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EDITOR'S NOTES

What's This?: Because of the COVID-19 crisis, The Recorder is suspending the "Do you know what this is?" contest until further notice.

Pets of the Week: Because the St. Johns County Pet Center is closed to walk-in traffic, The Recorder's Pets of the Week feature has been temporarily suspended. The feature will return once the Pet Center reopens.

NOTES TO READERS

Don't miss an issue: In case social distancing requirements get more strict, we will email you your paper. Send your email address to don@opcfla.com.

Weekly newsletter: The Recorder offers a weekly newsletter every Monday that outlines some of the top stories of the week, as well as providing access to our E-Edition and Entertainment EXTRA! To get the newsletter emailed for free, email don@opcfla.com. We'll add you to the list.

Voting open for Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra contest

The Ponte Vedra Recorder is holding its second annual Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra contest, covering ZIP codes 32082 and 32081.

Readers currently have the chance to vote for their favorite businesses, professional services, organizations and more in nearly 250 categories online. From best new business to best charity event, best real estate agent to best personal trainer and best seafood to best boutique, the categories run the gamut and are sure to include your favorite things.

Votes can be made on the website at ponteve-drarecorder.com/bestof2020/index.html.

Voting will take place until Aug. 31, during which each person can vote once per day in as many categories as he or she wants. The nominees who receive the most votes will be named 2020 Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra. Nominations and voting are completely free and open to the public.

The Best Of platform on The Recorder's website will feature lists of nominees in an easy-to-use format.

Winners will receive a free framed certificate and a Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra window cling. Each winner will also be listed in our Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra special section and on



the winner's website. Winners will be notified by Recorder staff after votes are counted.

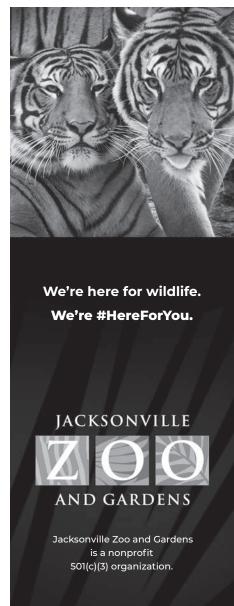
Nominees can participate in advertising packages that promote their entry by expanding their listing to feature additional details on the business. For more information or to find out how to get your nominated business or product involved in promotions that will be going on throughout the contest cycle, email susan@opcfla.com or call (904) 686-3938.

Vote for your favorite business, service, person, restaurant or product now at www.pontevedrarecorder.com/BestOf2020.

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.





BRIEFS

St. Johns County launches CARES program

The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners is launching St. Johns County CARES, a program to help local businesses, residents and nonprofit organizations respond to and recover from the economic impact of COVID-19.

Applications for small businesses and residents are available at 10 a.m. Thurs-

day, Aug. 20. Applications for nonprofit organizations will be available in the coming weeks.

A financial assistance program utilizing more than \$18 million in federal CARES Act funding, St. Johns County CARES provides grants to eligible applicants who suffered loss of revenue or income, or incurred unexpected expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Small businesses may qualify for up to \$20,000 in grant funding and residential households may qualify for up to \$5,000 in grant funding.

Qualification criteria and level of assistance to nonprofit organizations are still under development and will be available by the end of August.

For information, go to sjcfl.us/sjccares,

call (904) 209-6050 or email sjccares@sjcfl.us.

SJC Parks & Recreations holds after-school programs

Elementary Enrichment Program:
Aug. 31-Oct. 30, Monday through Friday.
Middle School After School Program:
Aug. 31-Oct. 30, Monday through Friday.

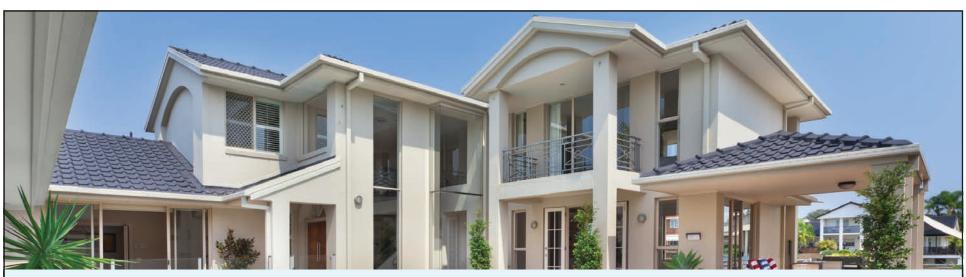
Both of the above programs will be held at Ketterlinus Gymnasium, 80 Orange St. in St. Augustine.

Collier-Blocker Student Enrichment Program: Begins Aug. 31, Monday through Friday, during the school year at the Collier-Blocker Center, 10 N. Holmes Blvd., St. Augustine.

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St. Augustine Beach Police Chief Rob Hardwick and wife Kendell speak before a large crowd Tuesday at an election night watch party. Hardwick won the Republican primary in a landslide over opponent Chris Strickland.

Hardwick, Whitehurst, Rutherford win GOP primary by wide margins

By Shaun Ryan

In a landslide victory, St. Augustine Beach Police Chief Rob Hardwick prevailed over opponent Chris Strickland in the race for St. Johns County sheriff during Tuesday's Republican primary.

Hardwick received 26,475 votes to Strickland's 11,712.

Hardwick said he was overwhelmed and humbled after learning of his victory. He credited the work of his volunteers and staff with bringing about his large margin of success.

In the County Commission District 1 race, newcomer Christian Whitehurst defeated incumbent Jimmy Johns by a similar margin, the former garnering 24,470 votes to the latter's 12,821. Whitehurst will now face Democrat Joe McAnarney in the Nov. 3 general election.

In the race for U.S. representative in District 4, Republican John H. Rutherford won with 24,605 votes against challenger Erick J. Aguilar's 7,146. Rutherford, the incumbent, will face Democrat Donna Deegan in the general election.

In the District 2 School Board race, Anthony Coleman garnered 62% of the votes to defeat opponent Nick Graham.

Surrounded by family Tuesday night,



Photos by Shaun Ryar

State Sen. Travis J. Hutson (from left), Christian Whitehurst and St. Johns County Clerk of Court and Comptroller Brandon Patty gather Tuesday night to watch the primary election results

Hardwick claimed victory in an emotional speech at an election watch party attended by hundreds at Tringali Barn in southern St. Johns County.

