

Ultimate Summer Guide '09

Summer solstice is still a good four weeks off, but don't bother telling that to the hordes of mosquitoes, beachgoers and thunderclouds that have begun colonizing Northeast Florida.

We like to get this party started a little earlier 'round these parts, hence our annual Ultimate Summer Guide. Chock-full of stuff to do, our annual guide includes a comprehensive May-to-September events calendar, along with a close-up look at great outdoor getaways, summer movies, concert series and farmers' markets. So don't be fooled by an early sunburn or the hot nights — this summer's only just begun.

Compiled by Jessica Gonzalez



Calendar of Summer Events

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ONGOING

The exhibit **A SURVEY OF GEE'S BEND QUILTS** runs through Aug. 2 at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville. **The FOLIO WEEKLY INVITATIONAL ARTIST EXHIBITION** features 19 area artists through May 31. 356-6857.

The Foundation Academy exhibit **SEEING THE MUSEUM IN A NEW WAY** runs through May 30 at Beaches Museum & History Center, 380 Pablo Ave., Jacksonville Beach. 241-5657.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Alt-pop outfit **THE SECRET HANDSHAKE** performs at Jack Rabbits, 1528 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. 398-7496.

FCCJ Artist Series presents **GIRLS NIGHT: THE MUSICAL** at 7:30 p.m. at the Wilson Center for the Arts, located at FCCJ's South Campus, 11901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$35.50. The musical continues at 7:30 p.m. on May 27 and 28, at 8 p.m. on May 29 and 30, at 2 p.m. on May 30 and 31 and at 7 p.m. on May 31. 632-3373. artistseries.fccj.org

MUSIC @ MAIN offers a chamber music concert at 6:15 p.m. in Hicks Auditorium at Jacksonville Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-2665.

A CHAMBER TRIO CONCERT features violinist Melissa Barrett, cellist Betsy Federman and pianist Mary Watanabe McKee at 6:30 p.m. in the Friends Meeting Room at Ponte Vedra Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach. 285-5037.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

The **RITZ CHAMBER PLAYERS SPRING CONCERT SERIES FINALE** is held at 7 p.m. in Terry Concert Hall at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, 300 W. Water St., Jacksonville. 354-5547.

Progressive metal group **ISIS** performs at 8 p.m. at Jack Rabbits, 1528 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. 398-7496.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Not Just For Baby Boomers Film Series screens **GIGI**, starring Leslie Caron and Maurice Chevalier, at 5:45 p.m. at the Main Library Auditorium, 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-1741.

Hardcore outfit **KING**, featuring members of Chiodos, performs at 7 p.m. at The Pit, 14003 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. 223-9850.

The Southeast Branch Public Library's Monthly Book Club discusses Melania Mazzucco's **VITA** at 6:45 p.m. at Southeast Branch Library, 6670 U.S. 1 S., St. Augustine. 827-6900.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Artist **MARK GEORGE** raffles 15 of his paintings to benefit musician Brian Hicks, who is undergoing treatment for abdominal cancer, from 6-9 p.m. at Flux Gallery, 1011 Park St., Jacksonville. Tropic of Cancer and Matt Butler perform. 355-7233.

The **ALL IS ART SHOWCASE** features live music, DJs and a visual art exhibit from 8 p.m.-2 p.m. at Ocean Club, 401 N.

First St., Jacksonville Beach. Hot Pink DeLorean performs. Myspace.com /artshowcase1

The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra performs movie themes in the show **BOND, JAMES BOND** at 8 p.m. in Jacoby Symphony Hall at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, 300 W. Water St., Jacksonville. An encore performance is held at 8 p.m. on May 30. 354-5547.

The **SAIL JACKSONVILLE FESTIVAL** includes the Pirate Battle for Treasure, seamanship demonstrations, live entertainment, children's activities and a tall ships exhibit through May 31 at The Jacksonville Landing, 2 Independent Drive, Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-3690.

The city of Jacksonville Beach continues its eighth annual Moonlight Movies series with the animated kids' film **MADAGASCAR**, screened at 9 p.m. at Sea Walk Pavilion, located on First Street at the ocean in Jacksonville Beach. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Admission is free. Jax4kids Playland is open from 6-8 p.m. 247-6100 ext. 3.

Guitar and banjo master **TONY FURTADO** performs with **LONESOME BERT AND THE SKINNY LIZARDS** at 8:30 p.m. at Café Eleven, 501 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine. Tickets are \$12. 460-9311.

FLICK AND FLOAT features a yet-to-be-announced family movie under the stars at 6:30 p.m. at Blue Cypress Park, 4012 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville. 630-4100.

The **FIRST ANNUAL VICTORY CRUISE FOR THE CAUSE** launches at 6:30 p.m. and features dinner, music and an art auction. The ship departs from the Saint Augustine City Marina, 111 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. 240-5644.

GHOSTWITCH FAMILY BAND performs at 8 p.m. at Jack Rabbits, 1528 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. 398-7496.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

JUST TRI IT! KIDS TRIATHLON, benefiting the Children's Museum of St. Johns, begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Willie Galimore Center, 399 Riberia St., St. Augustine. A Fun Run is held at 9 a.m. 797-7243.

Raw rock band **FOXFIRE** plays at 9 p.m. at Doozer's Pub, 7636 N. Main St., Jacksonville. 738-8922.

The **SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF DUVAL COUNTY** hosts a Polynesian-themed gala from 6-10 p.m. at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$35 and \$50. 619-6513.

The Lyme Disease awareness film **UNDER OUR SKIN** screens at 1:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. 630-2655.

SELF-GUIDED ARTIST STUDIO TOUR, featuring work by 19 Jacksonville artists, is held from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, 333 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. The tour continues from noon-4 p.m. on May 31. Tickets are \$35. VIP passes are \$60. 366-6911 ext. 208.

The Vedic Cultural Program **FESTIVAL OF THE CHARIOTS** features free vegetarian food, dance, theater, live music, and arts and crafts at 3 p.m. in Latham Plaza, located at City Hall in downtown Jacksonville Beach. A parade

runs at 12:30 p.m. from Eighth Avenue North to Fifth Avenue South, ending at Latham Plaza. 334-3116 or 613-2475.

COMMUNITY CARE DAY features hurricane preparedness seminars and a host of children's activities from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Everest University's Orange Park campus, 805 Wells Road, Orange Park. 264-9122 ext. 177.

The Druids perform **THE MUSIC OF LED ZEPPELIN** at LandShark Café, 1728 Third St. N., Jacksonville Beach. Proceeds benefit musician Brian Hicks, who is undergoing treatment for abdominal cancer. 246-6024.

SCHOLAR'S WORD performs at Freebird Live, 200 N. First St., Jacksonville Beach. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. 246-2473.

MIKE ZITO performs at 8 p.m. at Mojo Kitchen, 1500 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach. 247-6636.

The workshop **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY** with **KIRK CHAMBERLAIN** is held from noon-4 p.m. at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Drive, Jacksonville. Admission is \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members. 355-0630.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

The Listening Room presents **REBECCA ZAPEN** and **WILL PEARSALL** at 7 p.m. at Mezza Luna, 110 First St., Neptune Beach. Tickets are \$10. 249-5573

The **DON THOMPSON CHORALE** performs "Down by the Riverside" at 3 p.m. at Riverside Presbyterian Church, 849 Park St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 358-0196.

PARTY AT THE BEACH is held at 4 p.m. at Ocean Club, 401 N. First St., Jacksonville Beach. Pili Pili performs. 242-8884.

A CHAMBER MUSIC ENSEMBLE performs at 10:45 a.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville, 7405 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville. Admission is free. 725-8133.

VILANO BEACH SUNDAY MARKET, featuring goods from local vendors, art and live music, is held every Sunday from noon-4 p.m. at Vilano Beach Pier Pavilion at the Vilano Beach Town Center, 2837 Coastal Highway, Vilano Beach. 540-8797.

GOING, GOING, GONE! PARTY and LIVE AUCTION are held from 5-7 p.m. at Bold City Brewery, 2670 Rosselle St., Jacksonville. Dinner, drinks and an art auction benefiting Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville and its educational programming are featured. 366-6911 ext. 208.

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival presents **MUSIC UNDER THE TSARS II**, featuring pianist Valentina Lisitsa and violinist Maria Bachmann, at 7:30 p.m. at Amelia Plantation Chapel, 36 Bowman Road, Amelia Island. Tickets are \$25. 261-1779.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Jaguars player Joe Zelenka hosts the **JOE-Z CELEBRITY BOWLING CLASSIC** to benefit the Ronald McDonald House from 3-7 p.m. at Jax Lanes Grove Park, 8270 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. Participants can play against a Jacksonville Jaguar or another local celebrity. 641-3133.

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival presents a **CANDLELIGHT** (Continues on page 20)



FILE PHOTO/WALTER COKER

One of the prettiest shaded drives (or runs) in Northeast Florida: Fernandina Beach's Fort Clinch State Park.

Heat Pump

A guide to a few of summer's must-see nature spots.

Ever notice how Floridians use air conditioning? Not mere coolant, not just humidity control, A/C is more like a weapon — a tool that doesn't simply defeat the heat, but beats it into submission. As a result, office workers often spend their designated eight-hour workdays blue and chilly. Homeowners sleep under heavy down blankets. Mall workers don suits and thick cardigans.

If there was any need for proof that you have to escape Florida's interior culture this summer, consider this: The only places kept as consistently cool as most work environments are the state's correctional facilities. A rough sketch of the best natural environments in Northeast Florida follows.

PUMPKIN HILL CREEK PRESERVE STATE PARK 13802 Pumpkin Hill Road, Jacksonville 696-5980

Pumpkin Hill offers five miles of trails for hiking, biking and equestrian use, as well as a canoe or kayak launch. The 4,000 acres also protect coastal uplands — the largest contiguous areas of these uplands remaining in Duval County.

