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PONTE VEDRA BEACH RESIDENT BECOMES GOVERNOR



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

Before being elected governor of Florida on Tuesday night, Ponte Vedra Beach resident Ron DeSantis voted at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church with his wife, Casey, and children, Madison and Mason. Find more election content inside.

Who's Who in Law Attorney GUIDE

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WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

Email your answer to jonb@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.

Four readers correctly identified last week's photo as the Lemon Twist Boutique sign. The winner of the random drawing was **Derrick Smith**. Congratulations, Derrick — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours



ADOPT A PET



CAT OF THE WEEK

My name is Tori, and I am a 3-year-old female cat who was brought to the Pet Center as a stray, which means there may be some traits that are unknown at this time. Come visit me today here at the Pet Center! #45291



DOG OF THE WEEK

My name is Penne, and I am a 6-year-old female dog who was brought to the Pet Center as a stray. Since I'm a stray, there may be some traits that are unknown at this time. Come visit me today here at the Pet Center! #45232

Any new pet being introduced to a new home will need time to adjust to its new environment. Please reinforce house training and behavioral training, and be mindful of interacting with other pets.

St. Johns County Pet Center

Cat adoptions are currently \$15 and are being sponsored by the Friends of the Pet Center! They are usually \$30 for males and \$40 for females. Dog adoptions are \$45 for males and \$60 for females. Adoption fees include microchipping, neutering/spaying, rabies vaccinations and shots. The pet center is located at 130 N. Stratton Road in St. Augustine, off U.S. 1 between County Road 210 and International Golf Parkway. Business hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is closed to the public on Sunday. On Monday, the office is open by appointment only to claim a lost pet.

For more information, please call the St. Johns County Pet Center at (904) 209-6190.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.



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Move-in Ready on Exceptional Lot

Located on one of the most extraordinary lots in all of The Plantation, this property recently underwent a makeover and is move-in ready. The beauty outside of the home is reflected throughout with stunning views of the pool, lake, and golf course creating the ideal space for indoor-outdoor living. **4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths \$978,000**



Sophisticated Coastal Living at its Best!

This home is the epitome of southern charm with over 8,400 sq. ft. that showcase spectacular ocean views. The open living areas, including large formal dining room with grand fireplace, lend themselves to entertaining everything from large celebrations or simply enjoying intimate moments near a roaring fireplace. **5 bedrooms and 5.5 bathrooms \$6,100,000**



Stunning Classic with Beach Access

Picturesque home in a charming neighborhood off Ponte Vedra Blvd. Large kitchen with granite countertops and island plumbed for gas. Also features a downstairs master, study & game room. Access available to the Old Ponte Vedra Condos amenities. This home is the perfect backdrop for all of life's memories. **3 bedrooms & 2.5 bathrooms \$649,500**



The Perfect Oceanfront Lot for Your Ideal Home

This property is being sold for lot value only. This lot has a brand-new vinyl sea wall that is already installed on the property and valued at close to \$70,000. Great deal to build your oceanfront dream home! **\$395,000**



OPES STAFF MEMBERS GET SLIMED FOR SCIENCE

Ocean Palms Elementary School (OPES) staff members volunteer to get slimed during the school's Fall Festival on Thursday, Oct. 25, to help raise money for the school's new science lab. The rookie teachers competed against the veterans and won. The losing team had to eat worms on the morning news.

Photo courtesy of Ocean Palms Elementary

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COLLECTION



FOR RENT

PONTE VEDRA BEACH \$4,500/Month

Great opportunity to rent in Old Ponte Vedra Beach! This split floor plan with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, & bright kitchen with new granite countertops provides ample space for entertaining. Living/dining area with wood-burning fireplace, master bedroom, & second bedroom overlook backyard with spectacular water views. MLS 954241

Jeannie Towgood | 904.473.1167
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EDGEWATER AT SUNBEAM | \$234,700

Highly desirable ranch-style condo located near amenities & guest parking in one-of-a-kind gated community! This 1-owner end unit offers 2-car attached garage, kitchen with tile, sun tunnel, & Corian countertops, baths with marble & tile, gas fireplace, vaulted ceilings, & more. MLS 964298

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KELLY POINTE \$332,500

Wonderful David Weekley model home nestled up against a preserve with \$2,500 towards upgrades. Offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, office with built-ins & French doors, bonus room, formal dining room, living room with surround sound, & kitchen with gas stove, stainless steel appliances, & island. MLS 935157

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DOLPHIN COVE \$399,000

Enjoy rustic southern charm in this wonderful pool home with fenced backyard on corner lot. Features neutral interiors, natural finishes, a double-sided stone fireplace, wood paneling throughout, & paved Florida room. Kitchen has gorgeous wood cabinets, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, & stone backsplash. MLS 964003

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LAKESIDE AT NOCATEE \$449,900

Gorgeous Key West-inspired home with open floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, custom lighting, master suite with spa-like bath & double-vanity, designer office, & screened lanai. Stunning open kitchen features Restoration Hardware knobs & pulls, exotic granite, Bosh 800-series dishwasher, & gas cooktop with stainless-range hood. MLS 964334

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2018 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

UNOFFICIAL ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS

Provided by the Florida Division of Elections and St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 4

John H. Rutherford (REP)	248,062	65.19 %
George "Ges" Selmont (DEM)	123,033	32.33 %
Joceline Berrios (NPA)	7,122	1.87 %
Jason Michael Bulger (NPA)	2,312	0.61 %

U.S. SENATOR

Rick Scott (REP)	4,081,179	50.19 %
Bill Nelson (DEM)	4,050,940	49.81 %

*Florida state law calls for a recount if the difference in a race is less than 0.5 percent. If the return stands, the state will count the ballots for this race again, but that is to be determined.

GOVERNOR

Ron DeSantis (REP)	4,058,589	49.7 %
Andrew Gillum (DEM)	4,007,785	49.08 %
Darcy F. Richardson (REF)	46,819	0.57%
Kyle "KC" Gibson (NPA)	24,255	0.3%
Ryan Foley (NPA)	14,444	0.18%
Bruce Stanley (NPA)	14,388	0.18%

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ashley Moody (REP)	4,214,295	52.23 %
Sean Shaw (DEM)	3,709,845	45.98 %
Jeffrey Marc Siskind (NPA)	144,222	1.79 %

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Jimmy Patronis (REP)	4,134,006	51.86 %
Jeremy Ring (DEM)	3,836,964	48.14 %

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Matt Caldwell (REP)	4,008,205	50.08 %
Nicole "Nikki" Fried (DEM)	3,995,684	49.92 %

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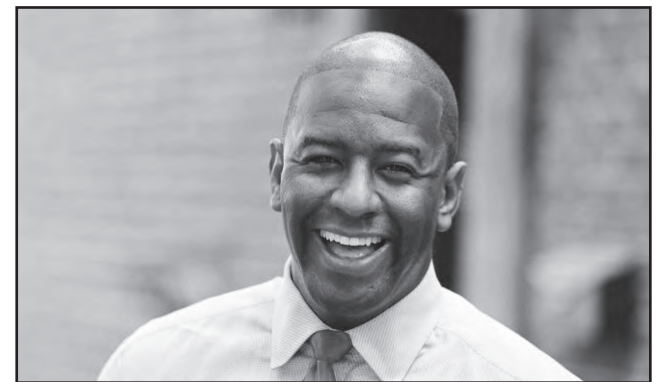
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SCENES FROM THE 2018 ELECTIONS



ABOVE: Gov. Ron DeSantis meets with a group of his supporters at the polling location at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Ponte Vedra Beach on election day before casting his vote.

Photo by Jon Blauvelt



Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum



ABOVE: Karen Tait and dog Peanut join with Claire Powell to root for an Andrew Gillum victory.

RIGHT: Members of the St. Johns County Democratic Party watch as the general election results are announced at a party held at the Royal St. Augustine Golf Club House Nov. 6.

Photos by Samantha Logue



ABOVE: St. Johns County Young Republicans members (from left) Ryan Anderson, Roy Alaimo, Cameron Coward, Kay Kelley, George Doran and Elizabeth Chatham gather to watch the votes roll in at the St. Johns County Republican Party's election night watch party Nov. 6.



LEFT: St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee Chairman Jerry Cameron sits with fellow Republicans Elizabeth Chatham and Roy Alaimo as they await the final election results.

Photos by Samantha Logue

SCENES FROM THE 2018 ELECTIONS



Photo by Samantha Logue

Florida Rep. Cyndi Stevenson (center left) and husband Henry Stevenson (center right) gather with (from left) St. Johns County Republican Committeewoman Elizabeth Chatham and Shorty Robbins at the St. Johns County Republican Party watch party at Buffalo Wild Wings in St. Augustine. Stevenson won the State Representative, District 17 race.



Photo by Samantha Logue

Delia Veschi and Sean Blum await the election results at the St. Johns Democratic Party election night watch party.



Linda Gaustad



Ryan Will

2018 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 17

Cyndi Stevenson (REP)	74,831	70.48 %
Jaime D. Perkins (NPA)	31,339	29.52 %

CIRCUIT JUDGE, 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, GROUP 15

Linda L. Gaustad	213,755	58.62 %
Ryan Will	150,917	41.38 %

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

Jeremiah Blocker (REP)	84,085	68.02%
John C. "Jack" Gorman (NPA)	39,535	31.98%

ANASTASIA MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, SEAT 2

Jeanne Moeller	44,892	45.46 %
Karen Cornwell	38,835	39.32 %
Merrill Paul Roland	15,032	15.22 %

ANASTASIA MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, SEAT 4

Trish Becker	42,046	42.86 %
Peter M. Miele	28,636	29.19 %
Catherine Brandhorst	27,415	27.95 %

ST. JOHNS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY, GROUP 2

Justin Mirgeaux	58,245	60.30%
Victor J. Raymos	38,346	39.70%

ST. JOHNS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY, GROUP 3

Bruce Maguire	62,689	64.78 %
Carl Youman	34,085	35.22 %

TOLOMATO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, SEAT 4

Cherya Cavanaugh	4,051	63.40 %
Tiffany Davis-Baer	2,339	36.60 %

TOLOMATO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, SEAT 5

Ron Howland	4,226	68.04 %
Daniel J. Pasky	1,985	31.96 %

SHALL JUSTICE ALLAN LAWSON (FLORIDA SUPREME COURT) BE RETAINED IN OFFICE?

Yes	5,010,754	71.44 %
No	2,003,276	28.56 %

SHALL JUDGE ERIC EISNAUGLE (FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL) BE RETAINED IN OFFICE?

Yes	1,118,294	63.3 %
No	648,491	36.7 %

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Photo by Jon Blauvelt

Bernadette Semple, Pam Tomlin, Carmen Martinez and Melanie Peterson gather at the polling location at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Ponte Vedra Beach on election day.



Photo submitted by Francesca Rutherford

Congressman John Rutherford (fifth from right) meets with supporters at Bogey Grille in Ponte Vedra Beach after winning the U.S. Representative, District 4 race.



Photo by Samantha Logue

Elizabeth Garratt proudly displays her support for the Democratic candidates.



Photo by Samantha Logue

Grant Hall, Mason Davis, Maggie Cox, Logan Parham and Landon Hall represent the St. Augustine High School Young Republicans at the St. Johns County Republicans' election watch party at Buffalo Wild Wings in St. Augustine.

More scenes from the 2018 general election on page 11

Mark Farrell is the founder of Killashee Investments and the president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach.

Mark Farrell



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

Can you please briefly tell us about your background?

I was born in Binghamton, New York and was one of six children. I went to James Madison University, where I majored in accounting and played baseball. I obtained my CPA license in Virginia and started my career in Virginia Beach. A job relocated me to Orlando, and that is how I got to Florida. I moved to Ponte Vedra Beach in 1987 and began my career in commercial real estate development.

What's the story of how Killashee Investments started?

I started Killashee Investments in 2007 after a 17-year career as president and CEO of a large multifamily development company. The company's name, Killashee, is named after an area in Ireland where my ancestors came from. I started with no business plan but was available for hire. The market collapsed and then it came time to come up with a business plan!

When you reflect on the past 10 to 11 years of business, what are you most proud of?

Starting a real estate company at the beginning of the Great Recession and surviving. Going several years without a paycheck was a challenge and required me to pull out every arrow in my quiver. Every year since I started Killashee has been the company's best year. This past year, we were recognized as the 10th fastest growing company in North Florida. I truly have become a better person and thank my wife Lori for believing in me.

What are your goals for the rest of the year?

To continue to lead our company to be the best commercial brokerage company in North Florida. Also, I want to complete my newest development, JTB apartments. JTB is a 350-unit, five-story luxury apartment complex located near St. Johns Town Center. Leasing should begin in January 2019. I am also under contract and in design, with my partners out of Texas, for a 370-unit development in the same area.

What's it mean to you to be president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach?

It is an honor that I truly cherish. I have to pinch myself knowing that I am leading an organization whose members are the pillars of the community. I am following tremendous past presidents and realize the magnitude of the responsibility of being president. The breadth of the community that our club serves is amazing. This enables me to meet so many wonderful individuals at the Beaches that serve those less fortunate.

What do you enjoy most about living in Ponte Vedra?

Everything. I love the lifestyle that comes with a beach resort community. I enjoy the small-town feel, the casual dress and the fine dining. As a child, our family spent the summers at the New Jersey Shore. Each time I go to the beach, it reminds me of my childhood. I love the Ponte Vedra schools and all the school activities that our kids enjoyed. The families and friends I have met while living here makes it easy to call Ponte Vedra Beach my home. Best of all, having my mom, brother and sister living here is the icing on the cake!

What do you like to do in your free time?

Now that we are empty nesters, I love spending time with my wife, Lori. We have a lot of fun together, whether it is going to the beach, the movies, working out or a quiet dinner. She is my best friend and I can't spend enough time with her. We enjoy visiting our children in Atlanta, Tallahassee and Gainesville. When

the whole family is together, there is a lot of laughing and great times. I took up golf two years ago and really enjoy the quiet time on the course. My game needs a lot of improvement but that one shot a round keeps me coming back. I think they call that potential!

Edited by Jon Blauvelt

To watch a video portion of the interview, visit pontevedrarecorder.com and click One of Us.

2018 GENERAL ELECTION: AMENDMENT RESULTS (AMENDMENTS REQUIRE 60 PERCENT TO PASS)

Amendment No. 1: Increased homestead property tax exemption		
Yes for approval	4,533,241	58.09%
No for rejection	3,271,129	41.91%
Amendment No. 2: Limitations on property tax assessments		
Yes for approval	5,129,065	66.49%
No for rejection	2,585,173	33.51%
Amendment No. 3: Voter control of gambling in Florida		
Yes for approval	5,639,495	71.46%
No for rejection	2,252,244	28.54%
Amendment No. 4: Voting restoration amendment		
Yes for approval	5,111,151	64.49%
No for rejection	2,814,479	35.51%
Amendment No. 5: Supermajority vote required to impose, authorize or raise state taxes or fees		
Yes for approval	5,133,769	65.75%
No for rejection	2,673,819	34.25%
Amendment No. 6: Rights of crime victims; judges		
Yes for approval	4,806,571	61.62%
No for rejection	2,993,801	38.38%
Amendment No. 7: First responder and military member survivor benefits; Public colleges and universities		
Yes for approval	5,116,662	65.76%
No for rejection	2,663,577	34.24%
Amendment No. 9: Prohibits offshore oil and gas drilling; Prohibits vaping in enclosed indoor workplaces		
Yes for approval	5,375,981	68.85%
No for rejection	2,432,472	31.15%
Amendment No. 10: State and local government structure and operation		
Yes for approval	4,820,158	63.19%
No for rejection	2,807,697	36.81%

Amendment No. 11: Property rights; Removal of obsolete provision; Criminal statutes		
Yes for approval	4,649,781	62.12%
No for rejection	2,835,363	37.88%

Amendment No. 12: Lobbying and abuse of office by public officers		
Yes for approval	6,077,592	78.92%
No for rejection	1,623,268	21.08%

Amendment No. 13: Ends dog racing		
Yes for approval	5,369,048	69%
No for rejection	2,411,866	31%

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Chic Coastal Contemporary
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SALUTE TO VETERANS



Photos by Benjamin Naim

Golf tournament participants pose for a photo with their first-place prize at the Navy Day luncheon at the Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach on Nov. 5.

Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach hosts Navy Day to honor local veterans

The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach hosted the 16th annual Navy Day Golf Tournament, a special event intended to honor local veterans, on Monday, Nov. 5.

Founded after 9/11 by former Plantation resident and World War II Navy veteran Jim Gaff to honor those serving in the military — especially the Navy — festivities included a breakfast, golf tournament and luncheon with prizes and awards. Captain Sean Haley offered remarks at the luncheon and thanked volunteers for their contributions.

Over the last 16 years, the event has featured representatives from Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Naval Station Mayport, the Marines, the Coast Guard, K9s for Warriors and more.

Visit www.theplantationpvb.com for more on The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach.



Capt. Sean Haley offers remarks at the luncheon.

Palm Valley Community Association to host Veterans Day program featuring presentation from local historian

On Monday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m., the Palm Valley Community Association (PVCA) will host a special presentation by local historian Scott Grant entitled, “The Night the Nazis Attacked Jacksonville Beach.”

The featured presentation will describe the last hours of the SS Gulf America, an oil tanker owned by Gulf Oil, and the 1942 Nazi U-boat attack that sunk her in full view from Jacksonville Beach, killing 19 aboard. Grant is responsible for collaborating with Judith

Delmar and her Ponte Vedra chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to produce a memorial for these 19 men that is now placed in Jacksonville Beach on the corner of Beach Boulevard and Second Street.

“It is important for us to remember these men who died off our coast,” Grant said. “Merchant seamen played a large part in the U.S. winning World War II. They had a one in

Southeastern Grocers honors veterans and U.S. military families with Folds of Honor

To salute America’s veterans, military and military families, Southeastern Grocers, Inc. (SEG) — the parent company and home of BI-LO, Fresco y Más, Harveys Supermarket and Winn-Dixie grocery stores — is partnering with Folds of Honor to help provide educational scholarships to the spouses and children of

fallen servicemen and women.

Now through Nov. 12, customers can join Southeastern Grocers to honor veterans, military and their families by making a donation to Folds of Honor while shopping at any BI-LO, Harveys Supermarket or

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VETERANS DAY EVENTS

VETERANS TO RECEIVE FREE ADMISSION ON VETERANS DAY TO ST. AUGUSTINE LIGHTHOUSE & MARITIME MUSEUM

The St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum will offer free admission for veterans on Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11, as well as 10 percent off for their immediate family members. Free admission is also available for active military and their immediate family.

Exhibits at the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum:

- Wrecked! The Story of a Revolutionary War Shipwreck
- At Home with the Harns: A Look Inside the Home of a Keeper Family
- Legends of the Light: Stories from the Lighthouse’s Past
- U.S. Coast Guard Barracks from World War II with artwork depicting the U.S. Coast Guard

Other things to do at the lighthouse and museum:

- Self-guided St. Augustine Light Station tour (climbing the tower)
- “View from the Top” video (for those who don’t climb and those under 44 inches)
- Behind-the-scenes tour (on the hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- Keepers’ house
- Heritage Boatworks: Building on Florida’s Maritime Heritage
- Northeast Florida Shrimping: Foundation of a Global Enterprise
- Maritime Hammock Nature Trails & Scavenger Hunt
- Archaeology lab
- Pirate Ship Playground
- Hands-on children’s activities
- Gift shop with Lighthouse & Maritime items

The private nonprofit museum provides educational services to the community, supports at-risk children with camp opportunities and funds a maritime archaeology program that studies shipwrecks in the waters of the nation’s oldest port.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Regular admission is \$12.95 for adults; \$10.95 for seniors and children under 12; free for children less than 44 inches (unable to climb the tower). Resident and membership packages also are available.

For more details about the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum, visit staugustinelighthouse.org or call (904) 829-0745.

PONTE VEDRA VALLEY TO HOLD VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Ponte Vedra Valley, a family owned and operated funeral home with on-site cremation center and cemetery, has announced it will hold its 20th Annual Veterans Day Celebration on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 10:30 a.m., honoring all service men and women who have served and preserved the country since its founding.

The featured speaker will be Lt. Col. Paula Roderick, USAF, retired. The Southern Cruisers Riding Club will lead the entrance procession followed by the Riderless Horse. Also participating will be the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Mayport Honor Guard, Nease High School’s JROTC cadets, American Legion Post 233 and local Boy Scout Troop 288. Dual taps, as played at Arlington National Cemetery, will be performed, and bagpipes will also be played.

The community is invited to join in tribute to all who have sacrificed to preserve the country’s freedom. Seating is provided but is limited. Attendees should feel free to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets for additional seating. Golf carts will be available for those who need assistance.

Ponte Vedra Valley is located at 4750 Palm Valley Road in Ponte Vedra Beach. Call (904) 285-1130 or visit www.pontevedravally.com for more information.

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Filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza returns to Jacksonville for Benghazi tribute

By Samantha Logue

It's been six years since the Sept. 11, 2012, terror attacks in Benghazi, Libya that resulted in the deaths of four Americans, and still many are searching for answers. But while some have resigned themselves to the possibility that they may never know the full truth of what happened that night, attendees of the America First Benghazi tribute event held by Turning Points in America in Jacksonville on Saturday, Nov. 3 were determined to honor those fallen Americans and ensure that their sacrifices would not be forgotten.

The event, held at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, featured best-selling author and filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza as keynote speaker, as well as remarks from Rep. Ted Yoho, former CIA officer Kevin Shipp, Middle East and North Africa expert Stephanie Jason and Charles Woods, father of CIA officer and former Navy SEAL Tyrone Woods, who lost his life in the attacks.

"Six years later, we still do not know the truth about Benghazi," Woods said. "There were naval vessels just a few miles offshore from Libya armed with Tomahawk missiles and other precision weapons. Why was the order not given to rescue Ty, the ambassador (Chris Stevens) and the other Americans in Benghazi?"

But while several of the speakers at Saturday's event expressed their lasting anger over the way in which the attacks were handled by former President Obama and his administration, Woods said that he had chosen the path of forgiveness, stating that



ABOVE: Veterans (from top left) Robert W. Hall Sr., J.J. O'Brien and Sollie Mitchell were honored guests at the event.



RIGHT: K9s For Warriors CEO Rory Diamond (right) raises support for wounded warriors at the event with Mary Daniel and Duke.

he harbored "no animosity" towards those responsible for his son's death, and that he believed something good would ultimately come from the tragedy, if it hadn't already.

"Maybe, just maybe, someone was inspired to lay down their life for our country," he said. "Maybe someone became an American hero in the eyes of their children and their spouse. ... Maybe someone learned to forgive. Maybe, in a little way, what happened in Benghazi changed the direction of the last presidential election ... (and) propelled our country in a better direction, as well."

D'Souza, who spoke at last year's

tribute, discussed a range of topics from the Benghazi attacks to the current state of politics in the United States and his most recent documentary "Death of a Nation," in which he compares President Donald Trump to Abraham Lincoln and discusses the roots of racism in America.

D'Souza also took the time to praise Trump for leveling the political playing field for Republicans, noting that Democrats had long held an unfair advantage until Trump came along.

"Republican candidates didn't just have to take on the Democrats," he said. "They had to defeat the Democratic candidate,



Photos by Samantha Logue

Best-selling author, filmmaker and political commentator Dinesh D'Souza attends a VIP reception before taking the stage to speak at a Benghazi tribute event held Saturday, Nov. 3 in Jacksonville.

and academia, and the media and all of Hollywood. ... Now, we have Trump."

D'Souza added that what sets the president apart from previous Republican candidates is his "need to punch back," as well as the fact that Trump understands the value of winning what D'Souza calls "the culture war."

"In the middle of everything," he noted, "he still finds time to swat Meryl Streep."

From the somber reflections on the Benghazi attacks to the laughs over the president's many quirks, the event evoked countless emotions by the time D'Souza closed his remarks. As he did, though, he left attendees with a sense of optimism for America's future.

Historian

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10 chance of being killed off the East Coast in the Spring of 1942, yet they worked fearlessly to get supplies to the Allied Forces."

To be held at the Palm Valley Community Center at 148 Canal Boulevard in Palm Valley, the presentation will highlight an evening devoted to recognition of Veterans Day. The meeting is open to the public and all area veterans and other community members are encouraged to attend.

"Veterans Day is a day that has incredibly deep meaning to many Americans," PVCA President Garry Phillips said. "We hurt and grieve for loved ones that were lost in past conflicts and rejoice for all those veterans that were able to return home. We should be grateful every day for the men and women that have given so much."

The PVCA has issued a special invitation to the local American Legion chapter and all its members to come and join in honoring all those who have served the country.

The Palm Valley Community Association, founded in 1948, is one of the oldest, continually operating community associations in all North Florida. The PVCA works to represent the common interests and shared views of all members of the greater Northeastern St. Johns County area.



Photo courtesy of Greg Leonard

A marker in Jacksonville Beach memorializes the 19 men who were killed in 1942 when a Nazi U-boat sunk the SS Gulf America off the coast of Jacksonville Beach. Historian Scott Grant will discuss this historic event at the Palm Valley Community Association's Veterans Day program on Nov. 12 at the Palm Valley Community Center.

Folds of Honor

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Winn-Dixie store. In addition, an 11 percent discount on qualifying grocery purchases will be offered to veterans and active military this Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Southeastern Grocers has also pledged to donate one dollar to the United Service Organization (USO) for every dozen premium roses and Celebrate America Bouquet sold between Nov. 7 and Nov. 13.

"Those who have served our country have made sacrifices that can never be fully repaid," said Anthony Hucker, the president and CEO of Southeastern Grocers and a Ponte Vedra Beach resident. "At Southeastern Grocers, we are committed to honoring those sacrifices and we're very proud to partner with Folds of Honor as we honor veterans, military and military families leading up to Veterans Day."

In the Southeast alone, Folds of Honor has awarded nearly 1,500 scholarships and over \$6.5 million in life changing scholarships to deserving U.S. military families this fall.

"Supporting military families through educational opportunities takes a team effort," said Major Dan Rooney, founder and CEO of Folds of Honor. "It is because of the commitments from the great patriotic partners, Southeastern Grocers associates and customers, that we're able to continue to carry out our mission at Folds of Honor."

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Keep in mind the following events taking place in Nocatee over the next week:

Food Truck Friday

Friday, Nov. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Splash Waterpark

Come out to the last Food Truck Friday of 2018. Some of Jacksonville's favorite food trucks will gather at Splash Waterpark to serve members of the community food and snacks. This event will feature live music by Aaron Koerner. Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar. There will also be a Kidzone with bounce house inflatables (weather permitting).

Noc at Night

Saturday, Nov. 10 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Splash Waterpark

Enjoy yard games and drinks from the bar. There will also be live music by the Grace Band.

Kids Craft Day

Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Fitness Studio

Residents can drop off their children for an afternoon of crafting and creativity at Kids' Kraft Day. This free resident only event will feature crafts that children can take home at the end of the day. Registration is mandatory as space and supplies are limited. This event is for ages 5 and up only. Residents can sign up online at nov18kkd.eventbrite.com.

UnWined Wednesday

Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Nocatee Room

This free event will feature live music from the Jason Anderson and Ernie Ealum Duo. There will be wine specials, and beer and mixed drinks will also be available to purchase at the bar. Email fun@nocatee.com to RSVP.

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SCENES FROM THE 2018 ELECTIONS



Congressman John Rutherford delivers his victory speech after winning the U.S. Representative, District 4 race.

Photo submitted by Francesca Rutherford



Jeremiah Blocker (center) gathers with now fellow County Commissioners Paul Waldron and Jeb Smith, as well as Stephanie Waldron, Wendy Smith and his wife, Lauren. Blocker was elected to county commissioner, District 4.

Photo provided by Jeremiah Blocker



Denver Cook, Tamara Renuart, Dan Abel, Danny Griffin and Diane Scherff garner support for the Republican Party and await the arrival of Gov. Ron DeSantis, who voted at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church on election day.

Photo by Jon Blauvelt



Geri Rooks stands strong on A1A outside of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

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Trish Becker stands with her victory cake after winning seat 4 for the Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County.

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Fantasy Farm to host open house Nov. 17

Fantasy Farm Animal Preserve, located at 194 South Roscoe Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach, will be open to the public from 1 to 3 pm on Nov. 17 for an open house.

People are encouraged to come visit and see the unusual wildlife, indigenous plants and ancient trees found in this nonprofit animal sanctuary in the middle of town.

Visitors will be treated to a warm and sometimes loud reception from Amazon parrots, other tropical birds, lemurs, wal-

laby, alpacas, peacocks and more. A barn with antique cars is an added treat, plus a house filled with antique toys.

Kathy's Creative Gardens and Nursery on North Roscoe will talk about the best plants for a butterfly garden. Park behind The Redeemer Church at 190 South Roscoe Blvd. and walk through to Fantasy Farm.

Visit fantasyfarmsevents.org for more information on Fantasy Farm.

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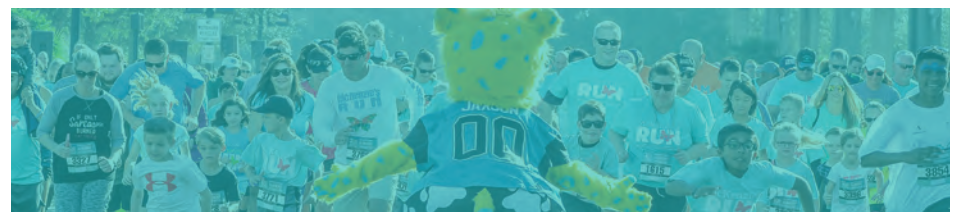
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Annual Palm Valley Boat Parade to be held Dec. 1

In what has become one of the Beaches' best holiday traditions, the annual Palm Valley Boat Parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m.

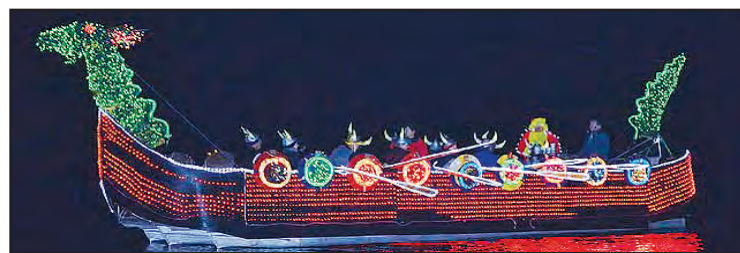
Beginning just south of the Palm Valley Bridge and traveling north through the Palm Valley cut to the end of Marsh Landing, this event provides fun for all ages and helps ring in the holiday season in a truly Florida fashion. While similar to other local boat parades, the narrow nature of the Palm Valley Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) creates a very personal atmosphere and offers unique spectator proximity and interaction.