The win virtually assures that Hardwick will succeed retiring Sheriff David Shoar, who had endorsed him and was present for the speech. A write-in candidate was Harwick's only remaining opponent at the

end of the night, though that challenge was all but dismissed by election night

"This was our first goal tonight, was to win this election," Hardwick said. "I've got a lot of planning to do with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office. They have some of the best men and women I've ever seen in law enforcement. It's a massive agency, 360 sworn deputy sheriffs, about 130 correctional officers ... there's a lot of talent within that agency, and I'm truly blessed to take over the realm of that agency and lead it in the next direction."

Incumbent Paul Waldron will retain his County Commission District 3 seat as he was unopposed. District 5 Commissioner Henry Dean, also an incumbent, was unopposed in Tuesday's primary and will face Merrill Roland in the general election.

In the four-county 7th Judicial Circuit public defender race, incumbent Matt Metz has been declared the winner over George Burden and Anne Marie Gennusa. In St. Johns County, Gennusa received the most votes of the three candidates.

Incumbent candidates in several races were unopposed, including Patrick T. Canan for the District 5 School Board seat, Brandon Patty for clerk of the circuit court and comptroller, Eddie Creamer for property appraiser, Dennis W. Hollingsworth for tax collector and Vicky C. Oakes for supervisor of elections.

Others will face a challenger in the general election. Republican R.J. Larizza will face Don Dempsey, no party affilia-

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SCENES FROM THE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY











Photos by Susan Griffin

Supporters of various St. Johns County candidates set up sites to persuade and inform voters near voting precinct No. 406 in Ponte Vedra on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Chamber hosts candidate event, straw poll

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce hosted a live virtual town hall meeting Thursday, Aug. 13, with the candidates for County Commission seat 1 and has tabulated the results of voting in the virtual straw poll held this week. The straw poll was open Aug. 11-14.

More than 1,600 votes were cast and, while the poll is unofficial, the results demonstrate an interesting path ahead for the candidates.

The Chamber pivoted to a virtual program for Politics in St. Johns in 2020 but still presented a non-partisan showcase for candidates to post videos and answer queries from residents.

A first-time virtual town hall was held Aug. 13 via the Chamber's Facebook among the three candidates for County Commissioner District 1. The town hall was recorded and has been posted to sjcchamber.com.

"We are proud to be able to provide a platform to help St. Johns County residents make an informed voting decision," Isabelle Renault, Chamber president and CEO, said.

The program enabled voters to "get to know" the candidates seeking public office and ask them questions prior to the Aug. 18 primary and the Nov. 3 general election.

The 2020 Politics in St. Johns was spon-

sored by Advanced Disposal, Advanced Business Solutions, FPL, Ameris Bank and Northrop Grumman.

For more information about Politics in St. Johns 2020, go to sjcchamber.com.

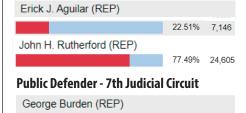
At the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections website, votesjc.com, residents can review the official 2020 candidate list. The primary election was Tuesday, August 18, and the general election is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Early voting will be Oct. 19-31.

To find out more about the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce or to become a member, go to sjcchamber.com, call 904-829-5681, or find them on Facebook at facebook.com/sjcchamber.

PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

Unofficial results as of Aug. 19. List shows candidates followed by percent of votes and number of votes.

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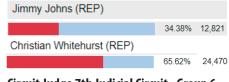


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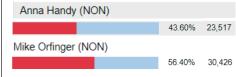
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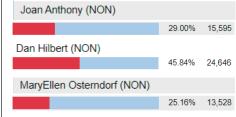
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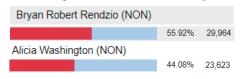
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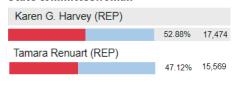
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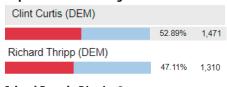
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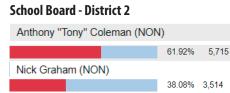


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Representative in Congress - District 6





Source: www.votesjc.com

Note: Some results may not accurately reflect final voting numbers and projected winners.

Carla Forrest has combined her passion for rescuing cats with her entrepreneurial spirit to create The Frisky Cat Café, a place where coffee-lovers can meet cats and kittens available for adoption. The business is located at 1092 S. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St. Augustine.



As told to Shaun Ryan

The Frisky Cat Café is a unique idea. Tell me about it.

I have always wanted to do rescue work and have my own kitten rescue. I am not good at fundraising, and I was trying to figure out a way to create a cause-focused business. People are always bringing their kids or themselves to cat adoption events, not because they want a kitty, but just to visit. So, why not capitalize on the visitors? They do not have to adopt and are still welcome to visit.

When did you open?

We opened the second week of March and then had to close two weeks later. We reopened in the middle of May.

What will people find in your cat lounge?

My café vibe is a relaxing minimalistic space that feels oh so luxe with our furry friends, Nordic styles, comfy velvet furniture, furry pillows, floor futons and coffee tables. Our café cats are skilled furry therapists. Our customers meet, play and cuddle with highly social, pawsome cat residents and adoptable rescue cats by purchasing a cat experience.

What do you serve in your café?

We serve Bold Bean Coffee Roasters espresso drinks, teas, smoothies, frappes and flavored lemonade. We will be serving beer and wine in the next two weeks. We also serve macarons and other pastries. We hope to bring in more breakfast and lunch fare, but we do not have enough customers to sell our full menu.

How many adoptions have you been able to do?

I am so proud of our adoptions — we are averaging 10 to 12 per week. Our kitties grow up in foster care and then come to the café where they learn to socialize with people and other cats.

How many cats have you had spayed or neutered, and what did it cost?

The rescue has spayed and neutered over 300 cats and kittens, costing me over \$20,000 in surgery alone.

How does the café help you meet those expenses?

A cat café is where people pay to interact with cats housed on the premises. The coffee café is a separate space from the cat lounge and all food is prepared and packaged off-site. Customers will pay a

\$10 donation per hour to spend time in our cat lounge or watch our cats from the café window. Our cat experience allows us to provide a cozy environment and a unique therapeutic experience for cat lovers while sustaining a stimulating and comfortable home for lovable homeless cats until they are adopted. Proceeds from adoptions go to Small Lives Matter Kitten Rescue, opened in May of 2019 to help save underage kittens and unwanted adult cats whose lives are ending at our local shelter.