"Areas like this are becoming rarer," says Eric Steffey, park services specialist. "Most of it's well-drained soil, and typically that's where people like to build their houses. But it's very important because it does filter the water, [it] protects the estuary, the Intracoastal waters, and provides clean water, which is important for the ocean."

GUANA TOLOMATO MATANZAS NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE 505 Guana River Road, Ponte Vedra Beach 823-4500

This coastal state park, located along A1A south of Ponte Vedra, is a great place to play and learn. A remote coquina beach is a perfect summer escape, but the park also features 10 miles of trails for biking, hiking and horseback riding, kayak or canoe launches,

birding and other wildlife viewing opportunities, not to mention some dang good fishing.

There's also plenty of history. "We have had human occupation here for more than 5,000 years," says Janet Zimmerman, the reserve's assistant manager, of the land's former inhabitants. "We have shell rings. And we have an indigo plantation [from] the 1800s."

The reserve's 2,000-square-foot Environmental Education Center is also a fun way to learn about the area's coastal and estuarine ecosystem, featuring scavenger hunts for all ages in the exhibit hall. "We have them for kids that aren't yet reading, with pictures of the habitat they can find," says Zimmerman, "and we have a version for adults."

FORT CLINCH STATE PARK 2601 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach 277-7274

Most folks know Fort Clinch for its living history program depicting garrison life during the Civil War — park rangers speak in first person, as if they were still living in 1864, and Union Garrisons are held during the first full weekend of every month, when 20 to 50 volunteers perform as re-enactors. Peter J. Scalco, park manager, notes there are plenty of other lures, too. Fort Clinch also offers beach access, a fishing pier, camping, and six miles of trails through the unspoiled hammock. It also has one of the prettiest shaded drives in Northeast Florida.

TREE HILL NATURE CENTER 7152 Lone Star Road, Jacksonville 724-4646

Right smack in the city's urban landscape is an oasis of green, Tree Hill Nature Center, where folks can enjoy nature walks, a natural history museum and live animal displays.

As the name suggests, it has both trees and a
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hill — a hardwood hammock with giant oak trees, including one massive tree that's more than 300 years old. "We have three streams that run through the property and we have swamp areas," says Lucy Cortese, executive director. "So we can compare and contrast three ecosystems in one spot. It's the only place in Jacksonville where people can do that."

KATHRYN ABBEY HANNA PARK
500 Wonderwood Drive, Jacksonville
249-4700

Most people know the 450-acre park for its 1.5 miles of beautiful beaches — perfect for swimming, surfing or fishing — but there's more to enjoy, including a 60-acre freshwater lake, a kids' "sprayground," nearly 300 campsites and 15-plus miles of biking (and some hiking) trails which vary in skill level, from the "Back 40" for newbies to "Misery" for experienced riders.

ANASTASIA STATE PARK
1340-A A1A South, St. Augustine
461-2033

Visitors from around the world flock to Anastasia

State Park, including the animal kind — endangered nesting birds, like plovers and terns, as well as sea turtles. Two-legged visitors may enjoy the beach — miles of unspoiled coastline — as well as kayak access along Salt Run, camping, nature trails and an archaeological site. The coquina used to build the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument was mined in the park, and the beach-item store is now accompanied by Island Joe's, a grill that serves everything from slushies to really good fish tacos.

BLACK CREEK RAVINES CONSERVATION AREA
Accessible from Green Road,
north of C.R. 218

Call the District's Division of Land Management at (386) 329-4404
 Black Creek Ravines is perfect for hiking, horseback riding, fishing, primitive camping and wildlife viewing. The property sits on 965 acres in Clay County, along the south bank of Black Creek, and boasts not only woodlands and fecund wetlands, but unique steep ravines. No bikes or ravine-climbing allowed, but it's well worth the trip to see a topography you'll find nowhere else in this area. □

Dolly Penland



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CONCERT, featuring the music of Berlioz, Donizetti, Mark O'Connor and Jay Unger, at 8 p.m. at Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$25. 277-7274.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

The exhibit **BEACH SCENES BY GARY MACK** runs through July 4 at Beaches Museum & History Center, 380 Pablo Ave., Jacksonville Beach. 241-5657.

A SURVEY OF GEE'S BEND'S QUILTS FAMILY NIGHT is held from 4-9 p.m. at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Drive, Jacksonville. Admission is free for this special event. 355-0630.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

FACES OF GREEN photo exhibit is held from 5-9 p.m. at Chamblin's Uptown Bookstore, 215 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. 674-0468.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

The cult classic **ROCKY HORROR SHOW** opens at The Limelight Theatre,

11 Old Mission Road, St. Augustine. The show runs through June 20. 825-1164.

The **19TH ANNUAL JACKSONVILLE FOOD FIGHT** features samples from 50 local restaurants served from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Touchdown Club at Jacksonville Municipal Stadium, located in the Sports Complex, downtown Jacksonville. Proceeds benefit Second Harvest Food Bank. Tickets range from \$50-\$75. 739-7074.

Classic Movie Night screens the film **HIS GIRL FRIDAY**, starring Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell, at 6:30 p.m. in the community room at Mandarin Public Library, 3330 Kori Road, Jacksonville. 262-5201.

The **TRACKING FLORIDA HISTORY LECTURE SERIES** features Jim Miller talking about the archaeological history of Northeast Florida at 6:30 p.m. at Beaches Museum & History Center, 380 Pablo Ave., Jacksonville Beach. Admission is free. 241-5657.

The **JAX RIVER RALLY POKER RUN** showcases boaters from all over the Southeast through June 7 at The Jacksonville Landing, 2 Independent Drive, Jacksonville. Boaters navigate a 150-mile course on the St. Johns River. 388-6637.

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival presents **BEER AND G-STRINGS II** at 7 p.m. at the Palace Saloon, 117 Centre St., Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$40. 491-3332.

RITZ SPOKEN WORD poetry reading starts at 7 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre and La Villa Museum, 829 N. Davis St., Jacksonville. 632-5555.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

The **JACKSONVILLE SUNS** take on the **CAROLINA MUDCATS** at 7:05 p.m. at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, located in the Sports Center in downtown Jacksonville. Games continue at 7:05 p.m. on June 6, 8 and 9, and at 3:05 p.m. on June 7. 358-2846.

WANEE MUSIC FESTIVAL features two days of live music including The Allman Brothers Band, Buddy Guy, The Wailers, Drive-By Truckers and 21 more at Suwannee Music Park, 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak. (386) 364-1683.

The Players **BENEFIT FOR THE ARTS** includes cocktails and dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the TPC Clubhouse, 110 TPC Blvd., Ponte Vedra. For those dining on *(Continues on page 23)*



Judas Priest

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Listen Up

Highlights of a promising (and no doubt sweltering) summer music season.

With the cruel 90-degree heat, suffocating humidity and sunshine so scorching even the California Raisins are like, “WTF?,” there’s little that’s cool about a Northeast Florida summer, in a traditional sense. But in a slangy, hep kind of way, there’s plenty of “cool” to be found during the seemingly interminable summer months — especially in the way of live music. We’re lucky around these parts in that we get a pretty steady flow of good acts and big names throughout the year, but summers are just kind of made for concerts (indoor and even outdoor, depending on your constitution). Here’s some of what’s cool during the hottest time of year.

WANEE MUSIC FEST
June 5 & 6 at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park

If you’re going to sweat your glands dry at an outdoor festival, it might as well be a good one. Now in its fifth year, Waneé Fest ‘09 features an impressive lineup of national acts, from hyper-credible classic performers like The Allman Brothers Band, Buddy Guy and The Doobie Brothers (come back, Michael McDonald!), to the classic reggae of The Wailers (who’ll be performing the album “Exodus” in its entirety), to newer blues, jam and Southern rock bands like The Derek Trucks Band

and Drive-By Truckers. Pack the sunscreen, screw the earplugs.

ELVIS PERKINS
June 11 at Café Eleven

Son of actor Anthony Perkins (of “Psycho” fame), Elvis Perkins’ folksy indie rock has drawn comparison to acts as diverse as Neutral Milk Hotel (which holds pretty true in terms of varied instrumentation and occasional sonic dissonance) and Buddy Holly (maybe because they both wear glasses?). He’s touring in support of his March ‘09 release “Elvis Perkins in Dearland.”

CHUCK RAGAN
June 11 at Jack Rabbits

Ragan lends his throaty vocals to music with a hell of a lot more twang than fans might have been accustomed to when he was lead singer of Gainesville punk band Hot Water Music. Still, his turn toward country rock has loads of appeal across genre lines, and goes perfectly with an ice-cold (or even tepid) can of PBR.

STEVE EARLE
June 14 at The Florida Theatre

The Hardcore Troubadour always brings good show, but



Avett Brothers

this concert comes on the heels of Earle's scheduled release of the tribute album to his late friend and musical mentor, Townes Van Zandt, a combination that can only spell happiness for fans of either.

SLAVE TO THE METAL FESTIVAL

June 19 & 20 at Jack Rabbits
A full lineup has yet to be announced, but this two-day fest is being hosted by Fuse VJ and metal connoisseur Mistress Juliya, who we suppose is something like the younger generation's version of Ricky Rachtman. But with a vagina, of course.

TOBY KEITH AND TRACE ADKINS

June 28 at Veterans Memorial Arena
Say what you will about his

politics (he was a staunch supporter of George W. Bush's re-election in '04, although he says he always opposed the war in Iraq), Toby Keith has a great voice and a good sense of humor (watch the videos for "I Love This Bar" and "I Want to Talk About Me" on YouTube). We'll assume Trace Adkins has a pretty decent sense of humor, too. You've heard "Honky Tonk Badonkadonk," right?

JENNY LEWIS

June 30 at Freebird Live
The indie-rock chanteuse — of Rilo Kiley and Postal Service fame — is flying solo again (not even a Watson twin by her side this go-round). Her latest solo release, 2008's "Acid Tongue," got great reviews — plus she was in "Troop Beverly Hills" which is only, like, the best late

'80s Scout-related movie ever. Starring Shelley Long, anyway.

