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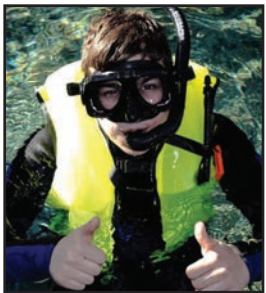
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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.

WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

Email your answer to jennifer@opcfla.com by Monday at 5 p.m.

All correct entries will be entered into a random drawing to win tickets for two adults and two children to the Jacksonville Zoo. In order to allow as many families as possible to win, participants are only eligible to win a ticket prize pack once every four months.

Three readers correctly identified last week's photo as Lazzara Orthodontics.

Winner of the random drawing was **Catherine Paratore** – congratulations, Catherine! You may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during regular business hours.



ADOPT A PET

CAT OF THE WEEK

Hi there, my name is Charlie and I am a 4-year-old female cat who is looking for a new home. I was brought to the pet center as a stray, but don't let that scare you away. I'm super friendly and I love nothing more than being the center of attention. I love to snuggle and play and find that nice warm spot on the sofa to claim as my own napping spot. Come visit me today here at the pet center! #36295



CAT OF THE WEEK

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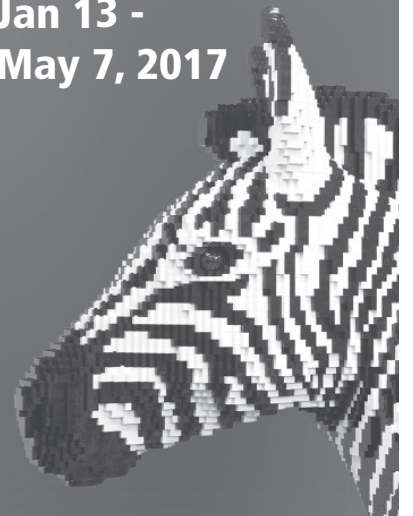
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Sawgrass Country Club fire displaces four families

Four families were displaced from their homes last week after an electrical issue caused a fire that damaged four condominiums in Sawgrass Country Club.

St. Johns County Fire Rescue crews responded to the scene in the 70 block of Tifton Way North and found an evacuated multi-unit apartment building with heavy smoke and flames coming from the roof of a second-floor unit. Upon locating the source of the fire, responders realized it was rapidly moving through the attic,

said SJCFR, and began efforts to stop the flames from spreading. While damage is extensive in the four condos, SJCFR officials said crews were able to limit impact to adjacent units in the building.

Fire rescue officials confirmed there were no injuries, and that the Red Cross was notified to assist the displaced families. During the search process, crews located and removed three dogs from a lower apartment unit that was filled with smoke. They were also unharmed.



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COMMENTARY

Mainstream media should report the news, not control it

By Jennifer Logue

MSNBC News Anchor Mika Brzezinski made what some considered to be a Freudian slip last week when she declared it was the media's job to control what people think.

In an exchange with co-host Joe Scarborough, Brzezinski said, "I think that the dangerous edges here are that he (Trump) is trying to undermine the media and trying to make up his own facts. ... And he could have undermined the messaging so much that he can actually control exactly what people think. And that is our job."

While Brzezinski quickly took to Twitter to say her comments had been misinterpreted, I believe there was far more truth in her comments than the mainstream media cares to admit. I had an opportunity to witness some heavy-handed media news choreography earlier in the week, when I attended a town hall meeting on illegal immigration here in Ponte Vedra. Attending the event purely as a Ponte Vedra resident and not in my capacity as editor of The Ponte Vedra Recorder, I was interested to hear what my neighbors thought about the new administration's policies.

Hosted by FOX News anchor Martha MacCallum and broadcast live nationwide from the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club, the event was promoted as a "live town hall" where local residents would have an opportunity to share their views on President Trump's immigration policy. And yes, a handful of carefully pre-selected residents had an opportunity to do just that.

From the moment attendees were herded into the makeshift studio in color-coded groups and steered to specific seats, however, it was clear that this was not going to be a freewheeling, unscripted, open exchange of ideas among local residents. For seeded among the locals were



Ponte Vedra Recorder Managing Editor Jennifer Logue (right) listens as German immigrant Hatice Iaconangelo of Jacksonville compares the Trump administration's plans to protect America's borders to the Berlin Wall at a FOX News town hall meeting held in Ponte Vedra.

a handful of guests who clearly had come prepared to speak in opposition to some or all of the Trump administration's illegal immigration policies, among them, Mega TV anchor Elvira Salazar – who arrived with several pages of prepared remarks and her own makeup artist – and former Democratic National Committee staffer Pablo Manriquez, who currently works for a Washington, DC media firm. So much for hearing what the locals had to say.

Another carefully selected speaker named Hatice Iaconangelo – a German immigrant who now lives in Jacksonville – was seated right next to me. While most audience members chatted quietly before the broadcast, speculating as to how the event would unfold and who would get

to speak, Iaconangelo displayed no such hesitancy. While sending a flurry of texts encouraging people to watch her on TV, Iaconangelo confidently told those seated around her that she was going to speak and had already provided background information on herself to the production team.

Glancing dismissively at the Ponte Vedra residents, Iaconangelo said, "You're filler," before returning to her texting.

True to her word, Iaconangelo was indeed called upon to speak – at which point her confident demeanor suddenly transformed into one of almost fearful timidity.

"I'm horrified, I'm horrified... I grew up with a wall," she said, her voice quavering. "I know what a wall does to families. I witnessed people getting shot crossing over the wall."

It was quite the performance – and no doubt the one producers were hoping she'd deliver. It was also an encore: Iaconangelo told the same story to the Florida Times-Union in January, when they interviewed her at a Jacksonville protest against President Trump's illegal immigration policies.

It seems likely, therefore, that not only did FOX producers know that Iaconangelo was an anti-Trump activist, but that they invited her to participate in the Ponte Vedra town hall for that very reason. That's unfortunate, because if producers had truly wanted to present an authentic town hall event that accurately reflected the feelings of local residents on both sides of the issue, all they had to do was open the doors and shout outside, where a small group of Ponte Vedra residents was peacefully protesting the Trump administration's policies. Why weren't they given a chance to share their views on air?

By choosing instead to import DNC officials, news anchors and immigrant activists from outside the community – who could be counted upon to offer the views and perspectives producers wanted to include – FOX turned its "Ponte Vedra town hall" into little more than a picturesque backdrop for an already scripted national discussion.

And the Ponte Vedra residents in the audience? Iaconangelo was right. We were filler.

I believe FOX News endeavored to present a fair discussion. Yet ironically, it was the network's attempt to be scrupulously "fair and balanced" that resulted in an overly staged "town hall" meeting that was in no way representative of the true sentiments of Ponte Vedra residents. By a show of hands in the room, about 80 percent of attendees strongly supported the Trump administration's actions, yet at least half of the on-air time or more was given to those who could be relied upon to espouse an anti-Trump viewpoint.

When the media stops reporting the facts as they are and starts presenting the views it believes should be heard, is it any wonder that half the country was blindsided by Donald Trump's election? After all, hadn't the media told them he had no chance of winning?

True town hall meetings are unscripted, often chaotic and the epitome of democracy. And democracy is messy. Instead of trying to sanitize that mess and control the message, the mainstream media would do well to return to its original mission of reporting the news, not controlling it, and let the chips fall where they may.

Jennifer Logue is managing editor of The Ponte Vedra Recorder.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In the Feb. 23 edition of the Ponte Vedra Recorder there was a story about how Wayne Hogan, a personal injury attorney at Terrell Hogan Law office, told a group of local business professionals to implement policies that prohibit employees from using cell phones or other forms of distraction while driving. He said in a business with personnel driving, that they can have vicarious liability.

He takes this so seriously his firm cre-

ated the Terrell Hogan Law Distracted Driving Awareness Campaign. The article goes on about a company's possible liability if an employee got involved. Great story, you should all read it.

However, what I find so interesting is how in St. John County, the county commissioners are considering approving huge, 600-foot, digital LED light billboards that change every eight seconds. These are to be placed on I-95 in St. Johns

County. That stretch of road has been documented as the most dangerous stretch of highway in the United States.

I read that, and then read Mr. Hogan's remarks about who could be held liable when using cell phones in an accident. Combine the two and you have a recipe for class A disaster. Add in a teenager with friends in the car, chatting on the phone and listening to the radio. Lordy, you see that you had better scoot over to US 1.

I wonder, Mr. Hogan, if elected officials have been informed about the distraction, and furthermore on this most dangerous stretch of highway, who all would be held liable.

Bet you could never pin it on the billboard companies.

Mary F. Kohnke
Ponte Vedra Beach

A heartfelt thank you from Donna Deegan

Dear Neighbors,

I knew it was going to be an emotional race. The fact that I am still here living and breathing and healthy at our 10th Anniversary DONNA Marathon weekend is alone enough to bring tears of gratitude to my eyes.

After an amazing inaugural 10K downtown Saturday morning, it was a relief to finally get to the marathon start line on Sunday morning. But when I made the first turn onto A1A, I almost immediately began to cry. This is a stretch before we get to the more populated portion of the course that is relatively quiet but it was packed with people cheering and waving and holding signs of encouragement.

It was only a taste of things to come. From Ponte Vedra through Jacksonville, Neptune and Atlantic beaches, there was barely a space where people weren't lining the course. I truly wish there was

a way to thank each of you personally. I know that having thousands of people run through our neighborhoods is disruptive to our quiet Sunday routine, so I appreciate beyond words the fact that this community has taken it upon itself to turn out en masse to support this event and all that it stands for. It was a warm day and families were outside hosing off our runners, offering them ice bags and popsicles – I even saw a sign that said, "Need a bathroom break? Come on in!" Now that's love!

Seriously, I want to thank you, my longtime neighbors and friends, for making this the best DONNA race weekend yet. I cried all the way to the finish line. Joyful tears. You fill my heart.

Gratefully,
Donna Deegan

On Feb. 23, I opened The St Augustine Record and read an article about Florida Senate bill 996 sponsored by Sen. Keith Perry of Gainesville. I have to ask, who does Senator Perry represent? It certainly isn't private citizens or nonprofit advocacy groups.

Senate bill 996 would crush grassroots environmental advocacy groups such as 1000 Friends of Florida. Isn't it enough of a challenge to raise funds to hire experts and attorneys to fight big developers? Having the burden of rais-

ing another \$50,000 to pay developers' attorney fees is unfathomable.

Please contact Sen. Keith Perry and voice your opposition. Please contact your district state senator and ask them to oppose SB996.

To quote Ansel Adams, "Isn't it horrifying that we have to battle our own government to save our environment?"

Gary Coulliette
Co-Founder, Save Guana Now, Inc.
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SHORT TAKES

Quinn Shalz to host free seminar on pre-planning funerals

Quinn Shalz Funeral Home and Cremation Centre invites the public to a free seminar on the benefits of pre-planning for funerals Tuesday, March 28 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Special guests with information on financial services, home care, medical equipment, medical claims simplified and interior design for special needs will also be present. Refreshments will be provided.

Pioneer Barn to host Derek Coghlan's 'One for the Road'

The Pioneer Barn will host Derek Coghlan's "One for the Road" Friday, March 10 at 8 p.m. Coghlan takes the audience through an evening of story-telling and humor sprinkled with occasional insight by weaving stories around the strangeness of leaving Ireland for America. His stories focus on the "weird and wonderful" ways that what appear ordinary to a native can be bizarre and intimidating to a newcomer. Tickets are on sale now at \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. To purchase tickets or for more information, call (904) 824-8874. This show is recommended for high school-aged students and up.

Friends of the First Coast Opera to present luncheon fashion show

Friends of the First Coast Opera will present its last luncheon of the musical season Tuesday, March 9 at 11:30 a.m. with a food and fashion show. To take place in Downtown St. Augustine's Raintree Restaurant, the event will give guests an opportunity to enter a raffle for one of three baskets featuring a CD of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, a gift certificate for Raintree and special wines from Tim's Wine Market. The fashion show will feature clothes from Cottonways, modeled by Friends of the First Coast Opera. The cost of the event is \$35. Checks should be made out to The Friends of the First Coast Opera and mailed to 138 Heron's Nest Lane, St. Augustine, FL, 32080. Those who would prefer vegetarian meals should indicate as such on checks.

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With deep ties to Jacksonville that go back generations, Susie Mashour Rawlins brings a local's knowledge of the First Coast and a former elementary teacher's love for kids, learning and exploration to her role as co-founder of Fun4FirstCoastKids.com – a website she manages with her sister Terri Mashour.

Susie Mashour Rawlins

By Jennifer Logue

You have deep roots in the Jacksonville area. Tell us about your connection to the First Coast.