How did you become interested in this line of work?

During the 2018 kitten season, I fostered kittens for Animal Control and Protectives Services, the Jacksonville Humane Society and kittens coming to me by friends. I nursed over 80 kittens back to life. Some came to me sick and weak. I spent nights keeping them warm and alive. In that year I had one litter that was fading from life. I tried to get them help, and I took two very sick kittens to an emergency veterinary clinic to get fluids and medicine to stop their diarrhea, and the clinic said I was involved in a hopeless journey and kittens so young without mother die 50% of the time. They gave up on them. I didn't. I saved all but one tiny life. In

the following year, I fostered two fat and happy 2½-week-old babies who suddenly got diarrhea. They desperately needed lifesaving medication. When brought back to the shelter for veterinary care, they were euthanized. That was my last day as a foster. It became my mission to save as many as I could while working as a senior vice president at a worldwide bank. These three tiny deaths changed my life. It reminded me of my truth I had forgotten in corporate world. I love, love, love animals and believe that my purpose in life is to care for tiny lives that matter to me. I placed 68 kittens in permanent homes using Rehome, an online service offered by Adopt-a-Pet.com and The Petco Foundation. I knew I could save more kittens if I expanded my operation to a nonprofit rescue and a team of fosters who cared as much as I did. Small Lives Matter Kitten Rescue began operations in August 2019 and we have saved 96 cats and kittens in just four short months. We are highly experienced in providing clinical care for neonate nursing kittens and litters under eight weeks of age in our in-home nursery. We syringe feed, bottle feed, administer lifesaving medical care to kitten orphans. And I love it. This is my dream.



Courtney and Christian Whitehurst (from left) speak with Brian and Tina Corson on Tuesday during an election night watch party. Whitehurst defeated incumbent Jimmy Johns in the **County Commission District 1 race.**

Primaries

tion, for 7th Judicial Circuit state attorney. Republican state Sen. Travis J. Hutson will face Democrat challenger Heather Hunter and write-in candidate Richard Dembinsky. Republican state Rep. Cyndi Stevenson will face Democratic challenger Dave Rogers. Republican state Rep. Paul Renner will face Democratic challenger Adam Morley.

In the 7th Circuit judge races, most candidates were unopposed. In group 6, Mike Orfinger defeated Anna Handy. In group 14, voters chose Dan Hilbert over Joan Anthony and MaryEllen Osterndorf. In the group 27 race, Alicia Washington prevailed over Bryan Robert Rendzio.

Voters in a virtual straw poll, sponsored by the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce between Aug. 11 and 14, mostly got it right. There were about 1,600 votes cast in that poll, though not all of them came from within the county.

Straw poll voters chose Rutherford over Aguilar for District 4 U.S. representative and Hardwick over Strickland for sheriff. They selected Whitehurst over Johns for District 1 county commissioner.

One race in which straw poll voters differed from the electorate at large was in the public defender's race. They chose Gennusa to win, which was consistent with votes cast in St. Johns County.



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THINGS GET WILD AT THE NOCATEE FARMERS MARKET



Gatorland in Orlando shared some of its wild animals, including snakes and gators, with visitors at the Nocatee Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 15, for a special wild encounters experience. The event featured interactive "animal encounter" performances. Along with the fun, the Farmers Market also featured local vendors, selling fresh produce, crafts, jewelry, herbs, unique foods and more.

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Essay contest commemorates 19th Amendment's centennial

The Jacksonville Division of the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, has announced its third annual high school essay contest for students in grades 10 through 12.

Students attending public, private, parochial and charter schools, and home-

schooled students of equivalent grade status are invited to submit essays on the 19th Amendment.

Voting is the most basic right of a citizen and vital to a functioning democracy. Women, however, were not always extended this fundamental right. The 19th Amendment, ratified 100 years ago, granted women the right to vote.

Essays must identify and evaluate some of the methods proponents of the 19th Amendment used to influence and change opinions about voting rights for women. Referencing a specific example, what method do you think was most effective and why?

Student essays must be submitted no



later than noon Sept. 25. The essays will be judged by Jacksonville lawyers who will submit the top 10 essays to the judges of the Jacksonville Division for selection of the first-, second- and third-place winners.

Cash prizes to the winners are made possible by the

lawyers and judges of the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida through the Middle District Bench Bar Fund.

Prizes are: first place, \$2,000; second place, \$1,000; third place, \$500; fourth through 10th place, \$50. Also, a \$500 classroom grant will be made available to teachers of the top three winners.

Winners and their teachers will be recognized Nov. 13 at a ceremony in the Bryan Simpson U.S. Courthouse in Jacksonville. The top three winners will also be recognized Dec. 11 at the Federal Bar Association's luncheon in Jacksonville.

For additional information about the contest and how to enter, go to www.flmd.uscourts.gov.



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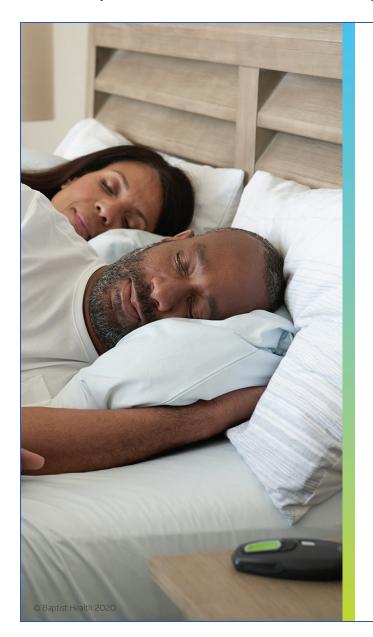
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St. Augustine Humane Society names winning pets of Pin Up Paws

The St. Augustine Humane Society completed its 10th annual pet photo contest and 2021 calendar fundraiser to support the nonprofit's mission of promoting healthy lifelong pet ownership and reducing the rate of relinquishment to shelters.

Local pet winners have been named for "Mission Pawsible" secret agent-themed calendars, which will feature each pet fitted with accessories to match the 12 unique personalities.

Hannah, a Great Pyrenees, won first place and has the honor of being named the 2021 Pin Up Paws calendar cover dog. Owner Laurel Tallent campaigned for 2,400 votes. Hannah will receive a professional photo shoot with photogra-



Hannah, first place



Princess Portia, second place

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Kali, third place

pher Addison Fitzgerald, a \$200 Columbia Restaurant gift certificate, two free copies of the 2021 Pin Up Paws calendar and two free tickets to the PUP Party on

Thursday, Nov. 19, scheduled to be held at the newly renovated St. Augustine Humane Society, 1665 Old Moultrie Road in St. Augustine.

