rowing Club recently celebrated its senior athletes who have committed to row at the collegiate level. Shown here with Coach Bob Schumacher, (left to right) are Ryan Teofilo, a student at the Episcopal School of Jacksonville, who will attend the University of Pennsylvania; Kate Begley, also at Episcopal, will row at the University of Tennessee; Carley Boyd, a West Nassau High School student, signed with Clemson University, and Ian Mignone of Fletcher High School will attend Cornell University. Before the end of the school year, the rowers will race in several regattas this spring.

Fernandina Beach student wins 2018 Rotary Oratory competition



Oratory Co-Chairs Steve Madden and Mark Mathews, Gabrielle Gibb, and South Jax Rotary President Dr. Dan Robie

This year's speech topic featured arguments about the benefits and disadvantages of technology in the use of advancing local and global goals of Rotary.

The Rotary Club invited seniors from the 45 public and private high schools in the five First Coast counties. Students from 32 area high schools participated. With the help of seven area Rotary clubs, regionals were conducted to narrow the field of competitors to seven participants.

The students were judged by a panel that included speech and communications professors from Edwards Waters College, Flagler College, Jacksonville University and St. Johns River State College.



Bishop Kenny students compete at Science and Engineering Fair

Bishop Kenny High School was well represented by 44 students at the Regional Science and Engineering Fair held at the Morocco Shrine Auditorium the first week of February. The fair had close to 100 projects in the Senior division. Bishop Kenny projects were awarded one first, four second, three third and four honorable mentions, plus 24 special awards.

"The student's attention to detail and enthusiasm for STEM endeavors made this year's fair a remarkable event," observed Vicki Schmitt, Science Department Chair.

San Jose resident Mary Alice Young has been selected to participate in the International Science and Engineering Fair, which will be held in Pittsburgh,

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— Vicki Schmitt, Science Department Chair

Pennsylvania in May. She took first place in Physics and Astronomy at the regional fair and will be attending the state competition with eight classmates, among them Laina Parry of Empire Point, who took third place in Medicine and Health with teammate Hannah Miller.

Bolles girls soccer wins seventh state title

The Bolles girls' soccer team, the Lady Bulldogs, won the Class 2A State Finals match against Oxbridge Academy 4-0, Feb. 21 at Spec Martin Memorial Stadium in DeLand, making the state title the seventh in program history, third in the last four years and the fourth for Head Coach Matt Tracy. The championship is the 131st overall for the Bolles athletic program. The Bulldogs led 1-0 at halftime on a last second goal by Avery Patterson ('20) to close the first half. Bolles broke the game open in the second half with two goals by Ariana Munoz ('18), split by another from Aunikah King ('18).

Student artists in the spotlight at annual awards ceremony

On Feb. 3, 610 high school students were honored at the Northeast Florida Scholastic Art Awards ceremony at the Florida Theatre, winning 1,285 awards and \$92 million in college scholarships to partnering institutions like Savannah College of Art and Design, Jacksonville University, University of North Florida and New Hampshire Institute of Art.

Individual Awards were given for a single piece of artwork for students grades 7-12 while Portfolio Awards were for graduating seniors who submit a collection of eight works.

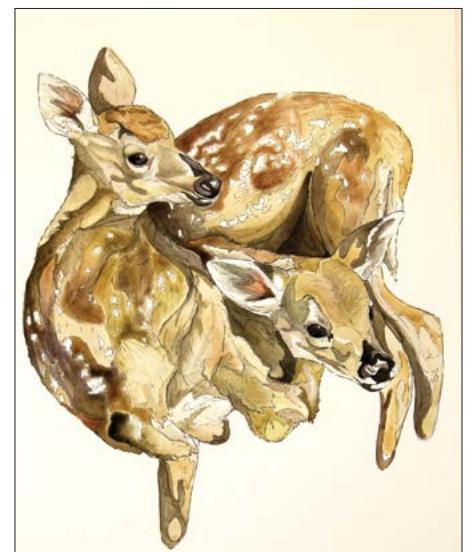
The works of Gold Key winners will progress to national adjudication where their work may earn a place at the ceremony at Carnegie Hall where national medals, scholarships and inclusion in a national traveling exhibition will be awarded.