Everyone is welcome to participate, and the public is invited to view the parade from any of the numerous restaurants on the ICW, including Lulu's, Barbara Jean's, Palm Valley Fish Camp, Palm Valley Outdoors or Valley Smoke. But space is limited and there is usually little table turnover, so it is encouraged to arrive early or join friends who will be having a dock party at their home.

Parade captain registration is ongoing via palmvalleyboatparade.com. Interested local boat owners are encouraged to consider participating. There are numerous registration categories and prizes up for grabs as well. There is also a dock decorating contest that homeowners along the parade route are encouraged to sign up for.

Parade participants must attend the mandatory Captain's Safety Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. at The American Legion in Palm Valley, located at 560 North Wilderness Trail in Ponte Vedra Beach.

For more registration or spectating information, sponsorship opportunities and questions, visit palmvalleyboatparade.com.



A Viking-inspired boat floats by in the Palm Valley Boat Parade, which is this year scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 1. Photo courtesy of Wendy Patton

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New volunteer registration has started for THE PLAYERS Championship and will remain open until all volunteer positions have been filled.

THE PLAYERS opens new volunteer registration

With THE PLAYERS Championship rapidly approaching, tournament officials announced this week that new volunteer registration has started and will remain open until all volunteer positions have been filled.

Anyone in the Northeast Florida area and worldwide is encouraged to apply to become one of the roughly 2,000 volunteers that make THE PLAYERS possible. The best field in golf returns to THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach March 12-17, 2019.

“Volunteers are the backbone of THE PLAYERS Championship,” said Adam Campbell, tournament chairman for THE PLAYERS. “Their countless hours, dedication and positive attitudes are the reason this tournament runs so efficiently and is able to be a true shrine to golf fans and a fantastic experience for the best players in the world.”

Volunteers at THE PLAYERS are placed into committees, with jobs ranging from on-course duties such as acting as a marshal or walking scorer to other support roles that involve assisting players and fans, such as admissions and player/caddie services. Those who wish to apply to be a

volunteer at THE PLAYERS this year, or who are looking for more information, can visit THEPLAYERSvolunteers.com.

Volunteers at THE PLAYERS pay a fee of \$99 for the week, which includes:

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 - Additional post-tournament perks based on the number of hours worked
- More information about THE PLAYERS is available at THEPLAYERS.com.

Women’s Giving Alliance announces record \$543,000 in grants aimed at breaking cycle of female poverty

The Women’s Giving Alliance (WGA), an initiative of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, recently announced a record \$543,000 in grants to non-profit organizations in Northeast Florida to help lift women from poverty.

More than 300 WGA members attended the organization’s annual meeting on Oct. 31 and voted overwhelmingly to ratify the 2018 grants, which represent the second round of annual funding since WGA began its focus on “Breaking the Cycle of Female Poverty: Intervention and Prevention.” In just two years, WGA has channeled more than \$1 million toward its poverty focus.

WGA’s commissioned research from The Institute of Women’s Policy Research (IWPR) has guided WGA grantmaking since 2016 when they shifted to the new focus area. All WGA members contribute to the grant-making pool of funds, and nearly one-quarter of WGA’s membership participated in the decision process for awarding grants.

The 2018 grantees include:

Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center (DBWPC): Breaking the Cycle (BTC)
\$68,696 (all counties)

DBWPC will work to identify and change policies, practices, obstacles and barriers in the areas of court costs and housing that lead to intergenerational poverty for girls impacted by the justice system, and those who identify as females living in Northeast Florida. These changes

will result in strategic recommendations and solutions, responses, policies and practices that break the inter and multi-generational cycle of poverty for justice-involved girls and their families.

Family Promise of Jacksonville: Back to Work, Back to Home
\$50,000 (Duval County)

Utilizing a blend of social services, volunteers, and underused buildings, Family Promise of Jacksonville offers hope to homeless women with children. Family Promise partners with local multi-denominational congregations to provide temporary housing and meals to families. At the Family Promise Day Center, women receive wraparound services and intensive case management focused on resources needed to transition from the shelter to affordable housing.

Girls Inc.: Breaking cycles of female poverty and welfare through mentoring programs for 4th- to 8th-grade girls
\$100,000 (Duval County)

The Strong, Smart, and Bold Mentoring Program assists high-risk girls in fourth to eighth grades in overcoming barriers that prevent them from successful high school graduation. Working with Duval County Schools, Girls Inc. supports academic achievement and on-time grade advancement, social and emotional development, and experiential opportunities for personal and career discovery.

This grant enables Girls Inc. to add fourth and fifth grades to the existing program, including purchase of evidence-based social and emotional learning curricula.

Her Song: Economic Empowerment Program/EMPath (Economic Mobility Pathways)
\$38,210 (Referrals from all Northeast Florida counties)

Her Song is the first residential program in Northeast Florida providing healing home and holistic programs for survivors of human trafficking to aid in their journey toward recovery and restoration. Residential coaches, using the EMPATH Bridge to Self-Sufficiency® and the Mobility Mentoring® system, give survivors the time, support, safe space and a prescribed pathway from victimization to empowered living. Participants use EMPATH tools to increase their incomes, secure permanent housing, attain education, and establish themselves in careers that help them break the cycle of poverty.

I. M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless and Hubbard House: Step Up To Success
\$150,000 (All Northeast Florida counties)

This collaboration will assist formerly homeless women (many with children) and survivors of domestic violence by lifting them out of poverty through career training, vocational certification and job/career placement. One-on-one mentoring by a Goodwill College

WGA

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Navigator and the A-Step Program will help women reach economic security and self-sufficiency through gainful employment at a living wage or entrepreneurial self-employment. Upon completing their education, participants will be eligible for microloans and/or stipends to assist them in acquiring the tools/equipment to start their new career.

Jacksonville University (JU): POWER Camp

\$16,094 (Duval County)

JU will create and conduct a camp for rising seventh- to ninth-grade girls from low income households. POWER camp will provide girls with an early awareness of the possibilities and benefits of a college education through exposure to creative writing and arts, STEM careers, healthy coping skills, career development and health education. JU student mentors are paired with camp participants and continue their mentorship through the following year.

Jewish Family and Community Services (JFCS): 360 Wraparound Program

\$120,000 (Duval, Nassau, St. Johns counties)

JFCS will provide in-home, intense financial assistance case management to low-income female heads of household. Individualized home visits and coaching will help women emerge from crisis with skills and resources to achieve and maintain economic empowerment and self-sufficiency. This includes wraparound gender-responsive, trauma-informed care. There will also be limited emergency financial assistance provided for housing stability and basic needs.

WGA has experienced record 15 percent growth and 92 percent retention in membership this year, which resulted in the largest grants pool to date. For more information on WGA, visit www.womensgivingalliance.org.

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Dr. Camarda's Weekly Wealth Nugget THE INVESTMENTS PATH FORWARD (PART 3 OF 4)

There's no mistaking that the US economy is on a tear. Nearly a decade of economic stimulus and really cheap money have driven the economy to a go-go pace not seen since the 1960's, and the afterburners of big tax and regulation cuts and Federal spending have nearly launched it into orbit. Unemployment is at a half-century low. Sooner or later, the cycle will reverse, and we will enter recession. Martin Feldstein recently wrote that higher rates will drag down stock prices and household wealth cooling consumer spending and possibly tipping the economy into recession. He noted the 10-year rate – while still low by historical standards – is more than double where it was just two years ago, and will be pushed even higher for at least the next 2 years as inflation kicks in, possibly to the 5% range or beyond. Already, higher rates are cooling housing and auto sales. These higher rates, the Harvard professor suspects, will drive US stock prices down closer to historic pricing levels, some 40% lower than current levels in his view. He thinks such a correction of stock prices – from where they are to where they should be on a fair price basis – could prompt a recession that might be deeper and longer than typical. It's important to put the term stock prices in context, since for many investors they come to have a life of their own disconnected from the earning power of the companies they represent. We should never forget we are buying pieces of companies for their ability to produce profits. So when we talk about US stocks being priced higher than historical levels, we mean we are paying more for a share of earnings than we probably should.

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INAUGURAL ADOPTION DAY CEREMONY HELD BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Newly adopted children gather with their new families and St. Johns County staff at the county's inaugural Adoption Day Ceremony at the County Courthouse on Friday, Nov. 2. Held in conjunction with National Adoption Awareness Month, the event celebrated the adoptions of eight children by six local families. St. Johns County is still in need of more adoptive and foster care families, with more than 190 children currently in out-of-home care throughout the county. For more information on adoption, foster care or the Adoption Day Ceremony, call (904) 209-6115.

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Photo courtesy of Landrum Middle School PTO

Landrum Middle School Principal Ryan Player celebrates the success of the school's Landrum Lion Challenge, which raised \$56,000 for the school.

Landrum Lion Challenge raises \$56,000 for school

Landrum Middle School (LMS) in Ponte Vedra Beach recently held a school spirit fundraising effort called the Landrum Lion Challenge that ultimately raised \$56,000 for the school.

LMS families were able to donate at different monetary levels to not only support the school, but to spread their Lion spirit across the community. The initiative was seen throughout the community with Landrum Lions signs in front yards and via discussions about engraved bricks or paw prints, which will be placed in and around the school with the families' names on them.

The PTO had a fundraising goal of \$40,000 but ultimately raised the \$56,000. The monies raised from the fundraiser will provide the necessary funds for the following:

- Additional security cameras
- Coded keypads/doors
- Licenses for academic software
- Additional laptops for classrooms
- Advanced teacher training
- Audio/visual needs for both gymnasium and auditorium
- Outdoor campus enhancements

PVB resident's Eagle Scout project lands at Jacksonville Country Day School

For his Eagle Scout project, Ponte Vedra Beach resident Paul Fouts made a significant contribution of time and effort to benefit the students of the elementary school he attended, Jacksonville Country Day School (JCDS).

Fouts built raised wooden gardening beds for the use of the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten outdoor science programs at JCDS. Woods, an alum of the JCDS class of 2015, built the five flowerbeds for Early Learning students to engage with nature. He dropped them off, along with soil and plants, on Oct. 19 and helped the kindergarteners plant flowers with parent volunteer, Melissa Bernhardt; his parents, Lou and Heather; and both his brothers, James, a class of 2017 JCDS alum, and Peter, a current student at the school.

"Of everything I loved about JCDS, one thing that I found unique and especially enjoyable was how the school always took learning one step further through experiences outside of traditional classroom learning," Fouts said. "One of those experiences was the gardening experience provided to the younger students."

Fouts picked JCDS for the project because he wanted to do something to benefit a school he enjoyed attending. Now, he will be able to see children having fun and learning in the same environment that he did as a child.

"The children will enjoy planting and learning throughout the year with these beautiful raised flower beds," said JCDS parent Melissa Bernhardt, who volunteers with the Early Learning gardening program.

Fouts enlisted some former JCDS classmates to help him build the gardening beds, and he also



Ponte Vedra Beach resident and Jacksonville Country Day School (JCDS) alum Paul Fouts looks over the old flowerbeds at JCDS, where he completed service work in the school's garden as part of his Eagle Scout project.

personally raised the funds for the project. With the funds left over from the purchase of wood and other parts for the flowerbeds, he purchased soil and flowers for the children to use.

Kindergarten teacher Rose Ennis, who has a passion for gardening and nature, is excited about the project. She asked Fouts to make some improvements over the current ones, including tubs that slide out, to allow the younger kids to have better access. He also had to make them shorter than expected to accommodate their small bodies.

Visit www.jcnds.com for more information on JCDS.



The Fouts family with Jacksonville Country Day School kindergarten teacher Rose Ennis (far left) and her class

Photos courtesy of Jacksonville Country Day School

ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

PGA TOUR COMMUNICATIONS LEADER ADDRESSES ROTARY CLUB OF PVB SUNSET ABOUT NEW GLOBAL HOME

Kirsten Sabia, vice president of integrated communications for the PGA Tour, stands with Brian Anderson, president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset, after recently addressing the club about the development of the company's new global home in Ponte Vedra.

Photo by Susan Griffin



Photo courtesy of The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra

Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra supports Learn to Read of St. Johns County

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra co-sponsored the Learn to Read of St. Johns County annual Rubber Duckie Regatta at Splash Park's Lazy River in Nocatee on Sunday, Nov. 4.

Rotary members and their family cheered on their yellow rubber duckies as they glided around the lazy river. Prizes were awarded to the first 45 winners, including the donor whose duck crossed the finish line in last place. This fun, family event raised \$7,000 for Learn to Read.

Learn to Read St. Johns, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) volunteer-based nonprofit orga-

nization that provide free literacy skills assessment and instruction in St. Johns and Putnam counties to individuals 16 years of age and older. In addition to one-on-one literacy tutoring, Learn to Read has recently expanded its services throughout the counties to help people learn English as a second language (ESOL) through personal tutoring and group conversation courses.

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra meets on Tuesday morning in Nocatee. For information, contact Kelly Altosino-Sastre at pontevedrarotary@gmail.com.

LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS VOLUNTEER WITH BEACHES HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Photo courtesy of Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach and Beaches Rotaract partner to volunteer with Beaches Habitat for Humanity.



Photo courtesy of Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset gathers while volunteering with Beaches Habitat for Humanity.

ROTARY CLUB OF PVB SUNSET TAKES OUTING TO ALHAMBRA



Photo courtesy of Cyndi King

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset gathers at the Alhambra Theatre & Dining on Tuesday, Oct. 30 to see the theater's production of "1776."

OBITUARIES

Jane B. Binns

Beauty died on a sunny day with the death of Jane B. Binns, 81. Surrounded by her children, Jane left for heaven Monday, Oct. 29, 2018.

Faithful, loving wife to her husband Cliff of 58 years; wonderful sister; loving mother of five; special aunt to seven super nieces and nephews; and a sweet grandmother (Mama) to 10 remarkable grandchildren: such is Jane's proud legacy.

Jane grew up in Bronx, New York, where she attended Our Lady of Refuge for grades one through eight and graduated valedictorian from St. Simon Stock High School. Entering the workforce as executive secretary to Exxon upper management, Jane met her future husband Cliff and had five children. Devout follower of the New York Yankees — and sworn enemy of the Boston Red Sox — Jane rooted for all the greats, with Joe DiMaggio and Yogi Berra as her favorites. A sports, game and crafts enthusiast, Jane enjoyed playing high school basketball and later golf; she loved competing at partners bridge; she also crafted needlepoint and designed her own clothing.

As an active parishioner of Saint Lawrence of Canterbury in Huntington, New York, Jane's Sunday school teaching, Couple's Club outings and membership in The Episcopal Church Women remained some of her fondest memories and achievements.

Having moved to Ponte Vedra Beach in 1980, Jane continued raising her family while working at various office managerial positions. Her retirement years revolved around several trips to Europe and family visits throughout the U.S. Above all, Jane loved hosting family birthday parties, get-togethers and holiday celebrations best.