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Additional top winners include second place Princess Portia, a pomeranian and third-place winner Kali, a competitive agility dog.

Additional local winners include nine dogs and one cat that will be featured in the monthly pictorial calendar. They will also receive the photo shoots, gift certificates and calendars. A special acknowledgement goes to Cuomo, owned by Mary DeRose, who raised \$900, but due to COVID travel restrictions was unable to attend the photo shoot. DeRose relinquished Cuomo's spot in the calendar to the 14th place runner-up.

Each year, the Humane Society debuts the calendar with a PUP Party. This year's fundraising event will feature desserts by Crème de la Cocoa and wine, a wine pull, silent auction, a complimentary Pin

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KATHY'S GARDENING GUIDE

"Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later."



Kathy Esfahani

HERB AND VEGETABLE GARDENS

When planting herbs and vegetables in zone 9A, we need to keep in mind that the best plantings will be hot weather plants. Spring is the best time to start these plantings!

Planting in this zone requires well-drained soil and will rot if they become too soggy. A good rule to follow is to water when the first 2 inches of soil feel dry. If you see wilting, the plant is too dry and needs water immediately. Most herbs will grow, so don't overcrowd them in

Generally, these plants need 6-8 hours of sun per day to thrive. Some popular herbs in this zone include basil, oregano, dill, parsley, rosemary, mint and thyme.

Northeast Florida is considered a year-round planting area for vegetables. This means there are a variety of vegetables throughout the year to continuously plant and harvest.

Peppers, beans, lettuce, squash, eggplant, zucchini and tomatoes are popular vegetables to plant in this zone. An adequate amount of six hours of sunlight, water, and compost or organic matter are crucial in the success of your vegetable garden.

Herb and vegetable gardens can be created into your landscaping, or in pots or boxes on patios or window sills! Feel free to get creative, as long as all other criteria are

Tending to an herb and vegetable garden often can aid in the growth of the plants, and eventually the overall taste when harvested!

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Up Paws 2021 calendar and live music by The Falling Bones. Admission is \$38 per person. The event planners have taken care to put together an inside and outside event to provide a safe environment with full opportunity for social distancing.

The calendar contest initially started in June with donors who submitted a photo of their pet to be featured in the 2021 calendar. There was a \$5 entry fee per pet to submit the photos. Winning pets were chosen by number of votes cast.

According to Carolyn Smith, St. Au-

gustine Humane Society's executive director, the fundraiser raised \$21,582 with voting submissions. Finished calendars will cost \$10 each beginning Nov. 20 and will be available at the Humane Society.

All proceeds from submissions and vote donations, and sales will benefit the programs and services of the St. Augustine Humane Society. For more information about the Pin Up Paws party event, call Mike Murphy at (904) 829-2737, ext. 111 or email mmurphy@staughumane. org or go to the website at www.PUPparty.org.

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Southern Vibes Tasting Room and Wine Cellar co-owner Jamie Umberger (from left), chef Julio Vargas and co-owner Alayna Brewer.

New tasting room and wine cellar opens for business in St. Augustine

Southern Vibes brings wine knowledge to Murabella community

Local residents and business partners Alayna Brewer and Jamie Umberger have opened Southern Vibes Tasting Room and Wine Cellar at Murabella in St. Augustine.

The neighborhood food-and-beverage establishment allows beginning-to-ad-

vanced wine enthusiasts an opportunity to experience a wide variety of boutique and exclusive wines from around the globe along with locally produced craft beers, hard ciders and small plate tapas and hors d'oeuvres for lunch and dinner.

The sommelier staff can share their knowledge of wines at the tasting bar and at the shelved and cellared wine selection. The neighborhood wine shop is a source of reliable advice and guided explorations. Customers can sit and sip

a variety of wines by the glass and purchase retail with more than 700 bottles of various selections.

Patron and private events include classes and tastings to educate participants about grapes, vineyards, wine, food pairings, recipes, proper glassware, temperature, storage, table presentation, decanting vs. carafe, among others. Sommeliers are available to schedule

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Can you lower your 'reliance rate' during retirement?



Karsten Jacobson

If you have decades to go until you retire, you don't need to panic over volatile financial markets - you have plenty of time to regain lost ground and potentially achieve more growth in your investment portfolio. But what if you are nearing retirement or already retired? After all, you will probably need to draw on your investments to pay for some of the costs associated with housing, food and the many other expenses you incur

in daily life. So, is a down market cause for alarm?

It shouldn't be. And you can help reduce your stress level by understanding your "reliance rate." As its name suggests, your reliance rate tells you how much you rely on your portfolio - rather than other sources, such as Social Security or

a pension — to meet your income needs during retirement. So, for example, if you need \$60,000 each year, and \$40,000 comes from your portfolio, your reliance rate is 66%.

Your reliance rate can influence your emotions and investment behavior. A higher reliance rate may tempt you to make emotional decisions during a market decline, since your portfolio is supplying more of your needs. However, if you respond to a steep market drop by making dramatic changes to your portfolio, you may actually increase the likelihood that your money may not last. This is especially true if you move a large portion of your portfolio to cash, as cash does not typically provide growth potential to help keep up with inflation.

There is no "recommended" reliance rate for everyone, But, as a general rule, the higher your reliance rate, the more

Now is the time to prepare



Harry Pappas

Arguably, anyone can make money investing in the U.S. stock market when we have a year akin to 2019 where the Dow Jones Industrial Average (Dow) advanced 22.3% (excluding dividends).

However, what determines whether the stock market will make us rich or leave us beaten,

bruised, and discouraged is how we react during times of significant declines. Therefore, the question is not, "Should you invest in stocks now?" Rather it should be, "Should you invest

Frankly, until we come to terms with the harsh reality that we can stay the course during the tough times, the answer is an unequivocal no. Stated perhaps more directly; if we cannot watch our stock portfolio decline 10-40 percent without hitting the panic buttons, then I encourage you stay away from stocks, or perhaps just have a relatively small percentage of your assets in equities.