From local schools, Douglas Anderson School of the Arts led the pack with 76, The Bolles School had 22 Gold Key winners, The Episcopal School of Jacksonville 14, Stanton College Preparatory High School six, Robert E. Lee High School two, and there was one Gold Key winner each from Bishop Kenny and Wolfson High Schools.

Cathedral Arts Project is hosting an exhibition in the Heather Moore Community Gallery featuring the work of 44 Gold Key and 34 Silver Key Portfolio winners selected from 2,868 works submitted by students in Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns and Volusia counties. The exhibition of Portfolio winners runs through May 1 at Cathedral Arts Project, 207 N. Laura St.



Silver Key Portfolio winner and Bolles senior Jake Goldman intends to pursue film at the Savannah College of Art and Design.



One of several pieces of art by Bolles senior Will Skinner, a Gold Key Portfolio winner, on display at the Main Library and at Cathedral Arts Project.



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Talented students inspire at annual arts performance, exhibit



Former Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Principal Jackie Cornelius makes a curtsy with the "keys" to the school she will present to the honorary event chairs, Jim Winston (not shown) and Daryl and Frank Barker (far right). From left, student, Principal Melanie Hammer, student and, behind Cornelius, event sponsor Gary McCalla.

The 32nd annual Extravaganza presented all art forms taught at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, from exhibits in the Visual Art Gallery to a Broadway-style show, featuring the inspiring artistry of the high school students, at the Times-Union Center for Performing Arts.

The Feb. 24 showcase at the Moran Theater included musical theatre numbers; a Wind Symphony performance of Leonard Bernstein's "Slava!"; a modern dance piece, "Time Lapse," choreographed by Francisco Gella of Los Angeles; an acapella performance of The 5th Dimension's "Stoned Soul Picnic" by the DA vocal group Silhouettes; a piano performance of Beethoven's "Sonata in F Minor," and an animated student film, "Creature of My Heart," which captured the top national prize at the All-American High School Film Festival in New York City.



Douglas Anderson students Rose McEachern, Allye Hamson, KJ McEachern

The Shining Star performer was 2009 graduate Tanner Lane, who has appeared in the national company of "Chicago: The Musical," performed in the musical "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" in Boston, and has starred in the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular with the Rockettes. At Extravaganza, Lane performed pieces from "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and "La Cage aux Folles."

Students study, celebrate Year of the Dog



Quinn Edwards and Maggie Pajcic took part in the San Jose Episcopal Day School China Day event Feb. 15. These fourth-grade students were immersed in Chinese culture as part of the school's signature Global Studies curriculum, and celebrated by sharing what they've learned, including exploring a Chinese marketplace, and making lanterns for the lunar new year.



An Episcopal student goes eyeball to eyeball with a manatee.

Swimming with 'sea cows' a lifetime experience

Marine biology students from the Episcopal School of Jacksonville traveled to Crystal River Jan. 31-Feb. 1 for the annual Marine Biology Manatee Encounter. Students and instructor Janet Buford made the three-hour, 150-mile trek to Crystal River for an up-close and personal snorkel and swim experience with Florida's state marine mammal, *Trichechus manatus*, better known as the Florida manatee.

During the winter months the warm-blooded animals congregate in the spring-fed river, using the water as a giant hot tub.

"Students were amazed by the great size and gentle nature of these animals," said Buford. "Swimming with a threatened species is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, one students will not easily forget."

Episcopal has offered this experience to over 1,200 students in the last 20 years. Participating in the Manatee Encounter were Liza Bishop, Stela Chepenik, Kirby Dent, Ireland Dodd, Emmy Fraleigh, Jackson Gallo, Jack Hines, Courtney Kurlas, Corena Mixson, Kailyn Moore, Olin Moseley, Curry Pajcic and Curt Pajcic.