My husband and I were both born and raised in the Arlington area of Jacksonville. My great grandparents on my dad's side, Shumsie and Thomas Allen, owned a grocery store in Riverside on Oak and Osceola. My mom's parents, Sadie and Moses Meide, later purchased the store and operated it from 1937 to 1977. My sister and I grew up visiting their beautiful neighborhoods of Riverside and San Marco and every March you could find us at 1516 Marco Place cheering on the runners in the River Run. My dad loved fishing, so every summer we were at the various beaches in Jax or spending time in Vilano Beach. We grew up loving and appreciating the large but small town of Jacksonville. I went away to school at Florida State University. It was just a little too far from my roots, so after two years I transferred to Flagler College, to be closer to home with sun, sand and family that I missed. Soon after graduation I found myself right back at home working at Arlington Heights Elementary – where I attended growing up – working alongside my own second grade teacher. We now enjoy raising our son on the First Coast.

You previously enjoyed a career as a teacher. What drew you to education?

Growing up, my mom was a teacher and you could always find me in her classroom helping her. I knew I wanted to have kids and really liked that my schedule would be the same as theirs. After my first few student teacher experiences in elementary classrooms in college, I knew that I wanted to be a teacher. My team and mentors at Arlington Heights gave me enough experience to help me move on to help open Bartram Springs Elementary, where I again was surrounded by an awesome third grade team and great principal. After five years at Bartram, during which I finished my master's degree in Educational Leadership, I decided to stay home with my son, now almost 3, and mentor other moms through Fun4FirstCoastKids.com. I'm thrilled with the opportunity to teach him, explore Jacksonville, and help other parents find fun things to do for families in Jax.

How does your teaching experience inform your current role with Fun4FirstCoastKids.com?

As a teacher, you sometimes get bogged down with tests, goals and lesson plans. If a teacher is getting bogged down, you can imagine parents and students are, too. Families need to be able to set schoolwork and homework aside and just have fun with each other. As a parent, I know now the importance of family time not just on the weekends but during the week, too. Fun4FirstCoastKids.com is able to provide families with all the fun events going on around town. I also think that if I were to go back into the teaching profession, I have a better understanding of how valuable that time is and would be sure to keep that in mind when assigning homework to my students.

How do you and your sister divide up responsibilities for the site?

My sister and I divide responsibilities by our strengths. I'm better with planning the festivals and crafts and events because I know what kids will enjoy and what ages will match well with activities. I'm more of the creative one, so I make graphics. Don't tell her, but I'm more logical! So, I help make sure operations are running smoothly and make sure we



Photo by Jasmine Marshall

are not committing to too many activities when we plan our schedule. I also am the director of our content management system, so I update the calendar as well as holiday events, camps and more. Terri works with our partners to help them advertise on our website. She connects partners with other small businesses so they can grow their businesses, and she updates our directory content. For example, we just added all 60 food trucks in Jacksonville to our parties page! She also operates our Facebook, social media and enjoys writing so she works on our blog. There are many jobs for this large business and we are thrilled that even though we fought growing up, we are able to manage our business, families and social lives without fighting!

What are some of your personal favorite First Coast activities for kids and families?

I really love all of the festivals that the First Coast has to offer. They are really good at incorporating activities, the outdoors, music and food that are fun for the whole family. My son and I like attending events at Sweet Pete's Candy. I am also always looking for free events and activities. The Jacksonville Public Library provides such fun and enriching

activities for kids and families. We like their story times, art, and music and movement classes. Jacksonville is also really lucky to have so many fun sporting events! We have been going to THE PLAYERS Championship since we were kids and we've been attending Jaguars games since their inaugural year. And of course we always love just heading to the beach on the weekends. Nothing beats a relaxing day on the beach with family!

Are there any charities with which you're involved that you'd like to highlight?

Terri and I have been able to use our website Fun4FirstCoastKids.com to give back to the community in many ways. We put together the first annual Book It Jax 5K to help raise money for the Jacksonville Public Library summer program. We also are able to use our website as a platform to help highlight great nonprofits located in Jacksonville. During the Back to School Artwalk every August, we sponsor the Kids Zone and help collect backpacks and supplies for kids in need at the Children's Home Society and Youth Crisis Center, where our dad worked early on in his career.

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New St. Augustine Aquarium offers fun, education for local kids

By Jon Blauvelt

Since opening the St. Augustine Aquarium in December, Co-Owner Kathy Hiester said her favorite part of the journey has been witnessing the reactions of the kids that visit.

"Their faces light up," said Hiester, who founded the facility on State Road 16 with her husband Shawn. "Just to see the fish swim through the coral reef habitat, they're amazed. It's not something you can walk in the water right off the beach here and see."

The aquarium features 32 Florida species and more than 300 marine animals, and offers several attractions for kids. Hiester highlighted "Shark & Stingray Cove" as a fan favorite exhibit, saying that the kids enjoy the experience of feeding sharks, stingrays and fish. She also noted that a shark tooth dig exhibit recently opened that allows kids to pick out different sharks' teeth, identify them on a key and then choose a favorite to take home.

For the more adventurous visitors, the aquarium offers the "Snorkel Adventure," which provides the opportunity to swim up close and personal with sea life in a natural Florida reef environment, including more than 200 Florida reef fish and a few cownose rays that were recently added. "They're just majestic looking as they swim through the water," said Hiester about the rays, noting that the aquarium provides snorkeling partici-

pants with a wetsuit, snorkel, mask, booties, vest and the assistance of a marine biologist/lifeguard.

Each museum habitat features an educational presentation given by marine biologists, who discuss topics ranging from why horseshoe crabs have blue blood to the overall depletion of fish stocks and reefs in the ocean.

"It holds a huge educational component," Hiester said. "Many people will look at the horseshoe crabs and ask me if they're rays. That's just a testament to the void of the education and awareness of what we have right off the coast."

Hiester and her husband Shawn have always been passionate about marine biology and decided to open the aquarium to share their passion with the community and raise awareness about the importance of marine conservation through education.

"When people see and understand these incredible creatures, they will realize how critically important it is to protect them," the Hiesters say on the aquarium website.

In April, the aquarium is also opening the "Castaway Canopy Adventure by Zipstream," a guided zip line tour with climbing walls, bridges and more. With the zip line in place, phase one of development for the aquarium will be complete. Consequently,



Photo courtesy of St. Augustine Aquarium

Cooper Huskey takes part in St. Augustine Aquarium's "Snorkel Adventure" exhibit, which provides visitors the opportunity to swim up close and personal with sea life in a natural Florida reef environment.

Hiester said they'll be holding a grand opening event for the aquarium in late April.

Phase one of development includes the 80,000 gallon "Snorkel Adventure" exhibit, "Shark & Stingray Cove" exhibit, seahorse and other hands-on habitats and the coming zip line tour. The second phase of the aquarium will consist of several ecosystem-specific habitats in a new building, including a recreated dock piling, rock jetty and shoreline. Hiester expects the building to open between fall and December, adding that the second phase will also feature a new gift shop and restrooms and expanded parking.

A planned third phase of development, Hiester said, will allow visitors to experience an 18th-century shipwreck reef surrounded

by sharks, while submerged in a shark cage. The shipwreck will be modeled after a vessel that sank off the coast of St. Augustine and will include cannons and a variety of other artifacts that were recovered by an archaeological team. Timing of that project is to be determined.

The St. Augustine Aquarium, which currently hosts birthday parties, educational field trips and summer camps, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, with "Snorkel Adventure" tickets costing visitors \$35.

Escape rooms bring brain-teasing thrills to the First Coast

By Jasmine Marshall

When most people consider "puzzles," the word conjures images of 100-piece jigsaws on grandma's coffee table or the crosswords commonly found in the weekly paper. But several local businesses are throwing visitors for a curve by changing what it means to enjoy a puzzle game.

"Escape rooms," a new phenomenon in the sphere of entertainment, promise visitors brain-teasing fun contingent on their ability to work in teams to find their way out of a room by solving puzzles and clearing objectives. Guests pick their poison – options run the gamut from film noir-inspired mystery to jail break and horror-themed rooms – and work to beat the clock to win the game. The rooms are a popular choice for friendly get-togethers, family gatherings and corporate team-building for their collaborative nature.

Cropping up all over the First Coast are escape rooms stretching the challenge to nearly impossible heights – but whether a team wins or loses, the tests work as a time bomb of fun for all visitors.

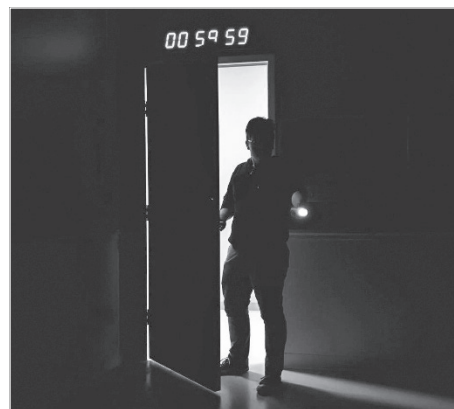
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This escape establishment straddles the line between mystery and thriller-style adventures, offering four rooms – The Kidnapping, Museum Heist, Operation: Casino and Hostage – for interactive puzzle-solving. In these rooms, guests experience the full breadth of scenarios, from being handcuffed and blindfolded to taking on the alias of an agent missing-in-action. Soon, Breakout Jacksonville will offer "Island Escape," in which players must find their way off a tropical getaway before a volcano erupts.

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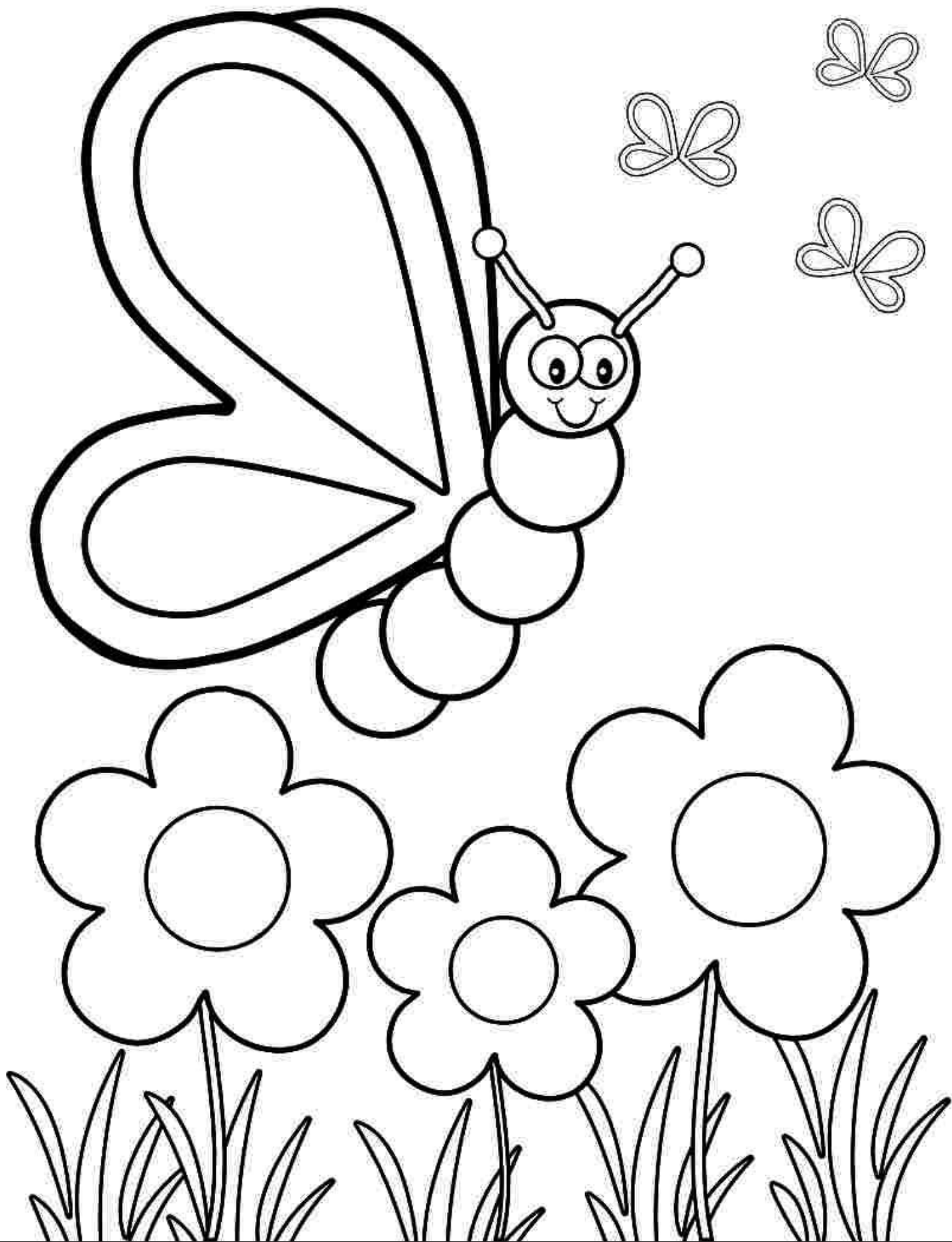


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St. Augustine's Escape U delivers a unique spin to escape rooms by localizing scenarios to immerse visitors in the Ancient City's history through imagined events and engaging settings. In "Castillo De Matanzas," guests acting as guards in a 1700s-style fort must figure out how to escape and warn the Castillo when a group of secret soldiers traps them within the captain's quarters. "Save the Fleet" sees participants trying to find a way to the top of a 15-foot replica of the St. Augustine lighthouse in order to guide a fleet to safety before the onslaught of Hurricane San Zenon.