I cannot emphasize enough that we need to know and expect with absolute certainly that bad times for stocks will arrive again and furthermore nobody and I mean nobody knows when and for how long. The coming gutwrenching times will hurt, as they always do. It will be scary and our emotions inevitably begin to succumb to irrational thinking, as the pouting pundits of pessimism will scream calamity from the rooftops. We must believe that in the end, these doomsayers are shouting the same song but with a different megaphone. Sadly, far too many folks have to learn the hard way by trying to time stock markets. Folks, this type of investment methodology is an un-winnable game over time. When I witness or hear about someone who thinks he or she can outsmart the stock market, I think of what Gomer Pyle would say, as he strains his voice in chastisement, shame, shame!

I stopped trying to figure out the short-term direction of the stock market a long time ago, but I have convincing evidence that supports my position that the stock market goes higher over time (see compelling chart on the left). Of course, the higher advance does not increase every year, every month, every week, and certainly not every day. Regardless, I suggest

Jacobson

sensitive your portfolio may be to fluctuations in investment prices. What can you do, then, to either lower this rate or, at least, moderate the risk level attached to it? Here are some suggestions:

- Adjust your expenses. During retirement, some of your expenses, such as commuting and other costs associated with work, will go down, but others - particularly health care — will go up. You can't control all these expenses, but the more you can keep them under control, the less pressure there will be on your investment portfolio to provide you with income.
- **■** Review your plans for Social Security. You can file for Social Security benefits as early as 62, but your monthly checks will then be reduced by about 30 percent from what you'd receive if you waited until your full retirement age,

which is likely between 66 and 67. You can receive even more if you wait until 70, at which point your benefits will "max out." So, if you can afford to push back the date at which you start taking Social Security, you could lower your reliance

■ Keep cash and short-term investments in your portfolio. Try to keep about one year's worth of living expenses in cash or cash equivalents, and about three to five years' worth of expenses in certificates of deposit and other short-term income-producing vehicles. Having these assets available can help you avoid liquidating long-term investments when their prices are down.

Your investment portfolio will certainly be a key source of your retirement income. And by understanding how reliant you are on your portfolio, and the options you have for reducing this reliance, the better prepared you'll be to withstand the inevitable market downturns.

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corporate or private tastings on or off site. Private wine cellaring is available to store bottles of wine at the appropriate temperature and lighting which can extend the life of many wine investments.

"Our mission at Southern Vibes is to create a comfortable and tranquil atmosphere for our customers to enjoy wine and learn more about what is in their glass," Brewer said. "The idea that initiated Southern Vibes was years in the making. Our two families are inspired by the love of wine with a desire to know more about the

Brewer is an advanced level sommelier and Umberger is an intermediate level sommelier.

After trips to Santa Barbara County and Napa Valley in California, Niagara Peninsula in Canada, and Umqua and Applegate Valleys in Oregon, the store owners

decided they wanted to bring the same passion and knowledge of wine to northern St. Johns County.

"Tasting rooms are relaxed and comfortable places where adults can enjoy a glass of wine, discuss their experiences, and take home their favorite bottles to share with their family and friends," said Umberger. "We have created a comfortable and educational environment that has a touch of southern hospitality."

The business owners credit the store opening and recent success in part to their relationship with Fess Parker Winery & Vinevard owners. Additionally, an exclusive agreement with Mimmo Wine distribution allows the store to feature limited edition wines from throughout Italy.

Southern Vibes Tasting Room and Wine Cellar is located near World Golf Village at The Markets at Murabella, 105 Murabella Parkway, Suite 5 in St. Augustine.

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that we heed the words of wisdom from the Oracle of Omaha, Warren Buffett, when he said in his 2015 annual letter ..."For 240 years it's been a terrible mistake to bet against America, and now is no time to start ... America's golden goose of commerce and innovation will continue to lay more and larger eggs."

As a side note, what I find somewhat comical and quite disturbing is that when the markets are in a tailspin and there is fear and panic in the air, many "advisors" turn to seminars to "educate" the public about how the advisor can help navigate the volatility while protecting their money. This approach to investor teaching reminds me of the notion that one should never ask a barber if he needs a haircut.

In other words, if you ask an adviser if there is a problem with your portfolio, he or she will likely find one even if one does not exist! Here is the bottom line with all of these free food seminars. Swallow the food, not the sales pitch! A better game plan is to have a discussion with your current trusted financial advisor to discuss your portfolio's asset allocation given your age, goals, and risk tolerance in light of the next protracted downturn in stocks and bonds. If you do not have a financial advisor or maybe you are losing confidence with the one you use, I can refer you to one. Ha! Ha! What a shameless self-serving promotion.

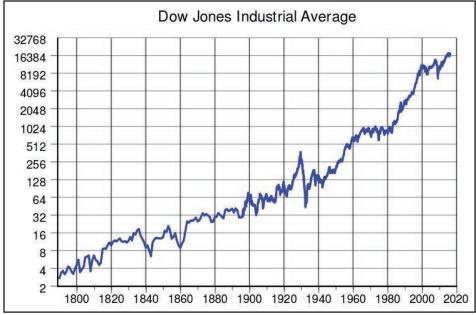


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Regrettably, this critical advisor/client discussion repeatedly is placed on the back burner, especially during good times, as we often become complacent when all is hunkey dory. I suggest this un-worried mindset is taking place today with the bull market is in its 11th year of expansion, we have a strong job market, record low 3.5% unemployment with inflation and interest rates at historically low levels and the fact that we just experienced double-digit gains in 2019.

Lastly, always remember that no matter how thin you slice it, they are always two sides. Every day, heavily credentialed experts are predicting a market crash. At the same time, equally credentialed experts are predicting a boom. Who is right? It beats me. Both are predicting, which amounts to nothing more than an educated guess. Therefore, whom should we listen too? Neither! Instead, I argue that we implement a balanced, diversified, prudent, and cost-effective strategy and then stay the course, even with a side dish of panic.

This is Harry Pappas and I approve this message!

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The importance of socket preservation after tooth extraction

By Dr. Anthony Corral

Larroc Dental

While there is a replacement for baby, or primary teeth, once a permanent tooth is lost, it's gone forever. For this reason, dentists do all they can to treat a patient's oral health condition without extracting teeth. However, tooth extraction isn't always avoidable. In fact, cases such as those involving wisdom teeth and abscessed teeth often require tooth or teeth extraction.

In the past, tooth extraction was an unpleasant and agonizing experience. In modern dentistry, with great technological advancements, tooth extraction is now a safe, routine procedure that often involves little pain during recovery.