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Cadets representing Bishop Kenny's NJROTC, front: Adam Thompson and Will Weinbecker; back: Andres Rodriguez, William Prewett and D'Jarius Clark-Wiley helped load cartons of soup headed for the Food Pantry at Catholic Charities located in downtown Jacksonville.



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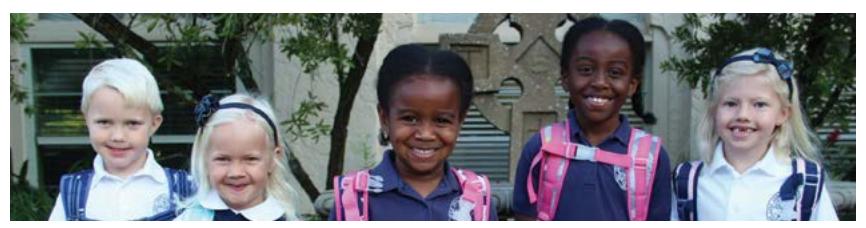
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Friends of Hendricks host annual walkathon with \$50,000 goal

Students at Hendricks Avenue Elementary School have a special challenge this year for the sixth annual walkathon. If students walk 750 miles (6,000 laps around the track) collectively, Principal Mindy McLendon agreed to become a student for a day.

McLendon is the new principal for the 2017-2018 school year, but had served as assistant principal in years prior. She is ready to strap on a backpack, and join each grade for lessons in math, reading and other typical classroom activities on Friday, March 9.

Other incentives for the Feb. 24 event include cupcake parties, after-school movie parties, a lunchtime ice cream party and, for the group which raises the most funds, an off-campus trip to Dave and Buster's.

Hosted by the Friends of Hendricks, the annual walkathon raises much-needed funds for the school. This year's \$50,000 goal will be added to the \$284,000 raised in the previous five years and which funds a variety of classroom resources, technology equipment, library books, educational supplies and more.



The Friends of Hendricks host the annual walkathon to raise funds for Hendricks Avenue Elementary School. Posing with Craig Forster, managing partner for Metro Diner, the walkathon T-shirt sponsor, are Morgan Brandler, Principal Mindy McLendon, Michele Mathis O'Malley, Cindy Berzsenyi and Amy Maloney.



Leah Brown, left, poses with her third-grade class under the giant "thank-you" banner they made for Craig Forster (right) of Metro Diner, the T-shirt sponsor of the annual walkathon.



Hendricks Avenue Elementary School Principal Mindy McLendon and Metro Diner managing partner Craig Forster take a lap around the track with students during a pep rally the day before the Feb. 24 walkathon.



Craig Beyer's fifth-grade class pose with Metro Diner's Craig Forster, T-shirt sponsor for the annual Hendricks Avenue Elementary School walkathon Feb. 24.

High school students serve as buddy escorts for Camp I Am Special models

For the past 36 years, the Diocese of St. Augustine's Council of Catholic Women has coordinated the Camp I Am Special Fashion Show, under the direction of Rebecca Aleman, director of Camp I Am Special and Disabilities Ministries.

At the Feb. 24 show and luncheon, held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Campers modeled summer fashions from Sears and Roz & Ali (formerly Dress Barn), strutting their stuff on the runway with a buddy escort, typically a student from Bishop Kenny or other local high schools.

Camp I Am Special exists to promote the health and quality of life for people with disabilities, to provide a break for their families, and to offer a meaningful volunteer experience for high school students. The program includes seven 6-day overnight summer sessions, a weekend



San Jose resident Olivia Reidy served as a buddy escort for Camp I Am Special model Ian Craig.



Camp I Am Special model Marina Benner (left) hugs her fashion show escort, Caroline McMillan of San Jose.

mini-camp and three Saturday sessions that will serve more than 300 children and adults over the next 12 months. Activities are coordinated around a theme each year, and this summer an '80s theme will provide a background for fun.

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BY MARIAN JOHNS, RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

While disasters such as recent Hurricanes Matthew and Irma, tornadoes and wildfires often bring the work of the American Red Cross to the forefront, this vital organization does so much more on a daily basis to assist those who need a helping hand. Whether supplying shelter to local families after a house fire, supporting military families, giving international aid, collecting blood donations or offering life-saving training and certification such as CPR, the American Red Cross comes through.