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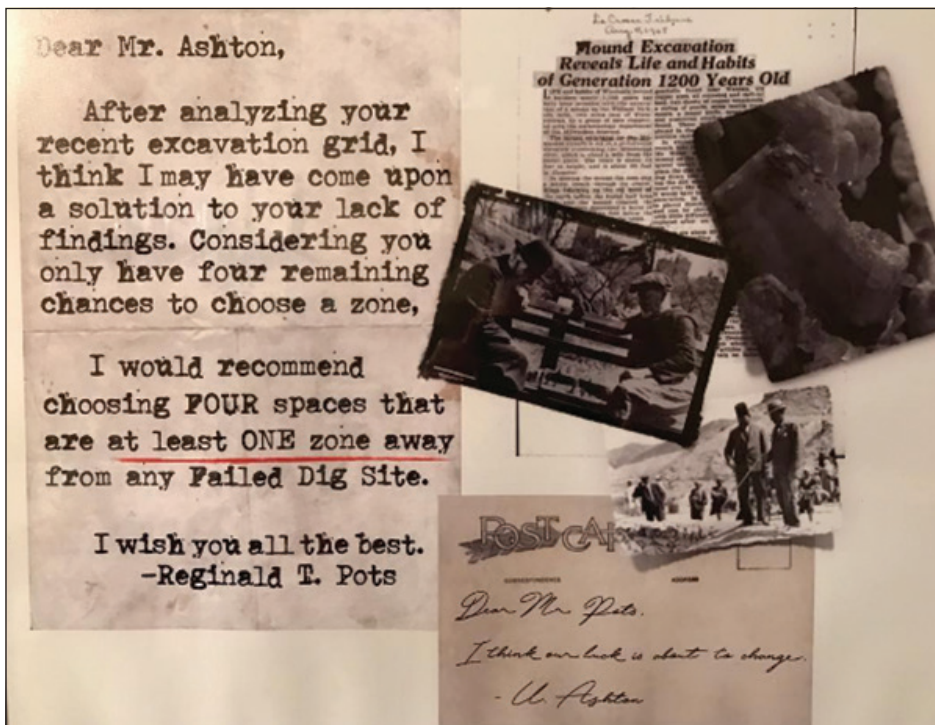
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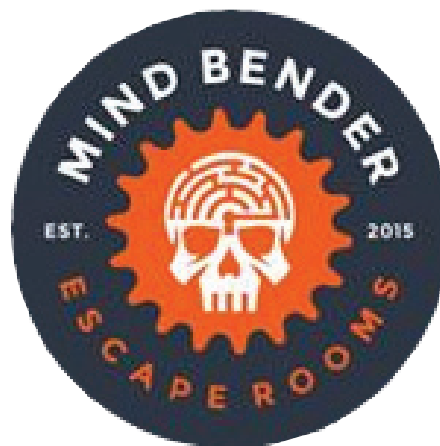
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New apartment complex coming to Nocatee

By Jon Blauvelt

A new apartment complex will open on Nocatee's Valley Ridge Boulevard in early 2019, offering approximately 250 units with full access to the master-planned community's amenities.

To be located at the southeast corner of Cross Town Drive and Valley Ridge Boulevard, the Garden Apartments will consist of seven, three-story buildings surrounding a central amenity area that will include its own pool, fitness complex, clubhouse and garages.

"It will be a relatively small community, with approximately 250 apartment units, in a quality setting consistent with what you'd find in Ponte Vedra and Ponte Vedra Beach," said Rick Ray, president and CEO of the PARC Group, Nocatee's master developer.

Ray confirmed that all residents of the apartment complex will have access to Nocatee's amenities, including the Splash Water Park. As a result, he said, residents will be subject to the same Community Development District (CDD) assessments as homeowners in Nocatee.

Ray said the Garden Apartments will be developed on the western side of Nocatee Town Center, which he insisted is not a residential area. A PARC Group map, however, shows the location to be less than a mile from the entrance to Nocatee's Austin Park and Greenleaf neighborhoods of single-family homes. In comparison, the Nocatee Publix – considered to be the heart of the existing town center – is some two miles away.

Ray stressed that apartment communities have always been part of the vision for Nocatee. In Spring 2016, however, The PARC Group asked the county to approve a decrease in the percentage of multi-family housing units in Nocatee as part of a major modification to the community's comprehensive plan and Planned Unit Development (PUD). At

an April 2016 meeting of the county Planning and Zoning Agency, PARC Group Chief Operating Officer Greg Barbour said that the construction of 9B, new I-95 interchanges and the approval of the Twin Creeks and Durbin Creek National Developments had changed the overall landscape, and that multi-family units were now more likely to be built as part of those two developments.

"Common sense tells us that's where the big-box retailers and multi-family housing are going to go," Barbour said in requesting the decrease, which was approved along with several other changes.

Ray said the Garden Apartments community is not a deviation from that plan, explaining that the master developer had merely reduced the requirement for multifamily homes and not eliminated it altogether. He added that The PARC Group is not concerned about overcrowding in that area, saying the ultimate buildout of Nocatee will result in less homes and development than what was originally planned.

Resident reaction

Announcement of the new apartment complex prompted a flurry of comments and discussion among Nocatee residents on social media sites such as Facebook and Nextdoor Nocatee, with homeowners making such comments as "Ugh... gonna get crowded" and "Did we all make a mistake buying property here?"

Some residents, however, said the apartments were to be expected. Greenleaf Village resident Adam Drake said the Garden Apartments announcement didn't come as a surprise to him. He's been anticipating such development since he moved to Nocatee three years ago.

"It's in line with what I expected and what's been communicated to me by Nocatee

in terms of what the master plan was going to include," he said. "I've known there were going to be apartments somewhere in the community, and I knew about what the scale of those would be. So it seems to fit in with what they've told me."

Drake's biggest concern is the capacity of the area schools, noting uncertainty concerning where kids in the apartment community will be zoned.

Coastal Oaks resident Denver Cook said he's also concerned about school capacity, but thinks a larger discussion needs to take place with St. Johns County School District concerning the future growth of Nocatee.

"It's not about whether or not they will go to Valley Ridge or the new school that's being built," he said. "Long term, as a community,

where are we going and where are going to be at the end? I think we as a community need to have that conversation and say this is where we want to be in the end and how do we get there."

Ray said information pertaining to school zoning for Garden Apartments is currently unknown and will be determined by St. Johns County.

On the topic of growth, Ray added that the apartment community will provide a temporary housing option for families that are building in Nocatee. He said it will also meet the needs of those who desire to live in Nocatee but choose not to own property.

The price of the apartments is to be determined, with Ray noting it will be consistent with apartments in Ponte Vedra.

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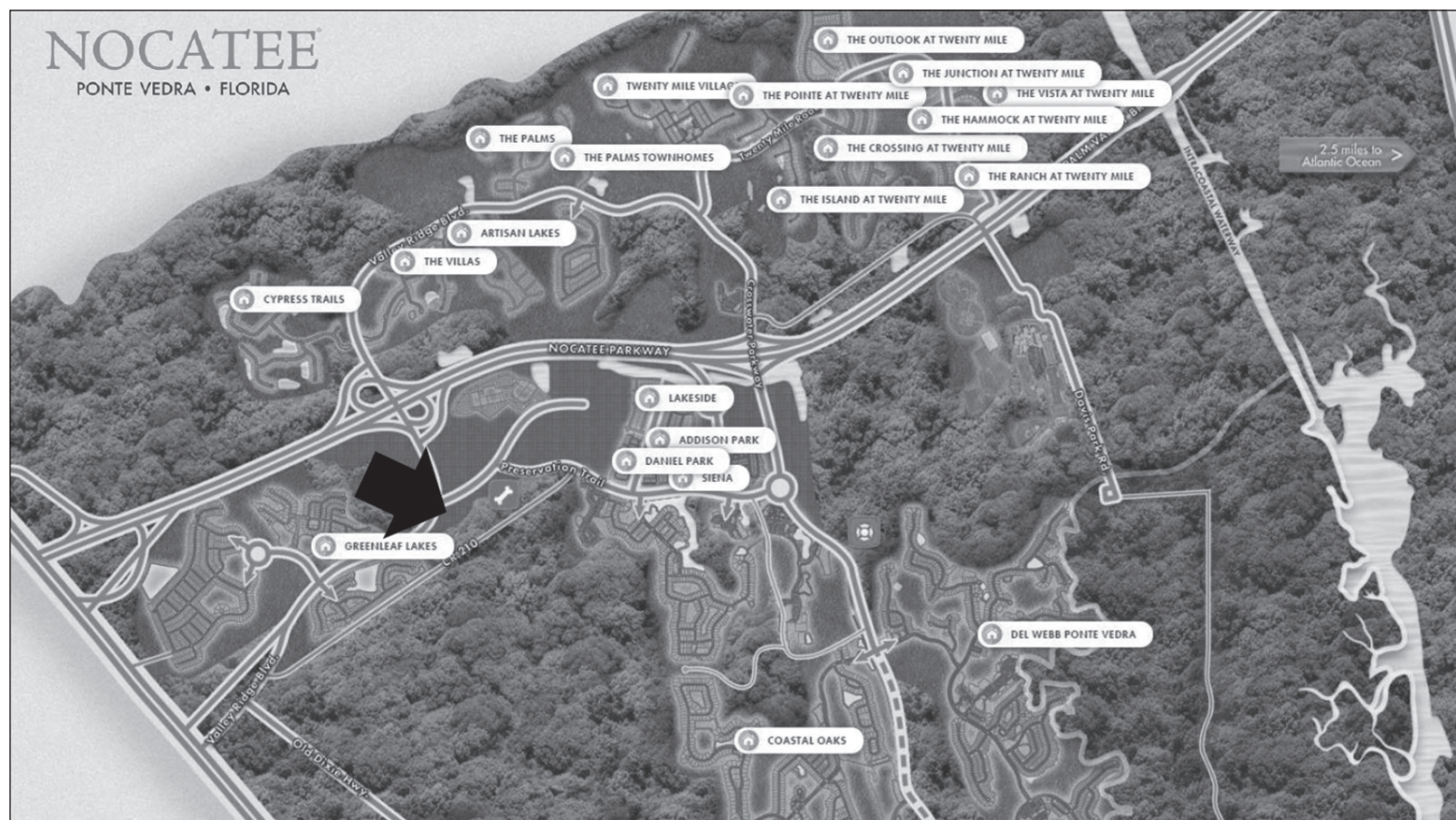
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Garden Apartments, a new, 250-unit apartment community in Nocatee, will open in early 2019.



The black arrow indicates where Garden Apartments will be located at the southeast corner of Cross Town Drive and Valley Ridge Boulevard. The intersection is less than a mile from Valley Ridge Academy and the entrances to Nocatee's Austin Park and Greenleaf Village neighborhoods, and approximately two miles from the existing Nocatee Town Center.

Ponte Vedra Home Care owner: employee falsified credentials

Former nurse administrator arrested for practicing without a license

By Jon Blauvelt

The owner of a Ponte Vedra-based home care agency said the company received false credentials from its former nurse administrator, who was arrested Monday by St. Johns County Sheriff's Office deputies.



Amy Suzanne Pohlman, a former nurse administrator at Ponte Vedra Home Care, was recently arrested for practicing without an active, valid Florida license.

SJSO officers arrested Amy Suzanne Pohlman, 50, on two counts of practicing as a health care professional without an active, valid Florida license. An investigation concluded she

had falsely claimed to be a registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP), as well as to having several advanced degrees in the medical field.

Pohlman was released from the county jail after posting \$50,000 bond.