The extraction of a tooth requires a

recovery time whereby much care is needed. After a tooth has been extracted, a hole, called a socket, will be present. This indentation in the gum line marks where the tooth was. With no tooth covering the socket, nerve endings and part of the jawbone then become exposed.

The body's natural response to a tooth extraction is to create a blood clot over the now vacant socket. The blood clot initiates the healing process of the gum, bone and other tissue of the affected area. The clot also provides a protective barrier of the now exposed nerve endings and jawbone during the healing and recovery process.

When a tooth that is not a wisdom tooth is extracted, severe oral health conditions can occur if the socket isn't preserved. Dental implants are the most common

ways to preserve vacant sockets. Without implants, the nerves, tissue and bone of the socket can become compromised. Furthermore, the compromised bone of the socket can weaken additional bone tissue of the

The socket marks where a tooth was and each tooth in the mouth has its own space. When a tooth is extracted and its corresponding socket isn't preserved, the surrounding teeth can gradually move into that empty spot, causing crooked teeth and a misaligned bite.

The socket will need to additionally need to be preserved in cases where a dental implant will be inserted into the lost tooth's place. For implants, adequate jawbone density will be necessary for the implant to be securely attached. After a

tooth extraction, the soft tissue of the gums and nerves as well as the bone tissue of the jaw are weakened and are in the initial stages of healing and rebuilding. Soft tissue recovers faster than bone tissue, which means a patient must wait sometime after their tooth extraction to have a dental implant replacement tooth inserted.

One way to speed up this socket preservation process is the use of bone grafts to stimulate bone growth. The sooner the socket heals and is ready for an implant, the less chances there are for complications and future dental health problems.

It is estimated that implant dentistry will grow in popularity and demand over the next 10 years, making it vitally important for dentists to become familiar with socket preservation bone grafting procedures.

Make the dentist a fun experience for children

Visits to the dentist for periodic cleanings and checkups are an important component of oral hygiene. Dentists also may be the first people to identify potential issues that can affect health elsewhere

Many people are unaware that children should visit the dentist early in their lives. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that a child should visit the dentist by age 1 or within six months of the eruption of his or her first tooth. However, many parents wait until much later — age 2 or 3 — to take kids to the dentist, said Delta Dental Plans. Hesitance to visit the dentist may stem from personal fears or perceived reactions by children.

Primary teeth may eventually fall out, but they shouldn't be ignored. They save space for permanent teeth and serve other functions. Therefore, parents should begin to acclimate children to the dentist at a young age to make the experience fun and even enjoyable.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children who witness their parents put-

ting off going to the dentist or being apprehensive about visiting the dentist may develop their own fears. Always paint the dentist in a positive light and keep appointments.

FOCUS ON THE GOOD ASPECTS

Talk up all the benefits of going to the dentist, such as having a squeaky clean and fresh mouth. Many hygienists will hand out small toys after a successful visit, or at the least a great new toothbrush and other fun products to try.

GET A TOUR OF THE OFFICE

Ask the staff if your child can get a special tour of the office with explanations of all the tools and equipment. Understanding what to expect the next time around in a no-pressure situation can make the process much easier for everyone involved.

AVOID GIVING FALSE HOPE

Do not tell a child that "everything will be OK" at the dentist's office. If a child needs treatment that may be uncomfortable, he or she may not trust you the next time a dental visit is scheduled. Avoid

words like "shots," "pain," "hurt," or even "cavities." Dentists, particularly pediatric dentists, may have their own vocabulary that can assuage fears and seem less alarming to kids.

Over time, dental visits can become an easy routine with children, setting them up for a lifetime of healthy mouths and teeth.



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Cutter & Cutter Fine Art features work from around the world at its galleries in Ponte Vedra and St. Augustine.

Ponte Vedra Beach gallery features unique art from around the world

By Shaun Ryan

If you've never seen a Goo-Goo-Eyed Tasmanian Wolghast, a Sea-Going Dilemma Fish or the extremely rare Sludge Tarpon, it's not too late to add this experience to your bucket list.

These and other mirthful mountings from Dr. Seuss's "Collection of Unorthodox Taxidermy" are on exhibit now through Sept. 15 at Cutter & Cutter Fine Art, 333 Village Main St., in Sawgrass Village.

The show, "If I Ran The Zoo," is the latest event at the Ponte Vedra gallery, which is known for bringing world-class artwork to the area. Gallery visitors will see not only the late Theodor Geisel's whimsical creations, but original etchings by surrealist legend Salvador Dali alongside paintings, glassware, sculpture and more by some of the premier artists working today.

"You don't have to go to New York or San Francisco or Chicago to see great artwork," said Matthew Cutter, co-owner of the family business. "That is a big part of the message we try to convey to people. We really do have some quality things that you would find in these major cities."

Cutter & Cutter Fine Art has been in business for 22 years, with its primary gallery located in St. Augustine. Four years ago, the family opened a second gallery in Sawgrass Village, just around the corner from



Photos by Shaun Ryan

The Goo-Goo-Eved Tasmanian Wolghast is among the whimsical creations in Dr. Seuss's "Collection of Unorthodox Taxidermy."

Lightner Museum's stained glass rediscovered

Lightner Museum in St. Augustine has announced the opening of "Illuminate: Lightner Museum's Stained Glass Rediscovered.'

Thanks to a donation from Inez McDonald, along with additional donations by the Treasury Venue Collection and the St. Augustine Historic Inns, 15 stained glass windows from the collection of Otto Lightner have been restored.

Stained glass has been around for centuries, possibly dating back to the ancient Romans, as a craft that plays with color and light. The term "stained glass" means glass that goes through a manufacturing process where it is colored by metallic oxides. When different colors are added, the artists are able to manipulate them. Once cooled, the pieces of glass are held together by materials such as lead and stone, ultimately becoming spectacular works of art.

While some of the windows in this collection were made by Tiffany Studios, this display brings to light lesser-known manufacturers that worked synonymously with Tiffany during the late 1880s, such as Willet Stained Glass and Rudy Brothers Glass Studio, both from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The display focuses on portraiture, mythology and Art Nouveau, the theme at the forefront of stained glass in the early 1890s.

The restoration process was overseen by RLA Conservation, a group of professionally trained conservators and artists that specialize in historic architecture, artifacts and sculpture. Over the course of two years, each window was cleaned, and repairs were made to stabilize the lead support and wood frame. Custom light boxes built by Building 4 Fabrication provide a seamless display to provide the visitor an unobstructed view of each window.