Certainly, Jane's greatest gifts to her family and friends were her grace, integrity, kindness and unselfishness. "Life is too short to be small" served as the motto she lived by, and "The Golden Rule" served as the guiding principle of her uniquely principled life. And, even as her body digressed, her eternal spirit endured: Jane showed extraordinary strength, serenity, and will, embracing and providing true Christian inspiration of a life lived inten-

tionally, lived well and lived to the very end of her most beautiful days.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Refreshments to follow at Christ Church Parish Hall.

Condolences can be sent to 105 Poseidon Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, 32082. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to Community Hospice of Jacksonville Beach and Christ Episcopal Church youth programs.

Survivors include her children, Craig (Sandra), Beth Ann (Jeff) Schoellkopf, Allison (Keith) Hutchinson, Todd (Lisa) Binns and Scott Binns; her grandchildren include Carson, Brin and Aidan Schoellkopf; Amy, Elly and Claire Hutchinson; Riley and Tanner Binns; Colin and Ethan Binns; her sister, Jill (John) Schwartz; brother-in-law, Ted (Joyce) Binns; seven nieces, nephews and many beloved cousins. Jane is predeceased by her brother, John Earl (Maryanne) Butler, her sister-in-law, Liz Binns, and her beloved husband of 58 years, Cliff.



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Patricia Buckley

Patricia Anne Armour Buckley, born Oct. 15, 1933, in Los Angeles, California, died peacefully in her Ponte Vedra Beach home on Oct. 28, 2018, at 85 years young.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leon Armour and Margaret Cooling; her husband, Daniel Buckley Jr.; and her sister, Helen Elizabeth Allvin. She is survived by her children, Julie Armour Buckley (Dean Moore), Peggy Buckley Thibodeau (Joe); her grandchildren, Matthew and Danielle Moore, Dixie Hemingway Keller (Kenneth); her brother, Robert Armour; nephew, Eric Allvin (Michelle); and nieces, Heidi Allvin and Melissa Armour.

A registered dietician and home economics teacher with a master's degree in counseling, "Mrs. B" taught at Central Bucks High School West for 30 years. She is fondly remembered as a favorite teacher by many of the students whose lives she helped to shape in her classrooms.



Patricia Buckley

Pat Buckley taught her daughters that "girls can do anything" and quietly performed endless acts of service. She raised her family on a farm and continued to bale hay, grow vegetables, care for horses and work full-time, even after the death of her husband when she was just 48.

A storyteller in her retirement, she often spoke of the many places she had lived or visited, and the many forms of transportation she used to get wherever she went. Life was a journey and she was well-traveled.

After moving to Ponte Vedra in 1998 to help with her grandchildren, she introduced herself to everyone as "Grammie Pat." Deeply devoted to her family and to her church, she cooked nightly for three generations at the dinner table for years. She also created the original musical electronic database and the original filing system still in use today at Christ Episcopal Church, and as part of their costuming team, made many a costume for shows from "The Music Man" to "The Wizard of Oz."

Her passion for and commitment to education was instilled in her children and grandchildren. When her granddaughter Dani developed autism, she became a fierce advocate and warrior grandmother, teaching Dani to type, cook, sew and play rummy. She was a determined and loving teacher to all whose lives she touched.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9, 2018, in Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Inurnment will be held in St. Thomas Episcopal Church in White Marsh, Pennsylvania at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to a local autism nonprofit, HealthyUNow Foundation (www.healthyunow.org), will be gratefully accepted.

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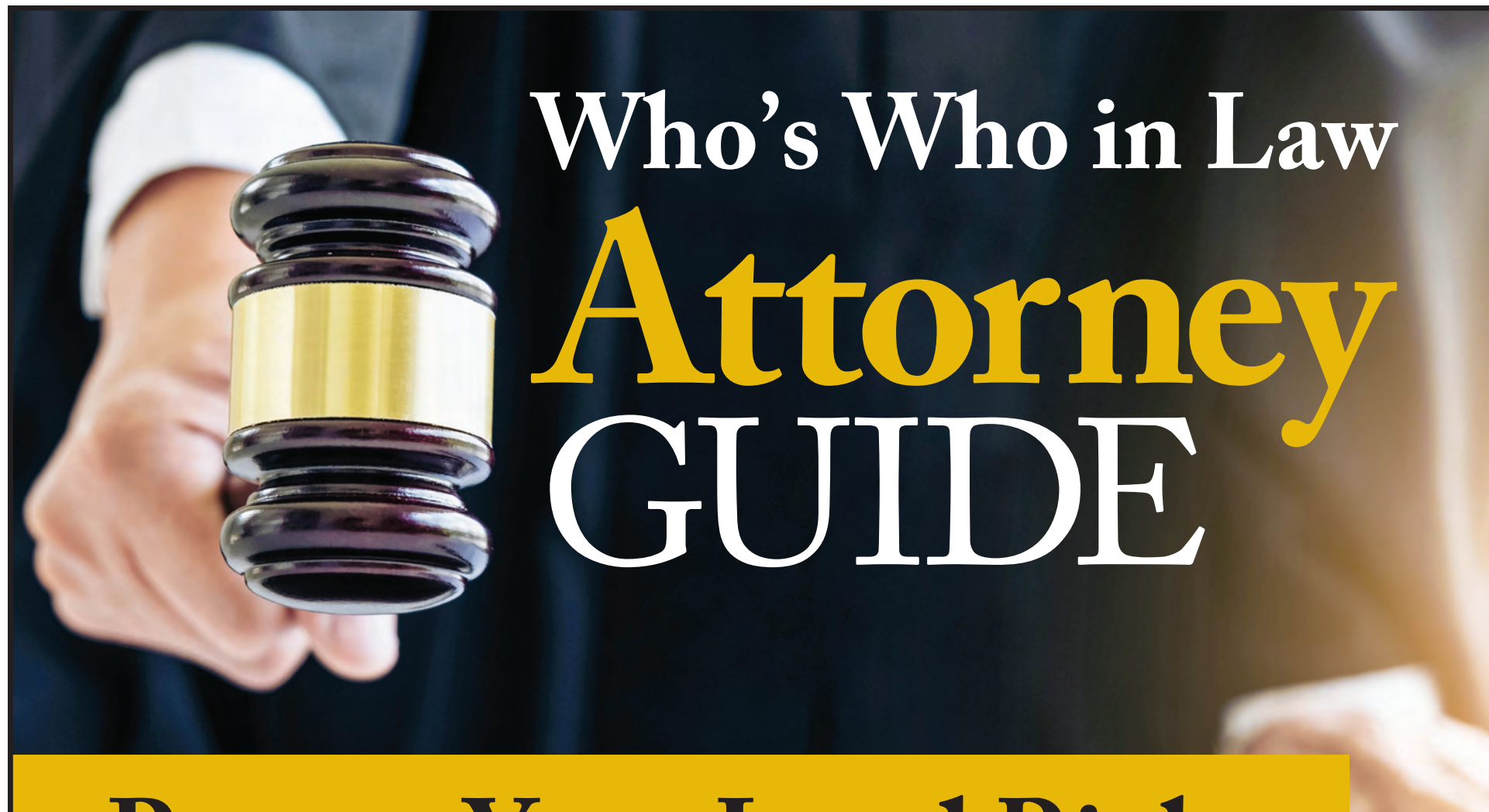
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Migrant caravans highlight need for immigration reform

By Samantha Logue

An issue that has plagued the United States for decades, illegal immigration has proven to be a problem that, much like a leaky faucet, can only be ignored for so long before the drip-drip-drip turns into a full-on flood.

Now, after years of “kicking the can down the road,” it seems the dam may be about to burst, as, for the second time in a year, thousands of migrants have decided to band together and march across Central America to the United States’ southern border and demand entry. But as these migrants draw closer and the country continues to grapple with this issue, questions about the nation’s immigration laws are being thrust to the forefront and local immigration lawyer Lisa Ruiz of Ruiz Law in Ponte Vedra Beach is helping to clear up some of the confusion.

“Our firm mostly concentrates on family-based immigration, and then we also do different types of humanitarian protections, which would include asylum, different visas for crime victims, so those are probably our forte,” Ruiz said. “We also do defense and removal proceedings, and we deal with the different agencies that are involved.”

Addressing one way in which many



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

Lisa Ruiz of Ruiz Law in Ponte Vedra Beach specializes in immigration cases.

migrants attempt to gain entry into the United States, claiming asylum, Ruiz broke down the requirements that individuals must meet in order to be granted asylum status.

“An asylee is basically a person who is here in the United States that’s requesting protection from the U.S. government,” she explained. “Their counterpart outside of the United States would be a refugee, but either one has to meet the definition of

a refugee, which is that they must either prove that they have suffered past persecution, or that they have a well-founded fear of persecution based on one of five grounds, and that includes race, religion, nationality, political opinion and membership in a particular social group.”

Ruiz added that asylum cases are typically hard to win, stating, “It’s becoming increasingly more difficult, just because there’s a fear of opening the floodgates, I

think, and becoming a safe haven for all the refugees in the world.”

President Donald Trump and members of his administration have raised that concern, holding that current asylum law facilitates illegal immigration by allowing migrants who may not necessarily have a legitimate claim to asylum to gain entry into the United States.

“The biggest loophole drawing illegal aliens to our borders is the use of fraudulent or meritless asylum claims to gain entry into our great country,” Trump said, addressing the media at the White House on Nov. 1. “An alien simply crosses the border illegally, finds a border patrol agent and, using well-coached language by lawyers and others ... asserts the need for asylum and (is) often released into the United States and await(s) a lengthy court process.”

The reported total number of migrants to have marched in the now two caravans headed for the U.S. has varied, though the United Nations has placed the number at “up to 7,000 people or more.” Although Mexican authorities have reported that nearly 2,000 migrants have broken away to apply for asylum in Mexico, still others march on, and according to a report released by the Department of Homeland

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D.R. Repass, P.A. adds Lisa Sawyer to help build residential real estate business

By Jon Blauvelt

Local real estate law practice D.R. Repass, P.A. recently added Ponte Vedra resident Lisa Sawyer to its team as a closing manager.

Joining the firm in July, Sawyer is responsible for ordering the titles, working with lenders and overall facilitating closings when contracts come into the office.

"I am really trying to help D.R. build his residential real estate business and basically get his name out there," Sawyer said. "He's been around for a long time and he really does a lot of commercial deals. So, he's brought me on to help build his residential."

Sawyer previously worked at Rock Solid Law and Landmark Title Insurance. Overall, she has been doing residential and commercial closings for 32 years and has lived in Ponte Vedra for 22 years.

"I really like the people aspect," Sawyer said about her work. "I really enjoy working with first-time homebuyers, but just meeting different people from all walks of life and all over the world, it's a fascinating experience."

As for the challenges of her job, Sawyer said international closings can be tricky because they tend to alter the timeline for the closing and the work that needs to be done. Sometimes, she noted, the firm needs to send people to an embassy in their respective country to get a power of attorney notarized and to ensure all necessary documents and materials are sent back to the firm overnight.

"Those are some of the challenges that we're running into because it seems that everybody is very global now and moving around all the time," Sawyer said. "We're just always trying to make sure everybody is going to be where they say they are, so we can facilitate that closing."



Lisa Sawyer

According to Sawyer, D.R. Repass, P.A. can serve any clients in Florida but is not licensed outside of the state.

"If anybody has anything that they need help with inside the state of Florida, we'll be glad to help them," she said. "I'd love to help anybody with any of their residential real estate needs."

D.R. Repass, P.A. is located at 111 Solana Road, Suite B, in Ponte Vedra Beach. The firm provides services for clients who are interested in buying, selling, investing in or developing residential and commercial development. Those specific services include real estate closing and title work, as well as representing developers, buyers and sellers in buying and selling commercial and residential real estate. According to the firm's website, the practice focuses largely on complex contract disputes arising out of construction agreements for private and public projects, including disputes involving the construction of hotels, office buildings, condominiums and large multi-family residential apartment complexes.

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Photo courtesy of Chelle Thomas

Florida Women's Law Group CEO Heather Quick, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Assistant Chief Lakesha Burton and Hubbard House Board of Directors First Vice President Lisa McIntosh gather at an event on domestic violence hosted by Florida Women's Law Group on Oct. 23.

Florida Women's Law Group hosts event on domestic violence

Florida Women's Law Group hosted an event on domestic violence entitled, "Destroy Domestic Violence," on Oct. 23.

The main speaker was Lakesha Burton of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. Title Boxing offered self-defense instruction and Frenchy's Day Spa offered chair massages to all guests. The

event raised over \$500 for the Hubbard House, which provides services to survivors of domestic abuse and their families in Duval and Baker counties.

Florida Women's Law Group, divorce and family law for women, is located at 4312 Pablo Professional Court in Jacksonville. For more information visit www.Floridawomenslawgroup.com.

Immigration

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Security (DHS), more than 270 individuals among their number have criminal histories, including such crimes as aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, armed robbery, sexual assault on a child and assault on a female. DHS also reported that the caravans are comprised of migrants not only from Central America, but also from such countries as Somalia, India, Haiti, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, and also that Mexican officials have claimed to possess images showing many of the migrants preparing Molotov cocktails.

In an attempt to deter the migrants, the

president has already deployed thousands of U.S. troops to the southwest border, announcing to the press on Oct. 31 that the total number could be end up being "anywhere between 10,000 and 15,000." That decision, however, has received pushback from detractors such as former President Barack Obama, who called the move a "political stunt" while campaigning for Georgia's Democratic gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams last Friday.

Trump has also received pushback from some of the migrants themselves, as 12 of them filed a class action lawsuit Nov. 1 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia against the president and various members of his administration, alleging in the complaint that their

Fifth Amendment right to due process as asylum seekers was being violated.

Given that those migrants have yet to reach the United States to legally apply for asylum at a port of entry, some have questioned the legal standing they have to bring such a suit. While the lawsuit may be premature, however, according to Ruiz, the plaintiffs may in fact have a case once they arrive at the border.

"By law, they're supposed to receive a preliminary screening," she said. "And if they express that they have a fear to return to their country, then they have to have an interview with an asylum officer, who will then determine if they have a credible fear of returning."

Ruiz added that she personally feels

America's current immigration system incentivizes illegal immigration, given the fact that those who apply to immigrate here legally often wait decades before they can do so.

"Everything is becoming more difficult," she said. "Whether you want to bring in a professional from outside the United States or if you're seeking refuge, it's just getting more and more limited, and unfortunately, that's what creates a black market."

But whatever one's personal opinion on how to address the issue of illegal immigration in the United States, one thing is becoming clearer to people on all sides of the debate: Reform is needed, and soon.



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Markenson Pierre

earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama.

ing business disputes and serious premises liabilities.

He received his Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He

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Know before you blow!



Lee Lockett
Guest Columnist

By Lee Lockett
Special to the Recorder

As I sit here on election day writing this article, I'm reminded of all the great freedoms and rights we as Americans share. The

right against unreasonable search and seizures; the right to not incriminate ourselves; the right to free speech and assembly. Yes, we are the envy of the world when it comes to freedom. Yet, I also wonder why so many Americans either don't know of these rights or how to exercise them.

I can't count the number of times I've been asked, "Lee, do I have to take the breath test?" or "Lee, do I have to answer questions of a police officer if stopped on the side of the road?" Others have asked over the years if they are obligated to allow an officer to search their person or car, or whether you must submit to field side sobriety exercises. Well Americans, sit back and enjoy the good news I'm about to bring you.