AVETT BROTHERS **July 16 at St. Augustine Amphitheatre**

Whether you call them folk-punk, indie bluegrass or grungegrass, you don't have to give them much advance buzz. The Brothers' spectacular rise has alerted many to the North Carolina natives' Southern-tinged harmonies and soulful live performances. This is one show not to miss in 2009.

JUDAS PRIEST **Aug. 15 at St. Augustine Amphitheatre**

Nothing says dog days of summer quite like black leather bondage gear. I mean, really. It's Rob Halford live on stage in Northeast Florida — do we really have to sell anyone on this?

CROSBY, STILLS & NASH **Aug. 23 at St. Augustine Amphitheatre**

Born of three awesome '60s bands — namely, The Hollies, The Byrds and Buffalo Springfield — CSN performs oldies-but-goodies like "Marrakesh Express," "Teach Your Children" and "Southern Cross." The only thing cooler would be if Neil Young showed up for a rendition of "Our House." □

Gwynedd Stuart



Jenny Lewis

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the lawn outside, the festivities begin at 7 p.m. with a silent auction and dinner is served at 8 p.m. Michael Cavanaugh and his band perform the **CONCERT UNDER THE STARS** at 9 p.m. Tickets for the outdoor seating are \$100; tickets for indoor seating are \$250. proceeds benefit programs at Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach and the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. 543-7400.

The musical **URINETOWN** opens at Players by The Sea, 106 Sixth St. N., Jacksonville Beach. The show continues every Thur.-Sat. through June 27 with matinees on June 14 and 21. 249-0289.

Folio Weekly Art Director **KELLEY LUCAS** exhibits his new work in the show "I Can Shift, Cannot Steer" through July 31 at The Gallery at Screen Arts, 228 W. King St., St. Augustine. 829-2838. An opening reception is held from 5-10 p.m. 829-2838.

The musical-comedy **THE PRODUCERS** opens at 8 p.m. at Orange Park Community Theatre, 2900 Moody Ave., Orange Park. The run continues at 8 p.m. every Thur.-Sat. through June 27, with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. 276-2599.

The city of Jacksonville Beach continues its Moonlight Movies series with **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE** at 9 p.m. at SeaWalk Pavilion, located on First Street at the ocean in Jacksonville Beach. Admission is free. 247-6100 ext. 3.

THE 48-HOUR FILM PROJECT, which brings filmmaking teams together to write, edit and score a short film in 48 hours, kicks off at 6 p.m. and runs through June 7 at The Jacksonville Landing, 2 Independent Drive, Jacksonville. Films will be screened at 7 p.m. on June 9 and 10 at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Awards are presented at 7 p.m. on June 24 at The Florida Theatre. To register, call (321) 632-7488.

Country artist **JOSH TURNER** takes the stage at 8 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$30.50 and \$37.50. 355-2787.

SOUNDS ON CENTRE, a free community concert series held on the first Friday of each month through October, is presented from 6-8 p.m. at 218 Centre St., Fernandina Beach. 277-7305.

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival presents Arnold Steinhart playing Haydn's **SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST, OP. 51** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$25. 261-4293.

Local punk innovator **STEVIE STILETTO** performs at 8 p.m. Jack Rabbits, 1528 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville. 398-7496.

AMATEUR NIGHT AT THE RITZ, a talent showcase where the audience is the judge, starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre and La Villa Museum, 829 N. Davis St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$5.50. 632-5555.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

SAND SCULPTING CLASSES are held from 10 a.m.-noon at the Ocean Trace beach ramp in St. Augustine Beach. Admission is free. Classes continue on the first Sat. of every month. 501-1253.

Florida Sisters in Crime presents **D.B. BARTON**, author of "The Singing

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Sleuth,” from 10:30 a.m.-noon at Southeast Regional Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Blvd., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 996-0325.

FROM TREE HILL TO NASHVILLE: SONGWRITERS AND SONGBIRDS FESTIVAL starts at 10 a.m. and features a day of music workshops and live performances at Tree Hill Nature Center, 7152 Lone Star Road, Jacksonville. Tickets are \$5. 724-4646.

The Jacksonville Diversity Network **BOOK CLUB** discusses the book “Same Kind of Difference as Me” from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Chamblin’s Uptown, 215 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 674-0868.

BLACK CREEK OUTFITTERS offers a guided kayak trip to Guana River South, meeting up at Black Creek Outfitters, 10051 Skinner Lake Drive, Jacksonville. 645-7003.

UNION GARRISON features history interpreters re-creating life at Fort Clinch during the Civil War at 9 a.m. at Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. 277-7274.

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival presents **MENDELSSOHN CELEBRATION**, featuring Anne-Marie McDermott, Anne Akiko Meyers and Andres Diaz, at 7:30 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$25. 261-6306.

TOUR DE PARKS features a guided, five-mile bike tour through Atlantic Beach Parks from 9 a.m.-noon. The tour starts at Jack Russell Park, 800 Seminole Road, Atlantic Beach. Admission is free. 247-5800.

Hip-hoppers **name:bran** and **ROBIN BANKZ** perform at 8 p.m. at Ocean Club Liquor Store, 401 First St. N., Jacksonville Beach. 242-8884.

Mötley Crüe tribute band **CARNIVAL OF CRUE** performs at 8 p.m. at Freebird Live, 200 N. First St., Jacksonville Beach. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. 246-2473.

INTRODUCTION TO BASIC KAYAKING starts at 10 a.m. at Black Creek Outfitters, 10051 Skinner Lake Drive, Jacksonville. 645-7003.

The **RITZ JAZZ JAM**, featuring the Ritz Jazz Band, is held at 8 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre and La Villa Museum, 829 N. Davis St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$10.

FIRST SATURDAY GARDEN TOUR: CONTAINERS FOR THE HEAT is held from 9-11 a.m. at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, 370 Zoo Parkway, Jacksonville. A self-guided tour of the zoo’s collection of heat-busting plants is featured. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. 757-4463.

DANCE TRANCE FITNESS classes with L.A. choreographer Michelle LeMay are held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Dance Trance, 214 Orange St., Neptune Beach, 246-4600. Classes are also offered 10:30-11:30 a.m. on June 7 at Dance Trance San Marco, 1515 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville. Rates are \$25 per class or both for \$40. 390-0939.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

The Summer Garden Concert Series features **PARROTHEAD NIGHT** with local band Riptide from 3-7 p.m. at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$10. Bring blankets, chairs, food and a beverage of choice. 899-6034.

PARTY AT THE BEACH is held at 4 p.m. at Ocean Club, 401 N. First St., Jacksonville Beach. Last 2 Leave performs. 242-8884.

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival presents a **BRAHMS PROGRAM**, featuring resident fellowship artists, at 2 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$25. 261-6306.

A SONGWRITERS’ CONCERT is held from 6-8 p.m. at Adele Grage Cultural Center at Bull Park, 716 Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach. The show features original songs from local musicians. Admission is free. 247-5828.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

The exhibit **THE ROAR OF THE RACE DOWN THE BEACHES**, featuring a 1923 simple piston ring special automobile, opens at Beaches Museum & History Center, 380 Pablo Ave., Jacksonville Beach. The exhibit runs through Aug. 8. 241-5657.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Bartram Trail Branch Library’s Monthly Book Club discusses Kate Jacobs’ **FRI-DAY NIGHT KNITTING CLUB** at 7 p.m. at the library, 60 Davis Pond Blvd., Fruit Cove. 287-4929.

FCCJ Artist Series presents **TUNA DOES VEGAS** at 7:30 p.m. at Wilson Center for the Arts, located at FCCJ’s South Campus, 11901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. The musical continues at 7:30 p.m. on June 10 and 11, at 8 p.m. on June 12 and 13, at 2 p.m. on June 13 and 14 and at 7 p.m. on June 14. Tickets are \$35.50. 632-3373 or artistsseries.fccj.org

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival presents Principals of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra performing Stravinsky’s **A SOLDIER’S TALE** at 6:30 p.m. at Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$25. 277-7274.

CLAY BUST is held from 6-8 p.m. at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Drive, Jacksonville. Cost is \$115 for members, \$135 for non-members, and \$55 for active docents. 355-0630.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Acclaimed kids percussionist **BILLY JONAS** presents free performances of **BANGIN’ AND SANGIN’** at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Shows are also staged at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on June 11 and 12. 355-2787.

MUSIC @ MAIN concludes with the Huls-Clark Duo, featuring Max Huls on violin and Christine Clark on piano, at 6:15 p.m. in Hicks Auditorium at the Jacksonville Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-2665.

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival presents **DRUMS, DRAMA, DANCE** at 11 a.m. at Peck Gymnasium, 204 Ash St., Fernandina Beach. Admission is free. 277-7364.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

The Anastasia Island Public Library’s Monthly Book Club discusses Jodi Picoult’s **THE TENTH CIRCLE** at 7 p.m. at 124 Sea Grove Main St., St. Augustine. 209-3730.

The Ponte Vedra Forum Series features **GERRY REYNOLDS** discussing the Civil War at 6:30 p.m. in the Ponte

Vedra Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach. 514-4499.

Not Just For Baby Boomers Film Series screens **THE ODD COUPLE**, starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, at 5:45 p.m. at the Main Library Auditorium, 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-1741.

Folk-rock singer **ELVIS PERKINS** is joined by Gainesville indie rockers **HOLOPAW** at 8:30 p.m. at Café Eleven, 501 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine. Tickets are \$10. 460-9311.

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival presents **BEER AND G-STRINGS III**, featuring the music of Liszt, Gligolov, Woehr, Tchaikovsky and more, at 7 p.m. at Palace Saloon, 117 Centre St., Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$40. 491-3332.

CLOWN SCHOOL 2009 is offered by the Gator Clowns of Jacksonville at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 225 E. Duval St., Jacksonville. 743-1611.

CHUCK RAGAN, with guests Christina Wagner and I Am God, performs at Jack Rabbits, 1528 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. 398-7496.

