

# FORD: City man wins house seat

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for his tenure in office, Ford responded: "I think the first thing I want to begin to work for other than the obvious statewide priorities of alleviating the problems in insurance and taxes, is addressing Highway 98 congestion. It is my understanding that the funds for Highway 98 improvements have dropped out from the next Five Year Plan. Clearly, we need to get the funding restored to solve this challenge.

"And second of all, I would like to see some of the state grants that are available to return to our area to fund parks improvement and development. We must secure some of the matching funds that are available specifically for parks development to continue the quality of life that we value and enjoy in our public areas."

# CITY: Several apply to fill seat on Gulf Breeze Council

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I remain committed. It was a close election."

Other names have swirled around at Rotary Clubs, happy hours and neighborhood barbecues, including George Scarborough, Dick Fulford, Ed Gray, Deborah Roche, David Davidson, Bob Cleveland and Bill Clark.

Fulford and Roche are confirmed applicants, but Gray chuckled when asked if he was interested, saying "I've done that job." With a serious tone, he clarified that he would stay right where he was on the School Board. "I have a very real obligation to fill out my term. I was elected in the Fall and people are counting on me."

"We have not received any resumes as of now," City Clerk

Marita Rhodes said. "We are hearing of a lot of interest. The individual chosen will be appointed until the next general election in two years."

Those interested should submit a letter of interest and resume to the City Clerk's office no later than Monday, March 12. The letters and resumes will be provided to Council Members at their Executive Session on Wednesday, March 14. The Council will consider the letters and resumes and discuss the applicants at that time. A decision will be made at the March 19 Regular Council meeting.

To be eligible, an applicant must reside in the City of Gulf Breeze and be a registered voter. Pay is \$1 at the end of each one-year term.

"It is extremely important now that they need to get the

widest applicant group that show interest in serving," affirms Ford. "It is not done for pay certainly, it is something that you do as part of your public service. We hear of a large group of interested individuals, so I'm sure the council will take the time to select the right one. The next general election is in less than two years, and the appointee will have to run. The electorate will have the opportunity to review the work and dedication of the appointee, and they will determine how long they ultimately serve."

Gray affirmed the importance of selecting the right man or woman for the job. "This is not the first time we have had to fill a vacated position. When I was Mayor, we appointed the first female city council member, Brenda Pollack. This presents a real opportunity."

## Calendar of Events

**Thursday, March 8**  
**Santa Rosa County Commission Regular Meeting**, 9 a.m., Commissioner's Board Room, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton  
 9:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. at Gulf Breeze Library

**Wednesday, March 14**  
**Santa Rosa County Building Code Board of Adjustments**, 3 p.m., Conference Room, 6051 Old Bagdad Highway, Milton  
**City of Gulf Breeze Executive Committee Meeting**, 6:30 p.m., Gulf Breeze City Hall, 1070 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze

**Friday, March 9**  
**No meetings scheduled as of press time**

**Saturday, March 10**  
**19th Annual Riverwalk Arts Festival**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Riverwalk Milton. Contact: Jan, 623-3711

**Sunday, March 11**  
**19th Annual Riverwalk Arts Festival**, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Riverwalk Milton. Contact: Jan, 623-3711

**Monday, March 12**  
**No meetings scheduled as of press time**

**Tuesday, March 13**  
**Free AARP Tax Preparation:** 9:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. at Gulf Breeze Library

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**Santa Rosa Island Authority Board Meeting**, 5 p.m., SRIA Administrative Office, 1 Via De Luna, Pensacola Beach

**Free AARP Tax Preparation:** 9:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. at Gulf Breeze Library

**Thursday, March 15**  
**Santa Rosa County Library Advisory Committee**, 4 p.m., Commissioner's Board Room, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton

**Free AARP Tax Preparation:** 9:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. at Gulf Breeze Library

# SCHOOLS: Tax would help fund more classrooms

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"When people can drive anywhere in this county and see where their money goes. When people see that, they are more apt to supporting (the tax)," said Coleman. Coleman added that classrooms are the main priority of the five-year plan because of state-mandated classroom size requirements. She's also a proponent for acquiring land for new schools as a result of future district growth.

"We can purchase land with (half-cent sales tax revenue), which is wonderful. It certainly saves the taxpayers money in the end," she said.

Homeowners are currently paying a 1.4 millage rate for the SRCSD in addition to a 6.6175 millage rate for the county. The city of Gulf Breeze recently lowered its millage rate from 1.9 to 1.6283. Those within the Midway Fire District pay a millage rate of 1.4.