While refusing a breath test (or blood or urine testing) may have negative consequences in certain situations, you do have an option. You do not have to blow. An officer will tell a person that if they don't blow, their license will be



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suspended. But what the officer will not tell the person is if they blow over the legal limit, then their license will be suspended as well. Although the suspension period for those who refuse will be a bit longer, most will be eligible for a hardship license and can also contest the suspension through a formal review hearing. Those who have refused for a second time (meaning a prior DUI arrest) could be subjected to an additional misdemeanor offense for refusing provided the request for the test was lawful.

What about answering questions? It almost pains me that this is a real question many people struggle with. If you are being asked questions that you are uncomfortable with, simply tell the officer that. Or, you can ask to speak to an attorney prior to answering questions about where you have been or what you have been doing. There is no penalty for refusing to talk! Can you believe that? Although it is never

possible to offer legal advice on how to handle a hypothetical situation, it is important to remember what your rights and options are.

The same can be said of the decision to decline an officer's request to search your person or your car. While there are certain exceptions to the warrant requirement (consent, search incident to lawful arrest, probable cause, etc.), there is no obligation to give consent to search. While many people feel that its rude to say "no" when asked, it is your right. Of course, you are free to allow the officer to search, but the Fourth Amendment protects our right against unreasonable searches without our consent. Now, I'm off to vote. And don't forget your right to vote is one of many! Know them, enjoy them and use them where you see fit!

Lee Lockett, of LockettLaw, is a Jacksonville DUI and criminal defense attorney.

The Tree of Life



Janet Johnson
Guest Columnist

By Janet Johnson
Special to the Recorder

Forty-four charges, 32 counts punishable by death.

That's what the Pittsburgh synagogue shooter faces in federal court.

Robert Bowers entered pleas of not guilty to those charges the same day the

last of the 11 victims, ages 54 to 97, were laid to rest. Among them were brothers Cecil and David Rosenthal, who were said to never miss services, who were always together, and who both were developmentally disabled. Cecil was described, in the wake of his death as having a laugh that "was infectious."

These victims' stories were being told as details of the killer, and his motives, were also being revealed. Bowers, who posted anti-Semitic messages online, seemed to have been especially angered by the Jewish non-profit organization, HIAS, that had ties to the Tree of Life Synagogue, and that helps refugees around the world. That this spurred Bowers to commit murder at a time when refugees have been featured in speeches by politicians and so-called "caravans" have been in the news is seemingly not coincidental. That it is associated with Judaism is also not without historical roots.

Judaism forbids the oppression of the stranger. When some suggested that the synagogue should have been locked, and guarded by armed security, it was an image that is antithetical to Judaism. Leviticus 19:34 commands, "The strangers who reside with you shall be to you as your citizens; you shall love each one as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." And Exodus 22:21, "And you shall not wrong a stranger, neither shall you oppress them; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

That these murders are a hate crime seem clear. Of course, all murders are rooted in hatred, but the federal definition of Hate Crime Acts is that the offense involved actual or perceived race, color, religion or national origin (18 U.S.C. Code 249). That would expose Bowers to the federal death penalty, which is rarely utilized. The last federal executions were in the 1990s.

From a religious perspective, since religion is at the center of this crime, the Torah, or written Jewish law, prescribes death as punishment for a number of sins, including murder. But, in practice, death sentences were rarely carried out by Jewish courts. Whether the wishes of the victims' families, and their religious beliefs, are a factor in whether the death penalty is the ultimate penalty, remains to be seen. But what is clear is that incidents of anti-Jewish attacks have been on the rise, with almost half of religious hate crimes in America in 2016 targeting Jews, and in 2017, there was a surge of anti-Semitic attacks (The Atlantic, "The Synagogue Killings Mark a Surge of Anti-Semitism", by Andrew Kraige, Oct. 27, 2018).

Whatever justice looks like in this case, a trial, should there be one, would elicit heartbreaking testimony. The obituaries of the victims give a

Medicare premium to edge up in 2019



Dan Armstrong
Guest Columnist

By Dan Armstrong
Special to the Recorder

After staying the same last year, Medicare's Part B premium will increase slightly in 2019, according to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The premium will increase \$1.50 from \$134 a month to \$135.50.

Some Medicare recipients have been paying a lower premium because they are protected by something called the "hold harmless" rule from any increase in premiums when Social Security benefits don't rise. Due to increases in Social Security in 2018 and 2019, recipients who were previously shielded by this provision and paying lower premiums may see their premiums increase to the full \$135.50 amount. In 2019, according to CMS, only an estimated 2 million Medicare beneficiaries (about 3.5 percent) will pay less than the full Part B standard monthly premium amount.

The CMS says Part B deductible will increase from \$183 to \$185 in 2019, while the Part A deductible will go up by \$24, to \$1,364. For beneficiaries receiving skilled care in a nursing home, Medicare's coinsurance for days 21-100 will inch up from \$167.50 to \$170.50. Medicare coverage ends after day 100.

Here are the new Medicare payment figures, per the CMS:

- Part B premium: \$135.50 (was \$134)
- Part B deductible: \$185 (was \$183)
- Part A deductible: \$1,364 (was \$1,340)
- Co-payment for hospital stay days 61-90: \$341/day (was \$335)
- Co-payment for hospital stay days 91 and beyond: \$682/day (was \$670)
- Skilled nursing facility co-payment, days 21-100: \$170.50/day (was \$167.50)

So-called "Medigap" policies can cover some of these costs. Premiums for higher-income beneficiaries (\$85,000 and above) are as follows, per the CMS:

- Individuals with annual incomes between \$85,000 and \$107,000 and married couples with annual incomes between \$170,000 and \$214,000 will pay a monthly premium of \$189.60.
- Individuals with annual incomes between \$107,000 and \$133,500 and married couples with annual incomes between \$214,000 and \$267,000 will pay a monthly premium of \$270.90.
- Individuals with annual incomes between \$133,500 and \$160,000 and married couples with annual incomes between \$267,000 and \$320,000 will pay a monthly premium of \$352.20.



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preview of what might be heard in a federal courtroom in Western Pennsylvania. One can already hear the description of Cecil and David, echoing the obituary in The Pittsburgh Tribune, "They loved life. They loved their community. ... Together, they looked after one another. They were inseparable. Most of all they were kind, good people with a strong faith

and respect for everyone around." (Pittsburgh Tribune, by Rob Amen and Aaron Aupperlee, Oct. 28, 2018).

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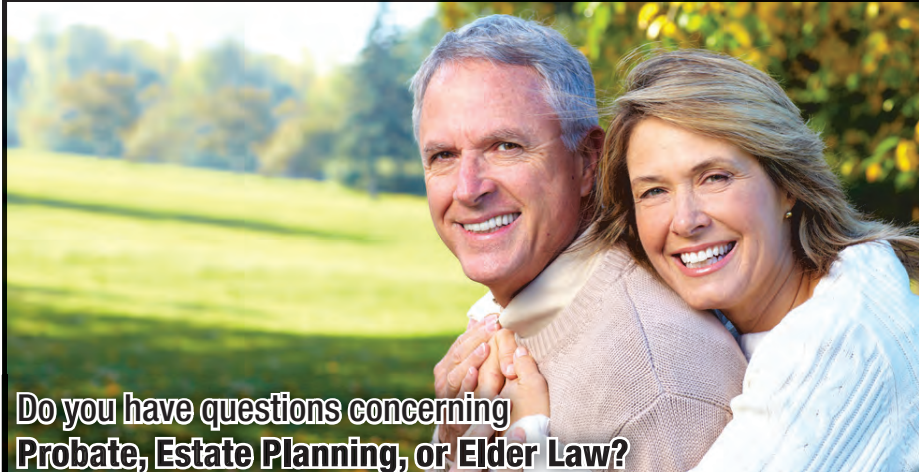
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Local lawyers weigh in on state's controversial 'Stand Your Ground' law

By Benjamin Naim

A hotly contested issue that has sparked nationwide debate, the "Stand Your Ground" law has drawn both ire and praise from constituents on both sides of the political spectrum.

Ruth Ann Hepler, a lawyer who works at Janet E. Johnson, P.A. in Jacksonville, offered her perspective on the controversial law in a recent interview with the Recorder and explained how it compares to other laws. Florida became the first state to enact a "Stand Your Ground" law on Oct. 1, 2005.

"You're allowed to defend yourself," she said. "In the street, the old common law concept was that you have a duty to try and retreat before using force. "Stand Your Ground" basically says if you're out in public, you no longer have to retreat."

An important component of the law is that gun owners carrying a concealed weapon must discern whether lethal force is justifiable.

Lisa Varon, who has practiced law for 20 years and works at Fallgatter & Catlin, P.A. in Jacksonville, said she

recently worked a case in which her client responded to a punch to the face by shooting his assailant several times. One of the arguments against him was that the amount of force her client used was not proportional to the threat he faced. Although "Stand Your Ground" allows people to meet deadly force with deadly force, an excessive response to a threat can lead to trouble, Varon said.

"Just because somebody attacks you doesn't mean you get to shoot them," Varon explained. "If that person had used a weapon then I would say you're entitled to use deadly force, because that person was using what was considered deadly force."

Varon said her client felt he was at a disadvantage, that his life was in jeopardy and the force being used against him was deadly.

Before "Stand Your Ground" was established, Hepler noted that Floridians had a right to defend themselves. She echoed the sentiment, however, that lethal force must be used only in life or death situations.

"If somebody calls you a bad name,

you can't shoot them," she said. "Ultimately, it all comes down to the question of was it reasonable? Were you reasonably in fear that the person was going to kill you or seriously injure you?"

Furthermore, Hepler asserted that it can be difficult for jurors to interpret whether "Stand Your Ground" applies in certain situations.

"You don't put it into a computer and ask the computer to give you an answer," she said. "You can have six jurors say it was reasonable, and the next day six different jurors say it wasn't reasonable. That's how the law works in our country."

According to Varon, it would be more difficult to interpret whether someone sufficiently retreated under common law than whether lethal force was justified.

"If I've got a client who is saying they used self-defense and that's why they did something," she said, "it's much easier now because there is no duty to retreat and they can stand their ground and they can fight back."

What makes "Stand Your Ground" unique, Hepler noted, is that the initial

determination of whether lethal force was appropriate can be made as a preliminary matter by a judge. If a shooting is deemed reasonable under certain circumstances, a person can be declared immune from prosecution and never get a jury trial. Traditionally, each case would have to be brought before a jury.

"If the judge says you were within your rights, you're immune from prosecution," she explained. "You're free."

Another important component of legal and lawful self-defense is the Castle Doctrine, which allows for lethal force during a home invasion.

"If somebody attacks you in your own home, the concept is you're allowed to meet force without having to retreat," Hepler said. "You don't have to run into your bathroom and lock yourself in. You can meet force with force right there."

With "Stand Your Ground," Hepler explained that concealed carriers can meet lethal force with lethal force — just like a home invasion.

For more information on Hepler and Varon, visit www.fallgatterlaw.com and www.janetejohnsonlaw.com.

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■ Individuals with annual incomes above \$160,000 and less than \$500,000 and married couples with annual incomes above \$320,000 and less than \$750,000 will pay a monthly premium of \$433.40.

■ Individuals with annual incomes above \$500,000 and married couples with annual incomes above \$750,000 will pay a monthly premium of \$460.50

According to the CMS, rates differ for beneficiaries who are married but file a separate tax return from their spouse. Those with incomes greater than \$85,000 and less than \$415,000 will pay a monthly premium of \$433.40. Those with incomes greater than \$415,000 will pay a monthly premium of \$460.50.

The Social Security Administration uses the income reported two years ago to determine a Part B beneficiary's premiums. So, the income reported on a beneficiary's 2016 tax return is used to determine whether the beneficiary must pay a higher monthly Part B premium in 2018. Income is calculated by taking a beneficiary's adjusted gross income and adding back in some normally excluded income, such as tax-exempt interest, U.S. savings bond interest used to pay tuition and certain income from foreign sources. This is called modified adjusted gross income (MAGI). If a beneficiary's MAGI decreased significantly in the past two years, she may request that information from more recent years be used to calculate the premium. You can also request to reverse a surcharge if your income changes.

Those who enroll in Medicare Advantage plans may have different cost-sharing arrangements. The CMS estimates that the Medicare Advantage average monthly premium will decrease by 6 percent in 2019, from an average of \$30 in 2018 to \$28 in 2019.

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For more information on start times and more, call (904) 827-6897.</p> <p>Amy Ray at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall For more than 30 years, Amy Ray has been renowned as one half of the Grammy-award winning folk duo, Indigo Girls, and she's coming to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Nov. 8. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Ray is also a community activist and has had an independent label with Daemon Records since 1989. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.pvconcerthall.com or call the box office at (904) 209-0399. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N.</p> <p>Chapel Concert: John Németh The Beaches Museum and Lazzara Family Foundation will host John Németh at the historic Beaches Museum Chapel Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. Drawing from his strong influences in blues and R&B, as well as contemporary sounds in hip hop and rock & roll, Németh creates music that is personal as well as universal. Individual tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 day of the show. 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Additionally, volunteers are needed Friday mornings to help with activities at the Sunshine Center Adult Daycare, a volunteer is needed to help with Medicare & Medicaid clients, a volunteer is needed to direct the choir at River House and a volunteer is needed at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center. For more information on these opportunities, call (904) 209-3686 or email aleach@stjohnscoa.com.</p> <p>Historic Lincolnville Festival This festival, scheduled for Nov. 9 through 11 in downtown St. Augustine, will feature a jazz and fashion show at the Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center among other festivities. The event starts at 7 p.m. on Friday, at noon on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. Visit www.lhprs.org for more information.</p> <p>Holiday Shoppes The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach will host its Holiday Shoppes shopping extravaganza Nov. 9 and 10 featuring unique boutiques from all over the country. The event will feature clothing, jewelry, home accessories, toys, trucks and more. It will be held at the Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra Beach from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Visit www.ccpvb.org for more information.</p>	<p>Chabad @ the Beaches CKids Club Havdalah Party CKids Club will host a Havdalah Party for the entire family Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m. A Havdalah is a Jewish ceremony marking the end of Shabbat. The event will feature activities, game shows and crafts for all. Visitors will be able to take home their own Havdalah kid. To be held at Chabad @ the Beaches, located at 521 A1A N. Ponte Vedra Beach, register online at www.chabadbeaches.com. Call (904) 543-9301 or email leah@chabadbeaches.com for more information.</p> <p>Art You Wear Art You Wear by Pixie Launch will take place Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Coastal Farmhouse, located at 4775 Windsor Commons Court in Jacksonville. Refreshments will be provided. Sandra Crews will be holding her holiday open house on that same day.</p> <p>'Striking 12' at Episcopal School of Jacksonville Episcopal's fall theatre musical for 2018, "Striking 12," will be performed Nov. 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. The Episcopal School of Jacksonville's Munneryn Theatre is located at 4455 Atlantic Blvd. in Jacksonville. Visit www.esj.org/fineartstickets/fine-arts-event-tickets to purchase tickets.</p> <p>Community shredding event Lord of Life Lutheran Church's first community shredding event, featuring the award-winning shredding company Iron Mountain, will take place Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants can pull their car into the driveway, people can dump their personal papers into a bin and watch the bin get automatically lifted and fed into the shredder. Lord of Life Lutheran Church is located at 276 Roscoe Blvd. N. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>St. Augustine Amphitheatre Farmers Market The St. Augustine Amphitheatre Farmers Market will take place Nov. 10 at 8:30 a.m. The market will feature community classes, produce, flowers, baked goods and more.</p>	<p>Sandals, Shorts and Steel Drum Service Every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church invites guests to put on sandals and shorts for a more casual worship service featuring the tropical sound of steel drum music. The church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Fundraiser to benefit autism community Sawgrass Village in Ponte Vedra Beach will host its second annual fundraiser to benefit the local autism community Nov. 11 from noon to 6:30 p.m. The event will feature food by Aqua Grill, Andiamo's, Latin Soul Grille, live music, an art auction, a 50/50 cash drawing, a fashion show and more. For more information, call (904) 339-4483 or visit www.facebook.com/peaceof-heartcommunity.</p> <p>Free admission for veterans The St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum is offering veterans free admission on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, as well as 10 percent off for their immediate family members. Free admission is also available for active military and their immediate family. The St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum is located at 81 Lighthouse Ave. in St. Augustine. For more information, visit www.staugustinelighthouse.org or call (904) 829-0745.</p> <p>Cuppy's Coffe Cafe veterans day special Cuppy's Coffee Cafe, a café-style restaurant offering specialty, gourmet coffee, steamed bagel sandwiches and fruit smoothies, will offer military veterans a free cup of its gourmet brewed coffee on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11. The café is located at 13740 Beach Blvd., #113 in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Veterans Weekend at World Golf Hall of Fame The World Golf Hall of Fame & Museum will celebrate Veterans Day with a special promotion. From Nov. 10 to 11, all active duty military, veterans and their dependents will receive free admission to the World Golf Hall of Fame. Visit www.worldgolfhalloffame.org for more information.</p>