"We were given false documentation," said Seth Movsovitz, owner of Ponte Vedra Home Care, in an interview with The Ponte Vedra Recorder. "We're still in shock that anybody would pretend to be a professional without the proper credentials, especially someone that we've known personally for over 25 years."

Movsovitz, who graduated with Pohlman from the Bolles School in 1984, said he hired her in October 2015 to become the company's nurse administrator. In that role, she was responsible for understanding company policies and procedures, said Movsovitz, and helping the company prepare for Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) inspections. She also assisted with marketing and conducted home assessments when personal and nursing care were needed.

Over time though, Movsovitz said, Pohlman started expanding upon her job responsibilities in a manner that aroused suspicion.

"She started providing nursing care management that was beyond her scope of job responsibility," he said.

Movsovitz said this activity prompted the company to follow up on the validity of her credentials in June 2016. When they realized her licenses were fake, he said they immediately notified the Department of Health, which triggered the investigation. Pohlman resigned from Ponte Vedra Home Care soon after.

"Once we discovered that the licenses were fraudulent, within 24 hours, we notified every client and staff member that she was no longer affiliated with the company," said Movsovitz, who noted the company is not currently facing any disciplinary action from

AHCA.

Detectives within the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Special Victims Unit (SVU)

and a medical investigator from the Florida Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control

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Photo by Jon Blauvelt

Ponte Vedra Home Care is located at 10033 Sawgrass Drive West, Suite 228 in Ponte Vedra Beach. Owner Seth Movsovitz said the company is not currently facing any disciplinary action from the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA).

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Call (904) 417-7354 or email life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com for more information</p>	<p>Atlantic Beach Exhibit The Beaches Museum will open its next history exhibit, “Atlantic Beach: From the Continental to a Coastal Community,” Friday, March 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibit began as a celebration of the 90th anniversary of the City of Atlantic Beach and was displayed at the Adele Grage Center in December of 2016. Since the original display of the exhibit, contributions ranging from Harcourt Bull’s original business documents to record albums and photos of a regular singer at Le Chateau have been contributed to the Museum for display. Local leaders, museum supporters and interested community members will gather to celebrate the opening of this unique exhibit. Drinks and light appetizers will be served. The exhibit was made possible by the Atlantic Beach Country Club, the Bull Family and Chao Framing. This event is free to Museum members with a suggested \$5 donation for non-members. Visit www.BeachesMuseum.org or call (904) 241-5657 for additional details.</p> <p>Coastal Wine Market Wine Tasting Coastal Wine Market hosts Friday wine tastings from 6 to 8 p.m. at 641 Crosswater Parkway, Suite B, Ponte Vedra Beach. Taste six wines for \$10. For more information, call (904) 395-3520.</p> <p>PV Professionals Networking Group The Ponte Vedra Professionals Networking Group meets Fridays at 9 a.m. at Watson Realty Corp., 615 Highway A1A S., Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call Gloria at (904) 635-6103, visit www.pvpng.com or email pontevedrapng@gmail.com.</p> <p>Live Music at Table 1 Table 1 at 330 A1A N will host Robbie Litt live starting at 7:30 p.m. in addition to the entertainment, guests can enjoy bar bites starting at \$7 and 2-for-1 well drinks, domestic drafts and house wine by the glass.</p>	<p>Lions Seafood Festival The annual St. Augustine Lions Seafood Festival returns March 3-5, bringing seafood, music, art and family fun to Francis Field in the oldest city. Families are welcome to enjoy boatloads of seafood, with fare ranging from shrimp and lobster to fish, chowder, crab and more. The event will also feature nearly 100 artists and crafters, live entertainment, kids’ rides, a pirate village and more. Proceeds benefit the charitable activities of the St. Augustine Lions Club. The St. Augustine Lions Seafood Festival is open March 3 from 3-9 p.m., March 4 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and March 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Arts & Crafts Village closes as sun-down. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for kids under 15. For more information, visit the Lions Club website at www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/staugustine, email admin@lionsfestival.com or call (904) 829-1753.</p> <p>Mission House Yard Sale Coldwell Banker Vanguard will host a Beaches CBVCares Yard Sale to benefit Jacksonville Beach’s Mission House March 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 240 Ponte Vedra Park Drive in the parking lot of Coldwell Banker. All items sold will benefit Mission House’s efforts to help the homeless in the Beaches community. Leftover items can be donated to the cause. For more information, contact Cindy Nordman at (904) 599-6469 or by email at cnordman@cbvfl.com.</p> <p>Retro River Run 5K The Jacksonville Landing will host the Retro River Run 5K celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Gate River Run March 4 at 6 p.m., one week prior to the city’s premier 15K race. Open to just 2,204 participants, the cost of registration is \$5. In addition to the run, a 70s-themed costume contest and the oldest River Run t-shirt contest will be held. Runners can register online at www.1stplacesports.com/retro.html. The Jacksonville Landing is located at 2 W. Independent Drive.</p>	<p>Budweiser Clydesdales The Budweiser Clydesdales will return to Jacksonville Brewery and Tour Center for a family-friendly weekend. The hitch team and famous red wagon will go around the brewery grounds as guests interact and take photos with them. Throughout the weekend, visitors can enjoy this free event and local food for purchase from Tasty Dog and Julie’s Sweet Stuff. The tour center will be open for self-guided tours, and guests can enjoy Bud Light and Budweiser in the parking lot. The Budweiser Clydesdales Full Hitch will take place March 4-5 from noon until 2 p.m. while self-guided tours will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Anheuser-Busch Tour Center is located at 111 Busch Drive in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Collection Tour Join the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens on Sundays for a guided tour of its permanent collection. The tour is free with the cost of admission. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Katz 4 Keeps Adoption Weekends Join Katz 4 Keeps March 4-5 for a weekend adoption event helping cats and kittens find their forever homes. This event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Katz 4 Keeps facility located at 935B A1A North in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information about this event or organization, call (904) 834-3223 or email info@katz4keeps.org.</p>

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To be held Tuesday, March 7 at 6 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, the meeting will discuss options for raising the funds needed to purchase the property, which the golf course owners plan to sell for development. For more information, visit www.SawgrassVillagePark.com.</p> <p>All-County High School Art Show The St. Augustine Art Association will host the 12th Annual All-County High School Art Show through April 2. The show will featured select pieces of artwork by students in grades 9-12 in a juried exhibit. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The St. Augustine Art Association is located at 22 Marine St. For more information, visit www.staaa.org/juriedexhibits.html or call (904) 824-2310.</p> <p>Sunset Rotary Club Meeting The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset meets Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Community leaders are welcome to attend. For more information, call club President Janeene Hart at (904) 412-5409 or email jwhart1208@gmail.com.</p> <p>First Coast Card Club The First Coast Card Club invites community members to its weekly "Let's Play Cards!" event. On March 7, the club will meet at the St. Johns County Main Library located at 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd. in St. Augustine. This club activity begins at 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>'Intimate and Exceptional' Exhibit The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach will host "Intimate and Exceptional: Works from the Cultural Center Teaching Staff" through March 24 in which the work of instructors will be on display. The exhibit features pieces in several mediums, including paint, ceramics and glass. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way. For more information, visit www.ccpvb.org.</p> <p>Forward Leadership St. Johns Be a part of the 2017 Forward Leadership class, designed to equip active adults age 50 and over with insights and first-hand knowledge to enhance positive change in the community through advocacy and volunteerism. This six-week program will take students behind the scenes of education, healthcare, tourism, history and government in St. Johns County. To be held Wednesdays through March 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the sessions will enable participants to meet with local leaders, including St. Augustine Mayor Nancy Shaver, Tax Collector Dennis Hollingsworth and Sheriff David Shoar. For more information on how to apply, call Sue Richerson, program manager, St. Johns County Council on Aging at (904) 209-3631.</p> <p>Newcomers of the Beaches Newcomers of the Beaches invites new members to its luncheon held the second Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Golf Clubhouse in Sawgrass Country Club. Visit www.newcomersofthebeaches.com under "About Us" section of the website.</p> <p>Toastmasters Club Toastmasters Club #5199 of Ponte Vedra Beach meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at the Players Community Senior Center. These meetings will help attendees improve public speaking and gain leadership skills. The senior center is located at 175 Landrum Lane. Email Carmen at carmenjsardinas@gmail.com for additional information.</p>	<p>First Coast Opera Fashion Show Friends of the First Coast Opera will present its last luncheon of the musical season Tuesday, March 9 at 11:30 a.m. with a food and fashion show. To take place in Downtown St. Augustine's Raintree Restaurant, the event will give guests an opportunity to enter a raffle for one of three baskets featuring a CD of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, a gift certificate for Raintree and special wines from Tim's Wine Market. The fashion show will feature clothes from Cottonways, modeled by Friends of the First Coast Opera. The cost of the event is \$35. Checks should be made out to The Friends of the First Coast Opera and mailed to 138 Heron's Nest Lane, St. Augustine, FL, 32080. Those who would prefer vegetarian meals should indicate as such on checks.</p> <p>Hans Hofmann: Works on Paper Jacksonville's Museum of Contemporary Art will display "Hans Hofmann: Works on Paper" through May 14., featuring work by the acclaimed post-war abstractionist. In this exhibit consisting of more than 60 objects, examples of Hofmann's distinctive approach — among them self-portraits, figures, abstract pieces and landscapes — showcase the artist's growth and evolution. Centered around his modestly sized paper works, consisting of pieces at various stages of completion, the exhibition aims to provide audiences with an 'accessible introduction' to one of the most influential artists of recent history.</p>

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BOLLES NEWS

Bolles Mock Trial Team beats Fletcher, moves on to states

The Bolles School's mock trial team beat top competitor Fletcher High School and other contenders in the Florida Law-Related Education Association circuit competition, held Feb. 11 at Florida Coastal School of Law. The Bolles Mock Trial Team competed

against Fletcher, Mandarin High School and the Classical Conversations homeschooling group. Local lawyers, judges and Florida Coastal School of Law mock trial team members judged the competition, with Bolles emerging as the winner. The students will move on to the state championships March 23-25.

While Bolles went unopposed to the state level in 2009, 2010 and 2011, the team always struggled to topple Fletcher, which has a pre-professional law program. Fletcher revived its exemplary team in 2011 and has dominated competitions ever since, explained Bolles Mock Trial Team sponsor and Bolles English teacher Andrew Dickson.

"The team is thrilled to have pulled off this upset and is intending to work hard over the next six weeks perfecting its game for states,"

Dickson said. "I'm so proud of this team for its magnificent performance Saturday."

The 2017 Bolles Mock Trial Team includes Kiera Geraghty, Anderson Gronvold, Ramzi Farah, Olivia Morello, Frank Collier, John Bowers, Quinn Kelley, Noah Silverstein, Madison Clubb and Ellie Anderson.



Photo courtesy of The Bolles School

The Bolles Mock Trial Team members Frank Collier, Noah Silverstein, Ramzi Farah, Ellie Anderson, John Bowers, Madison Clubb, Olivia Morello and Kiera Geraghty. Not pictured: Anderson Gronvold and Quinn Kelley

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Student scientists head to state, international science fairs

In other school news, a group of Bolles students received 39 awards, including six first place awards, in 13 categories at the Northeast Florida Regional Science and Engineering Fair, held in early February at Jacksonville's Morocco Shrine Temple.

The competition determined which student projects will proceed to the State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida, a three-day display of science project exhibits prepared by aspiring scientists and engineers. Hannah Lee, Graham Ungrady, Shreyas Chetan, Rishi Misra, Rohil Kanaparti, James Staman, Grant Szymanski, Sneha Reddy and Ann Maris Walton will move on with their respective projects to the state fair, which will be held March 28-30 in Lakeland.

"I am thrilled at how well our students performed," Bolles science teacher Dr. Kathryn Halloran said. "Just as importantly, I loved their behavior over the entire competition. I especially loved the team spirit they showed at the awards competition – they truly exemplified The Bolles Way."

Bolles students who placed or received awards in their respective categories include Maya Thomas (first place), Rayna Kuthiala, Grant Szymanski, Alex Tun, Soraya Bata, Hannah Lee (first place), Anna Whelan, Sushmita Udoshi, William Munz, Rohil Kanaparti (first place), Graham Ungrady (first place), Wiley Gillam, Caden Matson, Sneha Reddy (first place), Ann Walton (first place), Henry Li, Anya Raheja, Dennis Rao, Blake Perdakis, Samantha Josephson, Rishi Misra, Shreyas Chetan, Christopher Armstrong and James Staman (first place).

Bolles also had students named to both The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) and the International Sustainable World (Engineering Energy Environment) Project Olympiad (ISWEEEP) international competitions. James Staman will take his project to the ISEF competition in Los Angeles May 14-19, and the team of Ann Maris Walton and Sneha Reddy will be going to ISWEEEP in Houston May 3-8. This will be the second time Walton and Reddy have attended ISWEEEP, but the first time their entry was granted via application.