T’OMB IT MAY CONCERN, the Florida Public Archaeology Network’s conference on historic cemeteries, kicks off at 10 a.m. with a guided walking tour. Trolley tours, demonstrations and lectures are held on June 12 and 13 at locations throughout St. Augustine. 819-6498.

The Summer Film Series at MOCA screens **PUNKS NOT DEAD**, a film that follows the evolution of punk rock, at 8 p.m. in the MOCA Theatre at Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, 333 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. 366-6911.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

The Museum of Science & History kicks off its **SUMMER COSMIC CONCERT SERIES** with Pink Floyd’s “Wish You Were Here” at 8 p.m., “Dark Side of the Moon” at 9 p.m. and “The Wall” at 10:30 p.m. at MOSH, 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville. Tickets are \$7 for the 8 and 9 p.m. shows, \$9 for the later show. The program repeats on June 13, July 17 and 18 and Aug. 21 and 22. 396-6674.

The Stephen Sondheim musical **INTO THE WOODS** is staged at 8 p.m. at Theatre Jacksonville, 2032 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville. Performances continue at 8 p.m. on June 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27, at 7:30 p.m. on June 18 and 25, and at 2:30 p.m. on June 14 and 21. Tickets are \$20 for seniors, students and military on Thur. and Sun., \$25 on Fri. and Sat; \$25 for adults at all performances. 396-4425.

The city of Jacksonville Beach concludes its Moonlight Movies series with **HARRY POTTER & THE SORCERER’S STONE**, screened at 9 p.m. at SeaWalk Pavilion, located on First Street at the ocean in Jacksonville Beach. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Admission is free. Jax4kids Playland is open from 6-8 p.m. 247-6100 ext. 3.

The drama **THE WESTON WOMEN** opens at 7:30 in the Swisher Theater at Jacksonville University, 2800 University Blvd., Jacksonville. Performances continue on June 13, 19 and 20. 256-7045.

FOLIO WEEKLY’S 16th ANNUAL BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL begins at 7 p.m. at the Morocco Shrine Auditorium, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road S., Jacksonville. VIP admission starts at 6 p.m. 260-9770 ext. 110. *(Continues on page 27)*

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LINDSAY WADELTON

Green thumb: Beaches Green Market in Neptune Beach focuses on organic, locally grown produce.

Eat Your Veggies

With more farmers' markets sprouting up, it's getting easier to do what Mama said

Over the past few years, locavores have forced a gastronomical evolution in Northeast Florida. Fueled by an appetite for locally grown, seasonal and organic produce, the movement has united area farmers and a customer base eager for fresh-picked foods. Farmers' markets have cropped up from Fernandina Beach to St. Augustine. Sustainable? Time will tell. But this summer, you'll be able to buy pesticide-free blueberries, pecans, organic goat cheese and all-natural grass-fed beef. There's also a plethora of cottage crafts, with homemade breads, jams, fresh-squeezed orange juice, marinades and honey from local beekeepers.

The Beaches Green Market, Fernandina Farmers Market, Riverside Arts Market and the Old City Farmers Market all are committed to providing a good selection of wares from organic farmers and growers. For sheer volume and variety, the Jacksonville Farmers Market is eye-popping, with more than 200 vendors. To shop well at farmers' markets, you need to shop the season. With summer in full sweat, think blueberries, butter beans, green

peanuts, honeydew melons, cantaloupes, eggplant, okra, fresh corn, collards, vine-ripened tomatoes — and begin there.

BEACHES GREEN MARKET
Jarboe Park, Intersection of A1A
and Florida Boulevard
Neptune Beach
270-0273 beacheslocalfoodnetwork.org
Saturdays from 2-5 p.m.

Beginning in June, Williston Blueberry Farm will be at the Beaches Green Market with pints of pesticide-free berries. Sweet Grass Dairy brings goat and cow cheeses from its 140-acre farm in Thomasville, Ga., on the second Saturday of the month. Down to Earth Organic Farm, Twinn Bridges Herb Farm and NCL Farms are among growers providing fresh-picked organic produce and Ashlin Farms of Jacksonville sells cuts of grass-fed beef. Check the market website for current vendors. If you sign up for weekly e-mails, co-founder Gretchen Ferrell sends an overview of what produce and products to expect.

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FERNANDINA FARMERS MARKET

Centre Street and Seventh Street North,
Fernandina Beach

491-4872 fernandinafarmersmarket.com

Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Billed as a growers' market, with farm-direct organic fruits and vegetables from Northeast Florida and South Georgia, the Fernandina Market brings Sweet Grass Dairy goat and cow cheeses on the second Saturday of the month. Thompson All-Natural Pork and Golden Acres Ranch's lamb and goat meat are also available. Sign up for the market newsletter at fernandinafarmersmarket.com.

JACKSONVILLE FARMERS MARKET

1810 W. Beaver St.

354-2821 jaxfarmersmarket.com

Daily from 5 a.m.-7 p.m.

Billed as Florida's oldest farmers' market, the Beaver Street Market has been in the same location since 1938. This is no doubt that it's the biggest farmers' market in Northeast Florida, with more than 200 farmers and vendors. It's also a good source for hard-to-find Asian and Caribbean produce. While most of the offerings are conventionally, not organically, grown, this market has the best deals for those willing to hunt the aisles.

OLD CITY FARMERS MARKET

St. Augustine Amphitheatre

1304 A1A S., St. Augustine

471-3733 staugustineamphitheatre.com
/farmers.php

Saturdays from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Market managers Carey and Brian Delray are aiming to make the Old City Farmers Market a one-stop shop for groceries. They've increased the number of local farmers and growers who sell freshly picked vegetables and fruits, along with home-baked breads and pastries, flowers, plants, crafts and eats. Naturally grown and organic produce from local farms include Sid and Jane Farms, Shirley's Tomatoes, Connie's Farms, NCL Farms and Spring Song Farm, a certified organic farm near Gainesville. Live bluegrass music is also featured.

RIVERSIDE ARTS MARKET

Riverside Avenue under the I-95 overpass
554-6865 riversideartsmarket.com

Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., April to December

The latest comer to the marketplace, the Riverside Arts Market takes place on the Northbank of the St. Johns River under the Fuller Warren Bridge. Crowds have been appreciative — on opening day April 4, about 40,000 people showed up. There's space there for 180 artists, craftspersons, entertainers, food vendors, farmers and growers. The westernmost aisle features organic produce, including Jacksonville's Down to Earth Organic Farms, Urban Eco, Waru Waru and Go Green, as well as Magnolia Farms from Lake City, Musickal Acres from Macclenny and Native Sun Natural Foods Market. On the riverfront, vendors sell freshly dusted beignets, vegan funnel cakes, barbecue ribs, naturally flavored shaved ices and other foodstuffs. Sign up for the weekly e-mail for a current vendor list.

THE WEDNESDAY MARKET

St. Augustine Beach Pier Parking Lot

350 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach

540-8797 thewednesdaymarket.com

Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

This weekday market is sponsored by the St. Augustine Beach Civic Association. More than 60 vendors sell organic and conventionally grown produce, arts and crafts, naturally flavored shaved ices and other snacks. Live entertainment is featured.

THE SUNDAY MARKET

Vilano Beach Pier

206 Vilano Road, Vilano Beach Pier

and Town Center

540-8797 thesundaymarket.com

Sundays from noon-4 p.m.

The Sunday Market is sponsored by the Vilano Beach Town Center and features 54 vendors, local honey, organic and conventionally grown produce, naturally flavored shaved ices, coffee, arts and crafts, food and live entertainment. □

Susan Cooper Eastman

Calendar of Summer Events

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The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival presents **RITZ CHAMBER PLAYERS** performing Mozart's "Kegelstatt Trio and Symphony No. 7" at 7:30 p.m. at Macedonia AME Church, 202 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$25. 261-4114.

MISHKA performs at 8 p.m. at Jack Rabbits, 1528 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. 398-7496.

LIVE ROCK SHOW features Hatred Unleashed, Cancer Whore, Quarter the Villain, Devore the Dead and Lobotomized at Endo Exo, 1224 Kings Ave., Jacksonville. 396-7733.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

The **NEW JAX CITY ROLLERS** skate against the **TALLAHASSEE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT** at 7 p.m. at Jax Ice Sports Complex, 3605 Philips Highway,

Jacksonville. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 399-3223.

The **ORGANIC SUMMER BASH** presents eco-friendly ideas from noon-5 p.m. at LuLu Boutique, located in St. Johns Town Center, 4412 Town Center Parkway, Jacksonville. 381-4843.

The **CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN** features classic and custom cars from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at FCCJ's Advanced Technology Center, 401 W. State St., Jacksonville. (The rain date is June 20.) 598-5695.

Rock bands **HELLO DANGER** and **WE STILL DREAM** perform with guests Words in Red and Katie Grace Helow at 8 p.m. at Freebird Live, 200 N. First St., Jacksonville Beach. 246-BIRD.

THE MINI COLLECTION juried art show runs through July 14 at The Art Center Cooperative, 111 E. Bay St., Jacksonville. 355-1757.

SIMON KIDGITS CLUB SUPER DUPER MINI CHEFS, featuring food-oriented activities, is held from 1-3 p.m. at Orange Park Mall, 1910 Wells Road, Orange Park. 268-9413.

A FREE KIDS' FISHING CLINIC starts at 9 a.m. at Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. The event includes a free rod and reel for each child. Kids must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. 277-7274.

ARTRAGEOUS ARTWALK is held from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and features more than a dozen galleries showcasing local art in downtown Fernandina. 277-2717.

THE GREAT JACKSONVILLE CAMP-OUT starts at 6 p.m. in Losco Regional Park, 10851 Hood Road S., Jacksonville. Admission is free.

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival presents the **HADYN AND MENDELSSOHN ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM**, featuring Roberto Diaz, at 2

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p.m. at Macedonia AME Church, 202 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$10. 261-4114.

WILD WONDERS, a hands-on nature program for the family, is held at 11 a.m. at Dutton Island, 2110 Dutton Island Drive, Atlantic Beach. 247-5828.