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<p>Kids Free November at World Golf Hall of Fame Kids under 12 can visit the World Golf Hall of Fame & Museum for free during the month of November (offer valid for up to five children) with a general admission paying adult. No coupon necessary. The museum is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. The World Golf Hall of Fame & Museum is located at 1 World Golf Pl. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Holy Yoga Cheryl Olson, a certified yoga instructor in the Jacksonville Beaches area, will host a Holy Yoga session that nourishes the heart, mind, body and soul. Classes will be held Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at various locations in Ponte Vedra as posted at www.transformandradiate.com. Register online at www.transformandradiate.com/classes/holyyoga. Call (904) 539-8099 for more information.</p> <p>Book Club Night Book Club Night at the Bookmark will take place Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. The event will feature representatives from HarperCollins Publishers, who will offer suggestions for book clubs and readers in general. The Bookmark is located at 220 1st St. in Neptune Beach.</p> <p>Veterans commemoration day The Military Officers Association of America - Ancient City Chapter and Veterans Council of St. Johns County will host a veterans commemoration day Nov. 12 at 9:30 a.m. at Anastasia Baptist Church, located at 1650 A1A S. in St. Augustine. Displays will include the Traveling Vietnam Wall and Agent Orange Quilt of Tears. Admission is free.</p> <p>Jacksonville Icemen hockey Catch Jacksonville Icemen ECHL hockey Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. as the hometown team takes on the Norfolk Admirals. This event will take place at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena. To purchase tickets, visit www1.ticketmaster.com or visit the Icemen website at www.jacksonvilicemen.com.</p>	<p>Prenatal yoga Prenatal and postnatal yoga is designed to help women cope with the changing needs of their body before and after pregnancy and birth. The public is invited Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. to share individual experiences with other women and gain empowerment through yoga, meditation and guided visualization. This approach is gentle and safe for women in all stages of pregnancy, and once recovered from birth, but prior approval from a healthcare provider is advised. This event will take place at the Y Healthy Living Center, located at 170 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Nocatee Bookmobile A Bookmobile will be at the Publix at Nocatee Town Center, located at 120 Marketside Ave. in Ponte Vedra. For more information, call (904) 827-6928, email libbe@sjcfl.us or visit www.sjcpls.org. The Bookmobile will be in place Nov. 13 and 27 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Summer of '64 presentation Local historian Scott Grant will host a presentation on the Summer of 1964 at the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunet meeting Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Ponte Vedra Beach. The cost to attend is \$25. RSVP to Cyndi King at Cyndiking@gmail.com by Nov. 12.</p> <p>Panel discussion on World War I Several members of the Flagler College faculty will discuss the impact of World War I. The discussion and panel, entitled "100 Years After the Armistice: Evaluating the Transnational Legacy of the First World War" will take place Nov. 13 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Flagler Room, located at Ponce de Leon Hall at 75 King St. in St. Augustine. Panel participants will include Wayne Riggs, Ph.D., Rachel Cremona, Ph.D., Helmut Flackenecker, Ph.D.</p>	<p>Yoga at the church Grab a mat and enjoy a weekly yoga session at St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome. St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville. Call (904) 249-4091 Ext. 103 for more information.</p> <p>Wednesday Market at St. Augustine Beach The St. Augustine Beach Wednesday Market offers oceanfront shopping at the St. Johns County Pier Park every Wednesday starting at 8 a.m. Approximately 60 to 80 vendors can be found at the market selling locally grown produce, baked goods, prepared foods, arts, crafts and more. Visit www.sabca.org for more information.</p> <p>Jewelry beading class Fulfill the need to be creative by designing jewelry at this jewelry beading class with Shirley Nacey. The Council on Aging class will offer an opportunity to make bracelets and necklaces with intriguing beads. The class will feature a basic stringing lesson with beading wire and clasps/crimps. From there, participants will advance to off loom stitching such as peyote, square stitch, netting and more. The four-week series continues Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m. Admission costs \$40 for River House members and \$45 for non-members. Space is limited, call (904) 209-3655 to register.</p> <p>Newcomers of the Beaches luncheon The Newcomers of the Beaches luncheon will invite new members to attend its luncheon on the second Wednesday of each month. The next luncheon is scheduled for Nov. 14 at the Sawgrass Country Club, located at 10034 Golf Club Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach. The social club consists of a diverse group of women who have recently moved to the beaches or have gone through a major life event. For more information, visit www.newcomersofthebeaches.com.</p>	<p>Grief support group A grief support group will meet on the third Thursday of every month at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Room 102 of the Family Life Center, located at 578 1st Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach. The group is for men and women who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. The next meeting will be Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Kathy at (904) 553-8933 or Catherine at (904) 247-0665.</p> <p>'Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald' in IMAX In the second installment of the "Fantastic Beasts" series set in J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World, Magizoologist Newt Scamander joins forces with young Albus Dumbledore to prevent the devious Gellert Grindelwald from raising pure-blood wizards to rule over all non-magical beings. This film is showing Nov. 15 at the IMAX at World Golf Hall of Fame. For showtimes and tickets, visit www.worldgolfimax.com.</p> <p>Megan Wall law class Megan Wall will host a class on how to handle legal issues involving children Nov. 15 at 11 a.m. For more information, contact Danielle Johnson at (904) 280-3233 or email djohnson@stjohnscoa.com. This event will be held at the Council on Aging, located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra beach.</p> <p>Dinner and a movie (Council on Aging) Join moviegoers Nov. 15 at River House, located at 179 Marine St. in St. Augustine, for a dinner and a movie event. The film will begin at 4:30 p.m. Advanced payment and registration are required, call (904) 209-3655 to reserve a spot.</p> <p>Storytime classes The general public is invited to enjoy storytime classes with dancing and stories Nov. 15 from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. This event will take place at the Ponte Vedra Library.</p> <p>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. 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Lord of Life Lutheran Church to hold paper-shredding for the community Nov. 10

Shed those unwanted pounds — of paper — at Lord of Life Lutheran Church’s first community shredding event on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lord of Life will have the award-winning shredding company, Iron Mountain, on site with its truck. Cars can pull into the driveway, and people can dump their personal papers into a bin and watch the bin get automatically lifted and fed into the shredder.

The church is asking for a \$25 donation for this service. The public may bring as many pounds of personal paper as they have.

“We know that many people have small at-home shredders but if anyone is like me, the paper piles up and takes too long to be fed through the shredder and then I have to empty it or first fix the paper jam,” Church Council President Cindy

Tanton said. “As we are getting towards the end of the year, it’s a great way to clean out your home office now and be ready to start 2019 with a clean slate.”

According to the church, some of the things that should be shredded include ATM receipts, credit card and sales receipts, utility bills, used airline tickets, bank and financial institution statements, pay stubs, medical bills or statements (unless you have an unresolved insurance dispute), canceled checks, expired warranties, credit offers in the mail, expired passports, old driver’s licenses or car insurance.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church is located at 276 Roscoe Blvd. North in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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Celebrity jewelry designer Erica Courtney meets with customers at Underwood Jewelers in PVB

By Jon Blauvelt

Los Angeles-based celebrity jewelry designer Erica Courtney stopped in Ponte Vedra Beach last week at Underwood Jewelers to present her jewelry line and meet with customers.

Courtney, who has worked with celebrities such as Jessica Alba, Sandra Bullock and Sofia Vergara and for red carpet events and television productions, was at the local jeweler last Thursday, Nov. 1 for a VIP event that also featured hors d'oeuvres, drinks and good company. Courtney stayed in the area for the weekend.

"What I love are the people here," said Courtney, who said she has been coming to Ponte Vedra for the last four of five years for this event. "They're so sweet. And the beach, the weather ... everything is a perfect place to have fun and



ABOVE: Jewelry designer Erica Courtney gathers with John Rutkowski and Denise Richards of Underwood Jewelers at a VIP event held at the Ponte Vedra Beach location on Nov. 1.

LEFT: Courtney (right) meets with customers.

Photos by Jon Blauvelt

sell jewelry."

Courtney has been designing jewelry for three decades. She's known for her Drop Dead Gorgeous® collection, "adorned with vivid colored jewels, whimsical designs and intricate details," as stated on her website. She travels the world for rare gemstones to enrich her collections.

With such an extensive background in jewelry design, Courtney said she enjoys

working with Underwood's because their staff is so knowledgeable.

"I have to say I was most impressed by how they run the business here and I don't give out that compliment very often," Courtney said. "Because typically a lot of stores don't have knowledgeable sales people that really know what they're talking about. For me, Underwood's was a shock. ... I can't believe it. They're so knowledgeable here."

Bring it on, sucka! You don't scare us!



By Harry Pappas

Harry Pappas
Columnist

A few weeks ago, the Dow Jones Industrial Averages were on the verge of busting through yet another psychological milestone: 27,000! Then, out of nowhere, the Dow lost about 2,140

points, or 8 percent, since an Oct. 3 peak, as of Friday's close. The Dow and the S&P 500 index both wiped out all their hard-fought gains over the past 10 months to turn negative for 2018.

Yep, it was another ugly October and market volatility is back with a vengeance. Through Oct. 23, 179 of the S&P 500 stocks are down more than 20 percent from their 52-week high, putting them in bear market territory. The S&P 500 was down another 3 percent on Wednesday, Oct. 24. Oh no! Is this the beginning of a bear market or just another buying opportunity after a relatively large decline in stocks? I thought you might be interested in my "spin"... uh ... commentary!

Before I begin, let me be very clear on one point: I am guilty of having strong, stubborn convictions, especially when it comes to prudent investing. Despite what you may believe or have heard, stock market corrections (usually defined as 10 percent decline from the peak) are difficult to understand but are necessary to clean out the excess optimism. Furthermore, stock market declines are normal and expected. Furthermore, crashes and corrections occur with surprising regularity. Therefore, for those of us who fret during the tough times, toughen up cupcake and cure your bad behavior!

I do not have, never have had and never will have an opinion regarding the short-term direction of the stock market, interest rates or economic activity. Furthermore, I would never imagine predicting a stock market correction, bear market or the next recession, as I am not and never will be a

Titanium Yoga offering calm before holiday storm

Ponte Vedra Beach studio holding special event Nov. 17 to benefit area nonprofit

By Paris Moulden

Titanium Yoga is aiming to hold the largest single yoga class in the First Coast area and raise money for a good cause at the same time.

The yoga event, set for Saturday, Nov. 17, from 1-2 p.m., at Titanium Yoga, located at 111 Solana Road in Ponte Vedra Beach, is using the event to raise money for Yoga 4 Change, a local nonprofit that provides yoga classes to people in underprivileged populations, such as prisons, halfway houses, shelters and at-risk housing.

A \$25 donation per person is requested, and the classes are open to all experience levels. There will be an outdoor adult class, with a goal of 75 participants, an indoor children's class, with a goal of 25 participants, and 100 percent of the proceeds benefit Yoga 4 Change.

Ashley Hanna, owner of Titanium Yoga, said it's important for her to give back to the community, especially as the holiday season approaches.

Along with the yoga class, there will also be a holiday market, with approximately 20 local vendors on site to offer attendees a chance to get an early start on holiday shopping.

"You can do yoga, and you can do some fun holiday shopping," Hanna said.

Hanna was seriously injured in a

near-fatal car accident in 2016, and spent months recovering from her injuries, and the numerous surgeries to repair her leg and arm. After struggling through physical therapy in the months after her release from the hospital, Hanna found the help she needed to recover through hot yoga, and was inspired to open her own yoga studio. Titanium Yoga's slogan is "Become Unbreakable," and Hanna aims to share the benefits of yoga she learned through her recovery process with others.

"Anyone can do yoga, and we just hope people will come out and they'll feel unbreakable, and they'll feel like this practice can help them with whatever they're going through in life right now," she said.

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Mainstream Boutique
Ponte Vedra Beach Owner
Carla Miles
at the "Pink Out Ladies Night" event
on Thursday, Oct. 25

Photos by Susan Griffin



Mainstream Boutique hosts event in support of fight against breast cancer

Mainstream Boutique in Ponte Vedra Beach hosted a special event entitled "Pink Out Ladies Night" on Thursday, Oct. 25 in support of the fight against breast cancer.

Held at the business' location at 880 A1A North, Suite 4, in Ponte Vedra Beach, the event saw 10 percent of its proceeds donated to the CancerKare Fund, a local charity established by Ponte Vedra residents Bill and Linda Adams to support breast cancer patients with treatment costs.

Attendees of the event enjoyed shopping and giveaways from BellaVi Nail



Deedee Wiele and Tammy Barr

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For more information on Mainstream Boutique, visit mainstreamboutique.com.



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Emily Sprague, Donna Burke and Laura West gather at Mineral City on Oct. 19 for a special event to celebrate the business' new location and 21st anniversary.

Mineral City celebrates new location, anniversary

Mineral City hosted a special event on Friday, Oct. 19 to celebrate its new location and 21st anniversary.

Now located at 2107 Sawgrass Village Drive, the Ponte Vedra Beach business enjoyed cake and champagne with its loyal customers, friends and family to recognize both occasions. Throughout the day, purchases at Mineral City were 21 percent off in recognition of the anniversary. Customers also took home free gifts with select purchases.

In addition, the business accepted donations to the Florida Ballet and pledged to match all donations. The



Bruce Howson and Laura West

Delores Barr Weaver Fund also pledged to match donations, making it a double match.

Mineral City offers wall décor and mirrors, chandeliers and lamps, candles and frames, dinnerware and table linens, furniture, jewelry and accessories and more. The business is open Monday to Friday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, visit mcpvb.com.

Florida's economy to be subject of Chamber's next EDC Breakfast

Florida's economy as profiled in the Florida Chamber's new report, "The Florida 2030 Project," will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Jerry Parrish, chief economist and director of research for the Florida Chamber of Commerce, at the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council (EDC) Quarterly Breakfast on Friday, Nov. 16 at 8 a.m. at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort.

