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Navarre incorporation on hold, TEAM lauded, haunted house

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Efforts to incorporate Navarre into a city will wait at least two years, Florida Trend magazine lauds TEAM Santa Rosa's public relations efforts, and the Beaches to Woodlands Tour is wrapping up with Main Street Milton's annual haunted house.

Navarre incorporation effort on hold

1 The effort to study incorporating the Navarre area into a city has been put on hold indefinitely by the Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber's "board unanimously voted to postpone pursuing efforts to convene a task force due to other chamber business priorities," according to a news release from the chamber. "A time frame has not been set as to when the board will be ready to call for task force volunteers."

Tracey Terry, president and chief executive officer of the chamber, said that likely won't happen until 2010.

The postponement comes after the chamber released the results of a survey that suggested most Navarre residents support incorporation, but then retracted the results due to faulty tabulations by the Internet-based survey firm.

While the survey company, Constant Contact, says it has corrected the data, the chamber has not confirmed the new numbers and is not likely to release them until the task force convenes.

TEAM's PR efforts recognized

2 The current issue of Florida Trend magazine recognizes the TEAM Santa Rosa Economic Development Council's recent efforts to tout Santa Rosa's recent business accomplishments.

"Santa Rosa County's economic development team has been rolling out celebratory press releases in assembly-line fashion, reporting business deals adding up to 800-plus new jobs and nearly \$150 million in capital investment," an article in the October issue reported.

It went on to list the Geo prison project, the Hackney Food distributors relocation and the AppRiver expansion, among others, as recent successes Santa Rosa has to brag about.

TEAM Executive Director Cindy Anderson credits much of that attention to Ildi Hosman, TEAM's recently contracted public relations specialist. TEAM Chairman Ferdinand Salomon said he wants more positive publicity for the public/private partnership.

"I would like the citizens of Santa Rosa to know there is a group of people working very hard to retain the jobs that we have, and create new ones," Salomon said. "We've been very successful at it, and I

want them to have confidence in what we do."

Haunted house in Milton wraps up tour

3 After six weekends full of festivals, educational events and other special activities, the 6th annual Beaches to Woodlands Tour is coming to a close this week with Main Street Milton's annual haunted house.

The house opens at 7 p.m. today, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It is located at 5232 N. Willing St., Milton. Cost: \$5. Details: 626-6246 or MainStreetMilton.org.

Other Beaches to Woodlands Tour events that will continue this weekend include:

n Dragonfly Flight "Sand to Sawdust" Juried Exhibit at Dragonfly Gallery, 5188 Escambia St., Milton, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Details: 981-1100 or sracf.org.

n Sweet Seasons Farm Corn Maze, 2260 Horn Road, Milton, Saturdays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays noon to 7 p.m., continues through Nov. 8. Details: 675-3828, 686-5511 or www.cornfieldmaze.com.