GRANDPARENT AND ME: STORIES AND QUILTS is held for kids, ages 6-12, and one grandparent from 3-4 p.m. at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Drive, Jacksonville. Cost is \$10 per pair for members, \$15 per pair for non-members and \$8 for active docents. 355-0630.

Black Creek Outfitters holds a **FATHER'S DAY KAYAK DEMO** at Skinner Lake behind the store, 10051 Skinner Lake Drive S., Jacksonville. 645-7003.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

The Summer Jazz Concert Series **COOL SOUNDS OF HOT SUMMER NIGHTS** is held from 5-9 p.m. at SeaWalk Pavilion, located on First Street at the ocean in Jacksonville Beach. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Admission is free. 247-6100 ext. 3.

ADRIAN R'MANTE, from the Disney show "The Suite Life of Zack and Cody," appears at a meet-and-greet from noon-3 p.m. at the grand opening of Super Gaming Center, 1483 Atlantic Blvd., Neptune Beach. 242-9040.

A trip-planning seminar, **THE EUROPEAN TRAVELLER**, is held from 10-11 a.m. at Black Creek Outfitters, 10051 Skinner Lake Drive, Jacksonville. 645-7003.

Alt-country/rocker **STEVE EARLE** performs at 8 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$28.50 and \$38.50. 355-2787.

The **CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF GOOD SHEPHERD** performs Bach's Brandenburgs No. 3 and 6, Cantata No. 83 and Concerto for Two Violins at 6 p.m. in Craig Hall, 1100 Stockton St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 387-5691.

PARTY AT THE BEACH is held at 4 p.m. at Ocean Club, 401 N. First St., Jacksonville Beach. Big Al & the Kaholics perform. 242-8884.

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival presents **NIGHT AT THE OPERA: NO SINGERS!** featuring the Eroica Trio at 5:30 p.m. at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, 4570 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island. The concert is \$50 and dinner is \$100. 277-1100.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

PROPAIN performs at 8 p.m. at Jack Rabbits, 1528 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. 398-7496.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

GEE'S BEND, a drama that tells the story of a quilting family in Gee's Bend, Ala., produced in partnership with Players by the Sea, is staged at 7 p.m. at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Drive, Jacksonville. Admission is \$5. 355-0630.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

The **JACKSONVILLE SUNS** take on the **MOBILE BAYBEARS** at 1:05 p.m. at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, located in the Sports Center in downtown Jacksonville. Games continue at

7:05 p.m. on June 18, 19 and 20, and at 3:05 p.m. on June 21. 358-2846.

ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS TALKS AND TEA is held at 1:30 p.m. at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Drive, Jacksonville. 355-0630.

The GTM Research Reserve hosts a **FAMILY FUN HOUR** from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at 505 Guana River Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. A nature story is followed by a story-related take-home craft. Participation is free; register by calling 823-4500.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

The annual **NSFA KINGFISH TOURNAMENT**, a three-day event held at the foot of Centre Street in Fernandina Beach, features the world's best kingfish anglers, a fish fry and an awards ceremony. 491-2090.

SALT COOKING SCHOOL runs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, 4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island. The two-day event allows guests to master professional culinary techniques and experience new tastes. Cost is \$339 per session. 227-1100.

Hard rockers **SALIVA** play at 3 p.m. at Studio 80 in Bourbon Street Station, 1770 St. Johns Bluff Road S., Jacksonville. 641-8777.

Grammy Award-winning artists **STEELY DAN** perform at 7 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, 1340 A1A S., St. Augustine. Tickets range from \$39-\$99. 471-1965.

ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS TALKS AND TEA is held at 1:30 p.m. at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Drive, Jacksonville. 355-0630.

CONTEMPORARY CONVERSATIONS: SURVEILLANCE VIDEO IN ART, a discussion of relationship of art and digital technologies, is held from 6-7:30 p.m. in the theater at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 333 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 366-6911.

Bad Girlz Adult Book club at Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd St., Jacksonville, discusses Shannon Holmes' **BAD GIRLZ** at 6:30 p.m. 778-7305.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

The Museum of Science & History continues its **SUMMER COSMIC CONCERT SERIES** with "Classic Rock" at 8 p.m., "Eclectic '80s" at 9 p.m. and "Van Halen" at 10:30 p.m. at MOSH, 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville. Tickets are \$7. The program repeats on June 20 and July 24 and 25. 396-6674.

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S ANIMAL HOUSE is screened at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Bed-sheet togas are welcome. 355-2787.

3RD ON 3RD starts at 5:30 p.m. in Baker Hall at Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St., Fernandina Beach. Held on the third Friday of every month, the event offers presentations the island's intriguing history. For non-members, admission is \$5. 261-7378.

Indie rock innovator **JOHN VANDERSLICE** performs at 8:30 p.m. at Café Eleven, 501 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine. Tickets are \$10. 460-9311.

SLAVE TO THE METAL FESTIVAL runs today and June 20 at Jack Rabbits, 1528 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville. 398-7496.

INFERNAL DOLL FACTORY BURLESQUE SHOW is held at Endo Exo, 1224 Kings Ave., Jacksonville. 396-7733.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Country group **CROSSIN DIXON** performs at Maverick's at The Jacksonville Landing, 2 Independent Drive, Jacksonville. 353-8464.

The **TEEN BATTLE OF THE BANDS**, hosted by the teen department of the Jacksonville Public Library, begins at 11:30 a.m. in Hicks Auditorium, Jacksonville Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-0673.

First Coast Care hosts its inaugural **FILIPINO PRIDE DAY** at The Jacksonville Landing, 2 Independent Drive, Jacksonville. Local Filipino performers and a Filipino feast are featured. 379-7673.

Author **WILLIAM LITTLE** signs copies of his book, "Roadside Bombs and Democracy," at 1 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 11112 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville. 886-9904.

The **ONE & ONLY GENUINE ORIGINAL MOSH PARTY** features performances by K-9 Frisbee Dogs, face painting, close-up encounters with snakes, a moon bounce, a rock wall and other activities from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Museum of Science and History, 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville. Advance tickets are \$20. A Family 4-Pack of tickets is \$75. 396-MOSH.

The **JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION** is held through June 21 at Collier-Blocker-Puryear Park (formerly Calvin Peete Park), 10 N. Holmes Blvd., West Augustine. A parade is held at 10 a.m. 810-5643.

INTRODUCTION TO BASIC KAYAKING starts at 10 a.m. at Black Creek Outfitters, 10051 Skinner Lake Drive, Jacksonville. Family and carside camping are also discussed. 645-7003.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

PARTY AT THE BEACH is held at 4 p.m. at Ocean Club, 401 N. First St., Jacksonville Beach. Out Of Hand performs. 242-8884.

The interactive mystery **MURDER HITS A HIGH NOTE** is staged at 6 p.m. at Dave and Buster's, 7025 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville. Shows continue at 6 p.m. on July 19 and Aug. 16. Tickets are \$34.95 and include dinner and the show. 296-1525.

THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI, starring William Holden and Jack Hawkins, screens at 2 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$7. 355-2787.

FATHER'S DAY AT THE ZOO features free admission for fathers who bring in a coupon (from the zoo website) to Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, 370 Zoo Parkway, Jacksonville. 757-4463.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

The Jacksonville Branch of the **NAACP** holds its **44TH FREEDOM FUND DINNER**, featuring scholar and activist **CORNEL WEST**, at 7 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 100 Water St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$60. 655-3502.

JOEY CAPE of Lagwagon plays at Jack Rabbits, 1528 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville. 398-7496.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

PAINTING BASICS WITH ALLISON WATSON runs every Wed. for six weeks from 1:30-5 p.m. at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville. Cost for members is \$168, non-members \$188. 355-0630.

DROP DEAD GORGEOUS and **HE IS LEGEND** perform at 7 p.m. at Jack Rabbits, 1528 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. 398-7496.

Dancehall artist **YELLOWMAN** and guest **HOURS EASTLY** perform at 8 p.m. at LandShark Café, 1728 Third St. N., Jacksonville Beach. 246-6024.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

The Southeast Branch Library's Monthly Book Club discusses Melania G. Mazzucco's **VITA** at 6:45 p.m. at the library, 10599 Deerwood Park Blvd., Jacksonville. 996-0325.

Not Just For Baby Boomers Film Series screens **THE MALTESE FALCON**, starring Humphrey Bogart and Peter Lorre, at 5:45 p.m. at the Main Library Auditorium, 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-1741.

The musical-comedy **BEAUTY SHOP** is staged at 8 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$35 and \$40. 355-5661.

St. Johns County Southeast Branch Public Library's Monthly Book Club discusses Marilynne Robinson's **HOME** at 6:45 p.m. at the library, 6670 U.S. 1 S., St. Augustine. 827-6900.

The Summer Film Series at **MOCA** screens **CROSSING THE BRIDGE: SOUND OF ISTANBUL** at 8 p.m. in the MOCA Theatre at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 333 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. 366-6911.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

The Museum of Science & History continues its **SUMMER COSMIC CONCERT SERIES** with "Classic Rock" at 8 p.m., "Jimmy Buffet" at 9 p.m. and "Aerosmith" at 10:30 p.m. at MOSH, 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville. Tickets are \$7. The program repeats on June 27, July 31 and Aug. 1. 396-6674.

MOVIES IN THE PARK starts at 7 p.m. with a to-be-announced film in Justina Park, 3143 Justina Road, Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-4100.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

UNIVERSITY OF ME, hosted by Universal Sisters, features keynote speaker Mother Love, at 8 a.m. at Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, 225 E. Coastline Drive, Jacksonville. Tickets are \$35. For reservations, call 549-2938.

WILD WONDERS, a hands-on nature program for the family, is held at 11 a.m. at Dutton Island, 2110 Dutton Island Drive, Atlantic Beach. 247-5828.

RIVER RAGE features a day of food and live music at Sisters Creek, 8203 Heckscher Drive, Jacksonville. Bring your personal watercraft or take a demo ride on one of the provided watercrafts. 721-2453.