"Dr. Parrish will present a lively and current look at Florida's economy in this post-election discussion," said Isabelle Renault, president and CEO of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. "He will also be discussing the Florida 2030 Project, a two-year research program that will stimulate strategic thinking about Florida's future and engage business and community leaders across Florida. His comments are always practical and relevant."



Dr. Jerry Parrish

In his role, Parrish is responsible for conducting in-depth analyses on the Florida economy and on solutions to help secure Florida's future. He previously was the chief economist and direc-

tor of the Center for Competitive Florida at Florida TaxWatch. Prior to that position, he served as the associate director of the Center for Economic Forecasting & Analysis (CEFA) at Florida State University, and has many years of experience in the private sector in management roles at international manufacturing companies.

To register for the EDC Quarterly Breakfast, visit www.sjchamber.com and go to the calendar of events or call (904) 829-5681. Admission is \$50 for non-chamber members and \$40 for members.

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trader. Instead, I am an investor that implements portfolios for the long run (five to 10 years) that are prudent, diversified and cost effective. Investing is simple, but so many folks make it incredibly difficult because they allow fear and greed to dictate their investment decisions by thinking they can time the market. This approach is unwinnable!

Do not get sucked into the idea that there is some genius trading strategy to deal with a market decline. Just ignore all the chatter from the talking heads. It will only make things worse for your emotional stability, and it might cause you to do something that you will regret later. Sure, it would be great to get out of the stock market at the high and back in at the low, but in 33 years in the investing business, I have never heard of anyone that knew how to do it.

At times like this, fear rules, which is perfectly understandable. Nobody wants to lose money. When we succumb to fear, however, we are under the illusion that we can predict the future. Then our emotions become elevated and we often surrender to

the emotional response to flee the disorderly market conditions, which is often the wrong decision. Therefore, my strong, stubborn conviction is that unless we master fear, it will be deadly to our wealth.

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Aside from the Nov. 17 event, once or twice a month, Titanium Yoga closes its doors to the public and open its doors to a local charity. Hanna said having such luck with those classes helped inspire her to do it on a larger scale, and it also provides an opportunity to help participants de-stress before the holidays.

"Yoga is a practice," Hanna said. "You don't master yoga, you practice it, and that can be for a day or for years of your life. It's connecting your breath to your movement, so by breathing as you move, you're able to dive deeper, connect the mind, the body and the spirit."

To pre-register for the Nov. 17 event, visit titaniumyoga.com/schedule and click on Nov. 17 events to fill out registration forms. Donations will be accepted at the time of the event.



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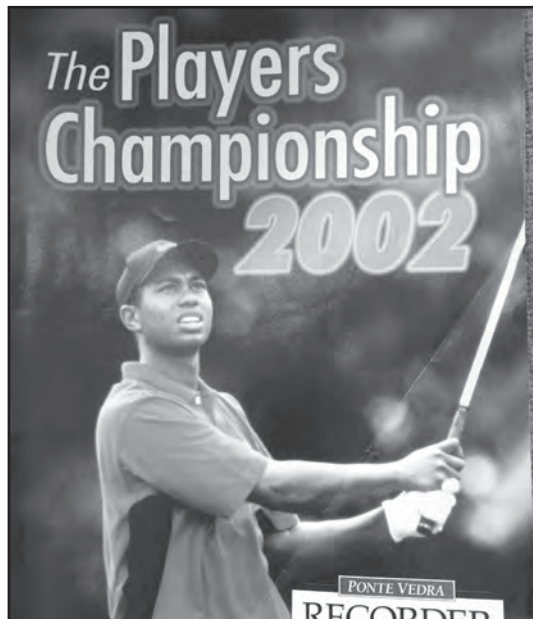
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The Recorder celebrates 49th anniversary

On Nov. 7, the Ponte Vedra Recorder celebrated its 49th anniversary as the community's newspaper of record. Join the Recorder in reflecting on its long-standing commitment to the community by checking out these various covers, articles and advertisements from over the years.

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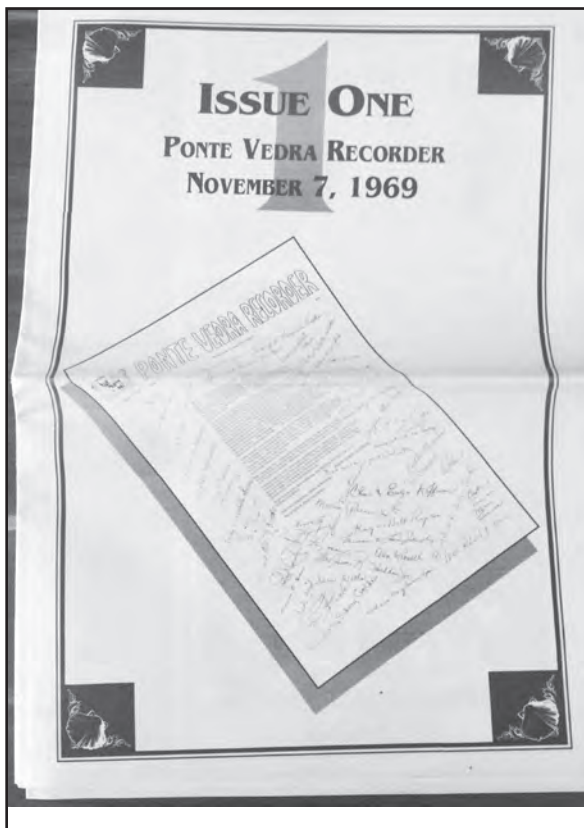
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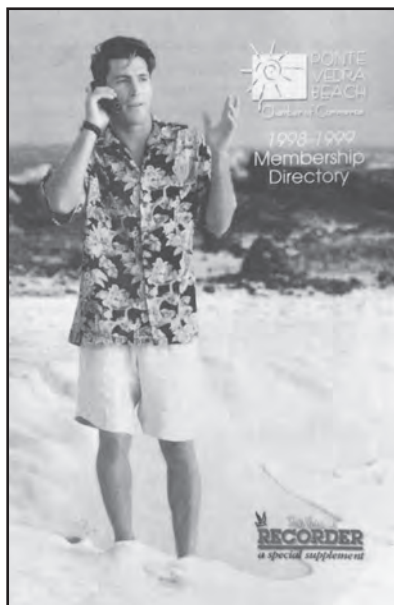
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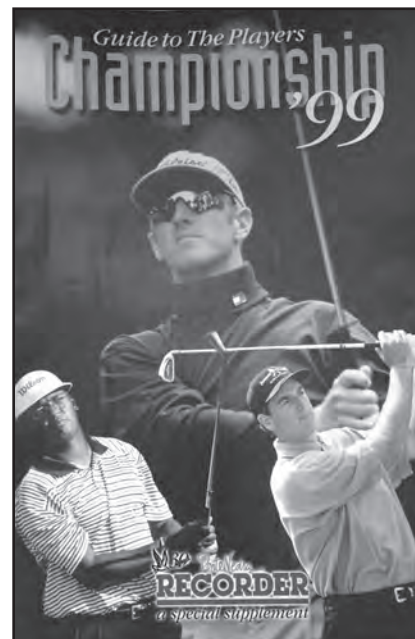
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A first publication of the Ponte Vedra Recorder in 1969



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St. Johns Planning & Zoning
The St. Johns County Planning & Zoning Agency will meet at 1:30 p.m. on May 7 at the county administrative complex.

Nease improvement team
The School Improvement Team at Nease High School will meet at 3:15 p.m. on May 7 in the school's media center. The group will be finalizing its improvement plan for the 1998-99 school year. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Municipal Service District
The Ponte Vedra Municipal Service District will meet at 6 p.m. on May 4 in the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

Beaches Coalition
The Ponte Vedra Beaches Association will meet at 6 p.m. on May 4.

In Your Opinion

What do you think can be done to improve auto traffic through the Ponte Vedra Beach-Palm Valley area?

Simon Bower
"I think we've reached the point in time where they need to expand the number of lanes on A1A through Ponte Vedra and further south as well. With the tremendous growth in this area, we have put the car before the horse. We're growing 10 times faster in housing and population than the roads will accommodate. This area will become like Blanding Boulevard, but there's no way to handle the congestion other than expand the road."

Jack Hirsch
"Anything they do is going to be very difficult. There just are no easy answers. I think the best idea I've seen so far is a new north-south road, but I wouldn't want to see anything like that. As far as six-lane A1A, I think that would make it even more difficult to get out onto."

Donna McMoran
"I don't know how expensive it would be, but maybe we could have a local shuttle service. It could operate all around the local area, stopping in neighborhoods, shopping centers, the library, offices. It could run on a regular schedule and people could use it for local trips. I do not like the idea of six-lane A1A."

John Hertrig
"I think six-lane A1A would help. It will destroy the ambience of the area, but it could be landscaped and made more attractive. I'm not sure about the idea of a new north-south road because of the environmental issues involved. The wildlife habitat that would be destroyed, and the wetlands affected. That would be my concern."

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Carlos Santana is performing at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre on Saturday, April 20, 2019.

Carlos Santana to perform at St. Augustine Amphitheatre April 20

Renowned musician Carlos Santana will bring his “Global Consciousness Tour” to the St. Augustine Amphitheatre on Saturday, April 20, 2019.

Tickets for the show go on sale Friday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. Santana last performed to a sold-out crowd at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre in April 2014.

This year, 2019, marks the 20th anniversary of Carlos Santana’s groundbreaking album, “Supernatural,” and the 50th anniversary of his legendary

performance at Woodstock. The artist will celebrate these anniversaries with an energy-infused tour highlighting hits from “Supernatural,” as well as many others from his long list of hits.

For more than 50 years, Santana has sold more than 100 million records and performed for more than 100 million fans at concerts worldwide. To date, he has won ten GRAMMY® Awards and three Latin GRAMMY® Awards. He won a record tying nine GRAMMYs

for a single project for 1999’s “Supernatural” (including Album of the Year and Record of the Year for “Smooth”) as well as three Latin GRAMMY’s.

Santana has also received the Billboard Century Award (1996), was ushered into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (1998), received the Billboard Latin Music Awards’ Lifetime Achievement honor (2009) and was the recipient

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Sky Hopinka displays new exhibition at Crisp-Ellert Art Museum

The Crisp-Ellert Art Museum (CEAM) at Flagler College in St. Augustine is displaying an exhibition of work by artist Sky Hopinka entitled “Around the Edge of Encircling Lake,” through Dec. 8.

The exhibition will include three videos — “Cloudless Blue Egress of Summer” (2018), “Fainting Spells” (2018), and “Jáaji Approximately” (2015).

According to the museum, each work is a constellation of stories carefully woven together through image, sound, narration and text. Hopinka’s practice revolves around his personal experience of indigenous homeland and landscape, and, as such, his work mines memory, language and his Ho-Chunk American Indian cultural heritage. The exhibition’s title, “Around the Edge of Encircling Lake,” takes its name from the Ho-Chunk way of describing the movement around the boundaries of the earth, or the “encircling lake.”

According to the museum, Hopinka employs various techniques to achieve conceptual interplay, such as layering and superimposing images, using multiple audio sources and by utilizing both written and spoken texts.

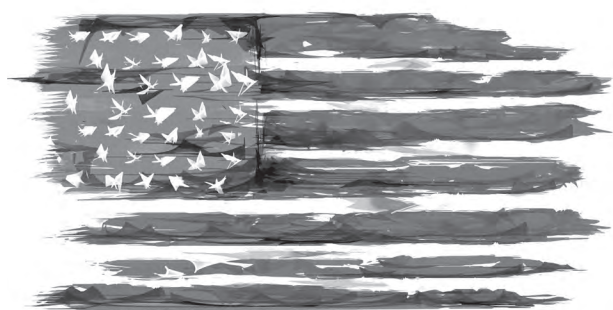
The exhibition will include the premier of the artist’s newest work, “Cloudless Blue Egress of Summer.” This video includes footage shot at sites such as the Castillo de San Marcos and the St. Augustine Historical Society Research Library during Hopinka’s artist residency in February and August 2018.

“Jáaji Approximately” brings together audio recordings of his father, a former powwow singer, and footage of the landscape that they both have traveled separately. Utilizing recordings that span 10 years from 2005 to 2015, this piece evokes Hopinka’s search for familial connection through memory and recollection and gives credence to the idea of wandering as a path to knowledge.

In the three-channel video installation “Fainting Spells,” Hopinka imagines a myth for the Xawįska, the Indian Pipe Plant, which was traditionally used by the Ho-Chunk to revive someone who has fainted. The artist juxtaposes images of different landscapes with scrolling text that performs as a sort of correspondence, or evidence of knowledge passed down.

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Hopinka (Ho-Chunk/Pechanga) was born and raised in Ferndale, Washington, and spent a number of years in Palm Springs and Riverside, California, Portland, Oregon, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and is currently based out of Cambridge, Massachusetts. In Portland, he studied and taught chinuk wawa, a language indigenous to the Lower Columbia River Basin. He received his bachelor's degree from Portland State University in liberal arts and his master's in film, video, animation and new genres from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He is currently a fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University.

His work has played at various festivals including ImagineNATIVE Media + Arts Festival, Images, Wavelengths, Ann Arbor Film Festival, Sundance, Antimatter, Chicago Underground Film Festival, FLEXfest and Projections. His work was a part of the 2016 Wisconsin Triennial and the 2017 Whitney Biennial. He was awarded jury prizes at the Onion City Film Festival, the More with Less Award at the 2016 Images Festival, the Tom Berman Award for Most Promising Filmmaker at the 54th Ann Arbor Film

Festival, the New Cinema Award at the Berwick Film and Media Arts Festival and the Mary L. Nohl Fund Fellowship for Individual Artists in the Emerging artist category for 2018.

For more information on CEAM programming, visit www.flagler.edu/crispellert or contact Julie Dickover at (904) 826-8530 or crispellert@flagler.edu. The CEAM's hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.



"Fainting Spells" will be among the works by artist Sky Hopinka featured in an ongoing exhibition at Flagler College's Crisp-Ellert Art Museum in St. Augustine.

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of the Kennedy Center Honors Award (2013). Among many other honors, Carlos Santana has been cited by Rolling Stone as No. 15 on their list of the "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time." And, with the 2014 release of "Corazón," Santana surpassed the Rolling Stones and is one of only two music acts in Billboard history to score at least one Top Ten album for six consecutive decades since the 1960s.

In the fall of 2014, Santana released his memoir "The Universal Tone: Bringing My Story to Light." In 2017, he and Cindy Blackman Santana joined forces with The Isley Brothers (Ronald and Ernie) to release "Power of Peace," an album celebrating the timeless sounds of funk, soul, blues, rock, jazz and pop. Santana is currently headlining a multi-year residency at House of Blues at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

Tickets for the show in St. Augustine range in price from \$54 (obstructed view seating) to \$154 (seated pit). Those interested can save on fees by purchasing tickets at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre Box Office and have first pick when the tickets go on sale. Tickets will also be available via ticketmaster.com or by phone at 800-745-3000. Attendees are encouraged to join the St. Augustine Amphitheatre staff for a special on-sale party beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday featuring complimentary refreshments and concert posters.

