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# Pensacola News Journal

June 17, 2009 Wednesday

SPORTS

## West Florida paring list of hoops hopefuls

D.C. Reeves

Whether it be wins or community interest, men's basketball at the **University of West Florida** has been struggling for some time now.

Since the job opened up on May 27, 144 applications have streamed in from throughout the nation. On Monday, **UWF's** 10-person search committee began sorting through names at its first meeting at the **UWF** Field House.

"A lot of people on this committee have served on other search committees before, but this one is going to be a little bit different," **UWF** athletic director Dave Scott said. "It tends to run more like a political campaign than a search process. And for me, it started weeks ago. Even before (**UWF** coach Don Hogan) had taken the opportunity to resign, people were calling. It's just that way. It's 25 to 30 phone calls a day."

Led by John Todorovich - chairman of the **UWF** Department of Health, Leisure and Exercise Science - the committee used its first meeting to set the upcoming schedule and review applicant criteria. The committee is tasked to narrow the list to three candidates from which Scott

will choose. **UWF** interim president Judy Bense also will have substantial input on the hire.

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"We want to be deliberate about this, but we want a great basketball coach, too," Scott said. "This is going to be a high-profile position. They will be recognizable in the community and very visible. (Bense) considers athletics one of the crown jewels of this university, and she sees it as a way to be a front porch for the university.

"She sees this individual having the skills to win, fundraising skills, the community out-

reach to represent the university's mission."

A few big names

There is a solid group of notable names vying for the position, which is expected to pay between \$60,000 and \$70,000 a year.

That group is highlighted by former NBA stars Nate "Tiny" Archibald and Wayne "Tree" Rollins.

Archibald had a decorated 13-year career in the NBA. The point guard was a six-time All-Star and he was named as one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history in 1996. Archibald entered the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 1991 and is the only player to lead the league in scoring and assists in the same season (1973).

At 7 feet tall, Rollins starred at Clemson University and was widely known for his defensive prowess during his 18 NBA seasons. Most recently, Rollins was an assistant head coach with the WNBA's Washington Mystics in 2006 and was named the interim head coach in 2007. But early struggles led to him being fired in the middle of the 2008 season.

Bob Stinnett, a successful

high school and college coach and restaurateur in the Pensacola area for 42 years, is the most notable local applicant.

#### Schedule

June 22, 8:30 a.m. -- Review candidates, approve interview questions, determine candidates to move forward.

June 29, 8:30 a.m. -- Narrow to phone interview list of 8-10 candidates Check references.

July 9-10 -- Phone interviews.

July 13 - 31, 2009 -- Narrow to list of three candidates, On-campus interviews, final discussions.

Who's on the search committee?

\* John Todorovich: Chairman, **UWF** Department of Health, Leisure, & Exercise Science

\* Norm Ross: Deputy superintendent, Escambia County School District; incoming president of the Pensacola Sports Association, community representative

\* Mike Conner: Student athlete alumni representative, **UWF** intercollegiate athletics advisory committee; former **UWF** basketball player, community representative

\* Steve Riggs: **UWF** Foundation Board of Directors, community representative

\* Johnny Rogers: Superintendent (retired) Santa Rosa County School District; former **UWF** basketball player, community representative

\* Max Hoggard: Current **UWF** basketball player, student representative

\* Gretchen Vanvalkenburg: Associate director of development, **UWF**

\* Kim Bryan: Director of admissions, **UWF**

\* Shannan Bergen: Women's basketball coach, **UWF**

\* Tony Nguyen: Assistant athletic director, **UWF**

Search committee selection criteria

1. Master's degree & 2 years collegiate coaching experience or Bachelor's degree & 4 years collegiate coaching experience is preferred

2. Successful experience in the recruitment of academically eligible student-athletes at the NCAA level

3. Demonstrated ability to be a successful coach at the collegiate level

4. Knowledge of NCAA Division II rules & regulations

5. Demonstrated experience in monitoring student-athlete academic progress

6. Experience with game

scheduling, team travel, and managing a program budget

7. Ability to motivate, supervise and advise student-athletes in obtaining their academic and athletic goals

8. Demonstrates an ability for fundraising efforts and community outreach

9. Demonstrates an understanding of the responsibilities involved for a head coach at the NCAA Division II level-academic progress, compliance, budget, travel, recruiting, player discipline, fundraising, and promotions

10. Strong interpersonal and communication skills with the ability to interact with internal and external constituencies

11. Ability to work efficiently with other coaches and staff within the University framework

12. Self-starter with demonstrated professional behavior requiring minimum supervision

13. Capable of working with a diverse population

14. Demonstrated professional integrity

15. Positive professional recommendations and references

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# States News Service

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## RICHARD C. POWERS NAMED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF HOUSTON DIVISION

States News Service  
WASHINGTON

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The following information was released by the FBI:

Richard C. Powers has been named special agent in charge (SAC) of the FBI's Houston Division. Director Robert S. Mueller, III appointed him to this position to replace SAC Andrew Bland, III, who retired. Most recently, Mr. Powers, a 19-year veteran of the FBI, served as assistant director of the Office of Congressional Affairs at FBI Headquarters.

Mr. Powers entered on duty as an FBI special agent in 1991. Upon completion of training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, he was assigned to the Columbia Division, where he worked general criminal matters. In 1996, he was transferred to FBI Headquarters, where he was assigned to the Criminal Divisions Organized Crime/Drug Section. During that time, he coordinated interagency policy issues, international initiatives, and major investigations.

From 1998 to 2004, Mr. Powers was assigned to the Houston Division. While there, he was detailed to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to supervise a multi-agency major case squad; supervised an FBI-sponsored violent crime task force; and served as the supervisory senior resident agent of the Texas City Resident Agency, responsible for FBI efforts along the Texas Gulf Coast. He was named assistant special agent in charge of the Houston Division in 2002, with oversight responsibility for the divisions counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and cyber programs.

In 2004, Mr. Powers returned to FBI Headquarters, first serving as an inspector in the Inspection Division and then as section chief in the Office of Congressional Affairs. He was named SAC of the FBI's Denver Division in 2005, where he provided oversight for all FBI operations in Colorado and Wyoming. In 2007, he was named assistant director of the FBI's Office of Congressional Affairs.

Mr. Powers was a recipient of the Directors Award for Distinguished Service to the Law Enforcement Community in 2004. He has served in special assignments related to crisis management and law enforcement hostage/crisis negotiations. He completed advanced negotiation training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, and is a graduate of the National Negotiators Course at Scotland Yard, London. In addition to training state and local officers, his assignments have included terrorist kidnappings in Kashmir, India, and numerous U.S. hostage/barricade incidents.

Before beginning his career with the FBI, Mr. Powers was a police officer and drug task force supervisor in the Chicago area. He was also a college legal instructor, state prose-

ctor, and a civil litigation attorney in Florida. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in international studies from the **University of West Florida** and a Juris Doctor degree from the Florida State University College of Law. He is married and has three children.

# Pensacola News Journal

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## **Consolidation Committee to meet today on UWF campus**

From staff reports

The Escambia County Consolidation Study Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. today at the Conference Center at the **University of West Florida**.

The 25-member panel, which held its in-

troductory meeting two weeks ago, is preparing a report on the idea of consolidating county government, the City of Pensacola and the Town of Century.

The meeting is open to the public.

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## Juneteenth celebration set for June 26 at UWF

From staff reports

The **University of West Florida** Black Employees Association will celebrate Juneteenth from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 26 at the main campus on the green between Buildings 12 and 18.

Highlights of the celebration will include music, entertainment and free food. Admission is free and open to the public.

The oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery, Juneteenth festivities first originated in 1865 in Galveston, Texas, when Union soldiers led by Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger landed and announced that the Civil War had ended and all slaves were free.

Details: Call 474-2423 or e-mail [aross@uwf.edu](mailto:aross@uwf.edu)

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# Pensacola News Journal

June 16, 2009 Tuesday

NEWS

## 'Tiny,' 'Tree' top list of UWF hoops applicants

D.C. Reeves

Whether it was the lack of wins or community interest, **University of West Florida** men's basketball has been struggling for years.

That holding pattern of mediocrity didn't deter an eye-popping 144 candidates - including some big-time names - from wanting to be the guy who turns the program in the right direction.

Since the job opened on May 27, applications streamed in consistently from around the country. On Monday, **UWF's** 10-person search committee started the sifting process with its first meeting at the Argonaut Athletic Club.

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Chaired by John Todorovich, the chairman of the **UWF** Department of Health, Leisure and Exercise Science, the committee used the first meeting to set its upcoming schedule and review a defined set of applicant criteria. The committee is a "screening committee," which means it will not choose the coach but instead narrow the list to three candidates from which Scott, the as-

signed hiring official, will choose. **UWF** interim president Judy Bense will also have substantial input on the hire.

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That group is highlighted by NBA stars Nate "Tiny" Archibald and Wayne "Tree" Rollins.

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### List of the applicants

Nolan Adams  
Mark Anderson  
Nathaniel Archibald  
Bertram Arthur  
Joseph Bailey, Jr  
Alan Barnett  
Kenneth Barton  
Alfred Beard III  
Anthony Bergeron  
Mark Bial  
Gregory Bittner  
Louis Bizot III

Dennia Black  
Roy Blumenthal  
Aaron Boettcher  
Jim Boone  
Gary Brokaw  
Craig Brown  
Michael Brown  
Thomas Brown  
William Brown III  
Freddie Bryant II  
Jeffery Caldwell  
Robert Cantu Jr.  
Nigel Card  
William Carter  
Andrew Catlett  
Timothy Cleary  
Troy Coleman  
Paul Cormier  
Robert Corn  
Nathan Courtney  
Thomas Curle  
Luke D'Alessio  
Jeffrey Daniels  
Evans Davis  
Nathan Davis  
Richard Davis  
Alexander De la Fe  
Daniel DeRose  
Thomas Devitt  
Jay Dull  
Jeffrey Dunlap  
Randy Dunton  
Scott Edgar  
Todd Eisner  
Maurice Fears  
William Fenlon  
Michael Floyd  
Jerry Fogle  
Tony Ford  
Kevin Forde  
Andrew Fox  
Dwight Freeman  
Howard Gaffney  
Bryan Galuski  
G. Garrett

Jason Gillespie  
Michael Gillespie  
Aaron Goodman  
Thomas Griffith  
Cordell Grooms  
Terrence Harris  
Thomas Helmeyer  
Steven Hettinga  
Lee Hill  
David Holstein  
Lee Hood  
Cedric Jones  
Troy Justice  
Brad Karli  
Chad Keller  
Dwayne Kelley  
Scott Kelly  
Val Khamenia  
Lonnie Kilby  
William Kindel  
Justin Kinne  
Patrick Knapp, Jr  
Stephone Leary  
Brian Lohrey  
Tony Longa  
Corey Lowery  
John Lykins, Jr.  
Michael MacDonald  
Alan Magnani  
Terry Marcum  
Christopher McGill  
David McGreal  
Terry Mills  
Stephen Miss  
Danilo Montialli  
Leonard Nardone  
Michael Newell  
Robert Osborne, Jr.  
Zacharias Parimeros  
Jack Perri  
Mark Pittman  
James Platt  
Nick Plevritis  
Jeffrey Postlmayr  
Jeff Price

Joseph Redmond  
Robert Robertson  
Montez Robinson  
Wayne Rollins  
Thomas Rosene  
Ricardo Ross  
William Ryan III  
Andrew Sachs  
Barry Sanderson  
Kijana Saunders  
Thomas Schuberth  
Leonard Schuler  
Morris Scott  
Shaun Senters  
Anthony Sewell  
Gary Sharpe  
Robert Stinnett  
Tommy Suits  
Tony Thompson  
Timothy Thorpe  
Anthony Tompkins  
Michael Touma  
Dante Travis  
Rick Turner  
Andrew Vasher  
Brock Veltri  
John Walker  
Royce Waltman  
Qasim Ward  
Shedrick Washington  
Virgil Watson  
John Webber  
Andre Williams  
Darnell Williams  
Lonnie Williams  
Marcess Williams  
Robert Williams  
Jeffrey Wilson  
Eric Woods  
Joel Wooton  
Kurt Young  
Greg Zimmerman  
  
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# Targeted News Service

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June 16, 2009 Tuesday

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## UWF Invites Northwest Florida Community to Juneteenth Celebration

PENSACOLA, Fla.

The **University of West Florida**, a component of the Florida state university system, issued the following news release:

Continuing its tradition of fostering culture and diversity within the community, the **University of West Florida** Black Employees Association will celebrate "Juneteenth" June 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the **UWF** Main Campus on the green between Buildings 12 and 18. Highlights of the celebration will include music, entertainment and free food. Admission is free and open to the public.

"This is the 10th year Juneteenth has been celebrated at **UWF**," said Alesia Ross, Black Employees Association. "It is centered around family, educational achievements and unity. Juneteenth is designed to promote culture, diversity and unity, not only on campus, but also in the surrounding community."

The oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery, Juneteenth festivities first originated in 1865 in Galveston, Texas, when Union soldiers led by Maj. General Gordon Granger landed and announced that the Civil War had ended and all slaves were free. Although there is some discre-

pancy about why the announcement came two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, June 19, 1865, continues to mark a day of freedom and jubilation for people of all races, nationalities and religions. Early Juneteenth celebrations included such activities as rodeos, fishing, barbecuing and baseball games. Prayer services and speeches by elders who recounted past events were major parts of these celebrations. Food was also a central theme of true Juneteenth commemorations.

Modern day Juneteenth celebrations honor African-American freedom through a range of activities designed to generate awareness of African-American history and culture by encouraging self-development, achievement and education. Typical celebrations include an abundance of food, entertainment and African-American music. The primary focus of any celebration is to acknowledge an important period in history that continues to influence and shape our society today.

"Juneteenth is a chance to celebrate the past as we look forward to the future," said Ross.

For more information, contact Ross at (850) 474-2423 or e-mail [aross@uwf.edu](mailto:aross@uwf.edu)

# Pensacola News Journal

June 15, 2009 Monday

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## GPAC grabs 2nd-place finish at Invitational

Mac Knefely  
News Journal correspondent

The Greater Pensacola Aquatic Club snagged a strong second-place finish at the Tom Lalor Invitational held Friday through Sunday at the **University of West Florida** Aquatic Center.

The annual event featured 457 total swimmers from several different states competing in different age groups in both boys and girls divisions.

GPAC had the largest number of athletes with 86 competitors, and 75 of those bested personal marks.

But GPAC swimmers have a loftier goal in mind: a championship in Nashville later this summer.

"We've been doing really well," said second-year GPAC head coach Phil Kraus.