The gallery display will include 12 of the restored windows in addition to the distinguished Tiffany lamp with dragonfly motif.

The museum will open the exhibition Sept. 10 on the mezzanine above the pool.

The Lightner Museum is located at 75

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Jacksonville Symphony extends contract with musical director



In the midst of planning to open its 2020-21 season, the Jacksonville Symphony and Music Director Courtney Lewis signed a three-year contract extension that will retain Lewis as the artistic leader of Northeast Florida's largest performing arts institution through the 2023-24

"Having the opportunity to work with Courtney was one of the things that drew me to the Jacksonville Symphony," said Symphony President

and CEO Steven Libman. "Under his exemplary leadership, the orchestra's artistic product has blossomed. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to continue working with Courtney over the next three years."

Recently, the Jacksonville Symphony board of directors unanimously voted to renew Lewis' contract as music director, a position permanently endowed by Haskell in 2009. The renewal extends the current agreement by three years.

This is the second extension of Lewis' contract, providing stability during uncertain times.

Lewis first joined the Jacksonville Symphony in 2015, coming from New York City where he served as the assistant conductor for the New York Philharmonic. Since joining the Jacksonville Symphony, Lewis has played a leading role in reinvigorating the symphony's brand and

Cultural Center plans Home Tour, classes

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is planning its 10th annual Home Tour, which will be held in two sessions on Sept. 12. The tour is an exploration of local architecture and interior design. This year, the tour will feature novel homes in the Beaches Community designed by Mark Macco Architects.

Sessions will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

To register, go to ccpvb.org/events/upcoming-events.

Also in the works are several art classes. Register at ccpvb.org. Here's a look:

Simple and Delightful Watercolors with Elaine Bergstrom: 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27. All skill levels. Cost: \$200.

Classical Oil Painting with Marisela Quiros: 4-6:30 p.m. Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3. Skill levels: beginning to advanced. Cost: \$286.

Explorations with Breath, Brush, and Meditation with Elaine Bergstrom: 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. All skill levels. Cost: \$200.

Experience the Power of Not Knowing with Sally Cummings: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 2-4. A palette knife painting adventure. Cost: \$395.

Drawing the Realistic Portrait with Christina Mastrangelo: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 23, 24, 25. Medium is graphite. All skill levels. Member cost: \$285.

Birds and Blooms with Elizabeth St. Hilaire: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 19-21.

Mixed media. All skill levels. Cost: \$475.

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Art Studio with Monica: 5-6 p.m. Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Grades K-5. Cost: \$140 members, \$154 non-members

Kick StART the year with ART this Fall: Online or at school, one hour after school for 15 weeks. Cost: \$135 per program



Photos by Shaun Ryan

Stunning seascapes by Spanish artist Navarro can be seen at the Cutter & Cutter gallery in Sawgrass Village.

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Publix Super Market. Residents looking for top quality art to display in their homes often turn to Cutter & Cutter, which offers work in a price range than runs from \$100 to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Matthew Cutter called art in the home "critical."

"Art, music, all the different disciplines, they kind of mark times and show us the best of what we have to offer," he said. "Especially in times like this, it's really profound to be able to look at something that maybe makes a statement about the time — or maybe it's just so darn beautiful to look at: the way the light hits some object, the way the artist has captured it."

Brother and gallery co-owner Mark Cutter summed this up with a quote by Picasso: "Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."

At the two galleries, art enthusiasts will find work in various styles by artists from Russia, Spain, Albania and more. Most of it is traditional at its core, but some works will be new to many visitors.



The work of Anne Packard evokes a quietude that provides a refuge at a time when the world sometimes feels too hurried.

One collection that has been very well received in Ponte Vedra has been the work of Jeong and Choon Yun of Korea. They use a 2,000-year-old technique called Hanji. In a process that takes four months, the Yuns turn the bark of the Korean mulberry tree into paper pulp, dye it with synthetic and organic pigments and weave it onto a screen to make abstract images.

"Instead of taking a piece of paper and painting on it, they're taking the paper pulp and creating the artwork from that, which is really unique, very different," said Mark Cutter. "The process itself is, for me, the intriguing part."



Among the pieces in the Dr. Seuss collection exhibited at the Cutter & Cutter Fine Art gallery in Ponte Vedra are images that visitors will recall from their own childhoods.

Regarding the COVID-19 protocols currently in place, employees at both galleries wear masks and clean the premises daily. Hand sanitizer is also available to visitors.

For clients who prefer not to go out in public, Cutter & Cutter does a lot of in-home work, showing, delivering and installing the art without the client having to leave the house. The galleries have also held private appointments, closing down for a period to allow clients to visit without concern about public interaction.

"We're just doing whatever works for people's comfort level," said Mark Cutter

In addition to the Dr. Seuss exhibit, Cutter & Cutter is planning shows at its gallery in St. Augustine. Those will be announced soon.

Cutter & Cutter Fine Art gallery in Ponte Vedra is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. The St. Augustine gallery at 25 King St. is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday -Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

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cultural role within the community. He created the "Symphony in 60 Happy Hour Series" to engage a younger audience and has dramatically reimagined programming at the Jacksonville Symphony.

"There was absolutely no question about wanting Courtney to continue his tenure here with us," said David Strickland, chair of the Jacksonville Symphony Board of Directors. "He has transformed our orchestra to be a leader in artistic excellence and I know I speak for the entire board when I say we are eager to see where he leads this organization in the coming seasons."

As music director, Lewis played a significant role in the Jacksonville Symphony's acceptance into the "2020 SHIFT: A Festival of American Orchestras." Applications were judged on artistic excellence, community engagement and creativity of programming. From those categories, the symphony was selected as one of only four orchestras from throughout the country to participate.

"In a time of great uncertainty, it is reassuring to know that we will be able to continue our artistic growth in partnership with our music director, Courtney Lewis," said associate principal bassist Todd Lockwood, who also serves as the chair of the orchestra committee, a group of elected musicians responsible for representing the orchestra in liaising with the administration.

For the 2018-19 season, Lewis helped pave the way for the orchestra to secure its first composer-in-residence through a special donation, subsequently called the Mary Carry Patton Composer-in-Residence for the 2018-19 season. The symphony welcomed composer Courtney Bryan and her residency concluded with a performance of "Bridges," a piece written for and about Jacksonville. Lewis also spearheaded hosting EarShot, a program in partnership with the American Composers Orchestra that brings young composers together to hear their pieces performed by a professional orchestra.