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Unit assumed control of the investigation in September 2016. They concluded that Pohlman had created a fake ARNP license, and both signed a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order and performed a physical exam on an applicant of Ponte Vedra Home Care while in the role.

Authorities said their investigation also

revealed that Pohlman does not hold the Master of Science in nursing or doctorate in neurophysiology that she claimed, or any nursing degree at all.

Detectives also noted they observed an award plaque in Pohlman's office purporting to be from the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at the Mayo Clinic in St. Paul, Minnesota. Investigators established that no such award was given by the Mayo Clinic and that Pohlman had paid for the plaque to be created by a Jacksonville trophy and award business.



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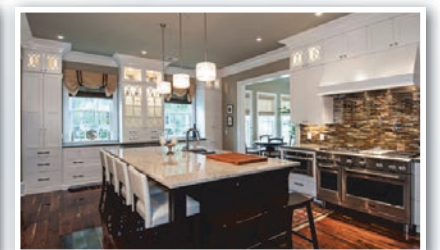


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K9s for Warriors graduating class includes special pairing

Service dog Delaney captures hearts while honoring memory of late rear admiral

By Jennifer Logue and Jon Blauvelt

When K9s for Warriors held its most recent graduation ceremony last week honoring the dedication and commitment of seven warriors and the service dogs with which they'd been paired, the crowd on hand to celebrate the occasion was larger than usual.

The reason for the overflow crowd, officials said, was due not to advertising or promotion of the event, but because of one special service dog who has captured the hearts of many.

"Delaney the dog has a huge following in Jacksonville," Executive Director Rory Diamond said at the ceremony. "This is our biggest crowd ever – it's great to see all of his fans out here."

Delaney's popularity and near-celebrity status, Diamond continued, is due in large part to the man for whom he was named: the late Rear Admiral Kevin Delaney. The beloved former commanding officer of Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Delaney was a U.S. Naval Academy graduate who flew 686 missions in Vietnam before serving in a number of naval leadership positions. Upon his retirement, Delaney was the most decorated officer in the history of the U.S. Navy. He went on to serve on the boards of numerous local nonprofits before his untimely death in 2015 from lung cancer resulting from his wartime exposure to Agent Orange.

"Admiral Delaney was an early guiding light for K9s for Warriors," Diamond said. "We would not have got to where we've gotten today without him and without his leadership. To be able to honor him tonight is special to every single person here."

K9s for Warriors Founder Shari Duval agreed, calling Rear Admiral Delaney both her mentor and her hero.

"Kevin has passed away," she said, "but his memory will live with us forever."

That memory has been shared with many, she added, through

the service dog that now bears his name. Delaney the dog has introduced Rear Admiral Delaney's life and legacy to countless K9s for Warriors supporters.

Training the pup, however, wasn't always smooth sailing. "Delaney was difficult," admitted Mary Daniel, who raised and helped train the dog through K9s for Warriors. "He was a feisty little puppy and required a lot of work. But I worked so hard, especially in honor of Rear Admiral Delaney. I knew there was a young man out there that needed him."

Even more poignant, those at the graduation agreed, is the name of the warrior with whom Delaney has been paired: Kevin. "You can't make this up," said Duval, smiling.

While Daniel must now part with the dog she has raised and trained, she said the experience of raising Delaney was a "gift." "I know that dog is going to save his life," she said of Delaney's new warrior. "That's how it's easy for me to give him up. I know he's got bigger and better things in store than just hanging around with me."



Attendees fill the room for the Feb. 23 K9s for Warriors graduation.



K9 for Warriors graduate Kevin with Delaney
Photos by Jon Blauvelt

Vacation raffle to highlight Rotary Club's Mineral City Celebration

Tickets for 'Changes in Latitude' raffle now on sale at www.mineralcitycelebration.com

By Jennifer Logue

A chance to win a vacation to Hawaii, Ireland, Tuscany or Rome will be just one of the highlights of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach's annual Mineral City Celebration.

Tickets for the "Changes in Latitude" trip raffle are now available for purchase online at www.mineralcitycelebration.com. Tickets are \$100 each or five tickets for \$400. The winner will be able to choose from four exotic destinations: Hawaii, Ireland, Tuscany or Rome. Full descriptions on each trip are available on the Mineral City Celebration website.

The winner of the raffle will be announced live at the Mineral City Celebration; the winner does not need to be present to win.

To be held Saturday, March 25 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, this year's Mineral City Celebration will feature a Jimmy Buffett-style theme of "PonteVedraVille," complete with flip flops, Key West attire and décor and a menu featuring tropical and Caribbean cuisine. The band Island Paradise will provide live entertainment at the charity fundraiser, which will be emceed by Channel 4 news anchor Kent Justice.

The 2017 Mineral City event will also feature the presentation of the annual "Rock of the Community Award" to Donna Deegan in recognition for her advocacy on behalf of breast cancer research and treatment.

The Mineral City Celebration is the signature annual fundraising event for the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach.

Proceeds from the event benefit more than two dozen local nonprofit organizations and charities, including the Beaches Dial-a-Ride program, Mission

House, BEAM, HEAL, the Council on Aging and more. For tickets or more information, visit www.mineralcitycelebration.com.



A four-night stay at The Fairmont Orchid Hawaii with airfare for two is just one of the vacations available through the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach's "Changes in Latitude" raffle. Tickets are \$100 each or five for \$400 at www.mineralcitycelebration.com.

Veteran shares WWII experiences chronicled in new memoir

By Jasmine Marshall

Ponte Vedra resident Howard “Mike” Spencer shared some of his experiences with local seniors Feb. 21, when the World War II veteran and recipient of the French Legion of Honor regaled the audience with some of his wartime adventures.

The senior center was one of the stops Spencer has made since the recent release of his autobiography, “One Man’s Journey.” Co-authored by Kenneth R. Overman and chronicling his days during World War II, the book carves out a place in history for the local veteran.

Spencer’s appearance filled the house at the community center, as members poured in to express gratitude and amazement at his tales. Among Spencer’s admirers were a few other heroes: Nelson Johnson, a veteran who also fought in Europe during World War II; and Joe D’Aloia, a Marine Corps veteran from Brooklyn who fought in the South Pacific.

With buoyancy and tongue-in-cheek wit, Spencer recalled memories from his time as part of the 405th Fighter Group. His stories ranged from the weather woes of General George Patton to his introduction to the Moulin Rouge and close scrapes with the enemy.

Aboard a P47 Thunderbolt, Spencer supported Patton’s advance across Europe, carrying 500- and 1000-pound bombs. When asked about the pilots he’d taken down in his time as part of the 405th, Spencer smiled wryly.

“I only got one,” he said. But it was a night he wouldn’t forget.

During that particular mission, Spencer’s unit had been instructed not to engage in battle with any German aircrafts.

“Of course, we wanted to do something,” Spencer said. “But our mission was to go and support a unit on the ground – unless they attacked us. Then we could drop the bombs and fight.”

Spencer’s unit had been at “top cover,” wherein pilots fly at 40,000 feet two flights above the ground. While the ground units did what Spencer referred to as “the hard work” of destroying what they could, in the air, pilots came under attack.

“Each guy’s trying to get behind the other one ... and take the lead on them because you’re flying in a circle,” he said. “The lead determines whether you can shoot them down — so I had to do something odd.”

It was at that moment Spencer remembered something he’d been told by a representative of Republic, who built the P47 aircrafts, in the event that a pilot needed to get away: climb straight up full throttle, then suddenly drop the climb. When Spencer dropped down, the German pilot who’d been behind him was just ahead, dropping to such a low altitude that they both began to hit trees. Spencer acted quickly, firing a couple of



Photos by Jasmine Marshall

Spencer takes a look at his display of awards and medals.

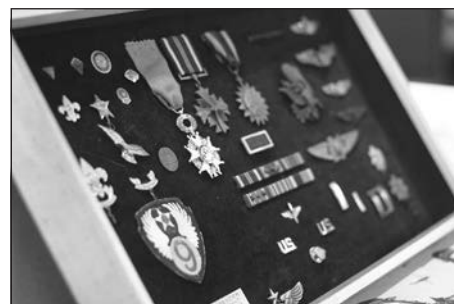
shots and successfully taking a piece of his tail off, causing the pilot to open the canopy and bail out.

“So that was my only one,” he laughed.

But for all the grandeur of his recollections, Spencer’s original goal was simple.

“My initial goal was just to tell my children about my life,” he said.

“I wanted to show them what this old man could do!”



Spencer's awards on display



Howard “Mike” Spencer with Vic DiGenti, vice president of the Florida Author’s Association, who introduced him to the crowd

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PVPV/Rawlings Elementary School chips in for local animals with 'Pennies for Pets'

PVPV/Rawlings Elementary School celebrated its 100th day of school with a lesson in community service during its service learning project, Pennies for Pets.

Beginning Jan. 23, students were invited to bring in loose change throughout the week during which teachers hosted classroom-based learning opportunities with

the collected funds. Both school buildings created a "pet bulletin board" for which students were encouraged to bring in a photograph of a beloved animal.

Altogether, PVPV/Rawlings students raised \$816.52, which the school donated to the Humane Society.



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Del Webb women donate blankets for people, pets



Photo submitted by Edith Andersen

Nearly 70 women who live in Nocatee's Del Webb community recently participated in a community outreach project to provide blankets for people and pets in need. Participating women not only donated material and money, but some women also made the blankets, 65 of which were donated to the Jacksonville chapter of Project Linus, which delivers blankets to local and national children's hospitals. Another 80 blankets are being given to local charities, including St. Gerard's campus, Alpha Omega Miracle Home, Katz 4 Keeps and St. Johns County Pet Rescue. The group also created lap blankets for nursing homes. "Del Webb is a patchwork of people from New York to San Francisco, South Florida to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Utah to Georgia and then some," said resident Edith Andersen, who organized the project. "For many of these transplants, the question is 'How can I make a difference in my new home?' The answer was to come together (for the blanket project.)"

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Annabelle Fox and Billy Clark Taylor star in The Alhambra's production of "Show Boat."

REVIEW

Alhambra launches worthy revival of 'Show Boat'

By Jennifer Logue

Within the musical theatre world, "Oklahoma!" is often lauded as the first modern musical, in which the show's songs and dance numbers are fully integrated within the story line.

That honor, I would suggest, rightly belongs to "Show Boat."

While it's true that the 1943 debut of "Oklahoma!" – Rodgers and Hammerstein's historic first collaboration – would launch a golden age of Broadway musicals, it was the 1927 premiere of "Show Boat" that turned Broadway on its ear and laid the groundwork for the great musical masterpieces to come. With a book by Oscar Hammerstein II and music by Jerome Kern, "Show Boat" premiered at a time when musicals were little more than light-hearted variety shows – a collection of unrelated songs, skits and dance numbers randomly strung together, with no connecting plot or theme.

Against this backdrop, "Show Boat" was a revelation: a musical that not only seamlessly blended storytelling and song, but also addressed such serious issues as racism, interracial relationships, prejudice and gambling addiction. The show would become an American classic, spawning numerous Broadway and touring revivals and three Hollywood on-screen treatments.

The Alhambra Theatre & Dining's latest production is a worthy successor to "Show Boat's" landmark place in musical theatre history. With a cast that handles the lightly operatic score and dramatic and comedic aspects with equal aplomb, the Alhambra captures the heart and soul of a musical that chronicles a transformative time in the nation's history.

Based on the 1926 novel by Edna Ferber, "Show Boat" follows three generations of riverboat performers as they travel the waters of the Mississippi River, entertaining residents of the small towns along the way. Spanning the post-Reconstruction period of the 1880s to the 1920s, the show begins as the Cotton Blossom show boat docks at yet another Southern riverfront hamlet and Cap'n Andy Hawks introduces the locals to his troupe of peripatetic players, including dancing duo Ellie and Frank; handsome hero Steve Baker; and his wife, leading lady Julie Laverne, who enjoys a close bond with Cap'n Andy's stagestruck young daughter, Magnolia, or "Nolie."

After Nolie has a dockside encounter with charming riverboat gambler Gaylord Ravenal ("Only Make Believe"), she shares her infatuation with Julie, who cautions the young girl to be careful who she gives her

heart to in "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man."

After Steve thrashes a deckhand for making advances toward Julie, however, the rabble rouser makes good on his threat to cause trouble for the couple. He notifies the local sheriff that Julie is actually half black, making her marriage to Steve illegal in that state.