Before stopping in Pensacola, Kraus, who swam at Ball State, coached at Northern Illinois, Miami of Ohio and South Carolina.

"This was sort of our training meet, especially for our older kids," Kraus said. "That means we basically didn't take it easy, we've just been working hard

right through it, focusing on the end of the season championship.

"This is a good qualifying meet, it's a pretty fast pool. What's great about swimming is that it teaches you the agony of defeat but also the greatness of winning, the thrill of victory."

Several Pensacola High swimmers helped lead the way for GPAC.

Sisters Zoë and Maddy Macfarlane performed well at the meet, and their mother, Cindy Wasem, also was a part of the action as an official.

"We've been training really hard for Southeasterns (championship), which you could say is our Super Bowl, so we're all pretty tired," said Zoë, a sophomore at PHS. "But we all tried our best and did pretty good. A lot of the younger kids are doing really well and making a lot of the Southeastern cuts, and meeting some personal-best times. I just went out there hoping to drop my times - if I dropped, that was good, but basically, I just wanted to give what I had. I definitely believe I tried my best."

Maddy Macfarlane, 17, welcomes the chance to compete with her younger sister, and enjoys being

a part of a successful swim team each year.

"I didn't have any personal bests, but it was nice to compete against all the college kids, and see where I stand with them," Maddy said.

Maddy hopes to swim at the college level at Columbia University and Rochester in New York.

Meet director Jeff Stone was encouraged by the number of swimmers and was appreciative of all the staff and volunteers, including 40 local Marines who helped all three days. He also said the meet greatly benefits the surrounding economy.

"All the feedback I've gotten from the coaches and kids is that they've had a good time at the swim meet and a great time at the beach," said Stone, in his third year as meet director.

He said 3,572 individual swims and 124 relay swims were scheduled for the invitational. "We gave them the best Pensacola has to offer. It definitely helped the economy with all the hotels and restaurants. We're glad to do our part to help out the community."

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# Pensacola News Journal

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June 15, 2009 Monday

NEWS

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## Free HIV testing Wednesday at UWF

From staff reports

Free HIV testing will be available Wednesday at the **University of West Florida**.

AIDS Healthcare Foundation, the nation's largest non-profit AIDS organization, and AHF Positive Healthcare will provide the testing from 2 to 6 p.m. on campus, at the corner of Nine Mile Road and University Parkway.

To boost AIDS awareness and HIV prevention and testing efforts in some of the hardest hit regions of the United States, AHF began a three-week, 14-city caravan in one of its mobile HIV testing units,

named in honor of HIV positive basketball legend Earvin Magic Johnson Jr.

"Last August, the Centers for Disease Control released new data showing an alarming 40% increase in HIV infections in the US - 56,000 new cases each year up from a previous estimate of 40,000 new cases annually," said Whitney Engeran-Cordova, director of AIDS Healthcare Foundation's Public Health Division. "There is no doubt that the South is disproportionately affected by HIV and without adequate resources. ... The number of new infections in the U.S. is absolutely unacceptable."

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# Pensacola News Journal

June 14, 2009 Sunday

ONLINE LIFE; Pg. 1E

## Schools, social sites unite

Rebekah Allen  
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Sending a pamphlet in the mail is no longer cutting it for college recruitment.

These days schools are grabbing attention in the form of "friends," "fans" and "followers."

That means Facebook and Twitter, for those of you who aren't hip to the Internet social networks.

This summer, the **University of West Florida** and Pensacola Junior College are transforming their Web presence to vie for the attention of prospective students.

"They're already doing it so we're going to where they already are," said Jaime Woodard, **UWF** assistant director of marketing communications.

While both schools have operated Facebook and Twitter profiles for the past year, this summer the schools are changing the way they use the sites to try to further attract new and current students.

**UWF** ups online presence

**UWF** is also purchasing ads on Facebook that will target the Pensacola-area.

This past year, **UWF** updated its page about once a week and "tweeted" once a day. But, starting July 1, its Facebook page will be updated daily, and it will tweet multiple times a day. **UWF** also plans to more aggressively promote its Web presence to high school students and gain more Facebook fans by targeting people on prospective-student lists.

Last month, **UWF** gained more than 250 fans, bumping its count to more than 1,000.

Many current students use the site to post updates about school happenings, or offer advice about their own experiences.

Lyndsey Perry, a **UWF** fan, posted: "so I live in Georgia and I have been accepted to **UWF** and I am going there in the fall, but I don't know anyone that even lives in Florida, and I fig-

ured it would be nice to know someone before you go, right?..."

Her post was met by a response from **UWF** student Anjum Perfetti:

"I was in a similar situation. I moved my senior year and just picked **UWF** and went from there. I honestly LOVE **UWF**. It is an AMAZING school..." she wrote.

**UWF** is also creating Facebook pages that will lump together graduating classes.

"A lot of these kids will meet at orientation," Woodard said. "Now if they're in the class of 2013 or 2014 or whatever they can go to their class' Facebook page and keep connected throughout the year and as they go about their college life."

**UWF's** Twitter feed, which has more than 60 followers, typically sends out university news updates. But next year, students on trips or involved in school projects will be asked to "tweet" their experiences.

"We're going to use it as more of a recruitment tool, so instead of replicating information on the school Web site, we can really show people all the cool things that are happening at **UWF**," Woodard said.

#### PJC tweets

PJC has opted to use its Twitter to communicate better with its current students and the community.

PJC tweeters remind students about campus sporting events, ticket sales and fee deadlines for students.

"We want to use Twitter for little pieces of information that the follower can use right now," said Robin Mertins, PJC coordinator of art and graphics. "If you're a student going to lunch, and Student Government is doing a picnic in the gazebo they can Twitter to let people know to come have lunch right now with them."

PJC's Facebook fan page has more than 125 fans, with limited activity. But Mertins said this fall, staff intends on increasing its posts and student involvement.

She said this summer, honors students are traveling to Europe and some students will make short videos of their trip to post to Facebook.

"We hope people can come to our Facebook page and see some of the really interesting things students get to do when they're students at PJC," Mertins said.

Follow on Twitter:

\* **University of West Florida:** UnivofWestFl.

\* Pensacola Junior College: pjconline.

Social Networking transla-

tions:

\* **Friends:** Facebook allows people to connect and interact with others by requesting friends.

\* **Fans:** Similar to Facebook friends, you can become a Facebook fan of anything from a celebrity, to a sports teams to a food. These allow companies and organizations to have their own Facebook profiles.

\* **Tweets:** Twitter messages are called tweets. They are limited to 140-characters.

\* **Followers:** When you subscribe to someone's Twitter feed, you are a follower. You can follow tweets on the Twitter Web site, from your cell phone or on social networks such as Facebook.

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# Pensacola News Journal

June 14, 2009 Sunday

ONLINE LIFE; Pg. 4E

## Health briefs

From staff reports

Bariatric seminars

The Baptist Bariatric Center will present two free educational seminars in June:

- **Create Your Weight:** 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Baptist Hospital, Cardiac Wellness Room, 1000 W. Moreno St. Create Your Weight is a personalized, nonsurgical weight management program facilitated by a registered dietitian using a non-diet approach. The program can assist individuals in reaching healthy weight goals by teaching nutrition, understanding food labels, dining out and recipe modifications, behavior modifications, exercise and more.

- **Meet the Doc:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Baptist Hospital, 1000 W. Moreno St. Meet the Doc seminars are intended to help you determine which treatment option may be best for you. Dr. Jeff Friedman will provide information on obesity, nonsurgical treatment options and bariatric services at Baptist Hospital as well as weight-loss surgeries, including LAP-BAND and gastric bypass.

Both seminars are free, but reservations are requested.

For reservations or more in-

formation, call Baptist Health-Source at 434-4080. Individual appointments and group classes are also available.

Children's health issues to be discussed

Dr. Doug Phillips, a certified traditional naturopath and former biological dentist from West Palm Beach, will speak on Children's Health Issues: The Deeper Causes Involved; the Danger of Vaccinations and How to Avoid Them from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Ever'man Natural Foods, 315 W. Garden St.

Learn about the latest research on autism, its underlying causes, how vaccinations became linked with autism and the safest ways to prevent and reverse it. He also will discuss the "bugs" that build immunity, how to avoid those that pose a greater threat and things to do for longterm vitality of all ages.

Cost is free for Ever'man members, \$2 for nonmembers. Seating is limited. For reservations, call Lin Crider at 934-1080. Details: Lois Stephens, 453-9507.

Get Healthy seminar focuses on hands

Studies show that the second most frequently injured part of

the body is the hand. Don't miss out on summer activities because of a hand injury. Join Get Healthy Pensacola! from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Andrews Institute Athlete's Performance and Research Pavilion, Gulf Breeze, for a few simple tips to avoid sitting on the sidelines this summer.

In a presentation by Dr. Barry S. Callahan, learn about common hand injuries and the treatments available. Callahan is an orthopaedic surgeon specializing in reconstructive microsurgery and a specific focus on the hand, wrist and elbow.

A light lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. with the program from noon to 1 p.m. This seminar is free to GHP! members. Nonmembers pay \$10 for the program and receive a GHP! lifetime membership.

Get Healthy Pensacola! is a wellness incentive program offered by Baptist Health Care.

Details; 469-2447.

Diabetes screening

Kmart is sponsoring a free diabetes screening from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday to Friday at the Milton location, 6050 U.S. 90. No appointment is needed.

Details: (800) 713-3301.

#### Healthy baby seminar

Black babies born in Escambia County are twice as likely to die from prematurity, the Escambia County Health Department invites black men and women to attend a seminar on the important skills on giving birth to a healthy baby. The event will be from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Carver Century Community Center, 7040 Jefferson Ave., Century.

The event will include food, music, informational presentations, children's immunizations and goodie bags for attendees. Parents who want to get their child immunized should take their child's current shot record. The Health Department will offer free screenings for sexually transmitted diseases.

#### Free PVD seminar

West Florida Hospital will offer a free seminar entitled Peripheral Vascular Disease: Are You at Risk? from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday in the private dining rooms of West Florida Hospital, 8383 N. Davis Highway. The featured speaker will be Jo Vollmer, a cardiac rehabilitation specialist at West Florida Hospital.

Registration is required. Details: 494-3212.

#### Mobile Mammography Unit

West Florida Hospital's Mobile Mammography Unit will be at the following locations to offer convenient, high-quality mammography services for women ages 35 and older.

- 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday at the Santa Rosa Women's Center, 4252 Woodbine Road, Pace.

- 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at West Florida Primary Care, 321 S. Fairfield Drive.

- 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday at Sandy Sansing Mazda, 6150 Pensacola Blvd.

Details: 494-3497 or (800) 342-1123, ext. 3497.

#### Understanding headaches

Baptist Health Care's GoldenCare program is hosting six educational seminars throughout the month of June to help you understand the signs, symptoms and treatments available for headaches.

Make plans to attend the following seminars:

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Jay Community Center, 5259 Booker Lane, Jay.

- 2 p.m. Thursday at Baptist Medical Park, azalea room, 9400 block of University Parkway.

- 1 p.m. June 23 at Gulf Breeze Hospital Campus, Andrews Institute, Athletic Performance and Research Pavilion, conference room B, 1110 Gulf Breeze Parkway.

- 9 a.m. June 24 at Atmore Community Hospital, Mayson Auditorium, 401 Medical Park Drive, Atmore, Ala.

Reservations are recommended.

Details: 469-4080, or visit [www.eBaptistHealthCare.org](http://www.eBaptistHealthCare.org) for details.

#### Free health screenings

Sacred Heart Health System will provide free health screenings in June at sites in Pensacola, Cantonment, Gulf Breeze and Orange Beach, Ala. The screening program targets persons who are poor, uninsured or elderly.

Sacred Heart staff will provide heart-health screenings to measure blood pressure, blood sugar and total cholesterol and to screen for anemia. These screenings are helpful in diagnosing conditions that put people at high risk for heart attack, stroke, diabetes and other health problems.

The schedule is as follows:

- 9 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Orange Beach Senior Center, 26251 Canal Road, Orange Beach, Ala. Heart-health screening.

- 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday at Sandy Sansing Chevrolet, 6200 Pensacola Blvd. (Note: Osteoporosis screening only).

- 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Glory to God Ministries, 730 E. Johnson Ave. Heart-health screening.

- 9 to 11:30 a.m. June 30 at The Arbors, 8810 Sonnyboy Lane. Heart-health screening.

Call 416-7826 for details.

#### Weight-loss surgery seminar

Dr. Jeffrey Lord, a specialist in weight-loss surgery techniques, will present "Weight

Loss Surgery: Is It Right for You?" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Sacred Heart Hospital Conference Center in Pensacola.

The seminar is sponsored by Sacred Heart's Institute for Surgical Weight Loss.

Details: 416-1628, or visit [www.sacred-heart.org](http://www.sacred-heart.org).

Prenatal yoga being offered

Divya Erin Keith will be teaching an eight-week session of prenatal yoga from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. every Monday beginning this week at Breathe Yoga Studio, 503 Adams St. The cost will be \$65 for the full eight-week session.

Details: 291-5506, or visit [www.BreathePcola.com](http://www.BreathePcola.com).

Bloodmobile

Northwest Florida Blood Services will have its bloodmobile bus parked at the following locations this week collecting blood donations:

Sunday

- St. Christopher Episcopal

Church: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 3200 N. 12th Ave.

- Cokesbury United Methodist Church: 8:30 a.m. to noon, 5725 N. Ninth Ave.

- St. Paul Lutheran Church: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 4600 N. Ninth Ave.

Tuesday

- Sacred Heart Medical Group: 7:30 to 11 a.m., 4551 Bayou Blvd.

- Pace Medical Park: Noon to 3 p.m., 3754 U.S. 90, Milton.

- Wal-Mart: 4 to 7 p.m., 4965 U.S. 90, Milton.

Wednesday

- **University of West Florida:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 11000 University Parkway.

- Master and Wardens: 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., 1090 Scenic Highway.

Thursday

- Sandy Sanding Health Fair: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 6105 Pensacola Blvd.

- Evenings in Olde Seville Square: 5 to 9 p.m. at the corner of Alcaniz and Zaragoza streets in downtown Pensacola.

Friday

- CHCS Services: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., 411 N. Baylen St. and 33 Brent Lane.

Saturday

- BRACE Hurricane Expo: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pensacola Civic Center, 201 E. Gregory St.

- Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 659 Pensacola Beach Blvd., Pensacola Beach.

- Wal-Mart: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., 2650 Creighton Road and 9360 Navarre Parkway, Navarre.

Donor requirements and information are available online at [www.nfcblood.org](http://www.nfcblood.org), or by calling 473-3853.