LARRY KEEL & NATURAL BRIDGE play at 10 p.m. at Mojo Kitchen, 1500 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach. 247-6636.

Endo Exo's sixth annual **ANNIVERSARY PARTY** features The Carlisle Group and other bands at 1224 Kings Ave., Jacksonville. 396-7733.

INTRODUCTION TO BASIC KAYAKING starts at 10 a.m. at Skinner Lake, behind Black Creek Outfitters, 10051 Skinner Lake Drive, Jacksonville. Cost is \$25. A trip-planning seminar is also offered. 645-7003.

WILD WONDERS, a hands-on nature program for the family, is held at 1 p.m. at Tideviews Preserve, located at the end of West First Street and Begonia Road, Atlantic Beach.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Country rockers **TOBY KEITH** and **TRACE ADKINS** perform at 7 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Arena, located in the Sports Complex, downtown Jacksonville. Tickets are \$34.75 and \$54.75. (800) 745-3000.

The **JACKSONVILLE SUNS** take on the **MONTGOMERY BISCUITS** at 5:05 p.m. at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, located in the Sports Center in downtown Jacksonville. Games continue at 12:05 p.m. on June 29 and 30, *(Continues on page 31)*

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Ian McKaye of Minor Threat in "Punks Not Dead," one of several underground documentaries screened as part of MOCA Jacksonville's Summer Film Series.

Screen Time

Local movie series offer classic and modern films — cheap

Summer may be blockbuster season at the megaplexes, with the usual lineup of big-budget thrillers and comic-book inspired action flicks. But who needs to shell out 30 bucks to watch Hollywood's latest offerings, when you can get reacquainted with the classics in a much more comfortable setting?

Several local film series are offering up a virtual buffet of such fare, some in outdoor venues — and for free or dirt cheap to boot. Here's the rundown of what's on local celluloid this summer:

The city of Jacksonville Beach offers its eighth annual Moonlight Movies series with a handful of family-oriented films screened at 9 p.m. at the Sea Walk Pavilion, on First Street at the ocean in Jacksonville Beach. Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged. There is also a kids' Playland open from 6-8 p.m. The animated kid-friendly DreamWorks adventure "Madagascar" is screened on May 29, followed by the more adult (but still family-safe) "Sleepless in Seattle." The fantasy "Harry Potter & The Sorcerer's Stone" is screened on June 12. For more info on the Moonlight Movies series, call 247-6100 ext. 3.

Speaking of outdoor venues, the St. Augustine Amphitheatre has already been running films, including "The Wizard of Oz," "The NeverEnding Story" and "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom." Up next is "Dirty Dancing" on June 5 at 8 p.m. The Amphitheatre is located at 1340 A1A S., St. Augustine. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. 471-1965.

Taking it inside, the Not Just For Baby Boomers Film Series screens — strap yourselves in — the musical "Gigi," starring Leslie Caron and Maurice Chevalier, on May 28, the comedy "The Odd Couple," starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, on June 11, the espionage thriller "The Maltese Falcon" on June 25, the romance "Roman Holiday," starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn, on July 9, the drama "A Place in the Sun" on July 23, the Elvis Presley vehicle "Jail House Rock" on Aug. 13, and the romantic comedy "Lover Come Back" on

Aug. 27. All films start at 5:45 p.m. in the auditorium at Jacksonville's Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-1741.

For more adventurous viewers, the Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville screens foreign and underground documentaries and dramas as part of its Summer Film Series. First up is the documentary "Punks Not Dead," the critically acclaimed answer to "American Hardcore," on June 11. The documentary "Crossing The Bridge: Sound of Istanbul" delves into the modern Turkish music scene on June 25. The Hurricane Katrina doc "Trouble the Water" screens on July 9, followed by the thinkpiece "Examined Life: Philosophy In The Streets" on July 23. The Manhattan-based art flick "Downtown 81," starring the late abstract artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, is shown on Aug. 13. The series concludes with the modern-art doc "Louise Bourgeois: The Spider, Mistress and the Tangerine" on Aug. 20. All films screen at 8 p.m. in the MOCA Theatre at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 333 N. Laura St., downtown Jacksonville. Admission is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. 366-6911.

Every summer, The Florida Theatre screens a bunch of classics, and this year is no exception. The city of Jacksonville hosts a showing of the frat-house comedy "Animal House" on June 19 at 8 p.m. The theater's Summer Movie Classic series kicks off with "The Bridge On The River Kwai," followed by the Barbra Streisand flick "Funny Girl." The Mozart biopic "Amadeus" is shown on July 5, the hilarious but politically penetrating "Dr. Strangelove" is screened on July 12 and "The Caine Mutiny" is screened on July 19. The series continues with the classic musical "Oklahoma!" on July 26, the prison drama "Cool Hand Luke" on Aug. 2, and again with Paul Newman in "The Hustler" on Aug. 9, and concludes with the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The King and I" on Aug. 16. The Summer Movie Classic films screen at 2 p.m. at the theater, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$7. 355-2787. □

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and at 7:05 p.m. on July 1, 2 and 3. 358-2846.

The **DUVAL DERBY DAMES** skate against the **RIVER CITY RAT PACK** at 7 p.m. at Mandarin Skate Station, 3461 Kori Road, Jacksonville. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 880-7703.

Indie rocker **JENNY LEWIS** performs at 8 p.m. at Freebird Live, 200 N. First St., Jacksonville Beach. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

FUNNY GIRL, starring Barbra Streisand, screens at 2 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$7. 355-2787.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Various downtown Jacksonville art galleries are open late with live music, DJs and performance art as part of the **FIRST WEDNESDAY ART WALK**, a self-guided tour from 5-9 p.m. on the first Wed. of every month. 634-0303.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

RITZ SPOKEN WORD, a free poetry reading, starts at 7 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre and La Villa Museum, 224 N. Davis St., Jacksonville. 632-5555.

WORLD GOLF VILLAGE COMMUNITY FIREWORKS are open to the public and free (though a parking fee is charged). Bring blankets or lawn chairs. International Golf Parkway and I-95. 940-4123.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

HIPP STREET performs at 5 p.m. at The Jacksonville Landing, 2 Independent Drive, Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-3900.

FREEDOM, FANFARE & FIREWORKS continues through July 5 and features live music at Metropolitan Park, located across from the Sports Complex, downtown Jacksonville. 630-3960.

The Museum of Science & History continues its **SUMMER COSMIC CONCERT SERIES** with “The Beatles” at 8 p.m., “David Bowie” at 9 p.m. and “Led Zeppelin” at 10:30 p.m. at MOSH, 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville. Tickets are \$7. The program repeats on Aug. 7 and 8. 396-6674.

Blues guitarist **TINSLEY ELLIS** performs at Mojo Kitchen, 1500 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach. 247-6636.

SOUNDS ON CENTRE, a free community concert series running the first Friday of each month through October, is held from 6-8 p.m. on Centre Street in between Second and Front streets in downtown Fernandina. 277-7305.

FOURTH OF JULY JAMBOREE features a weekend of music, prizes and other kids’ activities at Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, 370 Zoo Parkway, Jacksonville. The festivities continue July 4 and 5. 757-4463.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

The city of Jacksonville Beach presents its **FOURTH OF JULY LIBERTY CELEBRATION**, featuring a fireworks display from the Fishing Pier at 9:30 p.m., on the oceanfront in Jacksonville Beach. Admission is free. 247-6100 ext. 3.

The Summer Garden Concert Series at The Cummer presents **ST. JOHNS RIVER CITY BAND** from 7-10 p.m. at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens,

829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$10. 899-6034.

On the first weekend of every month, **UNION GARRISON** features history interpreters recreating life at Fort Clinch during the Civil War at 9 a.m. at Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. Re-enactments are also staged July 5 at 9 a.m. 277-7274.

BEACH BASH starts at 6 p.m. at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, 4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island, featuring a full buffet, live entertainment, games and fireworks on the oceanfront lawn. Reservations are required. Cost is \$75 for adults, \$35 for children 5-12 and complimentary for children 5 and younger. 277-1100.

ST. AUGUSTINE’S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION includes a fireworks display over the bayfront in downtown St. Augustine at 9:30 p.m. 825-1005.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

AN EVENING OF STORY AND SONG, featuring winners from the prestigious Kerrville Folk Festival, is held at 7:30 p.m. in Burns Hall at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$15. 261-4293.

TUESDAY, JULY 7

THE DRAWER BOY is staged at the Lighthouse Theatre, 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine, at 7:30 p.m. Additional shows are staged at 7:30 p.m. on July 8, 9, 10, 18, 19, 21, 23 and 24. Sunday matinees are held at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20. 825-1164.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

CHICKEN LITTLE: AN APPALACHIAN MUSICAL JAMBOREE is staged at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Jacksonville’s Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Shows continue on July 9 and 10. 353-3500.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Anastasia Island Public Library’s Monthly Book Club discusses Ken Follett’s **PILLARS OF THE EARTH** at 7 p.m. at the library, 124 Sea Grove Main St., St. Augustine. 209-3730.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

The **JACKSONVILLE SUNS** take on the **CAROLINA MUDCATS** at 6:05 p.m. at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, located in the Sports Center in downtown Jacksonville. Games continue at 7:05 p.m. on July 10 and 11. 358-2846.

Bartram Trail Branch Library’s Monthly Book Club discusses Greg Mortensen’s **THREE CUPS OF TEA: ONE MAN’S MISSION TO FIGHT TERRORISM AND BUILD NATIONS ONE SCHOOL AT A TIME**, at 7 p.m. at the library, 60 Davis Pond Blvd., Fruit Cove. 287-4929.

An exhibit of **KATHY FROZIO**’s original artwork opens at Beaches Museum & History Center, 380 Pablo Ave., Jacksonville Beach. The exhibit runs through Aug. 8. 241-5657.

The Not Just For Baby Boomers Film Series screens **ROMAN HOLIDAY**, starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn, at 5:45 p.m. at the Main Library Auditorium, 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-1741.

