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## Crawfish Crazy



**CRAWDADS, MUDBUGS, CRAWFISH** - no matter what you call them, they have an entire weekend on the Beach dedicated to them. The ninth annual Crawfish Festival is set for April 16-18, hosted by Bamboo Willie's on the Boardwalk. New this year are the Crawfish Races for kids. Crew chief and festival founder Robert Gleim, center, has Louisiana Louie and Pensacola Beach Pinchee receiving their pre-race instructions from race officials Erica Whitman, left, and Holly Adkisson. Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce volunteers will be earning tips for serving the spicy cajun delicacy. For more on this story, see Page 2.

# Who Dat Gonna Eat All Dem Mudbugs?

Robert Gleim drove to Louisiana to get acquainted with thousands of crawfish which will soon make their way to the boiling pots at Bamboo Willie's Ninth Annual Crawfish Festival, April 16-18.

Standing on the dock of the bayou, Gleim closed a deal to buy 8,000 pounds of crawfish and sealed the event with a cold beer.

"Those people are crawfish crazy down there," Gleim said. "They have mudbugs everywhere, weighing, tagging and getting ready to sell them."

Getting the bayou's best crawfish to the Boardwalk via refrigerated truck is the easy part. Gleim immediately gets his expert cooks organized, three on Friday night and six on Saturday and Sunday for the three day festival.

Not everyone is a crawfish cook, says Gleim. The mudbugs are brought to a wild boil in 110 quart pots, and boiled for five minutes. The secret to creating the perfect crawfish is allowing them to bask in the spicy water for thirty minutes after the original cooking. Then, and only then, are they ready to

be served to the public with corn, potatoes, mushrooms and onions.

There are some new events this year including the Crawfish Races for kids. Kids choose a mudbug and put it in the start area. The first mudbug out of the circle is the winner.

"Louisiana Louie and Pensacola Beach Pinchee look good to me," Gleim said. "However, some late entries may surprise us. Personally, I am expecting Big Bamboo to be a front runner."

The first race is at 6 p.m. on Friday.

There is no charge to enter the Kids Zone and there will be additional games, Scoop the Pensacola Pelican Team mascot, and face painting. Sunday's events will feature a mudbug eating contest for adults, maybe even a beauty contest will pop up, according to sponsors.

While the mudbugs will satisfy the Cajun gourmet palate, three days of great bands will be the highlight of the festival.

The Florida-style Boardwalk

will sound like the back roads of the bayous of Louisiana when the famed band, Tout Les Soir takes the stage both Saturday and Sunday.

"This is a great family event," Gleim said. "We want everybody to come out and enjoy the music, the games and the crawfish."

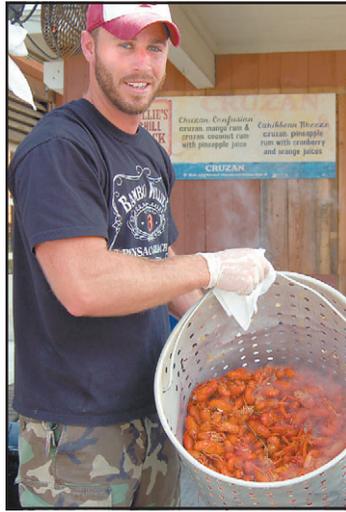
Bamboo Willie's also reaches out to help the Beach community by asking the Chamber of Commerce to serve the flats of crawfish.

"We will be working for tips," Maureen LaMar, Chamber executive director said. "You know the Chamber servers do a really great job. For the people who have never eaten crawfish before, they educate them in the correct procedure on how to peel and eat the spicy delicacy."

Also, Gleim said this year a group of teenagers representing Chain Reaction have volunteered to help serve and will run the Face Painting booth.

Boardwalk Merchants will setup their wares outside and host a Sidewalk Sale Saturday and Sunday.

Sights, smells and sounds are all free of charge at the festival.