"At a time when everything feels unsteady, I am delighted to be able to make this announcement," Lewis said. "Each week I spend with the orchestra is one spent working with inspiring musicians for whom I have the utmost respect. The growth of the orchestra over the past six years is a point of enormous pride to us all. The musicians here are outstanding, our staff never stops working, and the Board supports us in ways that continue to allow us to grow as an institution.

"I would be remiss if I did not thank the community we serve for supporting us and the music we perform. I am greatly looking forward to the next three years with the Symphony and the Jacksonville community. I sincerely hope to see a full, albeit physically distanced, concert Hall for our opening night performance on Sept. 26."

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First Tee of North Florida golfers tee it up on THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass

PGA TOUR employees act as caddies for players' 1st time on storied course

By Paris Moulden

Playing THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass would likely be a dream for any golfer, and players from First Tee of North Florida got that special opportunity on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Marsh Landing Country Club General Manager Chet Stokes, a former volunteer coach for the First Tee, gave the young First Tee participants the chance to tee it up at the storied course when he and Marsh Landing Country Club donated the foursome to First Tee.

To add to the excitement, each golfer was provided a PGA TOUR employee as a caddie, which wasn't only a meaningful experience to the players.

Drake Mosley is a data analyst for the PGA TOUR and grew up playing golf, thanks to the contributions of First Tee.

And serving as a caddie for 18-yearold Mombo Ngu last weekend had extra meaning and significance for him.

"Having these kids out at the golf course at TPC Sawgrass, that's a huge first," Mosley said. "For me, it was like me reliving some of those first memories I had of my first experience with First Tee at such a young age."

First Tee's mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational



Photo provided by the PGA TOUR

First Tee golfers and their caddies stand at the No.17 hole at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass last weekend.

programs that build character and instill life-enhancing values through the game of golf. It also introduces young people to a sport they may not have the opportunity to participate in otherwise.

"I feel like that's how we change our future. By impacting our community first, and ultimately giving back to the kids," Mosley said.

For Mosley, growing up in Houston with a large family, golf initially seemed

out of the realm of possibility.

"You either played football or you played basketball," he said. "Those were the only two affordable sports available, really."

But Mosley's father began playing the game in an effort to get a promotion at his job, and introduced Mosley to golf, and to First Tee

"My dad was able to see the value of the game and how it builds character," Mosley said. "He also said there are opportunities that will come to you out on the golf course."

Through First Tee, Mosley and his three siblings, who also play golf were able to get donated golf equipment.

Mosley found he had a knack for the sport, and by age 13, he was teaching older kids how to play through First Tee.

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PGA TOUR, Tony Jacklin to return to Hidden Hills Golf Club



Photo provided by Hidden Hills Golf Club

PGA TOUR Hall of Famer Tony Jacklin was named the honorary chairman for this year's Jacksonville Championship.

PGA Tour Hall of Famer Tony Jacklin has been named the honorary chairman of the Jacksonville Championship, a LocaliQ Series event to be contested Sept. 23-25 at Hidden Hills Golf Club in Jacksonville.

Jacklin, a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame, has 29 professional wins around the globe including two majors, the 1969 Open Championship and 1970 U.S. Open. He also took top honors in the 1972 Greater Jacksonville Open held at Hidden Hills, four years after winning the same event at The Deerwood Club. The Greater Jacksonville Open was the precursor to today's PLAYERS Championship, which is often touted as the "fifth major" on the PGA Tour.

Jacklin is also well known for competing in the Ryder Cup where he was a playing member of the Great Britain and Ireland team in 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973, 1975 and

1977, and of the first European team in 1979. He captained the European team in 1983, 1985, 1987 and 1989, winning the last three and helping to put the Ryder Cup on the map as the premier golf competition in the world.

Jacklin's son, Sean Jacklin, a talented professional golfer in his own right, will compete in the Jacksonville Championship 50 years after his father's first visit to Hidden Hills in 1970, where he finished third behind champion Don January. Both father and son will compete in the Jacksonville Championship Pro-Am on Monday, Sept. 21 at Hidden Hills. Tony will be the featured speaker at the awards cookout and cocktail party following play.

For more information on the LocaliQ Series and the 2020 Jacksonville Championship, go to www.hidden-hillsgc.com or call the PGA Golf Shop at Hidden Hills Golf Club at (904) 620-0910.

First Tee

Between the ages of 16-18, Mosley began focusing on tournament play, and First Tee paid his tournament registration fees throughout high school.

"That would have been a huge burden on us," Mosley said.

Mosley said also credits First Tee with helping him find the determination to succeed in a sport where he didn't see too many other players who looked like him.

"Being Black in a white dominated sport presents its challenges. Often times many people underestimating my skill just on the color of my skin," he said. "At many times, being overlooked at first glance when meeting prospecting college coaches. Through these challenges, the First Tee has given me the confidence needed to persevere through this negativity."

Two-time PGA TOUR winner, Nease graduate, Ponte Vedra Beach resident and First Tee of North Florida ambassador, Len Mattiace, also joined the group for and offered swing tips and advice to the golfers along the way.

Mosley said Mattiace gave the players another treat when he pointed out some eagles that had made nests in nearby trees. "How many kids get to say they played

Sawgrass, got to see eagles and play with a professional," Mosley said.

Mosley, who played golf at Talladega College, just completed his course work for his Masters in Business Administration at the University of North Florida two weeks ago, and aims to progress in his role at the PGA TOUR. He also leads the PGA TOUR's internal employee resource group, which strives to celebrate diversity among its workforce.

"I would like to work toward a future that's more diverse, particularly in the game of golf in general," Mosley said. "That would be a future I would be proud to be a part of."

His other future goals include too one day serve as board member at a First Tee local chapter level.

This will provide a great amount of closure for me as it will allow me to further impact the next generation of youth to pave the way for a brighter future,"" Mosley said.

At last Saturday's First Tee event, TPC Sawgrass also provided customized caddie bibs with each golfer's name on the back, and veteran PLAYERS announcer/ TPC Sawgrass team member Doug Kidd announced each of the golfers on the First

For more information on First Tee, go to firsttee.org.



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First Tee golfer Mombo Ngu, a sophomore at University of Florida, gets some advice from her caddie Drake Mosley, who works for the PGA TOUR.

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