MONDAY, JULY 11

The Summer Film Series at MOCA screens **TROUBLE IN THE WATER** at 8 p.m. in the MOCA Theatre at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 333 N. Laura St., downtown Jacksonville. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. 366-6911.

TUESDAY, JULY 12

The Regency Square Branch Library’s Moonrise Book Club discusses Stephanie Meyer’s **TWILIGHT** at 6:30 p.m. at the library, 9900 Regency Square Blvd., Jacksonville. 726-5142.

The First Coast Shag Club hosts **SHAGGIN’ ON THE ST. JOHNS**, a three-day workshop featuring shag dancing, vendors, demonstrations and beach music from national and local DJs, at Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel, 1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville. 223-6063.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

The Museum of Science & History continues its **SUMMER COSMIC CONCERT SERIES** with “Classic Rock” at 8 p.m., “Led Zeppelin” at 9 p.m. and “Metallica” at 10:30 p.m. at MOSH, 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville. Tickets are \$7. The program repeats on Aug. 14 and 15. 396-6674.

The First Coast Shag Club hosts **SHAGGIN’ ON THE ST. JOHNS**, a three-day workshop featuring shag dancing, vendors, demonstrations and beach music from national and local DJs, at Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel, 1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville. 223-6063.

THURSDAY, JULY 14

The **ARTRAGEOUS ARTWALK** is held from 5:30-8:30 p.m. featuring more than a dozen galleries showcasing local art in downtown Fernandina. 277-2717.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

TONCA’S BIRTHDAY starts at 10 a.m. at Museum of Science & History, 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville, and includes the mascot’s annual weigh-in, party games and birthday cake. 396-6674.

The **RITZ JAZZ JAM**, featuring the Ritz Jazz Band, starts at 8 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre and La Villa Museum, 829 N. Davis St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$10. 632-5555.

A GUIDED KAYAK TRIP to Guana River is held; paddlers may meet up at Black Creek Outfitters, 10051 Skinner Lake Drive, Jacksonville. 645-7003.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

The Summer Jazz Concert Series **COOL SOUNDS OF HOT SUMMER NIGHTS** is held from 5-9 p.m. at Sea Walk Pavilion, located on First Street at the ocean in Jacksonville Beach. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Admission is free. 247-6100 ext. 3.

Summer Movie Classics screens **DR. STRANGELOVE OR: HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND LOVE THE BOMB**, starring Peter Sellers and George C. Scott, at 2 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$7. 355-2787.

A SONGWRITERS’ CONCERT is held from 6-8 p.m. at Adele Grage Cultural Center, Bull Park, 716 Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach. The show features original songs from local musicians. Admission is free. 247-5828.

Cow-punker **HANK WILLIAMS III** performs with his band **ASSJACK** at 7 p.m. at Freebird Live, 200 N. First St., Jacksonville Beach. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. 246-2473.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

The Jacksonville chapter of the Laurel & Hardy Appreciation Society screens **BONNIE SCOTLAND** at 6:30 p.m. at *(Continues on page 33)*

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"Ice cold beeeeer here": Dan Callahan goes to work.

WALTER COCKER

Game Face

A beer-vending reporter/apprentice tries to keep up with a Suns beermaster.

Clichés be damned, few things are as American as baseball. The crack of the bat, the smell of the grass, the sun dipping past the brim of your ball cap — it might as well be apple pie and Chevrolet. Each ballpark is a cathedral, with these sounds and sensations replacing the bells and censer. And, of course, nothing epitomizes the work of Ivan Pavlov more than the thirst that is awakened when we hear "Ice Cold Beeeeeeeeer Here!!!"

The hawker is as ingrained in the world of professional sports as the players on the field. More so on Thirsty Thursdays at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville. Part door-to-door salesman, part performer, part hotel casino greeter and part strongman, (you try lugging around one of those buckets for seven innings) the beer hawker is a jack-of-all-trades, even though you only think of him as doing one: selling beer.

Perhaps none have honed their craft better than has Suns hawker all-star Dan Callahan. Darting from section to section, regular to regular, Callahan's act is no less calculated than that of a Vegas comic. He pops as many zingers as he does beers. He reads his customers and finds their weaknesses, pushing the Cracker Jacks on a night when ice cream is 50 cents. He sings to the women and pals around with the men. He remembers where you're sitting and what you're drinking. Callahan works a room of thousands on any given night, and this isn't even his day job.

"I work for the Department of Defense," says Callahan, sweat dripping from his American-flag bandana. "I come out here to have fun. I come out here to relax."

For someone who spends four or five hours buzzing around like a whirling dervish, Callahan does seem relaxed. He makes sure his friend Fran constantly has ice. (He also tells her to keep her eyes off my butt.) He jokes with the fans: "You know, there's a prize in the Cracker Jacks. If you find a key in there to a Lincoln Continental, it's mine."

At no point does Callahan show frustration or strain. "It's all about fun. You have to have fun. If

you're doing this for the money, you are missing the point," says Callahan. "Look at the surroundings, look at the diversity in the crowd. This is baseball, this is Americana."

It's true. In a sport where there aren't many superstars left who haven't cheated in one form or another, and only royalty can afford to sit in the

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good seats, baseball is still somehow pure Americana. So, too, is enjoying an ice-cold beer while watching the ball fly all over the park after a tough day at the office.

But Callahan doesn't just use this as a device to peddle his wares, he truly believes it. Even on a gray night in front of a less-than-stellar drinking crowd, he employs his tricks of the trade, espousing the virtues of his ice-cold 16-ounce bottles.

Somewhere in the middle innings, John Fogerty's "Centerfield" plays over the loudspeakers, as a kid races the Suns mascot around the bases. Callahan takes a break from eyeing his next route through the crowd to pass along some more words of wisdom to his apprentice.

"It's like a big family. You see kids grow up, you talk about work, you get to know what's going on in people's lives. It is great." He then turns to a group nearby, rattles off his beer selection, pokes fun at a kid in a Texas Rangers' cap and serenades the ladies. □

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Pablo Creek Branch Library, 13295 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. 246-0312.

THE WALLFLOWERS perform at 8 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$35 and \$40. 355-2787.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

OZ THE MUSICAL is presented in Terry Theater at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, 300 W. Water St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$20. The show continues on July 15 and 16. 350-1609. jaxevents.com

A SURVEY OF GEE'S BEND QUILTS LECTURE is held at 7 p.m. at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Drive, Jacksonville. 355-0630.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

The **JACKSONVILLE SUNS** take on the **TENNESSEE SMOKIES** at 7:05 at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, located in the Sports Center in downtown Jacksonville. Games continue at 7:05 p.m. on July 16, 17 and 18, and at 3:05 p.m. on July 19. 358-2846.

The GTM Research Reserve hosts a **FAMILY FUN HOUR** from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at 505 Guana River Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. A nature story is followed by a story-related take-home craft. Participation is free; register by calling 823-4500.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

Acclaimed North Carolina bluegrass innovators **THE AVETT BROTHERS** perform at 7:15 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, 1340 A1A S., St. Augustine. Gates open at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$17 and \$27. (800) 745-3000.

ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS TALKS AND TEA is held at 1:30 p.m. at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Drive, Jacksonville. 355-0630.

Bad Girlz Adult Book club gets together at 6:30 p.m. at Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd St., Jacksonville. David Givens' **BETRAYED** is discussed. 778-7305.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

SUMMER SPLASH DOWN AT CLANZEL BROWN PARK features sack races, an egg toss, water-balloon toss and swimming games from 6-9 p.m. at the park, 4545 Moncrief Road, Jacksonville. 630-4100.

Blues guitarist **CHRIS DUARTE** performs at Mojo Kitchen, 1500 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach. 247-6636.

HEY MONDAY performs at 8 p.m. at Jack Rabbits, 1528 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. 398-7496.

Alt-rockers **THE OFFSPRING** perform at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, 1340 A1A S., St. Augustine. Gates open at 4:30. Tickets are \$39.50, \$35 & \$27. (800) 745-3000.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

DOZING WITH DINOS PUBLIC CAMP-IN starts at 6:30 p.m. at

Museum of Science & History, 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville. Bring your sleeping bag for a night of fun with a Planetarium program, a science show and free time to explore the museum. 396-6674.

SUPER PET ADOPT-A-THON, sponsored by many local rescue groups, is held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Petco, 11111 San Jose Blvd., Ste. 56, Jacksonville. 360-3225.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Grateful Dead guitarist **BOB WEIR** performs with **RAT DOG** and **more.** at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, 1340 A1A S., St. Augustine. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and \$25 in advance and \$38 at the door. (800) 745-3000.

Summer Movie Classics screens **THE CAINE MUTINY**, starring Humphrey Bogart and Van Johnson, at 2 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$7. 355-2787.

MONDAY, JULY 20

The 29th annual **GREATER JACKSONVILLE KINGFISH TOURNAMENT**, the largest in the country, is held at Sisters Creek Park, 8203 Heckscher Drive, Jacksonville, through July 25. A Junior Angler Tournament, food festival and live entertainment are featured. 251-3011.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

RASCAL FLATTS and **DARIUS RUCKER** perform at 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Arena, located in the Sports Complex, downtown Jacksonville. 630-3900.

Not Just For Baby Boomers Film Series screens **A PLACE IN THE SUN**, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Montgomery Clift, at 5:45 p.m. at the Main Library Auditorium, 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-1741.

SALT SIGNATURE WINE DINNER is held from 6-9 p.m. at Salt Grill in The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, 4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island. Cost is \$135. 277-1100.

The Summer Film Series at **MOCA** screens **EXAMINED LIFE: PHILOSOPHY IN THE STREETS** at 8 p.m. in the MOCA Theatre at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 333 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. 366-6911.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

MOVIES IN THE PARK starts at 7 p.m. in Phillip A. Randolph Park, 1096 Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-4100.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

A GUIDED KAYAK TRIP to Salt Run in St. Augustine is held; paddlers may meet up at Black Creek Outfitters, 10051 Skinner Lake Drive, Jacksonville. 645-7003.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

ACOUSTIC NIGHTS features local musicians playing on the lawn from 6-8 p.m. at Bull Memorial Park, 716 Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach. Admission is free. 247-5828.