Here's what you can do to be a part of that incredible effort:

- Serve in a leadership role on the American Red Cross Board, assisting with volunteer recruitment, placement or recordkeeping.
- Be a part of the American Red Cross Disaster Services or Disaster Action team and help provide food, shelter, comfort and a home for families after a major disaster.
- Become a CPR, first aid or water safety instructor.
- Help military members and their families, or stock warehouse supplies, do inventory or provide clerical support at the American Red Cross offices.

There are even American Red Cross volunteer opportunities overseas. For more information, visit redcross.org or contact the local American Red Cross office at (904) 358-8091.

In March 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt declared the first "American Red Cross Month" after the organization proved to be invaluable during both World War I and World War II. As we celebrate American Red Cross Month this month, let's someone who stepped up to "do something."



Drew Pruisiecki Did Something

San Marco resident and attorney Drew Pruisiecki is no stranger to "doing something" for his community. Named the 2010 Bank of America Charitable Foundation's Local Hero, Pruisiecki has worked with numerous charities since he and his wife, Kellie, and their children, Katie and Adam, first called Jacksonville home over 30 years ago.

Pruisiecki, a former partner at Holland & Knight and former senior counsel for Barnett Bank, has directed much of his recent volunteer efforts towards helping the American Red Cross where he currently serves as a Volunteer Partner of the Southeast and Caribbean Division. In his volunteer role, Pruisiecki works with

American Red Cross leadership to provide guidance on goals and priorities, and to strengthen the organizations partnerships to better serve communities.

"Although my service to the American Red Cross is and always will be as a volunteer, I am very well compensated, just not in cash," Pruisiecki explained. "Instead, my rewards are the satisfaction and honor I receive by working closely with the incredibly talented and dedicated leadership, staff and volunteers of the American Red Cross."

Thanks to Pruisiecki and the American Red Cross team of global volunteers, we can all be motivated to do something, not just during a disaster, but 365 days a year.



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Flashbacks

How appropriate during Women's History Month to share a 1929 photo of The Woman's Club of Jacksonville, a woman's social club membered by many of Jacksonville's elites. Most interesting for the present is Linal L'Engle Barnett, who was probably the mother of Maeleine L'Engle Camp, author of "A Wrinkle in Time," in theaters now.

The cast of the playlet given by the Woman's Club, called "When We were Young," on January 28, 1929, featured, front: Mrs. Frank E. Jennings, Miss Louise Meigs, Mrs. Frank N. Stormont, Mrs. Arthur G. Cummer, Mrs. Fred B. Noble, Mrs. Fitz-Hugh B. Allderdice, Mrs. Leo Benedict, Mrs. (illegible) Brook, Mrs. Jay H. Durkee; back: Mrs. Matilda O'Donald, Mrs. Malcom M. Lander, Mrs. Linal L'Engle Barnett, Miss Martha Race, Mrs. Merrill A. Ladd, Mrs. Harry Hampton, Mrs. J. H. Bland, Mrs. M.P. Capen, Miss Gertrude Jacobi and Mrs. Franklin G. Rusell.



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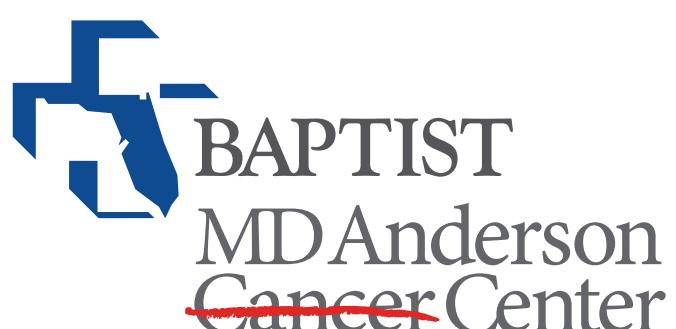
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