After Julie and Steve are forced to leave the Cotton Blossom, Magnolia and Gaylord become the show boat's new stars and soon fall in love. "Show Boat" follows the ups and downs of the couple's relationship over the next several decades, as Gaylord's gambling drives a wedge between them and impacts their daughter, Kim.

As Nolie and Gaylord, Annabelle Fox and Billy Clark Taylor do an admirable job tracing the couple's relationship from the heady days of first infatuation through the financial hardships and heartache brought about by Gaylord's gambling. Patti Eyler and Bill Galarno are memorable as Magnolia's shrewish mother – who warns her against getting involved with a riverboat gambler – and the doting Cap'n Andy, ever ready to help his daughter pick up the pieces when the bill for Nolie and Gaylord's years of high living inevitably comes due.

As dancers Ellie and Frank, Katie Nettle and Timothy Ellis provide both comic relief and a shoulder for Nolie to cry on when Gaylord, depressed over his failures, abandons her in Chicago. Perhaps the biggest pleasant surprise of this "Show Boat," though, is the comic duet between Cherry Hamlin and Peter M. Jackson as married black riverboat workers Queenie and Joe. Their second-act duet, "I Still Suits Me" humorously captures the complaints and good-natured ribbing so commonplace among couples who have somehow managed to stay married for 40 years.

Of course, "Show Boat's" showstopper is the iconic "Ol' Man River" – a powerful lament acknowledging that the everyday problems of those on the river will be "soon forgotten." It's pretty much impossible to have a successful production of "Show Boat" without a top-notch performance of "Ol' Man River" and Peter M. Jackson hits it out of the park: His stirring rendition had the audience shouting, cheering and calling for more.

A musical that spans four decades in its characters' lives – and takes place on a riverboat, no less – can present some logistical challenges for a small theatre, and if there is any weakness in this production of "Show Boat" it comes at the end. A concluding

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By Jasmine Marshall

Mission House celebrated its 20th anniversary with a look to its past, present and future Feb. 25 as the nonprofit opened its doors and invited the community to see its work first-hand.

Featuring self-guided tours, a special presentation of Mission House success stories and a table stocked full of cakes and treats, the open house also included a presentation by Executive Director Lori Delgado Anderson, who discussed the work of turning the nonprofit's fortunes around in hard numbers. In the last year alone, Mission House has assisted more than 1,500 adults and children, provided more than 45,000 meals in the Cay and Andre Dining Hall, managed the cases of nearly 250 homeless adults and treated more than 2,000 uninsured patients for free.

Anderson presented certificates of appreciation to community leaders who were instrumental in support of Mission House, among them Atlantic Beach Interim Chief of Police Victor Gualillo, Atlantic Beach Mayor Mitch Reeves, Neptune Beach Mayor Elaine Brown, Neptune Beach Vice Mayor Scott Wiley, Neptune Beach Chief of Police Richard Pike, Jacksonville

Beach Mayor Charlie Latham, Jacksonville Beach City Manager George Forbes and Jacksonville Beach Chief of Police Pat Dooley.

Anderson extended her sincere thanks to everyone involved in Mission House's successes over its two decades in operation, including its staff and some 500 volunteers who make the work of the organization possible, as she reiterated the impact they've had in Jacksonville Beach.

"We truly, truly thank the volunteers, the local businesses, churches and people who've helped make this happen," she said. "It couldn't be done without the help of all of you."

Anderson also announced Mission House's new \$1,000,000 Charitable Endowment Fund with Raymond James, an endowment created in memory of past president and volunteer James A. Shields to ensure basic services such as hot water for showers, meals and general operations for the future. Gifts of \$10,000 or more enable donors to become part of the Circle of Hope. Mission House is committed to matching up to \$50,000 in individual donations to the endowment for gifts made prior to May 31.

Mission House celebrates 20th anniversary with community open house



Board Member Dina DeMarco in Mission House's new food pantry



Executive Director Lori Delgado Anderson stands in one of Mission House's new exam rooms

Photos by Jasmine Marshall

Show Boat

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scene set in 1927 seems somewhat compressed, as if key details that might better explain the conclusion have been omitted for time or space constraints. The decision to end with the up tempo "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" also strikes a more upbeat final chord than would concluding with a more soul-stirring reprise of "Ol' Man River."

Yet overall, this production of "Show Boat" is more than seaworthy, and continues The Alhambra's 50-year tradition of bringing top-quality productions to local audiences. See it if you can.



Alhambra photo

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J. McLaughlin cohosts Valentine's Day fundraiser with Ponte Vedra Animal Hospital to support TAILS

J. McLaughlin partnered with Ponte Vedra Animal Hospital for a fundraising event on Valentine's Day to support Teaching Animals and Inmates Life Skills (TAILS), an organization that gives dogs

with behavioral issues a second chance by placing them in the care of trained inmates at Florida prisons.

Attendees of the "Sip and Shop" fundraising event enjoyed wine and hors

d'oeuvres, the opportunity to play with several puppies, an appearance from celebrity dog Tinkerbell and a drawing for different prizes. Fifteen percent of event sales benefitted TAILS, which has rescued 201 dogs from local shelters and connected them with inmates who are trained

to care for the dogs while teaching them obedience skills.

J. McLaughlin hosts similar fundraisers each month to support animal-based charities, with previous organizations including Katz 4 Keeps and S.A.F.E. Animal Rescue.



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A program of the International Women's Writing Guild (IWWG), the conference will feature writers from across the nation. The creative writing retreat will begin at 9 a.m. with registration and continental breakfast. At 10 a.m., IWWG Instructor Judy Huge will present "Making More of Memoir: Tools for Drawing Readers to and into Your Nonfiction Writing" – a workshop designed to provide both new and experienced writers with practical tools and personal advice for adding depth

to their nonfiction writing.

A catered lunch and book fair will begin at 12:15 p.m., followed by "Writing Truth and Beauty: Using Your Personal Photos for Creative Writing in Poetry and Prose" at 1:45 p.m. Presented by IWWG Instructor Kelly DuMar, the workshop will encourage participants to write creatively from personal photos. At 4:15 p.m., open readings will be held.

The registration fee is \$95 for members, \$120 non-members, \$45 for students and includes lunch. Also available is a new member special rate of \$135, which includes the conference registration fee and \$55 annual membership dues. To register, visit www.iwwg.org/events.

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OBITUARIES

**Margaret Alexander**

Margaret "Chan" Alexander died peacefully Feb. 19 at Tucker Hospice in Kannapolis, North Carolina, following a lengthy illness. Born in Greensboro, North Carolina, she was the oldest daughter of

John Rea Alexander and Gypsy Alexander-Hulihan. She grew up in Atlantic Beach and graduated from Fletcher High in 1974. She attended Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, and Florida Community College at Jacksonville.

Chan was predeceased by her father, John Alexander; stepfather Thomas Hulihan, Jr.; brother Daniel Alexander; and grandparents Margaret C. Stone and Larry C. Yount and Dr. Samuel and Rebecca Alexander. She is survived by her son, Luther Alexander Marsden (Connie) and a grandson, Avery Alexander Marsden; her longtime companion and fiancé Dan Prieto; mother Gypsy Alexander-Hulihan; sister Virginia Lee Alexander; two brothers Tom Rankin and Jay Alexander (Mark); stepbrothers Tommy Hulihan (Kelly), Michael Hulihan (Tina) and Scott Hulihan (Tracey); and many other relatives.

Chan's working career included the Jacksonville Beach Chamber of Commerce and Kirby-Howell Law Firm, followed by many years with the Stockton Realty Group in Ponte Vedra Beach, primarily in property management. She also volunteered for

the City Mission House and various other charities. Known for her green thumb, she thoroughly enjoyed gardening, raising her kittens and trips to the mountains. She and Dan lived in China Grove, North Carolina, for the past year.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held March 2 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Nathan Wilson Center for the Performing Arts on the south campus of Florida State College at Jacksonville on Beach Boulevard and will include an informal luncheon. Memorials of flowers or donations to your favorite charity are welcome.

George and Dorothy Hardy

George Theodore Hardy was born March 22, 1925, in Benton Harbor, Michigan, to Clement Gabriel and Imogene Hardy. Ted was one of seven children. He served in the United States Army Air Forces as a pilot in World War II. A long-time member of Parkwood Baptist Church, he also served as a deacon and led a Sunday school class for more than 30 years. An avid golfer, he enjoyed finishing his working days as the ranger on the golf course at Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. He died Feb. 17.

Dorothy White Hardy was born Oct. 1, 1925, in El Dorado, Arkansas, to Harmon Holden and Thelma Falkner White. Dottie was one of two children. Also a long-time member of Parkwood Baptist Church, she made and melded many friendships. While living in New Orleans, she volunteered many hours at the March of Dimes and worked as a school librarian and substitute teacher. She retired from Florida National Bank after a long career in banking. She died

Feb. 19.

Ted and Dot were both 91 at the time of their passing, and they were blessed with 72 years of marriage.

They were predeceased by both sets of parents, their son Steven Theodore Hardy and three of Ted's sisters.

They are survived by three children Ann (Gary) McDonald, Jill (Greg) Leach and Scott (Linda) Hardy; five grandchildren, Erin (Jeff Walker) McDonald, Colleen (Andrew) Seese, Jennifer (Brandon) Harrell, Jonathan Theodore Hardy and Trevor Gregory Leach; four great-grandchildren, Meagan, Andrew Jr. and Harry Seese; and Magdalene Grace Harrell; Ted's three sisters, Paula Schroeder, Lucy Schmidt and Norma Clem; Dot's sister Betty Garrett; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A dual-memorial service was held Feb. 21 at Parkwood Baptist Church in Jacksonville, and a celebration of life will be held at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local veterans organization or charity of choice.

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**Charles F. Underhill**

Charles F. Underhill, Jr., 90, of Ponte Vedra Beach died peacefully in his sleep Feb. 9. His spouse of 65 years, Janice Schwartz

Underhill, died Nov. 18, 2016.

Charlie was born in Orlando on May 30, 1926. After graduating from St. James Catholic High School in Orlando, he served in the United States Navy. Later, Charlie continued his education at the University of Florida and graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science in Business.

After graduating, Charlie started his career in the automotive industry with Ford Motor Company in Jacksonville. His career included the ownership of an automotive dealership, and he spent the final 10 years as a 20-group consultant with National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA).

Charlie is survived by his sister Rita O'Brian of Orlando; three sons, Trey Underhill (Carol) of Cumming, Georgia; Tom Underhill (Travis) of Fancy Gap, Virginia; and Tim Underhill of Ponte Vedra Beach; and granddaughter Jennifer Marie Underhill, who graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and is currently stationed in Bethesda, Maryland, where she is working toward a medical degree.

The burial service will be held at a U.S. national cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida at 4566 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257 in memory of Janice & Charles. Please sign the online guestbook at www.pontevedravally.com.



Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach seeks gardening volunteers

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Healthy living to be the focus of 'The District'

New downtown development to feature riverfront multigenerational living

By Jennifer Logue

Healthy living will be the focus of a new 30-acre mixed-use development scheduled to break ground this spring in downtown Jacksonville on the south bank of the St. Johns River.

To be known as "The District Jacksonville," the new community will feature 1,200 residential units alongside 165,000 square feet of retail space and 200,000 square feet of office space. In addition, the community will feature a hotel, a waterfront park and a 125-slip marina. Above all, developer Peter Rummell said, healthy living will be the focus of The District.

"Healthy living is the new golf course," Rummell said in a Feb. 23 presentation to the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach. "It's the amenity people are looking for."

Noting that the Urban Land Institute has long advocated for community development projects that emphasize healthy living, Rummell acknowledged the term may mean different things to different people.

"Everybody's talking about healthy living, but they're planting tomatoes instead

of azaleas," Rummell said. "No one has really attacked it from a lifestyle sense."

The District, he said, will focus on cultivating a healthy lifestyle through what he termed "unintentional exercise," encouraged by building a walkable community where elevators are the exception and stairs are the norm. Beyond that, he said, The District will reflect a broader, more personalized definition of healthy living tailored to each individual.

"It's not required that you do yoga at 7:30 and never eat red meat unless that's what you want," he said. "It's your definition of healthy living."

The second defining characteristic of The District will be a multigenerational community the developer hopes to encourage by offering units in a variety of sizes and price points for both rent and sales.

"Part of my definition of healthy living is to be involved with younger people," Rummell said. "They are different – in a good way."

Active in real estate for more than four decades, Rummell has overseen numer-



Photo by Jennifer Logue

Developer Peter Rummell describes key elements of The District – a mixed use community focused on healthy living to be built on 30 acres in downtown Jacksonville on the south bank of the St. Johns River

The District renderings

ous projects that have gone on to win national recognition, such as Hilton Head, South Carolina and multiple projects for The Walt Disney Company. The former general manager of the Sawgrass Country Club hopes The District will win the same

sort of national attention from developers seeking to replicate the healthy living concept.