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## Bayou Chico topic of chemical group's meeting

From staff reports

The Pensacola Section of the American Chemical Society will have its June meeting on Thursday at Landry's Seafood House, 905 E. Gregory St.

Dr. Carl J. Mohrherr, a research associate for the Center for Environmental Diagnostics and Bioremediation at the **University of West Florida**, will be the speaker.

He will discuss Bayou Chico, and its pollution impacts and remediation options.

A social begins at 6 p.m.

The cost, which includes dinner, tax and tip, is \$25.

Reservations should be made to Bruce Lysek at 968-8822 by noon Tuesday.

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## Childers' release set

Bill Cotterell  
News Journal Capital Bureau

The bantam rooster of a bygone era in Florida politics and a Pensacola political patron of enormous influence will fly the coop this week, but his legal fight goes on.

W.D. Childers - once president of the Florida Senate and boss of the Escambia County Commission - has been Florida state prisoner P21902 for nearly three years.

Once a sly wheeler-dealer who openly relished squeezing campaign money out of lobbyists, he's now 75 years old, an old man puttering with maintenance jobs in low-security lockups.

On Wednesday, he's scheduled to emerge from a West Palm Beach work-release center, his last stop during confinement, and then live with his daughter in Lake Worth.

He didn't respond to an interview request, and a friend said he wanted to avoid the spotlight because he remains on probation.

"He's doing well," said Fred Levin, a Pensacola attorney and longtime friend of Childers. "I wouldn't say he's en-

joyed it, but he's probably made as good a situation out of a terrible situation as anybody could."

Childers' 30-year run in Tallahassee was ended by term limits in 2000. He came back home, was elected to the Escambia County Commission the same year and quickly named chairman.

But it was his effort to run the County Commission as his personal fiefdom that was his undoing.

A year and a half after his election, Childers was charged with four misdemeanor counts of violating the state Sunshine Law by holding secret meetings with other commissioners to discuss public business. Then-Gov. Jeb Bush immediately suspended Childers and three other commissioners from office.

Represented by Levin, Childers was convicted on one count, acquitted on two others and pleaded no contest to the fourth.

Okaloosa County Judge T. Patterson Maney, brought into the case because of potential conflicts among Escambia judges, sentenced him to 60 days in Escambia County Jail. He started his sentence in

May 2003, was released on bond part way through the term, returned to jail and finally completed the sentence in December 2004.

But Childers faced far more serious felony charges a month after the sunshine charges, when he was accused of delivering tens of thousands of dollars in a stainless steel pot to bribe fellow Commissioner Willie Junior.

Childers wanted Junior to vote for the county to buy the old Pensacola Soccer Complex for \$3.9 million. The deal was brokered by Childers' friend, real estate agent Joe Elliott.

After a contentious trial moved to Crestview, Childers was convicted in April 2003 of bribery and accepting unlawful compensation for official acts. He beat a money-laundering rap.

Circuit Judge Jere Tolton sentenced him to 3½ years in state prison plus 18 months probation, 250 hours of community service work and a bill for prosecution costs estimated at just more than \$30,000. He entered prison on Aug. 1, 2006, after his state appeals failed.

Despite the ignominious end

to his political career, some former colleagues say Childers would be welcome back in Pensacola.

His wife, Ruth, still lives here. A street next to the Pensacola Civic Center - a building that exists because of funding Childers wrangled - still bears his name.

"W.D. made a lot of friends and did a lot for people up here," said former Pensacola mayor and state Rep. Jerry Maygarden, now a lobbyist and president of the Baptist Health Care Foundation. "He's served the time for whatever he'd done, and I don't think many people bear him any animosity."

Emerald Coast Utility Authority board member Lois Benson, who also is a former state representative, said she remembers Childers as always ready to help when she was in the Legislature.

"We're a very forgiving community, and I believe he'd be welcomed back," she said.

#### Legal appeal

Although Childers' prison time is up, his legal appeal slogs on in an Atlanta federal courthouse.

"The issue is whether he was deprived of his right to confrontation," said Nathan Dershowitz, the New York lawyer representing him in the U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeal. "That's a very serious constitutional right."

The case hinged on Junior's testimony against Childers.

Dershowitz, the brother of

famous lawyer Alan Dershowitz, argues in the federal appeal that Junior dramatically changed his testimony about the alleged bribe for Childers' trial.

Facing a possible 125 years in prison, Junior cut a plea deal - an 18-month sentence in exchange for his testimony against Elliott and Childers.

But, when Elliott was acquitted, Dershowitz contends that Junior feared losing the plea deal and toughened his testimony against Childers. On the day Junior was to be sentenced, he committed suicide.

The federal panel agreed to hear Dershowitz's argument that Tolton did not allow Childers to challenge Junior during the trial about motives for changing his testimony, thus depriving Childers of the fundamental right to confront his accuser. No argument date has been set for the appeal.

Prison records show no disciplinary actions or other problems during Childers' prison term.

"He has been housed in general population," said a Department of Corrections summary of his time. "He has been assigned as houseman, inside grounds and general maintenance."

The department said Childers has had consistent visits from family members and friends. His gain time ratings were "above satisfactory," meaning he earned the full 10 days per month off his sentence and secured an early release date of June 17.

#### Childers' career

Wyon Dale Childers succeeded Reubin Askew in the Senate in 1970, when Askew was elected governor.

For the next 30 years, he was a small, fast-moving, aggressive advocate of business and development in the Panhandle, rising to the Senate presidency in 1980-82 and known as the bantam rooster - always "banty rooster."

Childers' biggest coup in the Senate came in 1994 when the Legislature passed a bill that would lead to the state's \$13 billion tobacco settlement four years later.

The legislation, which was Levin's brainstorm and was tacked onto a noncontroversial bill, made it easier for the state to sue tobacco companies to recover the cost of treating sick smokers.

Childers was presiding over the Senate in its final, frantic hours and gaveled the bill through with no discussion. Many lawmakers said later they had no idea what they'd passed.

During his years in the Senate, Childers' reputation was as a slickster who could follow you into a revolving door and come out first.

He seemed to relish the rasical image.

Childers and another ex-president, legendary Sen. Dempsey Barron of Panama City, once had to be forcibly separated when they nearly came to blows in a hot debate on the Senate floor.

When other lawmakers were pleading to misdemeanors for accepting unreported gifts and trips from lobbyists, Childers hung a sign on his office door telling visitors to give him campaign cash - legally reported - rather than invite him on vacation junkets.

A grand jury cleared him of a bribery complaint in 1980, along with allegations that he pushed the state to buy land for Big Lagoon State Park from a Pensacola auto dealer with whom he owned property.

In 1988, the state Commission on Ethics rejected allegations that he took unreported gifts and favors from Gulf Power Co.

Listing his occupation simply as businessman, Childers was modestly well-off by legislative standards. His net worth was listed at about \$1 million on financial disclosure documents in the county job, but he said he was broke by the time of his conviction.

Tales of his private-sector acumen abounded - how he bought a truckload of gas masks for \$1 each just before the 1962 Cuban missile crisis and sold them for \$10 apiece,

or how he'd cashed in on the Hula-hoop craze a few years earlier.

#### Bluster and ethics

Tacking to political gales, Childers switched to the Republican Party at the close of his legislative career. Terminated out of the Senate in 2000, his election to the Escambia County Commission was a slam dunk.

Republican Gail Fournier, dismissing the "banty rooster" image as "all fancy feathers and big mouth" bluster, ran against Childers in a primary for the commission. He accused her of not paying income taxes for 1999. Fournier filed an ethics complaint against him.

"She weeps and wails and cries and slings snot," Childers said at the time.

The Commission on Ethics found insufficient evidence that Childers had lied in his advertising about his opponent.

But such barnyard pugnacity was ill-suited for the smaller stage of county government.

County employees called him

dictatorial, abusive and unaccustomed to the close daily scrutiny of a county officer - after three decades as a legislator, 200 miles away.

"He thought he'd operate here like he did in Tallahassee," **University of West Florida** political scientist Jim Witt said before Childers' bribery trial. "But he gets over here, and things get scrutinized, particularly where money is concerned. He couldn't adapt to it."

Even now, the scrutiny will continue - now by the court system.

In Lake Worth, Childers will have to report periodically to a probation officer for 18 months, unless he's victorious with the federal appeals court.

Levin said he's talked with his old friend frequently and expects he will be visiting the Pensacola area sometimes.

"I doubt he'll ever really retire, although we have not discussed that," Levin said. "He really was, and is, just a good-old country guy."

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## Business Calendar

### Meetings

\* Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee: 4 p.m. Monday, Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce, 5247 Stewart St., Milton. Details: 623-2339.

\* American Business Women's Association, Pensacola Chapter: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, New World Landing, 600 S. Palafox St. Evon Emerson, president and CEO of the Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, will be the guest speaker. Cost: \$18 for ABWA members and \$22 for nonmembers. Details: Visit [www.ABWAPensacola.org](http://www.ABWAPensacola.org).

\* Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce executive board meeting: 7 a.m. Wednesday, Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce, 409 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze. Details: 932-7888.

\* Gulf Coast Economics Club: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, New World Landing, 600 S. Palafox St. Mobile County Commissioner Stephen Nodine will give an update on the Air Force's \$40 billion KC-45

tanker and its impact on the Gulf Coast region. Luncheon cost is free for GCEC members, \$15 for nonmembers and \$10 for students. Call Belynda at 438-0335 no later than 10 a.m. Tuesday for required reservations.

\* American Chemical Society, Pensacola Section dinner meeting: 6 p.m. Thursday, Landry's Seafood House, 905 E. Gregory St. Dr. Carl J. Mohrher, a research associate for the Center for Environmental Diagnostics and Bioremediation at the **University of West Florida**, will be the speaker. He will discuss Bayou Chico and its pollution impacts. Cost: \$25. RSVP to Bruce Lysek at 968-8822 by noon Tuesday.

### Seminars/workshops

\* "Record Keeping in Small Business": 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays, June 8, 10, 15 and 17, Small Business Development Center at the **University of West Florida**, 401 E. Chase St., Suite 100. Attendees will learn how to keep records, develop financial statements,

asset depreciation schedules, understand tax records and plan for business continuity. Cost: \$55 for the public, and free for **UWF** students and faculty with a Nautilus card. Register by calling 473-7830.

\* "Business Planning for Success": 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Small Business Development Center at the **University of West Florida**, 401 E. Chase St., Suite 100. Attendees will learn the basics of writing a business plan and how a plan can impact a business' lending decision and success. Cost: \$40 for the public, and free for **UWF** students and faculty with a Nautilus card. Register by calling 473-7830.

\* "Gaining Financial Control of Your Divorce": 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Heritage Hall at Seville Quarter, 130 E. Government St. Financial adviser and certified divorce financial analyst Jon Kagan will present the free seminar about the financial aspects of divorces. Reservations recommended. Details: Evelyn, 936-6686.

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## School briefs

From staff reports

Scholarship for **UWF** military students

**University of West Florida** students who have enlisted in the military or are dependants of enlisted personnel are eligible for the newly-created W.J. "Jerry" Douglas Scholarship.

Pat Lott, general counsel for **UWF**, established the scholarship as a way to honor her father while also supporting students.

"I wanted to establish this scholarship in honor of my dad because he believed in education and would be thrilled that a scholarship was established in his name," said Lott.

The scholarship will be awarded to one student each year for the next five years.

For details about the scholarship, call the **UWF** Division of University Advancement at 474-2758.

Open house at Creative Learning Academy

Creative Learning Academy, a pre-primary through middle school independent day school, will have an open house June 20 at the school, 3151 Hyde Park Road.

The program begins at 10 a.m. Parents can learn more about the school, take a tour of the facilities and receive application materials.

Details: Call Lindsey Windsor, 432-1768.

### STUDENT NEWS

\* Alessandro Bailetti, a Pensacola Junior College student who graduated in May, is a recipient of the 2009 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Bailetti was one of 30 students in the U.S. selected for the scholarship that provides up to \$30,000 per year for tuition.

\* Mary Arnold of Pensacola was named to the 2009 spring dean's list at Harding University in Searcy, Ark.

\* Starlyn B. Schwartz of Pensacola was named to the 2009 spring dean's list at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

\* Allia Grace G. Martinez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo D. Martinez of Cantonment, was named to the 2009 spring president's list at Pensacola Christian College.

\* Pensacola Christian Academy student Aljo Victor G. Martinez of Cantonment has been selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars. The society recognizes students who have achieved superior academic excellence.

\* Ryan Ard of Pensacola graduated with a bachelor's degree on May 9 from Charleston Southern University in Charleston, S.C.

### REUNIONS

Booker T. Washington High School Class of 1949 will have its 60th reunion June 19 -21. Call Sidney H. Dees, 477-8933.

\* Gulf Breeze High School Class of 1989 will have its 20-year reunion June 20. Visit [www.gbhs89.com](http://www.gbhs89.com).

\* Gulf Breeze High School Class of 1999 will have its 10-year reunion June 26 through 28. Visit <http://gbhs1999.blogspot.com>.

\* Milton High School Class of 1969 will have its 40-year reunion June 19 and 20. Call Pat (Smith) Green, 313-5636.

\* Pensacola Catholic High School Class of 1989 will have its 20th reunion July 25 and 26. Call Dickce Ducote Little, (251) 725-0492.

\* Pensacola High School Class of 1969 will have its 40-year reunion July 24 and 25. Visit [www.phsclassof69.com](http://www.phsclassof69.com).

\* Tate High School Class of 1979 will have its 30-year reunion July 10 and 11. Visit [www.tate79.com](http://www.tate79.com).

\* Tate High School Class of 1989 will have its 20-year reunion June 26 and 27. Details: Visit [www.tate89.com](http://www.tate89.com) or call Kevin Jenks, 393-0498.

\* Woodham High School Class of 1989 will have its 20-year reunion June 26 and 27. Visit [www.woodham89.myevent.com](http://www.woodham89.myevent.com).

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## Inmates find their artistic side

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Inmates in Escambia County Jail are showing off their skills with a paint brush. An investigator at a local law firm will speak at a conference in California. The Escambia County Sheriff's Office is looking for a few good men and women.

Inmates' artwork will be on display

1 Artwork created by inmates at Escambia County Jail will be for sale this month at two local events.

The inmates' work be available for purchase at the Escambia County Blueberry Jamboree today. The jamboree is from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Barrineau Park Community Center at 6055 Barrineau Park School Road in Molineo.

A special exhibit featuring inmates' artwork will be on display at Gallery 88 on the **University of West Florida's** campus from Monday to June 24. A reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday in Building 88 on the **UWF** campus.