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Sharks rally to beat Creekside, playoffs next



Photo by Jerry Norton

Ponte Vedra's Peter Merlini blocks a Knights field goal attempt that was returned for a Sharks touchdown by Ryan Chase in Ponte Vedra's 35-21 win over Creekside on Nov. 2.

By Jerry Norton

The Sharks of Ponte Vedra finished the regular season with a 35-21 win over the Creekside Knights last Friday night at the Shark Tank, but it took 28 second-half points to secure the win.

The visitors quickly scored first in the Nov. 2 game on a five-play, 73-yard drive. Then Ponte Vedra responded with a drive of their own that covered 72 yards and took 10 plays. Passes from Jack Murrah to Reese Russi and a pair to Kyle Barker, including the touchdown, accounted for much of the yardage on the Sharks' drive.

Creekside took less than a minute to regain the lead, thanks to a 66-yard strike for the score on their third play of the series.

The Sharks struggled offensively for most of the remaining time in the first half, but their defense kept the Knights in check. Cole McCormick's interception for

the Sharks on the Ponte Vedra 18-yard line stopped one drive, and Ryan Chase's pick on the Sharks' twenty stopped another.

After taking the kickoff to start the second half, Ponte Vedra tied the game at 14-14. A pass interference penalty coupled with three pass completions — two to Barker and one to Logan Conway — gave the Sharks a first down at the Creekside eight. A Murrah to Barker toss finished the drive.

The Knights then engineered a drive that put them on the Ponte Vedra 5-yard line with a first down and an excellent chance to take the lead; however, McCormick sacked the quarterback for a nine-yard loss and the Knights settled for a 31-yard field goal attempt. Peter Merlini blocked the kick, Chase scooped it up and ran 85 yards for a touchdown and a 21-14 Sharks lead.

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On this week's edition of Athlete of the Week, the Ponte Vedra Recorder's Benjamin Naim spoke with Nease defensive end Chase Dexter about the Panthers' season, which ended last Friday night. One of Dexter's biggest accomplishments this season was scoring the game-winning touchdown to lead his team to a 14-13 victory against St. Augustine on Friday, Oct. 19.

With the game against St. Augustine tied at 7, you caused a fumble and ran it back 65 yards for a touchdown. Can you describe the play that led to the TD?

It was crazy. They've been to the playoffs 19 years. It was a huge game for us. Everybody did their job. Our defense did great. It was a good play.

What were you thinking as you were running to the end zone after making a game-changing play? How satisfying is it to make a play like that?

I was super energized. My whole team was going crazy, it was a huge play for



Chase Dexter
Football, Nease High School

everybody. All the coaches came on the field. They hugged me. It's a great experience.

What are your goals for next season?

I'm trying to be the best defensive end I can be, the best in my position. Just trying to win more games.

To watch the full interview, visit www.PonteVedraRecorder.com.



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Nease quarterback Preston Staples runs with the ball as Gabe Blakely tries to hold off a Bartram Trail defender during last Friday's game.

Streak ends for Panthers, focus shifts to next season

By Paris Moulden

Nease's winning streak came to an end Friday, Nov. 2, with a 54-23 loss to visiting Bartram Trail on Senior Night.

The Panthers, who had won three in a row entering last Friday's game, suffered some setbacks early in the season, particularly with injuries, but Nease coach Tim Krause said the experience those

setbacks provided to some younger players could be beneficial next season.

"Obviously, we struggled early on in the season and had a number of injuries in key positions," Krause said. "While it hurt us this year, the hope is that playing young players in some spots due to injuries will pay off in the future. I was so

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PVHS boys golf defends state championship

Lady Sharks finish 5th

By Paris Moulden

The Ponte Vedra boys golf team won their second consecutive Class 2A state championship title in commanding fashion on Saturday, Nov. 3, at Mission Inn Resort & Club in Howey-In-The-Hills.

The Sharks finished with a two-day total score 302-296—598 to beat runner-up American Heritage by seven strokes.

Ponte Vedra also won last year's state championship, again beating American Heritage, but bettered its score by 15 strokes in this year's tournament.

The Sharks had four finishers in the top 10, including Davis Lee who tied for second individually with a score of 76-

71—147. The other top-10 finishers were Justin Ortiguera (77-73—150) and Will McGriff (74-76—150), who both tied for sixth, and Elliott Wright (75-76—151), who tied for eighth.

Nease's Logan Underwood finished fifth individually with a score of 77-72—149.

PVHS girls finish 5th at state championships

The Ponte Vedra girls golf team finished in fifth place at the state championships last weekend with a score of 341-353—694, and American Heritage defended its title, shooting a two-round total of 598.

Reni Jancsik was the top finisher individually for the Lady Sharks, shooting

81-75—156 to tie for 11th place.

The Lady Sharks finished third in the state championship last year and were hoping for a stronger finish this time around.

"Overall finishing fifth (top five) in the state championship is certainly not a bad thing, but it wasn't quite what the girls or I was hoping for," Ponte Vedra coach Clint Finlay said. "We had a more complete state finals team this year and one of the traditional state finals 'powerhouses' was a bit weaker than in the past, so we were all looking at this state tournament as an opportunity to finish in the top two and 'get on the podium,' but unfortunately it just didn't work out."

Finlay said the main focus heading into next season will be replacing graduating

senior captains Ashley and Megan Burke.

"Each has been a fixture on the team since freshman year, so filling their shoes won't be easy," Finlay said.

Ponte Vedra won the Class 2A district and regional titles this season, but preparing the team for the increasingly competitive play is also a priority heading into next season.

"The biggest takeaway from this year is that high school girls golf in our area is getting stronger," Finlay said. "We were fortunate to win both the district and regional title in 2018, but the competition is unquestionably better. In order to stay on top and hopefully make another trip to the state finals again in 2019, the entire team understands that we need to be focused and ready to go from day one."



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Ponte Vedra's Ryan Chase intercepts a Creekside pass while on his knees in last Friday's game.

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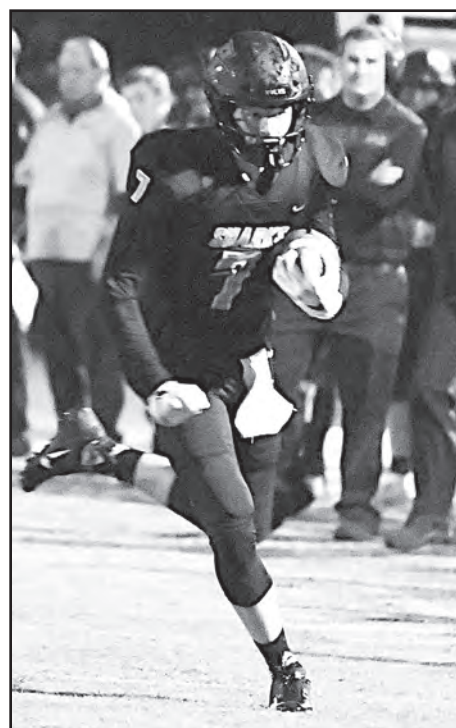
That play seemed to take all the starch out of the Knights. They turned the ball over on downs on their next possession and then gave it away on a fumble that Caden Fordham recovered for Ponte Vedra. Two plays later, Murrah found Russi for 10 yards and a touchdown to give the Sharks a 28-14 lead.

After the teams traded punts and the Knights turned the ball over on downs again — this time at their own 36-yard line — Ponte Vedra scored its fifth touchdown of the night. Mark Calvin slipped through a hole on the right side and rambled 27 yards untouched to the end zone.

The outcome wasn't in doubt even though the Knights added a score in the game's final seconds.

Standouts on offense for Ponte Vedra were Murrah, who completed 17 of 29 passes for 257 yards and three touchdowns; Barker, who caught 10 passes for 136 yards; and Russi, who caught six for 97 yards.

On defense, Fordham had 14 tackles, caused a fumble and recovered one. Max Schalit was credited with 8 tackles and McCormick had 7. Merlini, Emory Kin-



The Sharks' Reese Russi heads up field after catching a pass from Jack Murrah in Ponte Vedra's 35-21 win over Creekside.

gry, Jake Lytle and Shane Bloss each had six tackles. Chase and McCormick each had an interception.

The playoffs begin this week and Ponte Vedra (8-2) will make the long trip to Tallahassee to face Godby (10-0) at 7:30 pm.



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Nease's Nic Bunkosky (19) runs against Bartram Trail during last Friday's game.

Panthers

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impressed with how our team continued to work hard to improve through all the adversity they faced early in the season."

Nease ended its 0-6 skid with a 30-13 district win over Middleburg on Oct. 12, followed by a huge 14-13 upset of rival St. Augustine. Then, another district victory, a 35-0 rout of Englewood, allowed the Panthers to finish the regular season in a three-way tie atop the District 4-6A standings. Nease, however, finished the season with a 3-7 record and ultimately missed out on the playoffs.

"My biggest takeaway from 2018 was the resilience and character of our

kids," Krause said. "Our group showed incredible grit by staying together and working their way through so many different challenges. Rallying from an 0-6 start to finish tied for the district championship will always be something that I will cherish."

The Panthers have plenty of reasons to be optimistic looking ahead to the 2019 season.

"Our focus as a staff heading into the offseason is to evaluate our roster coming back, identify the leaders who will help move us forward and make sure that we build an offseason program that prepares them for the district schedule that we will face," Krause said. "We need to make sure that this group sets a high standard for themselves from the beginning of the offseason through the fall."

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A screenshot of the videogame, *The Golf Club 2019*, displays TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach.

TPC Sawgrass featured in new 2K Sports videogame

By Benjamin Naim

The Golf Club 2019, the newest iteration of a golf videogame franchise by HB Studios and 2K Sports, features Ponte Vedra’s TPC Sawgrass golf course.

According to Shaun West, the producer of the Golf Club franchise, the TPC course is depicted accurately in the game thanks to photo references, topographical maps, 3D information and intricate details of every aspect of Sawgrass.

“We were able to compile all the information we needed to rebuild the course quite accurately,” West said. “It took a lot of time. It was a very fun and interesting process and it definitely laid a lot of the groundwork for a lot of our official courses moving forward.”

West noted that even the smallest detail of the TPC Sawgrass course is included in

the game, including the island tree on 17.

“We actually went and recreated a tree that looks exactly identical to that,” he said. “We wanted to make it feel like you’re there.”

West said anyone who is familiar with the course will notice the videogame adaptation is authentic. Josh Muise, the creative director of HB Studios, said the data compiled by the developers allowed them to design the course with extreme accuracy.

“It’s on par with being there in person,” he asserted. “We’re confident that the level of authenticity is second to none.”

The course is playable in the game’s PGA Tour career mode, which is one of the main features of *The Golf Club 2019*.

“We put a lot of effort into bringing that mode to the users and trying to create

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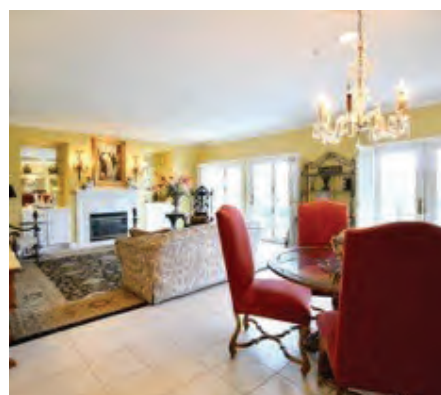
The Ponte Vedra Palm Valley Athletic Association (PVAA) has added wrestling to its family of youth sports.

PVAA Wrestling is the newest youth wrestling program in North Florida, and it will be open to boys and girls from the ages of 5-14 (K-8th grade).

PVAA Wrestling will begin Nov. 13. Practice location is at Ponte Vedra High School in the wrestling room. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, email PVAA Wrestling Commissioner Josean Gonzalez at pvsharkswrestling@gmail.com.

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Flight One winners of the 2018 PLGA Member-Member Tournament include Anne DeNonna (from left) and Karen Benoit in second place; Cynthia Brink and Marianne McNee in first place; and Debbie Davidoff and Molly Feldman in third place.

PLGA holds annual Member-Member Tournament

The Plantation Ladies Golf Association (PLGA) held its annual 36-hole Member-Member Tournament on Wednesday, Oct. 31, and Thursday, Nov. 1, at the Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach. In one of the major competitions of the PLGA year, Cynthia Brink and Marianne McNee won Flight One, while Regina Antretter and Laura Snook captured Flight Two honors.

Photos courtesy of Marianne McNee



Flight Two winners of the 2018 PLGA Member-Member Tournament include Pat Flynn (from left) and Magi Jones in third place; Regina Antretter and Laura Snook in first place; and Penny McCullagh and Sandra Hudson in second place.



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Peggy Stanley and Lorry McCamey gather after winning first-place (net) honors at the Marsh Landing Women's Golf Association Member-Member Tournament on Oct. 23 and Oct. 25.



Second-place winners Gretchen Peverley and Maggie Kelly



Third-place winners Deborah Meyer and Vicki Arnold

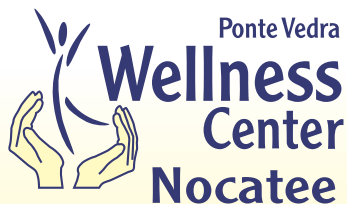
MLCC holds Women's Member-Member Tournament

The Marsh Landing Country Club (MLCC) Women's Golf Association Member-Member Tournament was held on Oct. 23 and Oct. 25. Peggy Stanley and Lorry McCamey were the first-place net winners with a score of 130. Gretchen Peverley and Maggie Kelly finished in second place with a score of 133, while Deborah Meyer and Vicki Arnold finished in third at 136.

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an authentic tour experience," West said. "We're getting a lot of great feedback from that game mode experience."

The game also features an online mode where users can create their own season with PGA Tour courses or custom designs created with the course designer tool. The online mode offers a matchmaking and private match system, which creates a peer-to-peer experience for users to compete against each other and track their stats through online leaderboards.

What sets the game apart from similar sports titles, Muise said, is the realism of the franchise.

"We dive in on things like getting real-world ball physics nailed," he said. "We've worked on swing mechanics, swing feedback and we really do focus on the true golf experience. We come from the sports simulation background so following the sport as close to real life as we could is kind of where the game started from."

The Golf Club 2019 is a sequel to The Golf Club 2. The game is approachable for all skill levels, Muise noted, and users can choose between various difficulty options.

For more information on The Golf Club 2019, visit www.thegolfclub2019.com. The game is available now for digital download for Xbox One, PlayStation 4 and PC through the Steam client. A physical disk copy of the game will be available Nov. 13

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- 18. Telephone company
- 19. *Which Thursday is Thanksgiving?
- 21. *Gathering
- 23. To boot
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- 28. Walked on
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- 47. On one's guard
- 48. Take for ransom
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- 52. Female sib
- 53. Hoodlum
- 55. Comic cry
- 57. *Early Thanksgiving celebrant

- 61. *It's on the final Thanksgiving Parade float
- 64. Convex molding
- 65. High or low
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- 69. *Post-Thanksgiving song
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- 72. "The Man Who ____ Too Much"
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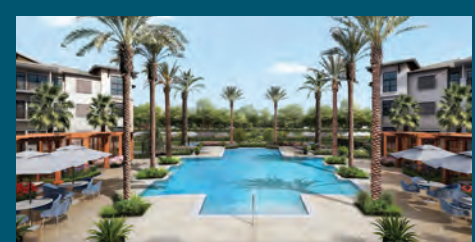
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