Summer Movie Classics screens **OKLAHOMA!**, starring Gordon MacRae and Rod Steiger, at 2 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$7. 355-2787.

MONDAY, JULY 27

The **JACKSONVILLE SUNS** take on the **BIRMINGHAM BARONS** at 12:05 p.m. at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, located in the Sports Center in downtown Jacksonville. Games continue at 7:05 p.m. on July 28, 29, 30 and 31. 358-2846.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

The rock musical **HAIR** is staged at 8 p.m. at Players by The Sea, 106 Sixth St. N., Jacksonville Beach. The show continues at 8 p.m. on July 31 and Aug. 1, 6, 7 and 8, and at midnight on Aug. 1 and 8. 249-0289.

Cajun blues guitarist **TAB BENOIT** performs at Mojo Kitchen, 1500 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach. 247-6636.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

SUMMERTIME IN THE CITY ANNUAL HIP-HOP FESTIVAL is held through Aug. 1 at TSI, Shantytown Pub and the Riverside Arts Market in Jacksonville. Various local hip-hop acts perform. For a full schedule of events, call 568-1828.

MOVIES IN THE PARK starts at 7 p.m. in Memorial Park, 1620 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-4100.

THE BIGGEST JULY BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER featuring live entertainment, a buffet and dancing, is held at 6:30 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Women's Club, 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd., Amelia Island. Tickets are \$30. 548-0377.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

The first weekend of every month, **UNION GARRISON** features history interpreters recreating life at Fort Clinch during the Civil War at 9 a.m., Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. The re-enactment is also staged Aug. 2 at 9 a.m. 277-7274.

The **JACKSONVILLE SUNS** take on the **HUNTSVILLE STARS** at 7:05 p.m. at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, located in the Sports Center in downtown Jacksonville. Games continue at 5:05 p.m. on Aug. 2, at 7:05 p.m. on Aug. 3 and 4, and at 1:05 p.m. on Aug. 5. 358-2846.

FUSEBOX FUNK performs at Endo Exo, 1224 Kings Ave., Jacksonville. 396-7733.

The **RITZ JAZZ JAM**, featuring the Ritz Jazz Band, starts at 8 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre and La Villa Museum, 829 N. Davis St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$10. 632-5555.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2

Summer Movie Classics screens **COOL HAND LUKE**, starring Paul Newman and George Kennedy, at 2 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$7. 355-2787.

SUNDAY, AUG. 5

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featuring work from local video artists, is held at 7 p.m. at the theater in Museum of Contemporary Art, 333 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 366-6911.

THURSDAY, AUG. 6

RITZ SPOKEN WORD, a free poetry reading, starts at 7 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre and La Villa Museum, 829 N. Davis St., Jacksonville. 632-5555.

FRIDAY, AUG. 7

SOUNDS ON CENTRE, a free community concert series held on the first Friday of each month through October, is held from 6-8 p.m. on Centre Street in between Second and Front streets in downtown Fernandina. 277-7305.

Country artist **KENNY CHESNEY** performs with Miranda Lambert and Lady Antebellum at 7:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Arena, located in the Sports Complex, downtown Jacksonville. Tickets are \$25, \$59.50 and \$79.50. 353-330 or (800) 745-3000.

The **RITZ JAZZ JAM**, featuring the Ritz Jazz Band, starts at 8 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre and La Villa Museum, 829 N. Davis St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$10. 632-5555.

SATURDAY, AUG. 8

SECOND SATURDAY ARTWALK is held from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and features more than a dozen galleries showcasing local art in downtown Fernandina. 277-2717.

Guitarist Richard Gilewitz leads a **FINGERPICKING GUITAR WORKSHOP** at Florida House Inn, 20-22 S. Third St., Amelia Island. The workshop runs through Aug. 10. Cost is \$250. (800) 258-3301.

A GUIDED KAYAK TRIP to Guana River is held; paddlers may meet up at Black Creek Outfitters, 10051 Skinner Lake Drive, Jacksonville. 645-7003.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

The **NEW JAX CITY ROLLERS** skate against the **GAINESVILLE ROLLER REBELS** at 7 p.m. at Mandarin Skate Station, 3461 Kori Road, Jacksonville. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 880-7703.

Bartram Trail Branch Library's Monthly Book Club discusses Tim O'Brien's **THE THINGS THEY CARRIED** at 7 p.m. at the library, 60 Davis Pond Blvd., Fruit Cove. 287-4929.

The Summer Jazz Concert Series **COOL SOUNDS OF HOT SUMMER NIGHTS** is held from 5-9 p.m. at Sea Walk Pavilion, located on First Street at the ocean in Jacksonville Beach. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Admission is free. 247-6100 ext. 3.

A SONGWRITERS' CONCERT is held from 6-8 p.m. at the Adele Grage Cultural Center, Bull Park, 716 Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach. The show features original songs from local musicians. Admission is free. 247-5828.

Summer Movie Classics screens **THE HUSTLER**, starring Jackie Gleason and Paul Newman, at 2 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$7. 355-2787.

MONDAY, AUG. 10

The Jacksonville chapter of the Laurel & Hardy Appreciation Society screens the short subject **LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING** and the feature **SONS OF THE DESERT** at 6:30 p.m. at Pablo Creek Branch Library, 13295 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. 246-0312.

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

Anastasia Island Public Library's Monthly Book Club discusses Richard Price's **LUSH LIFE** at 7 p.m. at the library, 124 Sea Grove Main St., St. Augustine. 209-3730.

Not Just For Baby Boomers Film Series screens **JAILHOUSE ROCK**, starring Elvis Presley, at 5:45 p.m. at the Main Library Auditorium, 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-1741.

The Summer Film Series at MOCA screens **DOWNTOWN 81**, a film starring legendary artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, at 8 p.m. in the MOCA Theatre at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 333 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. 366-6911.

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

Metal gods **JUDAS PRIEST** perform their "British Steel" album in its entirety at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, 1340 A1A S., St. Augustine. Whitesnake and PopEvil also perform. Tickets are \$41.50, \$51.50 and \$64.50. (800) 745-3000.

SUNDAY, AUG. 16

Summer Movie Classics screens **THE KING AND I**, starring Deborah Kerr and Yul Brynner, at 2 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$7. 355-2787.

MONDAY, AUG. 17

The **JACKSONVILLE SUNS** take on the **CAROLINA MUDCATS** at 7:05 p.m. at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, located in the Sports Center in downtown Jacksonville. Games continue at 7:05 p.m. on Aug. 18, 19, 20 and 21. 358-2846.

Singer-songwriter icon **JACKSON BROWNE** performs at 7 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, 1340 A1A S., St. Augustine. Gates open at 6 p.m. Tickets range from \$37.50-\$69.50. (800) 745-3000.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS TALKS AND TEA is held at 1:30 p.m. at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Drive, Jacksonville. 355-0630.

The GTM Research Reserve hosts a **FAMILY FUN HOUR** from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at 505 Guana River Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. A nature story is followed by a story-related take-home craft. Participation is free; register by calling 823-4500.

THURSDAY, AUG. 20

ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS TALKS AND TEA is held at 1:30 p.m. at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Drive, Jacksonville. 355-0630.

Bad Girlz Adult Book club gets together at 6:30 p.m. at Webb-Wescosnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd St., Jacksonville. Keisha Ervin's **CHYNA BLACK** is discussed. 778-7305.

The Summer Film Series at MOCA screens **LOUISE BOURGEOIS-THE SPIDER, MISTRESS AND THE TANGERINE** at 8 p.m. in the MOCA Theatre at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 333 N. Laura St., downtown Jacksonville. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. 366-6911.

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

The play **A PERFECT GANESH** is staged at Players By The Sea, 106 Sixth St. N., Jacksonville Beach. Performances continue on Aug. 22, 23, 27, 28 and 29. 249-2089.

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

BACK TO SCHOOL SUMMER BASH features cupcakes, music, prize drawings and more from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, 370 Zoo Parkway, Jacksonville. 757-4463.

A GUIDED KAYAK TRIP to Alamacani Inlet and Kingsley Plantation is held; paddlers may meet up at Black Creek Outfitters, 10051 Skinner Lake Drive, Jacksonville. 645-7003.

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

CROSBY, STILLS AND NASH perform at 7 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, 1340 A1A S., St. Augustine. Gates open at 6. Tickets are \$86, \$66 and \$56. (800) 745-3000.

THURSDAY, AUG. 27

The Southeast Branch Library Monthly Book Club discusses Anne Rivers Siddons' **OFF SEASON** at 6:45 p.m. at the library, 10599 Deerwood Park Blvd., Jacksonville. 996-0325.

Not Just For Baby Boomers Film Series screens **LOVER COME BACK**, starring Doris Day and Rock Hudson, at 5:45 p.m. at the Main Library Auditorium, 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Admission is free. 630-1741.

FRIDAY, AUG. 28

The **JACKSONVILLE SUNS** take on the **CHATTANOOGA LOOKOUTS** at 7:05 p.m. at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, located in the Sports Center in downtown Jacksonville. Games continue at 7:05 p.m. Aug. 29, 31 and Sept. 1 and at 5:05 p.m. Aug. 30. 358-2846.

O.A.R. performs at 7 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, 1340 A1A S., St. Augustine. Gates open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$32.50 in advance and \$34 the day of the show. (800) 745-3000.

SATURDAY, AUG. 29

The **NEW JAX CITY ROLLERS** skate against Brevard County's **MOLLY ROGERS** at 7 p.m. at Jax Ice Sports Complex, 3605 Philips Highway, Jacksonville. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 399-3223.

SUNDAY, AUG. 30

ACOUSTIC NIGHTS features local musicians playing on the lawn from 6-8 p.m. at Bull Memorial Park, 716 Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach. Admission is free. 247-5828. □