Inmates whose art will be on display at the two events are participants in the Captured Art program at the Escambia County Jail. The program started in

2007.

Two volunteer instructors oversee the 10 inmates who participate.

The Escambia County Sheriff's Office said the program has gained so much popularity since it began there is a waiting list to get involved.

The inmates' artwork is the property of the program. Any money gained from the sale of the artwork is reinvested into the program for supplies and other items.

Local investigator to speak at conference

2 A local investigator will be one of the guest speakers at a California Association of Licensed Investigators conference this week in Burlingame, Calif.

Carol Moore, an investigator with the Levin Papantonio law firm, will discuss how her work helped secure a \$380 million judgment against the DuPont corporation.

Moore's firm represented residents of Spelter, W.Va., who claimed DuPont lied about health hazards from arsenic, cadmium and lead that contaminated the air, soil and water.

The conference is being held at the Hyatt Regency Burlingame.

The conference started Thursday and ends today.

Moore is regarded as one of the nation's top environmental legal investigators.

The Florida Board of Certified Investigators recognized Moore last year by giving her its investigator of the year award. She was the first woman to receive the award.

Wanted: Detention deputies

3 The Sheriff's Office is recruiting detention deputies to work at the jail.

The recruiting campaign includes radio and television public service announcements and recruitment at job fairs.

"In today's economy, there are few positions that provide immediate career potential," Escambia County Sheriff David Morgan said. "This is one."

Applicants must have a high school diploma and be certified through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission.

Details: Visit [www.escambiaso.com](http://www.escambiaso.com) and click on employment.

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## Hitting the road with best intentions

J. Earle Bowden

I had hoped Mika Brzezinski would write this column while I went yonder into the West Florida scrub peddling a new book in such urban populations as Pea Ridge, Mossy Head, Chumuckla, Grand Ridge, Sink Creek, Two Egg, Sopchoppy and a place I call Ring Jaw.

It's tough, going through the lonesome pines, knocking on doors, working these bustling precincts with a backseat bookstore of a 10-year-old car sans air conditioning.

But author Joe Scarborough, savior of the confused, out-of-power conservative cause, a tolerant soul who survives on national television among liberals and devoted Bush-haters, had won the soothing admiration of his attractive television talk-mate.

Her tribute to Starbucks Joe in his hometown newspaper ("You'd better step away from my co-host," Opinion, June 10) is the kind of gung-ho caffeine-boost not even a savvy politician and former district congressman like Morning Joe could buy.

Had AM Joe had that kind of praise when in Congress, he would have gone on to become Barack Obama with Newt Gingrich as Dick Cheney. Amazing, what a TV personality can do to give a political book the Last Best

Hope in the Vanity of Vanities.

Some of us, however, toil in the hinterlands, either grunting fish bait, pulling gophers or writing fiction about the good salt-of-the-earth folks yonder across the Panhandle.

So, with assistance from my wife, Louise, talk-mate for 58 years who prefers modesty, I'm dashing out this epistle before jetting across town to Barnes & Noble for a 1 p.m. signing today. And I'll be among the Great Books of the age this afternoon, including giant posters of Morning Joe and "The Last Best Hope: Restoring Conservatism and America's Promise."

Because of Mika's endorsement and a weeklong series of Dawning Joe interviews by liberals who like Joe and reject conservatism, Joe's book doubtless will climb at jet speed to the New York Times' best-seller list.

After all, legendary William F. Buckley's dead and a lot of conservatives ain't feeling so good in the Obama reign of galloping government. And Mika says Buckley's son Christopher, jestful wordsmith that he is, says Coffee Cup Joe can save the GOP: "I've found a new face of the Republican Party and it is Joe Scarborough." And we thought in the over-arching media-worship of B. Obama that the true GOP face was Rush Limbaugh.

My literary output, strictly non-profit and far yonder from Dawning Joe's national audience, provides a few scholarship dollars each semester for a **University of West Florida** student.

After all, the new Panhandle best-seller list, compiled and published under an oak tree in the middle of a Jay peanut field says "Chipola Moon Rising:" is doing well in Sopchoppy and Altha, my birthplace. Smith's Supermarket in Altha sold six copies; the Calhoun County librarian reports CMR, because of the back-jacket endorsements by Carl Wernicke and Troy Moon, put the book of fictional stories over the top in the latest Chipola River Country best-seller list.

Now, if I can just convince book buyers to help me unload my backseat bookstore I will have time to read Morning Joe's definitive answer to rescuing conservatism from Ronald Reagan's dust bin of history.

The question is will Morning Joe leave Starbucks TV to become Reagan's Morning in America? But in the lesser latitudes, the Chipola Moon is rising. Come by Barnes & Noble between 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. today and see what Mika Brzezinski missed.

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## Scholarship Honors Life of W.J. Douglas

PENSACOLA, Fla.

The **University of West Florida**, a component of the Florida state university system, issued the following news release:

The **University of West Florida** Division of Development announces the establishment of the W.J. ("Jerry") Douglas Scholarship. Pat Lott, general counsel for **UWF**, established the scholarship as a way to honor her father while also supporting students. The scholarship will be awarded to one student each year over the next five years. Students who have enlisted in the military, or are dependants of those who have enlisted, are eligible for the award.

"I wanted to establish this scholarship in honor of my Dad because he believed in education and would be thrilled that a scholarship was established in his name," said Lott. "Also, I wanted to establish this scholarship in honor of my Dad because **UWF** is a great place."

Growing up during the Great Depression, Douglas' family was poor and he had to work as a child, often skipping school.

When he was 12, he dropped out of school to go to work on the railroad in West Texas. At the age of 16, he joined the Army and earned his general education diploma (GED). Although he served six tours overseas, learned to read and write Japanese and worked with computers, Douglas never became an officer in the military because of his lack of formal education. Douglas decided to attend Okaloosa-Walton Junior College on his GI Bill benefits while working full time and then transferred to **UWF**. He graduated from **UWF** in 1974 with his bachelor's degree in Vocational Education. He died before he realized his goal of becoming a teacher.

"I am proud of the fact that **UWF** is military-friendly and has been there through the years to serve and support the people who serve and support our country," said Lott. "My Dad was my greatest hero, and I hope this scholarship will help others realize their educational goals."

For more information, contact the **UWF** Division of University Advancement at (850) 474-2758.

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## Apple snails flood Lake Okeechobee

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OKEECHOBEE - Mention tagging and releasing animals into the wild, and most people envision such wildlife media darlings as the great white shark, Florida panther or California condor.

But this week, scientists from the South Florida Water Management District released 3,000 tagged Florida apple snails into Eagle Bay Marsh on the north side of Lake Okeechobee in an attempt to help the endangered snail kite.

"People never stop to think how important snails can be," water district environmental scientist Rachael Pierce said.

Indeed: This particular snail species is the primary food source of the snail kite, whose North American range is limited to South Florida, particularly watersheds of the Everglades, Lake Okeechobee, Kissimmee River and Upper St. Johns River.

No apple snails, therefore, means no snail kites, and apple snail populations at Lake Okeechobee have fallen on hard times recently.

Their problem is they don't do well in high water or droughts.

"Lake Okeechobee used to be the hub of the snail kite's range," district environmental scientist Eric Crawford said. "But with floods and hurricanes and the latest drought, the snails at the lake have disappeared, so there are no snail kites on the lake anymore."

The water district is stocking Eagle Bay Marsh with apple snails to determine whether they'll survive and breed and, ultimately, lure snail kites back to the lake.

For the experiment, district scientists collected snail eggs from Lake Kissimmee - apple snails lay clutches of about 25 eggs above the water on stalks of emergent vegetation such as maidencane and pickerel weed.

The eggs were hatched and raised to maturity at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute in Fort Pierce.

Before returning the snails to the water district, institute staff glued a small, numbered, laminated-plastic tag to each snail's shell.

Stocking a wetland with snails is a little more precise than stocking a lake with fish.

Scientists laid out a grid of 4,900 square meters (1.2 acres) and waded through the waist-deep water, releasing 15 snails every 5 meters.

This week's release was actually the water district's second: On April 23, 1,500 apple snails were released nearby in Eagle Bay Marsh.

"That population is doing well," Pierce said. "We've documented that they're surviving and reproducing in that release site."

In the wild, apple snails have a very low survival

rate.

"Everything eats them, absolutely everything," Pierce said. "Crayfish eat them. Turtles love, love, love apple snails. Limpkins, grackles, ibis all eat them."

That's not all. Florida's native apple snails might be competing with an exotic (non-native) species: the much larger channeled apple snail, a native of South America.

Whether the exotic snail will eventually dominate the native's habitat remains to be seen.

"We don't have direct evidence to show competition," said snail expert Phil Darby of the **University of West Florida**. "We have a couple of places like Lake Toho where native snail populations were already low when the exotic snail was introduced, and now we see more exotics than natives.

"We did laboratory studies that indicate the presence of the really large snail can affect the growth of the native, but it's hard to extrapolate that to a big lake."

In a strange twist, the exotic apple snail is helping

and hurting snail kites by creating what scientists call an ecological trap at Lake Toho. An ecological trap is a site that is both attractive and detrimental to a species.

"Almost all of the snail kite nesting is at Lake Toho - there are lots of exotic snails at Lake Toho, one to two per square meter," Pierce said. "Adult snail kites love them, but they're too big for the new fledglings to handle, so the fledglings are starving."

Even if the the water district's efforts produce a breeding population of apple snails at Eagle Bay Marsh, restocking alone won't bring snail kites back to Lake Okeechobee, Darby said.

"If you look at the densities of snails that support snail kite foraging, it's one snail for every square meter," Darby said. "For one hectare, that's 10,000 snails. For the whole lake, that's a lot of snails."

Pierce acknowledged that fact.

"To restock the whole lake would take 200 million snails," she said. "There's no way to raise that many.

That would be kind of silly.

"We just hope to take the best places for nesting and foraging and increase the snail populations in those areas. Then we hope the snails will do the work on their own."

Florida apple snail facts

Scientific name: *Pomacea paludosa* - other non-native apple snails also occur in Florida.

Range: Native to the Florida peninsula and Cuba. Has been reported in Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Can't withstand water colder than 50 degrees.

Identification: Distinguished from other apple snails found in Florida by its low, rounded shell spike.

Habitat: Lake margins, ponds, swamps, marshes, ditches

Diet: Tender aquatic vegetation

Sources: University of Florida, Freshwater Gastropods of North America.

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## Gulf Power manager to be honored at roast

John Hutchinson, general manager of corporate services at Gulf Power will be honored with a roast on June 19 in Heritage Hall at Seville Quarter, 130 E. Government St.

"Hurricanes and Crawfish: The Roast and Toast of John Hutchinson" begins at 6 p.m. and will include Cajun cuisine, entertainment, a silent auction and the roast.

The event, coordinated by the Pensacola Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association, will honor Hutchinson's more

than 20 years of public relations experience.

Tickets are \$50 for FPRA members, and \$60 for nonmembers.

Proceeds will benefit the public relations program at the **University of West Florida**.

Reservations requested by today to Ashley Hodge at 469-7220.

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## The Calendar

### Special Events

Blackwood Quartet 6 p.m. today. The Blackwood Quartet performs an inspiring mixture of new Gospel songs and old hymns. Free. New Life in Christ Church, Corner of Highway 59 and East Berry Avenue, Foley, Ala. (251) 943-2225, or visit [www.newlifeinchristchurch.net](http://www.newlifeinchristchurch.net).

'Barbecue Bag Lunch for the Kids' 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today. The annual Scottish Rite "Barbecue Bag Lunch for the Kids" provides a large portion of the local Scottish Rite Valley contribution to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida funding of the local Baptist Hospital childhood language disorder clinic. The bag lunches include a large barbecue sandwich, a pickle and a bag of chips for a donation of \$6. Pensacola Masonic Center, 189 W. Airport Blvd. Harry Seibert, 494-0801.

Learn to Read Book/ Bake Sale 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. today; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Learn to Read of Northwest Florida is presenting a book/bake sale to raise money to continue to provide free learning materials for their tutors and students. The mission is to ensure that no adult members of society be denied opportunities and privileges because they cannot read and write. Angel's Garden, 1208 N. 12th Ave. 432-4347, or e-mail [info@learntoreadnwf.org](mailto:info@learntoreadnwf.org)

Meet the Authors 1 p.m. Saturday. Jacquelyn Wilson will sign "Historic Photos of Pensacola," which captures the history of Pensacola from the Civil War to the 1970s. This walk through

time documents Pensacola's move from a town of unpaved streets to a modern city. Jay Clune and Margo Stringfield will be signing "Historic Pensacola." The book uses a wide range of historical and archaeological records, as well as traditional period recipes, to provide a unique look into the daily lives of the people who endured hardship, disease, and hurricanes to settle the Gulf Coast frontier. J. Earle Bowden will sign his newest book, "Chipola Moon Rising," a collection of seven short stories. He paints a dynamic mosaic of forbidden passionate love, murder, family tragedy and the enslaving brutality of the sun-baked turpentine woods. Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1200 Airport Blvd. Kathryn Coxwell, 969-9554, or e-mail [crm2926@bn.com](mailto:crm2926@bn.com)

Auxiliary Summer Fling 5 to 7 p.m. chicken barbecue; 7 p.m. dance, Saturday. All proceeds will benefit the support of veterans. A \$6 donation is requested. American Legion Post 382, 1850 Luneta St. 797-3644.

Flip Flop Ball 5:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday. Enjoy an old-fashioned beach party featuring a limbo contest and shoe-throwing contest (flip-flops of course) and eat, drink and dance the night away. Dress is casual beach attire and flip flops are encouraged. Cost: \$75. Fairbreeze Manor, 4183 Madura Road, Gulf Breeze. E-mail [frostsh@usa.redcross.org](mailto:frostsh@usa.redcross.org)

Bass & Bream Fishing Tournament 6 a.m. Saturday. Becks Lake Fish Camp will present a bass and bream fishing tourna-

ment for boating and bank anglers to benefit the Salvation Army of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. Weigh-in will be at 2 p.m. Advanced registration: \$35 each for boat fisherman; \$25 each for bank fisherman. Becks Lake Fish Camp, 2020 Beck's Lake Road. 432-1501 ext. 13, e-mail [escarosa@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:escarosa@uss.salvationarmy.org) or visit [www.compete-at.com](http://www.compete-at.com).