**Crawfish cooker, Charlie Owings, 26, hones his techniques at a Sunday afternoon Bamboo Willie's crawfish boil. He will be among the legions of guys who prepare four tons of mudbugs for festival goers.**

Great music will be provided by:

Friday, April 16		
Bamboo Willie's Stage	4 p.m. Backseat Romeo	Amphitheater
	10 p.m. Eleven	6 p.m. John Wheeler
Saturday, April 17		
Bamboo Willie's Stage	Noon Schofield	Amphitheater
	5 p.m. Tout Les Soir	1 p.m. Richard Bowen
	10 p.m. The Park Band	5 p.m. John Wheeler
Sunday, April 18		
Bamboo Willie's Stage	1 p.m. Tout Les Soir	Amphitheatre
	6 p.m. The Three Amigos	1 p.m. Richard Bowen

## SRIA Committee Approves Sale of Five Flags Site Neighboring Hotels To Split Gulfront Tract

The Santa Rosa Island Authority approved a request which will expand the properties of the Hotel Indigo and the Holiday Inn Express at their March 24 meeting.

Beverly McCay, general manager of the Holiday Inn Express, spoke to the Board about the proposed request, "I can envision a lot of wonderful options which would tie the properties together," she said. "Perhaps a lazy river. There are so many ideas that could happen."

The request to sell the site came from Five Flags hotel owners Mal Williams and Baker Clark. SRIA Development and Leasing Committee member Vernon Prather understood the need for the sale, citing the small size of the parcel, coupled with the high development costs plus the current sluggish economy makes rebuilding a hotel there unmanageable.

When sold, the minimum lease fee would increase from \$2,500 to \$16,000.

The lease on the property would be divided equally be-

tween Hotel Indigo and Holiday Inn Express. Committee members voting on the proposal were enthusiastic about the idea.

"They are going to produce a nice product," Prather said, "It will be good for the Island, good for the SRIA, and hopefully, good for the leaseholders."

Prather, Tammy Bohannon, Board chair, and Dr. Thomas Campanella all voted in favor of the sale.

The Board discussed a few details in the master plan for Pensacola Beach. The final version of the plan will be brought to the full board at their April 14 meeting by EDSA, master planners, although the County has come into the planning picture and a final vote will not take place before October of this year.

"I am very excited about Commissioner Grover Robinson's involvement in the process," said Executive Director Buck Lee. "He has arranged to use local option sales tax monies to finance the process of evaluation and additional public meetings. He also has involved

the assistance of the County engineering department."

Lee also said that Larry Newsome, Interim County Administrator, will be at the April 14 meeting. He will answer questions and give an overview of how the County will handle the next stage of the process.

Dottie Ford, SRIA Director of Finance, presented her usual cheerful report noting that revenues in January were up by 7 percent over what was anticipated.

"Revenues were up \$55,000 and we are up over \$100,000 for the year from what was projected," she said. "For the four months of the fiscal year, the revenues are 6.7 percent higher than budgeted."

The Board held a special meeting prior to the Committees, and awarded the contract to manage the toll booth to Accustaff, who has been managing the facility for nine years. They submitted the low bid.

The full board meeting on April 14 will be at 5 p.m. at the Authority office building. All meetings are open to the public.

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# Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



If all those crawfish crossing Interstate 10 in 1970 were just trying to get to the other side of the road, they should have taken a different route.

I think this may be a one of a kind story to add to the crawfish lore which goes around every spring.

We were driving home from a swim meet in Mobile to New Orleans on a warm, Sunday afternoon. Just before we got to Slidell, we came upon a huge number of cars parked all up and down the shoulder and in the median.

"Must be a terrible wreck," I said as we stopped our Volkswagen camper.

Then we suddenly realized that thousands of mudbugs were coming up out of the ditch on the side of the road, and traveling across

the highway. Some of them, not many, made it.

The reason was that the roadway was filled with people who were scooping up the defenseless mudbugs and putting them in paper bags, coolers, buckets, pillow cases, whatever.