"We'd rather have the half-cent sales tax rather than increase our millage," said Superintendent John Rogers. "Capital outlay projects are something that are needed in the Santa Rosa County School District."

In other school board news:  
 ■ School board members approved the implementation of the Summer Volunteer Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Programs for the district. Some of the requirements include that classes

begin no earlier than May 1 of the school year; no child eligible to participate in the summer programs will be denied; pre-k classes will consist of no more than 20 children and school districts shall give priority to teachers who have experience or coursework in early childhood. There are currently 160 slots available as per the number of Central and South Santa Rosa County sites to hold classes. Four classrooms are scheduled at West Navarre Intermediate with 80 slots available. Board member Ed Gray expressed interest in locating the South End classrooms to Oriole Beach Elementary to cut the travel distance for Gulf Breeze area students.

■ March 5 through 9 was designated as national School Breakfast Week.

■ School board approved the 2007-2008 school calendar. Students are slated to begin classes on Aug. 20. Gulf Breeze High School senior graduation will be June 2, 2008 at 5 p.m.

■ The district received a check for \$17,678.14 representing a rebate for the VISA Card program for the year of 2006 (Jan. through Dec.) \$2,000 was approved to be used to fund this year's VISA Incentive Program.

The Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners has requested that the Santa Rosa County School District sign a statement of concurrence agreeing to become an active participant in the Santa Rosa County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMPT). The request was made in an effort to overcome potential fuel shortages or any other unknown delay in receiving normal fuel supply. Santa Rosa County Emergency Management will monitor the district's 47,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 15,000 gallons of unleaded fuel during disaster/emergency operations.

■ Southern Management, the district's janitorial service, announced to the district the capabilities of the company's ride-on extractor that can clean around 4.5 acres of carpet per night.

■ School board approved disciplinary action for the following: Holley Navarre Middle School: one student for possession of a weapon (knife).

Gulf Breeze High School: one student perceived and was under the influence of drugs on school grounds (Xanax); one student for possession, distribution of and under the influence of drugs on

school grounds (Xanax); one student for possession and sale of prescription medication without a prescription on school grounds.

Navarre High School: one student for possession and distribution of prescription medication; one student for possession of prescription medication without a prescription; one student for possession of prescription medication without a prescription; one for student possession and distribution of prescription medication without a prescription.

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# CRIME: Investigation pending

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allegations but was arrested without incident on Feb. 27. Sanchez was charged with one felony count of lewd and lascivious behavior and an investiga-

tion about the second girl's claim is pending. Sanchez, who lives on the 2700 block of Riverside Landing Drive in Navarre, is being held in the Santa Rosa County Jail without bond.

# BURGLAR: Looking to steal

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-cle, which yielded the latex gloves described by Sandvort. Nguyen, who works as a commercial fisherman, then confessed to the crime and was placed under arrest.

In a recorded confession, Nguyen stated that he entered the garage and then the 2000 model Lincoln parked inside "to see if there was anything he

wanted to take," deputy reports said.

While processing Nguyen for incarceration deputies found a folded \$1 bill that contained .02 grams of cocaine.

Nguyen was charged with two felony counts of burglary and one felony count of smuggling contraband into a detention facility. Nguyen's bail was set at \$30,000.

# 'Young Democrats' group forming

A new group called Young Democrats of Northwest Florida will meet Wednesday, March 14 at the Gulf Breeze Recreation Center. The group is for 16- to 39-year-olds interested in changing local and national leadership.

For information, contact Bruce Yates at 384-4361 or e-mail catsailor1@bellsouth.net.

## Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office Report

FELONIES	Information provided by the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office.
2/25/07 Ellison, Henry William, 42, W/M, 9200 block of Eagle Nest Drive, Navarre, aggravated assault	Navarre, burglary, larceny, less than \$5,000
2/26/07 Broxson, Suzanne Marie, 37, W/F, 7500 block of Blackjack Circle, Navarre, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon	Wegner, Stephen P., 42, W/M, 3200 block of Birdseye Circle, Gulf Breeze, fraud, forgery
Nguyen, Hung Thanh, 19, A/M, 3100 block of Auburn Parkway, Gulf Breeze, burglary, smuggling contraband into a detention facility	DUI
2/25/07 Parliman, Michael Lindsey, 47, W/M, 6000 block of Capitol Drive, Navarre, failure to appear	2/25/07 Lynch, Patricia Anne, 45, W/F, 3200 block of Birdseye Circle, Gulf Breeze, DUI and property damage
2/27/07 Makonis Jr., Donald, 49, W/M,	

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