Mid-Summer Night Party 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday. St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Gulf Breeze is sponsoring the fifth annual Mid Summer Night Party featuring a silent-auction fundraiser with an array of items amid a wine, cheese, appetizers and dessert reception. The auction features travel packages, original art, sailing and fishing adventures and restaurant gift certificates. The event will also feature door prizes, chance ticket drawings and the wine toss. Tickets: \$20. Sponsor tickets: \$30. Chance tickets for drawings and wine toss: \$2. St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, 1 St. Francis Drive, Gulf Breeze. Avert Mull, 932-6467.

Pensacola Stars Idol 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday. The Pensacola Stars Idol features Pensacola and Gulf Coast talent at its best. Tickets: \$10 in advance. Pensacola Improv Event Center, 375 Pace Blvd. 332-5974.

Garden and Environmental Expo 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The Navarre Garden Club presents its Garden and Environmental Expo featuring guest speaker Darryl Boudreau, assistant director of the Northwest District, Florida

Department of Environmental Protection. Boudreau will be addressing some of the environmental issues which concern citizens on the Florida Panhandle. The expo will also feature Marie Harrison, author and columnist, speaking on environmentally sensitive gardening; Hank Brun, landscape architect with Horti-Coastal Group Inc., speaking on ideas and principles of landscape design; and a third speaker who will address creating a backyard habitat and inviting in native birds and animals. Hagatha Slithers and her slithery friends, animals from the Zoo Northwest Florida, "Good Bugs/Bad Bugs" by Master Gardeners and a diagnostic plant clinic by Theresa Friday from the County Extension Service are some of the other attractions. Children will have lots to do as well, including face painting and a number of projects. Navarre Conference Center, 8700 Navarre Parkway, Navarre. 936-4950.

Army of Hope Picnic Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. The Warrington Elks Lodge and the Elks of the Northwest District are sponsoring an Army of Hope picnic. All proceeds will benefit veterans and families of veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan who were killed or severely injured. Free food, draft beer and soft drinks will be provided. Tickets: \$20 for adults; \$5 for children. Warrington Elks Lodge No. 2108, 727 S. 72nd Ave. 453-3825.

Volunteer Recruitment Fair Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Learn about local nonprofit organizations and volunteer opportunities. Cordova Mall, 5100 N. Ninth Ave. Candy Carlisle, 477-7562, or visit [www.simon.com](http://www.simon.com).

Palafox Market 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 26. Stop by and pick up the freshest local fruits and vegetables, homemade goodies and original artwork. A new feature this year is free public WiFi throughout the market area. Free. Martin Luther King Jr.

Plaza, downtown Pensacola. 434-5371, or visit [www.palafoxmarket.com](http://www.palafoxmarket.com).

Riverwalk Farmers Market 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 30. The Riverwalk Farmers Market is behind the Santa Rosa County Courthouse on North Willing Street in Milton. Presented by Main Street Milton. 626-6246, e-mail [mainstreetmilton@bellsouth.net](mailto:mainstreetmilton@bellsouth.net) or visit [www.mainstreetmilton.org](http://www.mainstreetmilton.org).

Pensacola Haunted Theater 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturdays. An audience participatory mystery show complete with clues and a little night magic. There will be live seances Cottage, 4971 Mobile Highway. Ericka Boussarhane, 456-5119, e-mail [psychicgift@aol.com](mailto:psychicgift@aol.com) or visit [www.coldcasepsychic.com/haunted.htm](http://www.coldcasepsychic.com/haunted.htm).

Unlimited Horizons 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Donald Ware will speak on "Sharing Earth: Various Intelligent Species" at the June program of Unlimited Horizons. Ware has studied UFOs since he witnessed seven alien vehicles over Washington, D.C., on July 26, 1952. After serving his country as a fighter pilot, staff scientist, test manager and teacher, Ware retired from the Air Force at the end of 1982. He served as state director and eastern regional director for the Mutual UFO Network, and since 1993 has been a director of the International UFO Congress. South Santa Rosa Recreation Center, 800 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze. Alan Abel, 424-6394, e-mail [alanabel2005@yahoo.com](mailto:alanabel2005@yahoo.com) or visit [www.unlimited-horizons.org](http://www.unlimited-horizons.org).

Dead Man's Island 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. Plant seagrasses on Dead Man's Island with Emerald Coastkeeper. Attendees will meet at the Wayside Boat Ramp directly on the right after exiting the Three Mile Bridge into Gulf Breeze. Adults and children ages 8 and older are welcome to

spend part of the day helping to plant seagrasses to protect Dead Man's Island. Kayakers and canoers are welcome, and there will be a shuttle service for those who need it. Please bring water, snacks and sunscreen for yourself. Free. Elizabeth McWilliams, 221-9205, or visit [www.emeraldcoastkeeper.org](http://www.emeraldcoastkeeper.org).

Sunday Jazz Brunch 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. The Sunday Jazz Brunch will feature breakfast and lunch items, complimentary champagne and music by Charlie Cetti and the Dixie-Land Dandies. Cost: \$15. Gregory Street Assembly Hall, 501 E. Gregory St. 607-8633.

Jazz Brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays. Jambalaya's Grill and Oyster Bar, 51 Gulf Breeze Parkway. 934-1600.

28th annual Summer Dance Workshop Tuesday through June 20. Pensacola Junior College presents the 28th annual Summer Dance Workshop. The workshop is a prestigious program that draws hundreds of dancers from across the nation. Top dance instructors teach classes for beginning, intermediate and advanced dancers in ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical, modern, musical theatre and school dance teams, plus present several seminars. Students also audition for scholarships and compete in the "Hip Hop Battle." Cost varies depending on class selection and the number of classes selected. Pensacola Junior College, 1000 College Blvd. Dianne Robbins, 484-1956, e-mail [drobins@pjc.edu](mailto:drobins@pjc.edu) or visit [www.pjc.edu/danceworkshops](http://www.pjc.edu/danceworkshops).

Ghost Stories 10:10 a.m. Tuesdays. Ghost tours and lunch in Palace Cafe at Seville Quarter. Tickets: \$24. Seville Quarter, 130 E. Government St. Pattie Krakowski, 221-1977, or visit [www.pensacolahistoryandhauntings.com](http://www.pensacolahistoryandhauntings.com).

Port City's Midweek Farmers' Market 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays

through Sept. 30. Support local farmers, gardeners, bakers, artisans, artists and musicians. Learn eco-friendly and sustainable living tips from area experts and enthusiasts as you check out locally grown produce and plants, homemade edibles, and handmade products. Entertainment will be provided by Pensacola musicians, dancers and performers. Corner of Palafox and Main Streets in downtown Pensacola. Natalie Tredway, 380-4237, e-mail NatT86@aol.com or visit [www.pensacolamarkets.com](http://www.pensacolamarkets.com).

Taryn Rose Trunk Show 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday. Taryn Rose International will undertake its first national trunk show program. Pumps will join retailers including Taryn Rose boutiques, independents and other select department stores in presenting simultaneous trunk shows featuring new summer styles and select fall styles. Pumps, 3101 E. Cervantes St. Mary Perceval, 438-5152.

#### Children's

\* Racquet Round-Up Tennis Clinics: 9 to 11 a.m. today and Saturday ages 6 through 12. The purpose and goal of this clinic is to promote the sport of tennis among the area youth. Sponsors, dedicated volunteers, and local tennis instructors allow the the City of Gulf Breeze and the Pensacola Sports Association to present this event at no cost to each child. The clinics are open to boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 12. Enrollment will be limited to the first 300 applicants. Shoreline Park, Gulf Breeze. 434-2800, or e-mail [jolliff@pensacolasport.com](mailto:jolliff@pensacolasport.com)

\* American Girl Book Club: 2 p.m. second Saturday. The American Girl Book Club is sponsored by the Friends of the Southwest Branch Library and funded through a grant from the Kiwanis of Warrington. Southwest Branch Library, 12248 Gulf Beach Highway. 453-7780, or

visit [www.cityofpensacola.com/library](http://www.cityofpensacola.com/library).

\* Preschool Story Time: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays; 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. Enjoy stories, songs and more. For ages 1 through 5. Saturdays at Westside Branch Library, 1580 W. Cervantes St. 436-5060. Wednesdays at Century Branch Library, 7991 N. Century Blvd. 256-6217; Southwest Branch Library, 12248 Gulf Beach Highway. 453-7780; and Pensacola Public Library, 200 W. Gregory St. 436-5060. Thursdays at the Lucia M. Tryon Branch Library, 5740 N. Ninth Ave. 494-7373.

\* Story time: 'Chicka Chicka Boom Boom': 11 a.m. Saturday. Children will read "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" by Bill Martin Jr., color coconut trees and race letters to the top. Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1200 Airport Blvd. Kathryn Coxwell, 969-9554, or e-mail [crm2926@bn.com](mailto:crm2926@bn.com)

\* American Girls Club: 2 p.m. Sunday. Celebrate summer with a party and discuss your favorite American Girl activities. Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1200 Airport Blvd. Kathryn Coxwell, 969-9554, or e-mail [crm2926@bn.com](mailto:crm2926@bn.com)

\* Nancy Drew Book Group: 3 p.m. Sunday. Discuss "The Mystery of the Fire Dragon, No. 38." Please read the book before the meeting. Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1200 Airport Blvd. Kathryn Coxwell, 969-9554, or e-mail [crm2926@bn.com](mailto:crm2926@bn.com)

\* Coffee Painting: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. Not allowed to drink coffee? Why not paint with it? Anything is possible when you're creative at your library. Lucia M. Tryon Branch Library, 5740 N. Ninth Ave. 494-7373.

\* George Rogers and Hurricanes: 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. Do you know what to pack if it's time to hit the road? How can you help your pets weather a storm? Learn these important tips and plenty more thanks to George Rogers of

Escambia County Extension. For ages 5 through 12. Westside Branch Library, 1580 W. Cervantes St. 595-1047.

\* Angela Hinkle and Kids Can Cook!: Noon Tuesday. Angela Hinkle from Escambia County Extension will give you tips for making smart food choices at school and home. Have fun creating and decorating your own lunch box and filling it with some healthy snacks. For ages 5 through 12. Century Branch Library, 7991 N. Century Blvd. 256-6217.

\* Libbie Johnson and Get Down on the Farm: 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. Libbie Johnson from Escambia County Extension will show off samples of Florida homegrown produce and talk about from-earth-to-table know-how. When you leave, you will be ready to do some farming on your own. Pensacola Public Library, 200 W. Gregory St. 436-5060.

\* Spanish language story time: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Children will read "La Arana Chiquitita." Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1200 Airport Blvd. Kathryn Coxwell, 969-9554, or e-mail [crm2926@bn.com](mailto:crm2926@bn.com)

\* Story time: 'Itsy Bitsy Spider': 11 a.m. Wednesday. Children will read "Itsy Bitsy Spider" by Iza Trapani and make spider finger puppets so they can sing along with the classic song. Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1200 Airport Blvd. Kathryn Coxwell, 969-9554, or e-mail [crm2926@bn.com](mailto:crm2926@bn.com)

\* Andrew Diller and Sea Turtles: Sand and Surf: 1 p.m. Wednesday; 3 p.m. Thursday. Andrew Diller with Escambia County Extension will bring models of turtles and share his marine animal expertise. Can you brave your way through a save-the-sea-turtles net? For ages 5 through 12. Wednesday at Southwest Branch Library, 12248 Gulf Beach Highway, 453-7780. Thursday at the Lucia M. Tryon

Branch Library, 5740 N. Ninth Ave. 494-7373.

#### Clubs

\* Gold Wing Road Riders Association: 8 a.m. breakfast; 9 a.m. meeting, second Saturday. The Pensacola Chapter, FL1-D, meets for a breakfast meeting and normally a ride afterwards. Although primarily a Honda Gold Wing/Valkrie group, all motorcycle types/brands are welcome. Golden Corral, 2260 Langley Ave. Tim Poppell, 607-7175, or visit [www.fl1d.gwrra-regiona.org](http://www.fl1d.gwrra-regiona.org).

\* Pensacola Modelers: 1 p.m. second Saturday, business/show and tell meeting. 10 a.m. fourth Saturday, working party. Take in-work projects and tools and share building time and information with fellow modelers. All modelers are welcome. John's Models, 1206 E. Kingsfield Road. John Walen, 944-4033, or John's Models, 968-6008.

\* Old Antarctic Explorers Association: 1 p.m. Saturday. The Gulf Coast Group Chapter of the Old Antarctic Explorers Association will meet. All members, family, or interested parties who have been to Antarctica or who may have an interest in Antarctica are invited. Members are encouraged to attend and bring guests. The guest speakers will be the Carsons and McGraths, who visited Antarctica in 2008 on a tourist expedition. The Shrimp Basket, 709 N. Navy Blvd. Billy-Ace Baker, 456-3556, or visit [www.shrimpbasket.com/warrington.htm](http://www.shrimpbasket.com/warrington.htm).

\* Panhandle Macintosh User's Group: 10 a.m. Saturday. Bought a new Mac, and not sure what it will do for you? Rusty old user, and need some help? Take your Mac questions. Pensacola Junior College, 1000 College Blvd., building 21, room No. 2142. Visit [home-page.mac.com/pensacolapmug](http://home-page.mac.com/pensacolapmug).

\* Greyhound Pets of America Emerald Coast: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday. Meet and greet. Books-A-Million, 6235 N. Davis Highway. 458-8353.

\* Gulfcoast Calligraphy Guild: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. second Saturday. The guild meets at the Baptist Medical Center's Azalea Room for programs and activities. Baptist Medical Park, 9400 University Parkway. 994-7323, or visit [www.gulfcoastcalligraphyguild.org](http://www.gulfcoastcalligraphyguild.org).

\* Monday Quilters: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays. Quilters of all experience levels get together and make "love quilts" for the community. Take a sack lunch and quilting supplies. Donations of quilting supplies are appreciated. Beulah Baptist Church, 5805 Beulah Church Road. Starla A. Keyes, 607-1629, or e-mail [rekeyes@bellsouth.net](mailto:rekeyes@bellsouth.net)

\* Gulf Coast Stitchery Guild: 9:30 a.m. Mondays. The Gulf Coast Stitchery Guild features needlework of all types and all levels of expertise. Learn new skills or do your own thing. First Baptist Church of Pensacola, 500 N. Palafox St. Ginny Mullaney, 436-8841.

\* Pensacola Philatelic Society: 7 p.m. first and third Monday. Stamp collector's meeting. Bayview Senior Center, 2000 E. Lloyd St. Dewey J. Barker, 458-1591, or e-mail [dbarker12@cox.net](mailto:dbarker12@cox.net)

\* Pensacola Table Tennis (Ping Pong) Club: 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays, beginners and novice night. This night is for the young or older player wanting to learn or just play for "fun." Coaching is available. 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, intermediate to advanced night. This night is for intermediate to advanced "athletic" play. Players must use USATT-approved paddles and follow the USATT rules of play. Coaching is available. Fricker Community Center, 900 North F St. 791-3979, e-mail [LA@labuildsit.com](mailto:LA@labuildsit.com) or visit [pensacolatabletennis.tripod.com](http://pensacolatabletennis.tripod.com).

\* Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida: 7 p.m. first Tuesday for business; 6:30 p.m. second Thursday for fly tying; 9 a.m. third Saturday for instruction on fly tying and casting. A gourmet lunch is included on Saturdays. All ages and ability levels are welcome. Miraflores Park, 17th Avenue and LaRue Street. Bob Holton, 968-1573, or visit [www.flyfishpensacola.com](http://www.flyfishpensacola.com).

\* 'Strut Your Mutt': 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays. Join fellow dog-owners for a 45-minute leisurely stroll in East Hill. Dogs must be leashed and well-behaved. Owners should bring water for themselves and their pooches and be prepared to pick up any messes left by pets. Meet at the entrance to Bayview Dog Park at 20th Avenue and East Mallory Street. 595-5503.

\* Pensacola Sound Chorus: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. The local chapter of Sweet Adelines International. Heights Baptist Church, 600 Pickens Ave. Kay George, 478-8050, or visit [www.pensacolasoundchorus.com](http://www.pensacolasoundchorus.com).

\* Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays. There is a speaker on the first three Tuesdays and a business meeting on the fourth Tuesday. Perdido Bay Community Center, 13660 Innersharity Point Road. Eileen Brotherton, 341-5350.

\* American Legion Post 382 Auxiliary: 7 p.m. third Wednesday. New members are welcome. American Legion Post 382, 1850 Luneta St. 939-1384.

\* Friends of Navarre Library: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Holley Hill Pottery & Art Studio owners will be the guest speakers. Established in 1980, the pottery business remains family owned and operated with works by the original owners, Marty, Brenda and Jason Stokes. The first kiln, built in 1980 by the Stokes, remains operational and is fired on a

regular basis, as are additional stoneware and raku kilns. Navarre Library, 8484 James M. Harvell Road, Navarre. Marty or Brenda Stokes, 939-2744.

\* Yappy Hour: 6 p.m. third Wednesday. The Pensacola Dog Owners' Association invites dog owners and their dogs to its monthly "Yappy Hour." Enjoy food and drinks. Dogs must be leashed and well-behaved. Madison's Diner, 1010 N. 12th Ave. 291-7658 or 595-5503.

\* Cantonment Rotary Club: Noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Visiting Rotarians welcome. Scenic Hills Golf & Country Club, 8891 Burning Tree Road. Donna Pruet, 478-6764, or e-mail [donna.jacobi@med.fsu.edu](mailto:donna.jacobi@med.fsu.edu)

\* Fiction Book Group: 7 p.m. Thursday. The group will discuss "Cut and Run" by Ridley Pearson. Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1200 Airport Blvd. Kathryn Coxwell, 969-9554, or e-mail [crm2926@bn.com](mailto:crm2926@bn.com)

\* PJC Seniors Association: Upcoming events:

-Monthly meeting: 1 p.m. third Tuesday at Marcus Pointe Baptist Church, 6205 North W St.

- Bowling: Noon Mondays at Cordova Lanes, 2111 Airport Blvd. Three games: \$5.50.

- Tennis: 7 a.m. Fridays, Mondays and Wednesdays at the Bayview Senior Center, 2000 E. Lloyd St.

- Euchre: 1 p.m. Mondays at the Bayview Senior Center, 2000 E. Lloyd St.

- Pinochle: 1 p.m. Thursdays at the Bayview Senior Center, 2000 E. Lloyd St.

Annual membership dues: \$8. William Stimmell, 477-0578.

Games

\* Zelica Grotto Bingo: Noon Sat-

urdays; 6 p.m. Mondays. Food and free coffee. Supporting local charities. \$3,400 in prizes. Smoke-free. Zelica Grotto Hall, 1000 South K St. 438-1187.

\* Warrington Elks Lodge No. 2108 Bingo: 4 to 8 p.m. Sundays and Thursdays. This is a no-smoking event. All proceeds go to charity. Warrington Elks Lodge No. 2108, 727 S. 72nd Ave. Jay F. Knight, 455-8831, or e-mail [elks2108@msn.com](mailto:elks2108@msn.com)

\* Pensacola Duplicate Bridge Club: Noon daily. The club offers duplicate bridge games daily and frequently offers evening games. Classes are available and you can learn the game at any skill level. Some lessons are free. Pensacola Bridge Club, 1200 N. 12th Ave. 432-3946.

Listen & Learn

\* 'Namadeva Comes to Pensacola': 6 p.m. today; 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Thomas Ashley-Farrand (Namadeva) is one of the western world's foremost authorities on the application of Sanskrit Mantra to life's problems. Join Namadeva for a spiritually charged weekend of chanting, learning and laughing. Today will feature a Lakshmi Puja Ceremony for abundance and Saturday and Sunday will feature the "Mantra, A Path to Abundance and Spiritual Evolution" workshop. Friday ceremony: \$35. Saturday and Sunday workshop: \$225. 205 Bayshore Drive. 549-7048, or e-mail [spiritualteachings@me.com](mailto:spiritualteachings@me.com)

\* Santa Rosa Virtual Museum: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Santa Rosa Virtual Museum, a Pensacola Junior College project, invites the community to join in discussions about Santa Rosa County history. Community members are encouraged to share stories and bring photos to add to the museum's collection. The topic of this month's meeting is "The Oil Boom." Jay Library, City of Jay Community Center, 5259 Booker Lane, Jay. Christina

Drain, 484-1458, e-mail [cdrain@pjc.edu](mailto:cdrain@pjc.edu) or visit [www.santarosavirtualmuseum.org](http://www.santarosavirtualmuseum.org).

\* 'Art Explorations: Bedazzled by Beads': 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Jewelers Kathi Gordon, Meredith Hartsfield and Diana Yum-Bucher will bedazzle you with their enthusiasm for "wearable art" and beads. Each creates original custom pieces in personal and unique ways, while they share affinity with cross-cultural and ethnic influences. Gordon, an avid collector of exotic beads, emphasizes texture and asymmetrical designs. With torch and glass, Hartsfield individually hand makes beads to use as focal points of her jewelry. Yum-Bucher encrusts silk fabrics with beads, carvings, ceramics and shells to create pectoral pieces and Femmage textile collages. Free. Artel Gallery, 505 S. Adams St. 432-3080, or visit [www.artelgallery.org](http://www.artelgallery.org).

Outdoors

\* Lanier Sailing Academy: Sailing lessons, bareboat chartering, sailing club, sunset sails, sailboat rentals and Pensacola Bay history/ecology tours. Seville Harbour Marina, 600 S. Barracks St. 432-3199, or visit [www.laniersail.com](http://www.laniersail.com).

\* Pensacola RV Club: The Holiday Rambler Club in Pensacola travels to a local campground once a month for camping, eating, games and outdoor activities. The club also has a monthly luncheon. Must own a Holiday Rambler motorhome, trailer or fifth wheel. Call for meeting times and location. Howard Rappold, 476-6456.

\* Pensacola Sailing Tours: Sails daily at 1 and 3:30 p.m. Sunset tours depart around 6 p.m. Two-hour tours are for nonsailors and sailors alike. Guests can relax and enjoy the ride or help sail the boat under the direction of the captain. \$45. 655 Pensacola Beach Marina. 291-1775, or visit [www.pensacolasailingtours.com](http://www.pensacolasailingtours.com).

\* Adventure Club of the Center for Lifelong Learning: Upcoming events

- 9 a.m. Saturday: Bike ride on the Milton Rails to Trails bike path. Meet at the trailhead behind the Truly Spokin' Bicycle Shop on County Road 87 North. Rich and Nancy Fremgen, 934-6380.

- 4 p.m. Thursday: Bike ride in Niceville in the Bluewater Bay Resort/Subdivision. Meet at the golf course club house parking area. Bob and Audrey Hains, 897-3624.

Club info: Clarice Hebinck, (850) 581-4591, or e-mail freklz100@cox.net

\* Florida Trail Association: Upcoming events

- 11 a.m. Saturday: Hike/bike/swim and picnic at Fort Pickens. Hamburgers will be provided for a cost of \$5. Take a covered dish. (850) 932-0125.

- 8 a.m. Saturday: Volunteers needed for trail maintenance on Eglin Air Force Base. (850) 492-8258.

- 6:30 p.m. Thursday: Monthly meeting at First Christian Church. (850) 932-0125.

Club info: Cheryl Gardner, (850) 484-9111, or visit westgate.floridatrail.org.

#### Singles

\* Pensacola Singletons: 5:30 p.m. social; 6 p.m. dinner, today.

The members of the local chapter of the U.S. Singletons enjoy dining out, picnics, movies, plays, dances and road trips, and support several civic projects throughout the year. There are no age limits, but most members are in their 40s, 50s and 60s. Membership is by invitation after a guest has attended at least one social, one civic and one business meeting or event. Mesquite Charlie's, 5901 North W St. 476-0618, e-mail pensacolasingletons@yahoo.com or visit www.geocities.com/pensacolasingletons.

\* Solo Adults: 6:30 p.m. Sundays. Solo Adults is designed for single, middle-aged adults, divorced or widowed. Cokesbury United Methodist Church's singles ministry is a Christ-centered, people-oriented program seeking to provide a community of acceptance, support and growth for those on the journey of faith. Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 5725 N. Ninth Ave. Doug Scally, 476-5818, or e-mail drscally@yahoo.com

#### Theater

\* 'Through the Looking Glass': 6 p.m. today; noon and 6 p.m. Saturday. LaBelle Performing Arts presents its 2009 showcase and production "Through The Looking Glass." The full production is presented in both evening performances. Saturday afternoon features the showcase. \$11. **University of West Florida**, 11000 University Parkway. Brian Beasley, 944-5650, or e-mail info@labelleperformingarts.com

#### Wine Tastings

\* Not Just Another Wine Tasting: 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays. The informative tasting will take place in Seville Quarter's Wine and Gift Shop. There is no charge for the tasting and all wines will be available to purchase at special pricing. Seville Quarter, 130 E. Government St. 434-6211, or visit www.rosies.com.

\* Aloha Wine World Wine Tasting: 5 p.m. Fridays. Taste 10 to 12 different wines each week. Light snacks provided. \$10, with a \$5 instant coupon. Aloha Wine World, 5046 Bayou Blvd. Monique Carvalis, 479-3750, or e-mail monique@alohafinewines.com

\* City Grocery Wine Tasting: 5 p.m. Fridays. City Grocery's wine tasting features wines with special bargain prices. Sample gourmet cheeses and homemade pestos. City Grocery, 2050 N. 12th Ave. 469-8100.

\* Tapas & Tasting: 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Treat yourself to a tasting of tapas paired with featured wines from around the world. \$10. Seville Quarter, 130 E. Government St. 434-6211, or visit www.rosies.com.

\* Aragon Wine Market Wine Tasting: 5 to 7 p.m. Thursdays. Taste unique and affordable wines in a comfortable atmosphere. Free. Aragon Wine Market, 27 S. Ninth Ave. Charlotte Gordon, 433-9463, or visit www.aragonwinemarket.com.

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## Colleagues and friends share art showcase at PJC

Mike Roberts

Hank Heuler and Duncan Stewart, professors emeritus at the **University of West Florida**, have a joint retrospective exhibition at Pensacola Junior College's Anna Lamar Switzer Center for the Arts. The show, titled "Amici," is flush with their life's work spanning half a century.

Because of its ambitious scope, this show is surely the biggest local art event of the summer. Gallery director Vivian Spencer curated a thematic layout of sorts, both visually and conceptually. "Amici" - Italian for "friends" - runs through July 23. The gallery's hours this summer are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For me, this show strikes a personal chord. While plowing slowly towards my bachelor's degree in art history in the early 1990s, I had several of Heuler's and Stewart's courses. Despite opposing approaches to teaching, the former colleagues remain close friends in retirement.

Stewart taught art history with a rather casual manner. Most students found him approachable, with a streetwise attitude and thirst for a good laugh. He led numerous tours of New York and Italy, egging his students to learn more by experience.

Stewart's art could be considered

restless; he eschewed the restrictions of the gallery circuit. He's probably best known for his collage series, setting up small mixed media constructions of ephemera and mementos some with obvious Joseph Cornell overtones.

Hints of art history ran its course with images of famous paintings and works such as "Pisa Envy," a small assemblage of the Empire State Building bound in an embrace with the eponymous leaning tower.

His work extended to odd objects such as "Remnant of Frankenstein's Viscera," a laboratory-like specimen in a jar. When he toys with painting it usually resulted with design-conscious imagery and geometric interplay. When Stewart popped in a show, you weren't quite sure what you were going to get.

In class, we found Heuler to be a more reserved figure, a little enigmatic for some of us. He taught design and sculpture with a certain dubiousness that pushed his students to work deeper. He had a slight scientific air at times but was always open to what we discovered while completing an assignment, a reaction that proved to us that art was more about asking questions than answering them.

Compared to Stewart's work, Heuler's was a little more consis-

tent. During my years at **UWF** he was a meticulous sculptor; every piece of wood feared him. His carvings and assemblages were sometimes disarming.

The star piece of this show is "Setting for Seven," a set of oak carvings two decades in the making, such was his dedication to his projects. Even with a simple fleur-de-lis design, his version is an oak ladder design that recalls an enhancement of a DNA's double helix.

But Heuler's genesis is printmaking, which "Amici" adequately demonstrates. His two block prints of

the Expulsion show from 1963 show a silhouetted-shaped Adam and Eve who become engulfed in the verdant background in the second piece.

With the engraving "Flightscape," a feathery storm of flame-like intensity, he reveals his process by providing the original copper plate from 1961.

All this being said, this show isn't meant to be a Stewart and Heuler eulogy, since both men are very much alive and more work from them is sure to follow.

Be sure to indulge yourself this summer and take in this show of such depth and gratitude.

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## United Way gives awards for community contributions

Jean Norman

A week ago Thursday, United Way of Escambia County convened for a celebration of 2008-09 with 350 of our most active donors, advocates and volunteers.

It is a pleasure to share some of the highlights of this meeting, which was made possible by our sponsors: Sacred Heart Health System and RBC Bank.

### 10-year plan and awards presentation

The primary goal of the meeting was to announce a 10-year resource investment plan designed to increase impact within the areas of education, financial stability and health. Ten bold goals have been adopted by our board of directors within these three priorities, and United Way will devote all resources over the next 10 years in support of these goals.

