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ARBAGE FEE Mayor Tommy Hazouri's repeal the fee

"The people have won. The people have made it clear that the power of the people is more important than your personal ambitions. But I don't know if he's sincere or if he's just doing this to get re-elected."
— Rep. Betty Holtzendorf,
D-Jacksonville

"It again shows his lack of leadership and his lack of understanding about what this community is all about."
— Ernie Mastrolanni,
property appraiser

"Well-done. I think it's good that he's seen the light. Praise the Lord."
— Debra Micks,
council member

"I think it's good that he did it. It was a mark of statesmanship, and it took courage. I commend him for it."
— The Rev. C.E. Delley,
Interdenominational
Ministerial Alliance
president

"It looks to me like we have a mayor who is in way over his head and he's desperate. The garbage crisis is not going to go away just because Tommy Hazouri is in political trouble. Tommy Hazouri can go away, though."
— Ginny Myrick,
council member

"It seems funny to me that he was able to find \$17 million a week before qualifying for the mayoral election) that seems awfully funny."
— Harold Gibson,
former council member
and Northside businessman

"I think it took a lot of guts for him to get up there and say he was wrong. He's talked to so many people...

Board: Renegotiate with NAACP

By Joan Hennessy
and Julia Howard
Staff writers

The Duval County School Board rejected a proposal to amend the joint school system-NAACP desegregation plan last night, and gave its superintendent clearance to go back to court if new negotiations with the NAACP are unsuccessful. However, in a related action, the board voted to approve new boundaries for schools that will help put the desegregation plan into action and will assign many students to schools closer to home.

The board directed Superintendent Larry Zenke to negotiate again with the Jacksonville branch of the NAACP to settle disagreements about implementation of a desegregation settlement that has been hailed as the end of the system's drawn-out court battle about school desegregation. If negotiations fail, the board's action allows the system to start pursuing court action. Zenke, along with other school officials and lawyers, has been negotiating with NAACP officials and their attorneys. Specifically, the School Board mem-

bers want Zenke to renegotiate on three points:
• The status of Stanton College Preparatory School, which Zenke had recommended have sixth through 12th grades. The NAACP has objected to that, and it had negotiated a proposal for grades nine through 12.
• The status of James Weldon Johnson Seventh Grade Center. School officials say it should become an elementary school. After recent negotiations with the NAACP, the school was to become an academic magnet school for grades

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Bob Brody (left), a St. Johns River Water Management ecologist, and John Schell, district toxicologist, collect eels from a trap in the Cedar River. The eels will be studied for evidence of harmful toxins. — Dennis Hamilton Jr./staff

Pollutants' effects on fish under study

By Beverly Kenney
Environmental writer
It's been known for years that there are deadly PCB's and other contaminants in the Cedar River and other St. Johns River tributaries in Jacksonville. But the question of whether those toxins are hurting the fish in the river has only received limited study. Now, the St. Johns River Water Management District is working on an answer. Yesterday, researchers began to catch

fish for tissue analysis. The information from the study will be used to develop a Cleanup program for the St. Johns River as part of the state's Surface Water Improvement and Management program. "We want to know whether the pollutants in the sediment are making their way into the biological community," said John Schell, a toxicologist at the district. "What we want to find out is exactly how bad we are." The district's goal is not to determine

whether the fish are safe to eat, Schell said, but rather to see whether chemicals are accumulating in the fishes' tissues that could harm them. The district collected one fathead and four eels yesterday from traps that had been set in the Cedar River the day before. The fish were then dissected and the tissue was sent to Jacksonville's Big Environmental Services laboratory. (See OFFICIALS, Page B-4)

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From staff and news services

New trial ordered for Jacksonville man

TALLAHASSEE — A Jacksonville man sentenced to life in prison for murdering his wife will get a new trial because of the judge's failure to properly instruct the jury.

The 1st District Court of Appeal last week reversed the conviction of Juan Garcia because now-retired Circuit Judge John Cox failed to tell the jury it had the option of finding him guilty of third-degree murder.

Garcia was convicted of fatally beating and choking his wife, Theodora Villeverde Garcia, 22, in November 1988 at their Westside mobile home.

Prosecutors said Garcia was a domineering, abusive husband who had threatened to shoot his wife a month before the fatal beating.

Garcia was convicted of second-degree murder, but the appeals court said the jury should have been allowed to consider the lesser count of third-degree murder.

The court said Garcia did not continuously bear her until the point of death but called for help when she became unconscious. She died after he took her to Humana Hospital Orange Park.

Child-abuse prosecution policy protested at Capitol

TALLAHASSEE — Dozens of Jacksonville demonstrators converged on the Capitol yesterday to denounce the state for launching full-scale investigations of suspected child abusers without having much evidence against them.

"Even if you're acquitted, you've got a reputation, and that reputation's tarnished," said Dean Tong, a Jacksonville medical technician who was investigated on child-abuse charges in 1985. Although he was cleared, he said he "will always live with the stigma."

The demonstrators were members of Valuing Our Children and Laws, a national organization composed largely of people who work with children, as well as people who have been accused of child abuse.

Several demonstrators, including Jacksonville independent mayoral candidate Georgia Mann, testified before legislative committees yesterday on restructuring the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

Ms. Mann, who runs a day-care center, said local governments should have more control over children's programs.

Chemistry buff guilty in poisoning death

BARTOW — A meek computer programmer who battled over the years with his neighbors was convicted yesterday of killing one of them by spiking their Coca-Cola with deadly thallium nitrate.