"It's an idea that I hope will start in Jacksonville," he said, "and God willing will go on to other places."

MOVERS & SHAKERS

UNF President Delaney to retire in 2018

University of North Florida President **John A. Delaney** will retire in May 2018 at the conclusion of his current contract.

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UNF board members credited Delaney with raising the regional and national profile of the university while overseeing

the biggest campus expansion in its history. During his tenure, the academic quality of UNF's students and academic programs also increased, they said.

"John's leadership has propelled UNF beyond all expectations," said Joy Korman, chair of the UNF Board of Trustees. "His accomplishments are far and wide, ranging from academic enhancements to community outreach. He always puts students first."

Jax Chamber names Johnston 'Small Business Leader of the Year'

Sarah Marie Johnston, owner and marketing director of Moxie Kitchen + Cocktails, was recently named the 2017 overall Jax Chamber Small Business Leader of the Year.

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Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam served as the event's featured guest. He discussed his priorities while in office, including fostering the growth and diversification of Florida agri-

culture and expanding access to Florida's fresh produce and seafood.

In addition to his keynote speech, event attendees enjoyed networking opportunities, an array of breakfast items, including primavera quiche, potatoes and fruit salad, as well as the many sights and sounds at Blue Sky Farms.



County Commissioner and farmer Jeb Smith brought his Florida cracker cattle to the event for attendees to see.



Bill McClure and Elizabeth Granite



Photos by Susan Griffin
Victor Raymos, Adam Putnam, Isabelle Rodriguez and Jeb Smith at the EDC quarterly breakfast at Blue Sky Farms

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Gray, moved from Napa Valley to Jacksonville, where they opened Bistro Aix in San Marco. They operated Bistro Aix until 2012 when they left to focus on opening Moxie Kitchen + Cocktails. Moxie opened in November 2013, showcasing locally grown and artisan ingredients.

"Northeast Florida is a great place to do business and Sarah Marie has achieved great success here in Jacksonville," JAX Chamber President and CEO Daniel Davis said. "The JAX Chamber is proud to honor an outstanding business leader who is dedicated to the local community."



LIANG

Liang, Baker to co-chair WGA

Paula Liang and Martha Baker will co-chair the 2017 Women's Collective Giving Grantmakers Network National Leadership Forum, to be held March 12-14 at the One Ocean Resort in Atlantic Beach.



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To be hosted by The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida's Women's Giving Alliance (WGA), the conference will follow the theme "Women Together Making Waves," celebrating women-powered giving. Featured speakers will include Bezos Family Foundation President Jackie Bezos and Ms. Foundation for Women CEO Teresa Younger.

"We are thrilled that women from across

the U.S. will join us in Northeast Florida to connect, learn and share," said Liang, immediate past president for WGA. "We are excited to kick off our 15th anniversary year by welcoming friends old and new from across the country to our beautiful corner of the world, and to introduce them to some of what is unique both about WGA and about Northeast Florida."



DiGENTI

DiGenti named FWA executive vice president

Vic DiGenti was recently elected executive vice president of the Florida Writers Association, one of the largest membership organizations for writers in the country.

DiGenti, who had formerly been an FWA Board member for 10 years before stepping down to concentrate on his writing, remained active in the organization as the Northeast Florida regional director and leader of the Ponte Vedra Writers group. He had previously been appointed as faculty chair for the 2017 Florida Writers Conference in October. He is also an active board member of the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Library.

After writing three award-winning "Windrusher" novels, DiGenti penned the Quint Mitchell mystery series using the pen name Parker Francis. Lately, he has worked as a ghost writer and biographer, having recently penned biographies for two World War II veterans.



Rock Solid Attorney and 2016 Small Business Leader of the Year John Miller presents the 2017 award to Moxie Kitchen + Cocktails owner Sarah Marie Johnston.

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Chamber of Commerce PVB Division 'After Hours' celebrates opening of State Farm Insurance office

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division held a ribbon cutting ceremony Feb. 22 for State Farm Insurance, which recently opened an office in Nocatee Town Center at 466 Town Plaza Ave.

In addition to the ribbon cutting, the chamber hosted an "After Hours" social gathering at the State Farm office, which provided members with the opportunity to network and enjoy an evening of complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.



State Farm Insurance staff join with St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division representatives at the ribbon cutting ceremony.



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How are we going to handle all the Baby Boomers?



Harry Pappas
Columnist

By Harry Pappas

Quick, what is the most common age in the United States?

Before checking below for the answer, please take a moment and read this short narrative. There is a

common misperception, illustrated by the accompanying image, that the size of the population at or near retirement, age 59 and over, dwarfs their younger comrades. Moreover, many suggest that when they all hit retirement, it could wreak financial havoc on the economy.

The reality is arguably far more encouraging. The two younger generations are larger individually and significantly greater collectively than the Baby Boomers. In fact, 42.9 million of the 73 million baby boomers are actually between the ages of 50 (people like Michelle Obama, and Michael Jordan) and 59 (people like Bill Gates and Eddie Van Halen).

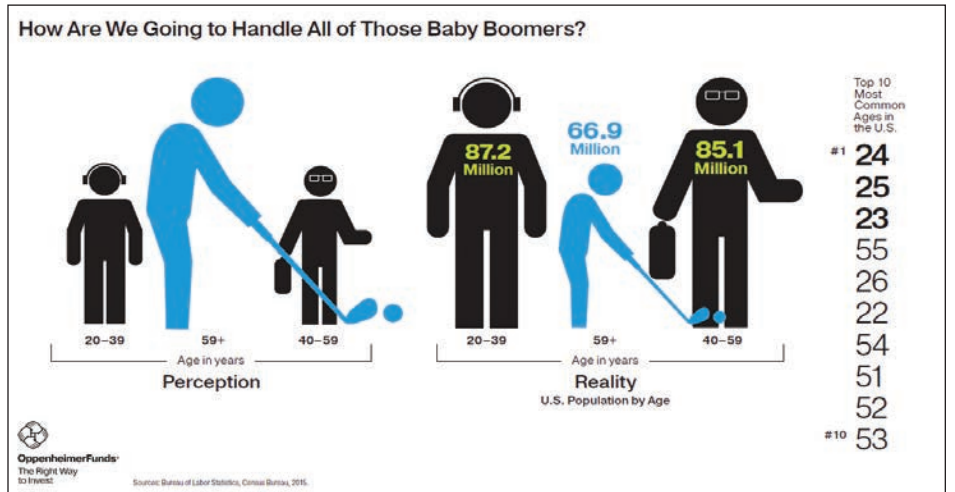
Oh, by the way, a June 2014 study from Merrill Lynch found that 72 percent of pre-retirees over the age of 50

say their ideal retirement will include working, often in new and more flexible and fulfilling ways. I thought you would enjoy perusing the illustration at right. The answer to the opening question is on the right side of the graph.

BINGO if you answered 24!

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LACROSSE

Shark stickmen roll over Bolles

By Jerry Norton

The Ponte Vedra Sharks posted their fourth straight win of the lacrosse season by dispatching Bolles 18-8 last week at the Shark Tank. Eight different players scored for the Sharks, led by Reid Smith with four goals. Jack Burke, Jack Woeste and Clay Welch each scored three times.

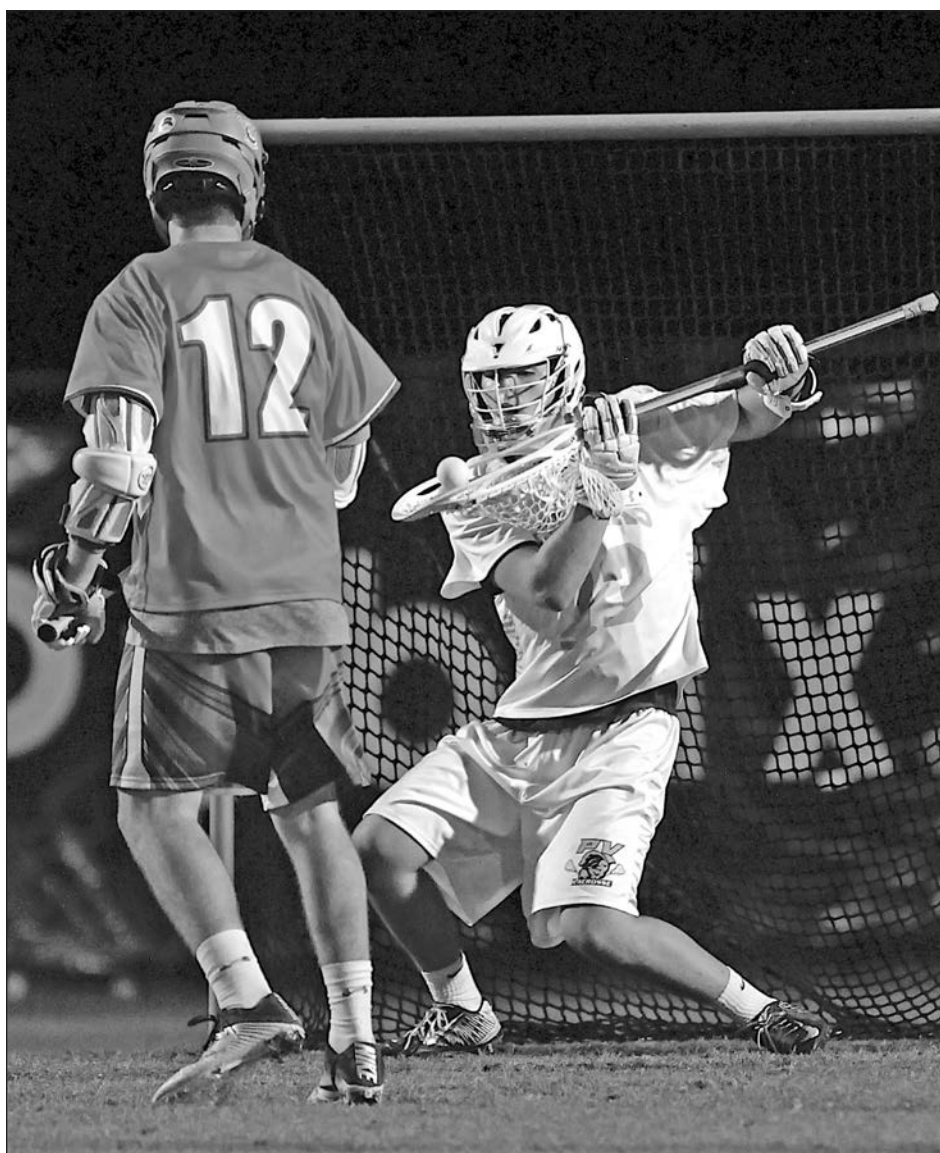
Ponte Vedra moved in front quickly on Matt Keeler's goal at the seven-minute mark. Four minutes later, the Sharks used three goals in less than 40 seconds to take a commanding 4-0 lead. Bolles answered with a pair of goals by senior Gray King to pull within two, 4-2, at the first quarter break. Woeste's goal made the score 5-2, but King kept the Bulldogs in the game with his third goal.

Goals by Smith, Burke and Walker Azzaro bumped the Shark advantage to 8-3 before the first half ended. The visitors stayed close, making it 8-4 in the closing seconds of the half.

After a pair of second quarter goals by Smith and Welch plus a single by Woeste, the Sharks led 13-6 at the break. King, Bolles' leading scorer, set up the Bulldogs' fifth goal and scored their sixth to send the game into the fourth quarter, with Ponte Vedra still holding a solid seven-goal advantage.

The final quarter was all Ponte Vedra's, as Smith picked up his fourth goal of the game, Woeste his third and Burke his third. Single goals by Dylan Hess and Keeler rounded out the scoring for Ponte Vedra.

The Sharks are looking to improve on last year's incredible season when they finished as state champion runner-ups. They play next at host local rival Nease on Thursday, March 2 and IMG on Saturday, March 4.



Shark goalkeeper #13 Wyatt Schupler makes a great save on a Bolles shot.



#21 Andrew O'Dare drives for the Bulldog goal.



#30 Jack Burke looks for an open teammate.



#24 Matt Keeler of the Sharks fires a shot on the Bolles goal.

Photos by Chris and Jerry Norton

BASKETBALL

Ponte Vedra girls basketball looking up despite falling down in state semifinals

By Jon Blauvelt

Ponte Vedra's state title run ended Feb. 23 after the Sharks lost to St. Petersburg's Lakewood High School, 74-59, in the Class 6A girls basketball semifinals at the Lakeland Center.