United Way's Resource Alignment Team, composed of board members, nonprofit agency repre-

sentatives and staff, was asked to create the plan in support of the shared community agenda developed by Unite Escambia, of which United Way is a primary partner.

The team also considered national priorities and goals set by United Way of America.

Unite Escambia's community vision is: "A Healthy Community Where All Have the Inspiration and Opportunity to Succeed."

The shared community agenda includes action plans created by five Solutions Teams within the areas of education, environment, health, housing and poverty. As a founding partner of Unite Escambia, it was especially important to us that our work be closely aligned with this collaboration.

We selected goals and indicators that would enable us to showcase our impact on the shared community agenda.

It was an honor to present awards to three individuals

and one partner agency for their contributions to United Way and the community. The 2008-09 award recipients are:

\* Distinguished Community Service Award: Meri Asmar, Human Resources director at The Lewis Bear Co. This award is presented to an outstanding community volunteer and is the highest honor the board can bestow.

\* United Way Service Award: John B. Clark, President/CEO of Council on Aging of West Florida. The award is presented to an outstanding United Way volunteer.

\* Rayell Irish "Color a Brighter World" award: Deborah A. Trocki, MSW, of Escambia Healthy Start Coalition. The award is in memory of Rayell Irish, a former United Way employee and philanthropist, and is presented to someone who serves our community's most vulnerable citizens and does so selflessly on a regular basis.

\* Partner Agency of the Year: Early Learning Coali-

tion of Escambia County. The award is presented to a partner agency showing outstanding support to United Way during the year.

Thanks to all who attended our celebration of living united!

Incoming board officers

Attendees at the meeting also were introduced to our

incoming officers: Chairman, Buzz Ritchie, Gulf Coast Community Bank; Chairwoman-Elect: Doris Young, Cox Media; and Treasurer, Marvin Beasley, O'Sullivan Creel LLP; and new Board members: Kathy Anthony, O'Sullivan Creel; Justin Beck, Beck Properties; Dr. Judy Bense, **University of West Florida**; Dr. Martin Gonzalez, Pensacola Junior College; Ted Kirchharr, Lan-

drum Companies; Shannon Lands, Saltmarsh Cleveland and Gund; Flack Logan, community volunteer; Rex McKinney, Coastal Bank and Trust; Dr. Robert Mills, Guernsey and Associates; Gary Sammons, Gulf Power; and Mike Wright, Armstrong World Industries.

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## DEATH NOTICES

DANIEL LEE EVERMAN

1951-2009

Daniel Lee Everman, 57, of Pensacola, FL passed away June 6, 2009 surrounded by family and caring hospice personnel after a long battle with liver disease complicated by other illnesses.

Dan was born August 7, 1951 in Ashland, KY but has lived most of his life in Pensacola, FL with the exception of employment moves that led him to Atlanta, GA and the Washington, DC area. He retired from Cisco Systems and returned to Pensacola in 2001.

He is preceded in death by his father, Forrest G. Everman and his Boston Terrier, (his "boy"), Sandy Water.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Ruth W. Everman, sister and brother-in-law Suzan (Suzi) Wheeler-Beck and Michael Beck, nieces Crystal

Wheeler and Starla Wheeler, brother and sister-in-law, John Everman and Jeanne Everman, nephew Matthew Everman, his beloved Boston Terrier, Muddy Water, along with numerous other close relatives and friends.

Along with being a well-known drummer in Pensacola, Dan was also a computer programmer/web designer, software engineer and a technical writer for instructional computer program manuals. He was a member of the Society for Technical Communications. Dan was a graduate of Pensacola High School. He had earned his Associates Degree in General Studies from Pensacola Junior College, earned a Bachelors Degree in Computer Science at **University of West Florida** and earned a Masters Degree in Creative Writing at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. He was a member of Unity of Pensacola and his spirituality was a very important part of his life.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2009 at Harper Morris Memorial Chapel from 2:00pm until services for a celebration of his life begin 4:00pm with the Rev. Jamie Sanders of Unity of Pensacola officiating. Friends are invited to speak and share a few moments of their fond memories of Dan with the family.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to Covenant Hospice, especially Zelda, Pam, Sunday and Johnny for the excellent love, care and assistance received.

If preferred, in lieu of flowers, please make donations to Covenant Hospice, 5041 N. 12th Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32504 or Center for Independent Living, 3600 N. Pace Blvd., Pensacola, FL 32505.

HARPER-MORRIS MEMORIAL CHAPEL is in charge of arrangements.

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# Targeted News Service

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## UWF Faculty Receive Tenure/Promotion

PENSACOLA, Fla.

The **University of West Florida**, a component of the Florida state university system, issued the following news release:

The **University of West Florida** Board of Trustees approved tenure for 12 university faculty members. **UWF** President Judy Bense has announced promotions for 15 faculty members.

Those selected for tenure are: Hui Min Chung, biology; Eman El-Sheikh, computer science; Jocelyn Evans, government; Diane Gardner, nursing; Brendan Kelly, communication arts; Katherine Romack, English and foreign languages; Michelle Williams, government; Randall Reid, management and management information systems; Julie Ann Williams, management and management information systems; Sukumar Kamalasan, engineering and computer technology; Kimberly Tatum, criminal justice and legal studies; and

Debra Vinci, health, leisure and exercise science.

Tenure status is determined by the length of continuous service, performance evaluations, peer evaluations, committee selections, dean and president recommendations and service to the university and surrounding community.

The rank of tenure guarantees annual reappointment for the academic year until the tenured individual resigns or retires. Tenure is a status that signifies competent teaching, research or other scholarly activities and contributions to society.

The following faculty members received promotion to the rank of full professor: Wayne Bennett, biology; Jay Clune, history; Steve Kass, psychology; Scott Keller, marketing and economics; and Joe Lepo, biology.

The following faculty members received promotions and are associate professors: Hui Min Chung, biology; Eman El-

Sheikh, computer science; Jocelyn Evans, government; Sukumar Kamalasan, engineering and computer technology; Mohamed Khabou, electrical and computer engineering; Katherine Romack, English and foreign languages; Kimberly Tatum, criminal justice and legal studies; Debra Vinci, health, leisure and exercise science; and Michelle Williams, government.

The following faculty member received promotion in the University Libraries: Shari Johnson, assistant librarian.

Faculty who are beginning their second year of employment are eligible for promotion consideration. Faculty promotions are based on a collective assessment of an employee's performance by other faculty, professional employees and administration. These groups help to determine the employee's potential growth, performance and scholarly contribution to the university and the community.

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## Art History Professor Releases Book on Darwin

PENSACOLA, Fla.

The **University of West Florida**, a component of the Florida state university system, issued the following news release:

Barbara Larson, associate professor of Art at the **University of West Florida**, will release the "The Art of Evolution: Darwin, Darwinisms and Visual Culture" (edited by Barbara Larson and Fae Brauer; published University Press of New England, 2009) July 1. This timely book explores Darwin's influence on visual culture and will be launched during "The Art of Evolution: Charles Darwin and Visual Cultures" conference organized in part by Larson on behalf of the Courtauld Institute of Art in London. The conference takes place July 2 through 4 at the Courtauld Institute's Somerset House in London, England, U.K.

The 2009 bicentennial anniversary of Charles Darwin's

birth prompted many explorations of his work and legacy. "The Art of Evolution: Darwin, Darwinisms and Visual Culture" offers a fresh perspective on Darwin through 11 essays by leading international scholars on the subject of Darwin and the arts from the mid-19th century to the present day.

"Just when one thought everything had been said, this volume of essays creatively tackles Darwinism's largely unsung impact on the arts and popular media," said Barbara Stafford, University of Chicago.

Besides launching the book, "The Art of Evolution" conference brings together 30 scholars from around the world to explore Darwinism through a range of subjects including slavery, aesthetics, museum display and sexualities. The Courtauld Institute of Art sponsors the conference, which is the most extensive symposium in the history of the institution.

Founded in 1932, the Courtauld Institute is an independent college of the University of London and is recognized as a world-leading center for the study of art history and painting conservation by the Higher Education Funding Council for England.

"The department is very proud of Dr. Larson's accomplishments," said Suzette Doyon, chair of the **UWF** Department of Art. "Her hard work and excellent scholarship has been recognized on an international stage by the renowned Courtauld Institute. It is a great honor."

For more information regarding the Courtauld Institute or "The Art of Evolution" conference, visit [courtauld.ac.uk/index.html](http://courtauld.ac.uk/index.html).

For media inquiries, contact Jerre Brisky, assistant director, at (850) 857-6057 or e-mail [jbrisky@uwf.edu](mailto:jbrisky@uwf.edu)

# Pensacola News Journal

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## Local student voted president of statewide leadership organization

Rebekah Allen

A Washington High School student makes his mark in the world of business leadership. A local nonprofit organization seeks to teach children about the world, one country at a time. And **UWF** wants to grow enrollment, but could be losing graduates.

FBLA student leader

1 Watch out for Taylor Kelly, the 17-year-old Booker T. Washington High School senior. He's bound to be a name we'll hear again.

Taylor recently was voted the president of Florida's Future Business Leaders of America. He is the first student from Escambia County to take the statewide position and will preside over about 15,000 FBLA students in the state.

"It's great and I know I had a lot of people behind me supporting me to get me there," Taylor said.

As if extracurricular activities weren't exhausting enough, Taylor will travel monthly to conferences in

the state and across the country.

Later this month, he'll be on his way to Anaheim, Calif., for the FBLA National Leadership Conference.

"He's an awesome student," said Washington High FBLA sponsor Sherry Ponds. "He's very dedicated and responsible."

Taylor, who is a state-recognized public speaker, said he hopes to write a book before he finishes high school and feels like he has had an entrepreneurial spirit since he was a young child.

"Even when I was a little kid, I was always trying to sell things from a booth outside my house," he said.

Going Global

2 The Global Corner, a 2-year-old local nonprofit organization, visited 26 Escambia County schools and worked with 7,500 students in grades K-3.

This year the organization taught students about Spanish language, culture

and history. Young students flamenco danced, made paella and replicated the work of Spanish artists.

Next year, the organization will bring Egyptian culture to schools.

On June 20, the Global Corner will host Pensacola's first Zumba-thon to help fund next year's presentations. Zumba is a high-energy salsa dance routine.

For \$15 to \$10 if you call ahead - you can engage in Zumba dance lessons at the Episcopal Day School gym from 9 to 11 a.m. To register, call Priscilla at 332-6539.

If you'd like the Global Corner to visit your school, contact Lee Little at 332-6404, or e-mail [director@theglobalcorner.org](mailto:director@theglobalcorner.org)

You've got them enrolled, now what?

3 **University of West Florida** is making strides toward increasing its enrollment.

The school's goal has been to reach 12,000 students

by 2012.

The projected enrollment for this fall is 10,800 students, up 9 percent from last year.

Also, attendance was up 30 percent at **UWF's** open house events and campus tour participation was up 25 percent, said Janice Cooper, **UWF** spokeswoman.

Now for the not-so-good news:

**UWF's** graduation rate -

the number of four-year students who graduate within six years - has wavered between 40 and 47 percent over the past few years.

According to a report by USA Today, the average university graduation rate is 53 percent.

In September, following the fall commencement, **UWF** will have the most recent graduation and retention rates.

Sure we're a military town,

and that can complicate things for some students. But active-duty military only make up about 5 percent of **UWF's** student population. This information also doesn't include students who transfer to another school.

But let's hope **UWF** and schools across the country, are as focused on keeping their existing students as they are on recruiting new ones.

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## Stinnett in pool for UWF job

D.C. Reeves

With the application deadline officially closing Wednesday, more than 100 names are in the hat for the vacant men's basketball coaching position at the **University of West Florida**.

At least one resonates widely around the Pensacola area.

Bob Stinnett, a local coaching icon who most recently led Pensacola High to the Class 4A state semifinals in March, confirmed that he has applied for the job vacated by Don Hogan on May 26.

"I'm in there," said Stinnett, 64, who left PHS after posting a 54-10 record in two seasons. "It's my alma mater, and it's always been my dream job."

First arriving in Pensacola as a senior at **UWF** in 1967, Stinnett has put his fingerprints all over the local basketball community.

Stinnett earned his bachelor's degree in physical education while playing on the school's first men's basketball team in 1967-68. He was one of the first three people inducted into the **UWF** athletic hall of fame.

Under coach Marvin Beck, basketball was a recognized sport at **UWF** from 1967-76. The program was shut down in 1976 and eventually reactivated in 1993. Stinnett was a finalist for the head coaching position, but the job went to Hogan.

Hogan held the post from 1993 until last month when he left to become the associate head coach at Coastal Carolina, an NCAA Division I program.

Stinnett's first head coaching stint came in 1969 at age 23 when he became the first white basketball coach at the newly integrated Washington High. He went 31-1 and won a state title in his only season.

After high school and junior college stops in South Florida (1970-75), Stinnett was hired as an assistant at LSU and worked there for three seasons. He left to start a career as a restaurateur, but with players he helped recruit, the Tigers won two SEC titles in three seasons, made three NCAA appearances and one trip to the Final Four from 1978-81.

Stinnett came back to coach-

ing as the head coach at Pensacola Junior College from 1985-87. In his first season, he led the Pirates to a state title and a seventh place finish at the junior college national tournament.

His whirlwind of coaching stops took him to the University of New Orleans as an assistant (1987-88), to launch the basketball program at Okaloosa Walton Community College in Niceville (1990-92) and Chipola College in 1994-95.

He worked in the restaurant business for 12 years before returning to PHS as the head coach in 2007.

**UWF** athletic director Dave Scott has put together a search committee to sift through the 100-plus names come up with a list of finalists. The committee's first meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday morning at the Argonaut Athletic Club.

Scott hopes to have a head coach in place by August. Official team practice begins on Oct. 15.

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# US State News

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## GOV. CRIST REAPPOINTS JUDITH BENSE TO FLORIDA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla., June 10 -- Gov. Charlie Crist, R-Fla., has issued the following news release:

Governor Charlie Crist today announced the following reappointment: FLORIDA HISTORICAL COMMISSION \* Judith A. Bense, 64, of Pensacola, president of the **University of West Florida**, reappointed for a term beginning June 10, 2009, and ending June 30, 2012. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- [htsyndication@hindustantimes.com](mailto:htsyndication@hindustantimes.com)

# Pensacola News Journal

June 10, 2009 Wednesday

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## Boyd could be picked in MLB Draft today

Jeff Haws

For Tate High's Jayce Boyd, the wait will go on at least one more day.

Day one of the Major League Baseball Draft came and went Tuesday without Boyd coming off the board, and he's now a safe bet to be picked in the early part of today's rounds, which run from 4 through 30, starting at 11 a.m.