George Trepal, 42, showed no emotion when the jury returned the verdict after more than six hours of deliberations and a monthlong trial. Prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty.

Trepal, a chemistry buff and Menlo high-IQ club member, was accused of poisoning his only neighbors in October 1988 because of loud music, dogs chasing his cats and other annoyances in the grove-dotted community of Alturas.

Authorities alleged he spiked seven 16-ounce bottles of Coca-Cola daily morning with thallium nitrate — a highly toxic and banned heavy metal — and somehow got the bottles

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Attorney General's Office is warning the woman suspected of killing seven male motorists in north-central Florida that she will not be allowed to profit from a movie deal, if convicted.

Officials also said they will try to take the money under the so-called "Son of Sam" law if Alleen Carol Wuornos tries to transfer the rights to her lesbian lover.

"We're not going to let these people profit from a bunch of killings," assistant attorney general Pete Antonacci said yesterday. "I don't care if it's her or her friend she is purporting to assign the rights to."

Ms. Wuornos, 34, is charged with killing two of the seven men

thought to have been abducted and slain in north-central Florida in the past 13 months. She is currently in the Marion County Jail.

In a letter to public defender Ray Cass and private attorney Russell Armstrong, officials warned that if Ms. Wuornos is convicted, the state will file a lien against all royalties or commissions from any movie deals, book deals or "other accounts of her life story or the crime for which she may be convicted."

Antonacci said the law splits any proceeds three ways. He said 25 percent goes to the victims or their relatives, 25 percent to the defendant's relatives and 50 percent to cover court costs.

Ms. Wuornos signed a contract

for exclusive rights to her life story with Jackelyn Giroux of Studio City, Calif., The Miami Herald has reported.

A month before Ms. Wuornos' arrest, Ms. Giroux's mother, who lives in Ocala, reportedly spotted the suspect in a supermarket.

The mother recognized her from police drawings and handed the woman her daughter's business card, saying, "My daughter would like to talk to you about your story," Ms. Giroux told the paper.

The mother also called police, but Ms. Wuornos had disappeared by the time they arrived.

Marion County Sheriff's deputies confirmed the mother's sighting report on Dec. 4.



— Dennis Hamilton Jr./staff

Toxicologist John Schell (right) and ecologist Bob Brody study the liver of a Cedar River catfish that will undergo research.

Officials to look for toxins in fish in area waterways

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where it will be analyzed, Schell said.

Officials will be looking for mercury, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons found in petroleum based products, chlorinated hydrocarbons found in herbicides and pesticides including dioxins, and PCBs, known as polychlorinated biphenyls.

The information concerning fish mercury levels will be shared with a three-year statewide study of high mercury levels in fish.

The study, expected to cost several million dollars, will try to find the source of mercury found in fish around the state, including the Suwannee River, the St. Johns River near Sanford, and in the Everglades.

The water management district also plans to sample fish in the

Arlington, Cedar and Trout rivers, and Piney Point in the St. Johns River near the Jacksonville Naval Air Station.

The areas to be sampled were selected based upon a private study conducted about four years ago that found high levels of pollutants in the sediment in those areas, Schell said.

The district has already sampled fish in Rice Creek in Putnam County, where there are high levels of dioxin due to the Georgia Pacific Corp. paper mill. That area was selected based on another study that found Georgia Pacific is the sixth highest emitter of dioxins in the nation, Schell said.

The district is targeting fish that live or feed on the river bottom, said Bob Brody, a district ecologist who is helping collect the fish.

Prosecutor paints motive in cop killing

By Paul Pinkham

Staff writer

After being released on bond following his June 30 arrest in Jacksonville on marijuana charges, Keith Anthony Kelvin told an acquaintance he wouldn't let police arrest him again, a prosecutor said yesterday.

A month later, Jacksonville police Officer Warren C. Sanders was gunned down in an Arlington apartment complex, and Kelvin, 34, was charged with his murder.

Assistant State Attorney Bernie de la Rionda said Kelvin feared arrest because he was afraid of being deported to his native Guyana. A judge in New York City ordered Kelvin deported to the South American nation following his conviction for selling cocaine in 1984, but the order is being appealed, according to court records.

De la Rionda told Circuit Judge Donald R. Moran during a pretrial hearing yesterday that the statement and the conviction show Kelvin's motive for firing on Sanders and his partner, Kirk Clark, who were staying out Cypress Court apartments July 26. Sanders and Clark, who was severely wounded in the attack, followed Kelvin and another man into the apartment where the shoot-out occurred after the two plainclothes officers witnessed what they thought was a drug deal.

Kelvin's attorney, Gary Baker, argued that Kelvin thought Sanders and Clark were robbers.

"In some of these robberies, the robbers had identified themselves as vice [detectives] of police," Baker said. He said Kelvin armed himself "to protect himself and those in the apartment when this armed, un-uniformed person came kicking the door in."

Sailor probably remains psychotic, expert tells jurors

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Taylor's attorneys presented their last witness yesterday, basing their defense on testimony that Taylor was insane at the time of the crimes.

Miller, the second therapist to testify for the defense, said Taylor did not understand his actions that Saturday morning were wrong.

He was consumed by the idea that he was a



Taylor Paula Smits Amanda Smits

chopain, lacking normal social and moral barriers in pursuing his own gratification, does not fit Miller said Taylor does not have a history of violent behavior and is not manipulative. While a psychiatrist said he believed Taylor was sane at the time of the Iraq terrorist attack, Miller testified Taylor was extremely inconsis-

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