Ponte Vedra kept the game close early on, heading into halftime tied with Lakewood at 30. But the Spartans' superior size and ability to pound the ball inside proved to be too difficult for Ponte Vedra to stop, Sharks Coach Jim Piggott said.

Lakewood managed to build a lead in the third quarter that they carried throughout the rest of the game.

"They were the tallest team we faced this year," said Piggott, who encouraged his players to keep their heads held high after the loss. "I'm very proud of the team and the progression we made throughout this year."

Channing Chappell led the Sharks with 20 points. Tess Tibbits and Gillian Boss both scored 11 points, while Rachael Aspinwall added nine points.

Ponte Vedra center Leah McCarthy — the Sharks' tallest player at 5'11" — said

there was nothing they could have done differently to stop Lakewood, whose team featured a lineup of several girls over six feet tall, including a 6'4" player.

"These were the tallest players I've ever played against," said McCarthy, who scored five points in the loss. "We left everything on the court."

The team's lone senior, Aspinwall said it was definitely a tough loss but noted she has high hopes for the Sharks moving forward.

"There's a lot of potential," she said. "I think they can definitely go farther than we did this year. There's so much young talent."

The Sharks finished the season with one senior, three juniors, four sophomores and three freshmen on the team. Consequently, Piggott agrees with his departing senior that the future is bright for his team.

"We have nothing but high hopes," said Piggott, whose team finished the season 21-7. "As long as they stay grounded and put the work in, I think they'll get good results again next year."



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The Ponte Vedra girls basketball team celebrates after its regional final victory against Crystal River.

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Hayt Named 2017 Deane Beman Award recipient



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John Hayt, the 2017 recipient of the Deane Beman Award

John Hayt was recently recognized as the 2017 recipient of the Deane Beman Award at the fifth annual Celebration of Golf banquet at Timuquana Country Club.

The Deane Beman Award is presented to an individual who has had a significant and long-term impact on the game of golf in the Greater Jacksonville area. The award is presented annually by the Jacksonville Area Golf Association (JAGA), in association with the Northern Chapter of the North

Florida PGA. It is named in honor of former PGA TOUR Commissioner (1974-94) Deane Beman, with the first two recipients of the award being Beman himself in 2015 and Herb Peyton in 2016.

Hayt was honored for his many efforts in benefiting amateur golf at the University of North Florida. He and his wife Gerri have generously supported UNF's golf learning center, which is named the UNF Golf Complex at the Hayt Learning Center. His backing of the UNF golf team also prompted the university to rename its annual golf tournament at Sawgrass Country Club the John Hayt Collegiate Invitational, considered one of the premier college tournaments in the country.

Hayt is the retired chairman and CEO of EquiCredit Corporation, a Jacksonville-based, publicly held company that was a pioneer of the home equity lending industry. He retired in 1997 after the company was acquired by Barnett Banks of Florida.

In 2005, the Hayts established a \$100,000 endowed scholarship for UNF student athletes. They also established a scholarship program in honor of UNF's first golf coach John Brooks. In recognition of his support of UNF athletics, Hayt was inducted into the UNF Athletics Hall of Fame in 2008.

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Scout's Honor: Cub Scouts celebrate at Blue and Gold Banquet

Cub Scouts Pack 277 in Ponte Vedra Beach held its annual Blue and Gold Banquet Feb. 24, as 85 pack members celebrated their achievements with their families.

Held at Christ Episcopal Church, which hosts the pack's meetings, the awards banquet coincided with the birthday of the Boy Scouts of America. An estimated 225 people attended the event, which also celebrated 24 fifth grade boys who "crossed over" to Boy Scouts Troop 277.

Twenty Scout families helped organize the banquet, which featured food donated from local restaurants including #1 Gold Sponsor Woody's BBQ. Student volunteers from Ponte Vedra High School, meanwhile, assisted by serving and cleaning up.

With 85 boys ranging in age from 6 to 11 years old, Pack 277 is one of the largest in the area. First graders begin as Tigers, receiving their Tiger badge at the Blue and Gold banquet. Second graders receive the Wolf badge, third graders a Bear badge and fourth graders receive a Webelos 1 badge. Webelos stands for "We'll Be Loyal Scouts."

Fifth graders start as Webelos 2 and then "cross over" to Boy Scouts, with some fifth graders receiving Cub Scouts' highest honor, the "Arrow of Light" during a special ceremony. Den 6 Cub Scouts crossing over included George Auchter, Benjamin Blatt, Jacob Blatt, Andrew Devitt, Ethan Glaze, Rohan Jones, Christian Lutz, Taylor Lutz, Martin Mack, Wade Morris, Gavin Walker and Nate Wicker. Den 7 Cub Scouts crossing over included Benjamin Black, Emerson Boyd, David Darracott, Adam Enlow, Vincent Goddard, Matthew Hamm, Mason Owens, Tre Peterson III, Landon Rogers-Neubarth, Joshua Slaton, Ryan Stuart and James Syme.

Den leaders include Tom Peterson, Martin Hamm and Scott Walker.

"It's thanks to the great leadership of parent volunteers that make our pack so outstanding!" Blue and Gold Banquet Chair Christine Mack said. "The fifth graders have had dedicated leaders for all five years, and they are the reason this pack is attracting and keeping so many boys."



2nd grade boys, back row: Andrew Loo, Lucas Roache, Jackson Bohsali, Spencer York and Carter Stoltz. Front row: William Hightower, James Hughes and Danny Breland.



5th graders during the Arrow of Light Ceremony from left to right: Gavin Walker, Martin Mack, Wade Morris, Christian Lutz and Taylor Lutz



Den Leader Scott Walker presents Martin Mack with his "Arrow of Light."

Photos submitted by Christine Mack



Photos by Jasmine Marshall

Mama Blue takes the stage at the Seawalk Music Festival Feb. 24.



Annual Seawalk Music Festival

Jacksonville Beach's Seawalk Pavilion played host to its annual Seawalk Music Festival Feb. 24-25, welcoming a host of local musicians, food trucks and artisans to the oceanfront properties for a day of fun.



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- 13. Petroleum tanker
- 14. *Top March Madness seed
- 15. Sigourney Weaver's 1979 box-office hit
- 16. Kind of ray
- 17. Expert
- 18. Mother, lovingly
- 19. *NCAA's fill-in-the-blanks
- 21. *Final Four location
- 23. ____ B or ____ C, at the doctor's office
- 24. Russian monarch
- 25. "Gross!"
- 28. Double Dutch gear
- 30. "____ of all trades," pl.
- 34. Found in a racing shell
- 36. Mountain goat terrain
- 38. What Pinocchio was doing?
- 40. Margarita garnish
- 41. Before "pocus"?
- 43. Roofed colonnade
- 44. Type of acid
- 46. Roman public space, pl.
- 47. One of President's two
- 48. Follow
- 50. Bathtime froth
- 52. "Get it?"
- 53. *Three pointer
- 55. Carry, as in suitcase
- 57. *Shared name of Kentucky and Vil-

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- 69. Like a good singer
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- 71. Ancient marketplace
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- 2. Baron Munchausen, e.g.
- 3. Long forearm bone
- 4. Throw up
- 5. Worker who rolls dough for baked goods
- 6. Painter's layer
- 7. *Tar Heels' home
- 8. Circle of friends
- 9. Medicinal succulent
- 10. Sketch
- 11. 18-wheeler
- 12. December stone
- 15. Libertine
- 20. Unit of geological time
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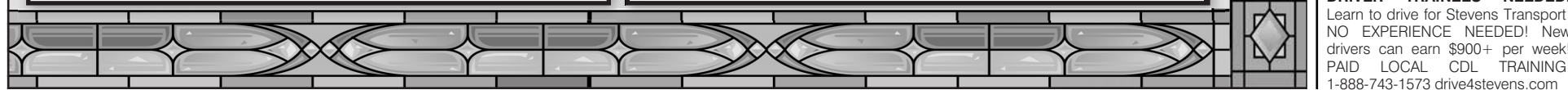
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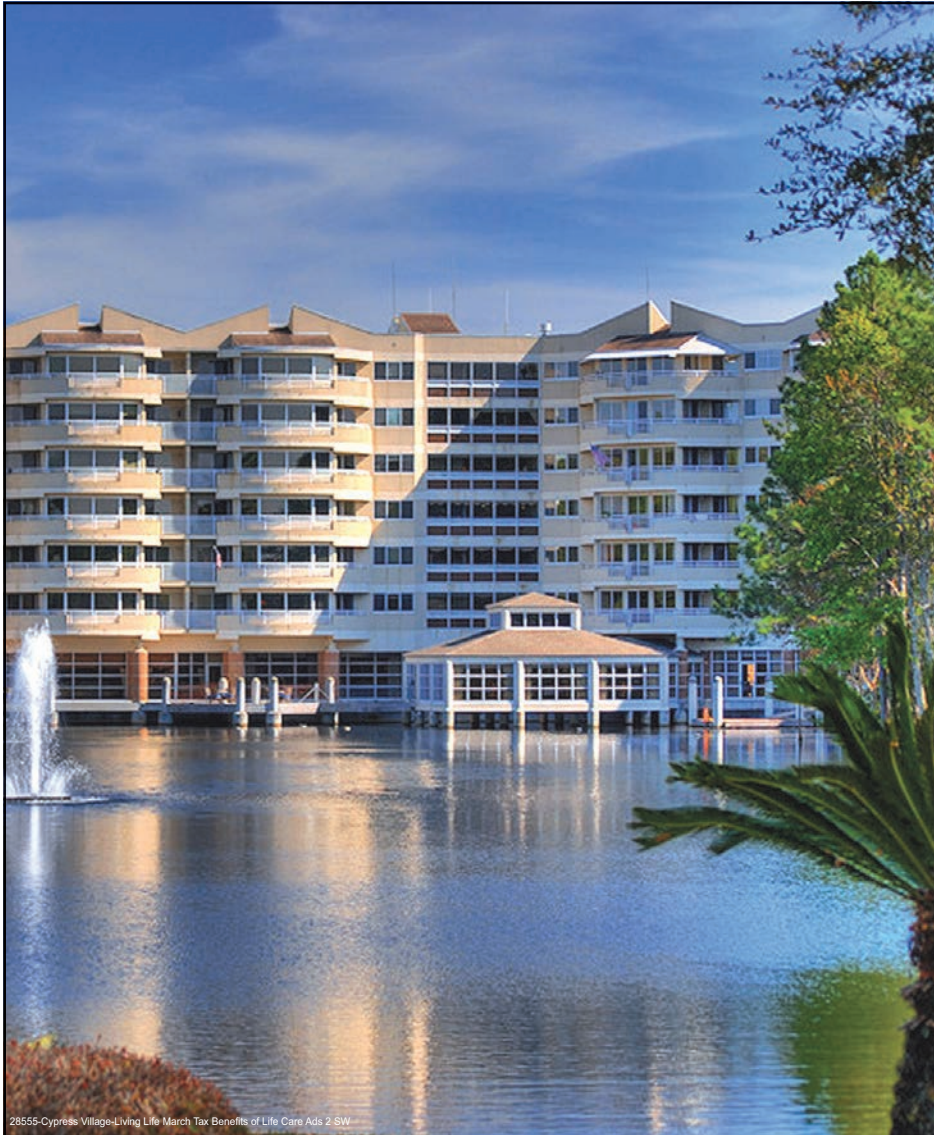
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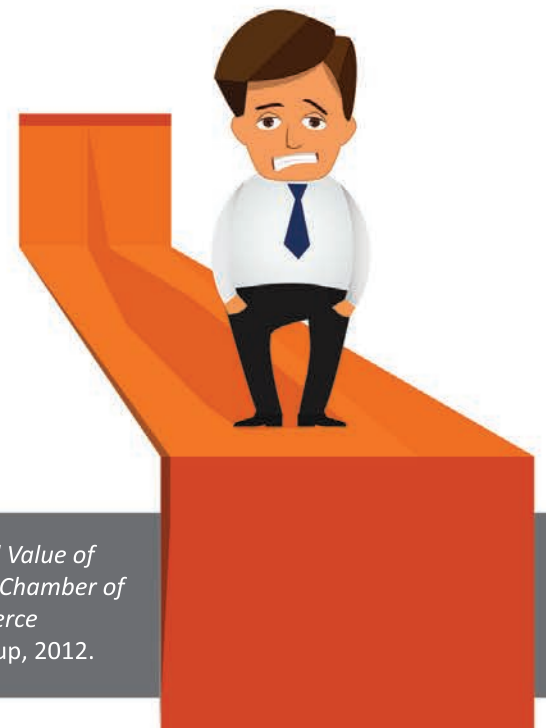
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