Since he wasn't picked, his future is still up in the air, but it was a fun experience for him.

"I figured it probably wouldn't be (Tuesday) anyway," said Boyd, who already has signed with Florida State. "I was just excited to watch because half those guys drafted today, I've played against or played with."

He came close to being picked by the Chicago Cubs. The organization

called and made him an offer with the 79th pick, toward the end of the second round. He turned it down, though, because he's expecting either the Red Sox or Yankees to give him a chance to play summer ball for them to see if he can earn the undisclosed money number he wants from them.

Boyd still is expected to be easily the first area selection in this year's draft, but several other local baseball players should be chosen at some point during the next two days. The MLB Draft runs for 50 rounds.

West Florida High pitcher Brett Lee is the next high school player who will likely be picked. Lee also is an FSU signee, and Major League scouts are attracted to his 6-foot-4 frame and left-handed delivery. He's expected to go somewhere between rounds 12 and 20.

John Church at the **Uni-**

**versity of West Florida** led the Argos with a 1.55 ERA this season and can expect to see his name called today or Thursday. He should be chosen somewhere from rounds 15 through 25. Tate High grad and University of South Alabama catcher David Doss also could hear his name called today.

Pensacola Junior College catcher Robert Beary and Milton High pitcher Paul Baggett both have a legitimate chance to be drafted, but it likely won't come until Thursday's later rounds.

Players who choose to sign with the team that drafts them forgo their college eligibility. If a player decides to play major college baseball, they must stay for three years before being draft eligible again. They can re-enter the draft sooner if they choose to play at a junior college.

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## UWF conducting comprehensive search for new hoops coach

D.C. Reeves

In the preliminary stages of the hiring process - and still several weeks from a hiring a new men's basketball coach - **University of West Florida** athletic director Dave Scott made it clear that he is not willing to sacrifice thoroughness for speed.

Looking to replace 16-year head coach Don Hogan, who left for Coastal Carolina on May 26, Scott put together a seven-person search committee to help find Hogan's replacement.

The first meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, but Scott has delayed the meeting to next week so he can add three more committee members.

"Just looking at it internally, we noticed that we didn't have a student on the committee, and we needed some more community representation," Scott said. "We just want to make sure we're doing the right thing. There's a lot of interest in basketball in this community, and it's an important decision.

"We want to be deliberate

about it."

Scott hopes that a new coach will be in place by August, but there's no doubt that the new hire will be in an immediate pinch for the 2009-10 season. Practice officially begins on Oct. 15 and recruiting season has been in full swing for weeks.

That hasn't deterred any resumes from coming in, however.

With the job posting officially closing at midnight tonight, Scott already has received more than 100 applications.

The athletic department has received dozens of phone calls daily from applicants and big-name references looking to put in a good word for potential hires.

When the revised 10-person search committee finally meets - a meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday morning in the Argonaut Athletic Club - it will be chaired by John Todorovich.

Todorovich serves as the chair for the Health, Leisure and Exercise Science department at **UWF**. The com-

mittee will narrow down the applications to a list of finalists and recommend those finalists to Scott.

"We're looking forward to having an open committee that will carefully consider all candidates," Todorovich said. "We would ideally have a candidate that would lead us to success on the court, but we are also looking for the candidate to be an active part of the university and a mentor to the student-athletes in both their academic and life pursuits."

The new hire will be just the third men's basketball coach in school history, and this is Scott's first head coaching hire since becoming the school's athletic director.

Marvin Beck was the school's first men's basketball coach, holding the position from 1967-76 until the men's basketball program was shut down.

Basketball was brought back to campus in 1993, and Hogan was hired and he held the post through the 2008-09 season.

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## More than 450 swimmers competing in GPAC meet

From staff reports

The Greater Pensacola Aquatic Club will host more than 450 swimmers this weekend at the **University of West Florida** Aquatics Center.

More than 20 swim teams will compete in the GPAC Tom Lalor Invitational, which will begin at 11 a.m. Friday.

Competitors include swimmers from major college programs, including Auburn and

Florida State, and from as far away as Illinois.

The meet is a long-course event, using the full-length of **UWF's** 50-meter pool.

Competition continues Saturday and Sunday, beginning at 11 a.m. each day.

For more information, visit [www.gpacswimteam.org](http://www.gpacswimteam.org).

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## **Pensacola's Joe Durant falls short at U.S. Open qualifier**

From staff reports

PGA Tour golfer and Molino resident Joe Durant fell just short in his attempt to qualify for the U.S. Open on Monday.

The Escambia High School graduate shot 138 over 36 holes in Germantown, Tenn., coming up just short. Durant's 138 earned him a spot in a six-man playoff, competing for the Tennessee qualifier's final spot in the tournament to be held June 18-21 at Bethpage Black in Farmingdale, N.Y.

Former **University of West Florida** golfer and Gulf Breeze resident Bryan Clarke shot 146 at the Orlando qualifier, falling eight shots short. Clarke helped lead the **UWF** golf team to a national title in 2001.

Milton High graduates Heath Slocum, Bubba Watson and Boo Weekley already have qualified for the tournament.

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## **BOG subcommittee OKs tuition hikes for five universities**

Angeline J. Taylor  
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A Board of Governors' subcommittee took the first step to increase tuition Tuesday when it recommended the approval of fee increases for five public universities.

Budget and finance committee members approved tuition plans for Florida A&M University, the **University of West Florida**, the University of South Florida and the University of Central Florida.

An 8-percent tuition increase and extra fee known as the differential tuition were approved by state lawmakers and Gov. Charlie Crist. Trustees at FAMU, UNF and **UWF** planned to increase tuition by 15-percent or \$94.33 per credit hour. UCF's

tuition boost would bring costs to \$97 per credit hour. USF's tuition could cost \$102.33 per credit hour.

"This committee will screen the differential tuition requests to make recommendations to the full board," committee chairman Tico Perez said.

Trustee boards at the remaining six public universities will meet within the next week, approve their individual tuition plans and pass their reports to the BOG subcommittee. Those universities are: University of Florida, New College of Florida, Florida State, Florida Atlantic, Florida Gulf Coast and Florida International universities.

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## Emerging Artists exhibit set

Submitted by Juli Jordan

The first Emerging Artists exhibit will kick off Thursday with an Artists' Reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Orange Beach Art Center. A variety of mediums will be on display including ceramics, painting and new media.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Arts, Inc., a nonprofit organization that supports the Orange Beach Art Center. Organizers say the purpose of the exhibit is to draw attention to the works of chosen graduating artists and provide exposure, experience and encouragement.

Each featured artist graduated this year with a bachelor of fine arts degree. Artists include Spring Hill College's Matt Carpenter, University of Mobile's Laura Phillips, **University of West Florida's** Daniel Gonzalez and Molly Bowen and the University of South Alabama's Skye Murrill and April Hopkins.

For more information about the event, call the OBAC at 251-981-2787 or visit [www.orangebeachartcenter.com](http://www.orangebeachartcenter.com).

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# The News-Press

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## School Briefs: Hispanic-American group gives gift

The Hispanic American Business Alliance recently presented a \$200 check to The Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida to provide 20 Lee County elementary students with new backpacks and school supplies at the 10th annual Back-To-School Festival & School Supply Giveaway.

The event was part of the new Adopt-A-Student outreach program that was launched to raise money in support of kids in need. This year's goal is to provide support to 2,000 elementary school-aged children at the Annual Back-To-School Festival, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 2 at Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers.

To make a donation or to learn more about the Adopt-A-Student outreach program, visit [multiculturalcentre.org](http://multiculturalcentre.org).

In other news:

- Teams from Diplomat and Challenger middle schools in Cape Coral placed in the top 10 of their divisions of the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals on May 27-30 at Ames, Iowa.

Diplomat students Justin Esposito, Nicholas Lemon, Allen Serrell, Elizabeth Santiago, Arianna Pursel, Michelle Mon-

toya and Robert Owen teamed to finish fifth in Division II of the Lost Labor of Heracles category.

Challenger students Skyeler Ferris, Matthew King, Abby Kingery, Melissa Maturo, Gerilyn Rossman and Shelby Starks combined to place ninth in Division II of the Earth Trek category.

Other area schools that placed were Cape Elementary, tied for 13th in Division I of Lost Labor of Heracles; Tropic Isles Elementary, 15th in Division I of Teach Yer Creature; and Mariner High, 17th in Division III of Lost Labor of Heracles.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.

- The School District of Lee County's Comcast Cable Channel 99 is now available online.

Launch the channel via computer by visiting [lee-schools.net](http://lee-schools.net) and clicking on the link to the "TV Studio" found on the main page.

The channel features educational on-demand programming as well as live meetings

of the Lee County School Board.

- Cypress Lake Middle School classes have learned this year the vital importance of education as it relates to careers, financial success and ultimate personal satisfaction in their career choices.

John Kimbell, a financial adviser with Alliance Financial Group, taught a group of students from Janet Sherlin's classes the "Economics for Success" on behalf of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida.

- Technology Student Association Chapters at Fort Myers High, Fort Myers Middle, Lexington Middle, Mariner Middle and Trafalgar Middle recently competed in the state competition.

The results of the competition were:

- Fort Myers High: brought 11 students, had finalists in 13 events and brought home three second-place trophies and one third-place trophy;

- Fort Myers Middle: brought 13 students, had finalists in 10 events and brought home one second-place trophy;

- Lexington Middle: brought 11 students and had finalists

in eight events;

- Mariner Middle: brought eight students, had finalists in two events and brought home one second-place trophy.

- Trafalgar Middle: brought four students and had finalists in two events.

- Six Lee County public high schools have been selected to participate in a national Algebra 1 Study conducted by researchers at the Center for Social Organization of Schools at The Johns Hopkins University.

More than 450 ninth-graders from Cape Coral, Dunbar, East Lee County, Estero, Island Coast, and Riverdale high schools will participate.

Study will evaluate two non-traditional approaches to teach algebra, determining if one approach is more effective in increasing mathematics skills and performance or whether the two approaches are equally effective. Schools were randomly assigned to one of two strategies for one school year.

To be eligible for the study, students must be in enrolled in Algebra I for the first time.

- Kathleen Minckler of North Fort Myers High School has been awarded the Sam Platt Scholarship from the Southwest Florida Pastel Society. The annual scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior who will be pursuing a career in the visual arts through a post-high school art program, either college, university or professional art school.

Minckler has a 4.0-plus GPA and plans to attend Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia.

- Seven senior students in the Firefighting Academy at South Fort Myers High School have completed 30 hours of ride-along time with the South Trail Fire District. For 15 days, two hours a day, the students worked alongside the South Trail firefighters at the station, participated in training exercises, and responded with the firefighters on emergency calls.

- Six Lee County high school students each received a \$3,000 Sam Walton Community Scholarship to use toward college tuition and other costs, such as books and on-campus living. A total of \$600,000 in scholarships was awarded to collegebound students in Florida.

Recipients are:

- Marisa Schreiber of Fort Myers (Florida Gulf Coast University)

- Hanna Schnars of Fort Myers (University of Florida)

- Ashley Lambert of Cape Coral (**University of West Florida**)

- Joshua Byerly of Cape Coral (Covenant College)

- Joel Bilkstad of Cape Coral (Edison State College)

- Su Kim of Cape Coral (Florida Gulf Coast University)

- Tice Elementary second-grade teacher Debra Hornick, a 2009 Golden Apple recipient, and Joie Deluca, Pre-K

teacher, recently were awarded \$500 by The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools for their project, "Go Green, Stay Lean!"

The project was developed for students to plant and care for a vegetable garden, with the end goal of donating produce to a local soup kitchen.

Classroom grants are a unique method for teachers to explore new techniques and develop innovative educational projects to enrich standard curriculum and enhance learning opportunities for their students.

- Cub Scout Pack 330, Boy Scout Troop 330, Bonita Springs Charter School, Gateway Charter School, Six Mile Charter Academy and Lowe's of Estero recently joined efforts for the third annual Rock the Croc fundraiser for the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium.

The group gathered enough donated food to feed the animals at the center for two months and collected more than \$3,000 in cash donations. They also conducted a raffle ticket drive for an adult and child to attend the nature center's Spring Fling fundraiser, featuring Jack Hanna at Harborside Event Center.

Additionally, Pack 330 and Troop 330 will work with the nature center to rebuild cages that are in great need of repair.

Rock the Croc began as a tribute to famous crocodile hunter Steve Erwin, who died in 2006 after being stung by a stingray.

- Melody Cooke, freshman class president at Fort Myers High School, recently won first place as the overall winner and in the junior category in the prestigious Steinway Piano Competition hosted by Florida Gulf Coast University and the Steinway Music Gallery of Naples.

Cooke, 15, was selected from a field of 85 contestants from Southwest Florida. She performed her winning selection from Beethoven.

- Three South Fort Myers High School teaching academy students have passed the paraprofessional exam. Seniors Melissa Lau, Cammesha Moody and Victoria Particska are now eligible to work in the Lee County public school system as paraprofessionals.

The students gained experience working at Six-Mile Charter Elementary. They assisted students with reading and math skills and performed other duties assigned by teachers.

- Voice of Democracy has announced this year's scholarship competition theme: "Does America Still Have Heroes?"

Each year, more than 100,000 ninth- through 12-graders nationwide compete for more than \$3 million in scholarships and incentives through the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Students are asked to write and record a broadcast script on a patriotic theme.

Prizes and scholarships are awarded at the local, regional, state and national level. The top scholarship is \$30,000, with other national prizes ranging from \$1,000 to \$16,000. Each state's first-place winner receives an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Students interested may submit their entries through the Bonita Springs Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4254, 10972 K-Nine Drive, Bonita Springs.

Download the required entry form at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org). Submissions must be received by Nov. 1.

- Tiara Thomas has been chosen as the 2009-10 drum major for the Golden Lightning Marching Band at Lehigh Senior High School Center for the Arts. Musical

director Jay Parales is excited about the leadership and professionalism that Thomas will bring to the band.

- Bonita Springs Utilities invites students to help illustrate its 2010 Water Conservation calendar.

The drawings should show the importance of water and suggest ways to use it wisely.

The contest is open to Bonita Springs students in kindergarten through fifth grade during the 2008-09 school year.

Students whose drawings are selected will win movie tickets and recognition.

The nonprofit utility has published the calendar annually since 2002 as a way to remind customers of the importance of smart water use throughout the year. More than 800 drawings were submitted for the 2009 calendar.

Entry forms are available online at [BSU.us](http://BSU.us) or at the utilities' office on East Terry Street. The deadline for submissions is June 26.

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