

Scene & Heard

Names, faces and Jacksonville's inside scoop.

Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department spokesman **John Bracey** says his outfit may be misnamed. "We're really a Rescue Department," he says. "Eighty-five percent of our calls are for rescue." • Attorney **Ron Sholes** is the latest to try running the little restaurant between the Arena and the Baseball Grounds. He's calling it the **City Hall Pub** (though City Hall is over a mile away). • **Glen Fisher**, who some remember from his TV anchor days, has retired from the Jaguars and has been replaced by ex-Rink Design exec **Theresa Smith**. Fisher was an original Jag employee and sold the team's high-priced seats, and the Jags hope that Smith's deep community contacts will keep those sales up. • Think you had a bad day? Recently, a woman at **Jacksonville Golf and Country Club** was hobbled due to a foot operation and asked her son to drive her to the club's fitness center in their golf cart. He made a turn too quickly, flinging her out, resulting in a broken pelvis, a broken arm, third-degree burns from lying on the asphalt and popped her breast implants. • The regional chamber's membership is down from approximately 4,300 three years

ago to about 3,600 now. Also lost due to the revenue drop was a key staffer: Small business expert **Bob Baldwin**. • The mayor's race may get crowded soon. Sulzbacher Center director **Audrey Moran** is in, and **Mike Hightower** is headed that way. City Council President **Richard Clark** was unknown before the budget blew up and he's now ready to go higher. Publisher **Jim Bailey**, City Council member **Kevin Hyde** and Tax Collector **Mike Hogan** are running hard. • The always-ritzy and oft-pretentious **Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance** is going country—sort of. In an effort to broaden the spectator base, the organizers have invited stock car racing legend **Richard Petty** (below left) to be the 2010 grand marshal. And one of the featured panelists will be drag racing pioneer **Don Garlits**. • The **Publix at Nocatee** may open before year's end. And the big water park might be

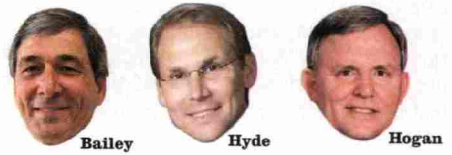
ready by then, but they won't officially christen it until the weather warms up. • Golf buddies: Gate Petroleum owner **Herb Peyton** (left) and Jacksonville U. prez **Kerry Romesburg** (right) hit the links almost every Friday morning. Just after dawn. •

Belated birthday wishes to Yale grad **Bill Frank** (right), who celebrated his 100th birthday on September 11 with a weekend extravaganza featuring dinner at the Ponte Vedra Lodge, brunch at the Casa Marina Hotel and a dance at the Carriage Club. He and his wife Ruth, married 73 years, live at the Carriage Club. •

For the first time, **Jaguars fans** can take pictures on their mobile phones or send text messages to the Jags during all home games this season for display on the stadium's electronic signage. • To usher in the **5 Points Theatre's** first anniversary, *Casablanca* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark*—the first two movies played at the theater's re-opening—will be shown for free on October 2. • Thanks to a couple of grants, **First**



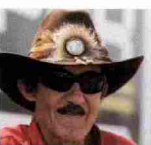
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Coast No More Homeless Pets is now offering free spay and neuter surgeries, rabies vaccinations and transport to cats in the 32211 zip code and \$15 spay or neuter surgery, distemper and rabies vaccines to any Duval County feral cat, until the grants are exhausted. • According to Downtown Vision, approximately 7,000 pounds of **litter** have been picked up off Downtown streets so far this year. Ever hear of trash cans, people? • Jacksonville ranked as one of the **75 best places in America to attend college**, according to a recent [American Institute for Economic Research](#) study. The River City was 17th on the mid-size metro areas list (population 1 million to 2.5 million residents), just above Columbus, Ohio; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Las Vegas, Nevada. The institute analyzed 360 metro areas and used 12 criteria to rank the cities on academic environment, quality of life and professional opportunities. Yay, us! *J

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