So, what did we do? We couldn't drive on without killing innocent mud bug lovers scooping up mudbugs. So, we grabbed our coolers from the camper and joined the fun. Shelley was ten-years-old and Liz was five. Native Orleanians that they were, picked up the tasty crawfish as skillfully as if they had been born in LaFourche Parish. In no time at all, we had filled the coolers, iced the mudbugs down and we continued to watch the proceedings as more people showed up and the ranks of the crawfish were

beginning to thin.

"We can put some in the sink," Shelley said. And she and Liz got out and plucked a few more to put in the camper's tiny sink which fortunately had a built-in cover.

Then, as the crawfish stopped marching across the road, the cars began to disperse. All at once. I don't remember any crunches or fender benders. No one wanted to have a wrecked automobile carrying such precious cargo. So, we joined the mass exodus and headed home.

All went well for a while. That was until Liz and Shelley decided to check on the crawdads in the sink. Once the cover was removed, guess what the mudbugs did. They jumped out of the sink and started crawling all over the van. We had no choices. Well, really only one. We had to pull over to stop and try to retrieve the errant little guys. My recollection is that the mudbugs were much faster than we in such close captivity, so we began, much to the chagrin of Shelley and Liz, sweeping them out the wide side door. Once again we

were on our way home.

But we heard one lone mudbug rummaging around. I guess he was looking for his bayou home, but he finally slid under the driver's seat and quietly hid from us.

Ignoring the single escapee, we took the catch to our house and set up our big seafood pot on the carport. What a grand dinner. Enough for us and our next door neighbors who kept trying to figure out where we had actually found all those mudbugs, but they were native

Orleanians so they were not going to let the bizarre, but true, story spoil their favorite dinner.

"I wonder where the mudbug is that got away?" Shelley suddenly asked.

"Oh, he probably got out of the car and is playing now in someone's front yard right here on Haring Road," I said.

Liz, who had just polished off a whole tray of mudbugs, commented, in all seriousness, "I hope he's all right."

## Ride Your Rickshaw To Beach Optimist Party

The lanterns are hung and chopsticks are on the tables at Flounder's in preparation for the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club's Beach Meets Far East Party, Tuesday, April 20 at 6 p.m. The annual fundraising event features a full menu of exotic dishes, live music by the Johansens, a silent auction, and Chuck's Famous raffle.

"We have gone all out for this event," said Mary Claus, chairman. "Our menu is outstanding."

Menu items for the evening include: Hot and sour soup, Potstickers with an mirian dipping sauce, Chicken satay with peanut sauce, Sweet and sour pork, Chicken and vegetable curry, Szechuan beef and broccoli, Fried rice and Steamed

Jasmine rice.

"The desserts will be bowls of Green tea ice cream with almond tweels and coconut macaroons," Claus noted. "And, of course, we will serve sake."

The highlight of the event is Chuck's Famous Raffle. One lucky ticket holder will go home with a \$1250 cash prize. Tickets are \$50 each and only 100 will be sold. The proceeds from this raffle are donated to the Pensacola Beach Elementary School and other causes.

The Silent Auction will follow the raffle.

Event tickets are still available at a cost of \$50 each. If you are interested in attending, please call Mary Claus at 850-916-0455.

### Attention: Sisters of the Beach

Calling all SOBs! We have received a request from First Sergeant Matt Drees to supply a "goody" package once a month for him to share with his unit. Matt deployed on March 12 to Afghanistan and will serve for one year. Anything from home will be greatly appreciated by those far away. It will take all of us to make this happen. For coordination, please contact Charlotte Spencer 850-934-3974, Deb Friedman 850-712-8546 or Judy L'Oignon 850-932-5906. Please keep Matt, his family and his unit in your prayers.

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# Trivia? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

## STAR GAZING

Danah Gibson has been Joe Perry's number one fan for decades, but she never thought she would get to meet him. The Aerosmith rocker played at the Beau Rivage March 26, so Danah, sister Gwen, and friends Dana Graves and Karina Foster traveled to the concert. For a surprise, Dana Graves arranged a back stage meet and greet for her star-struck friend. If you see Danah Gibson floating around the Beach, that's because she is still on Cloud Nine. Ask to see the photo of them together.

## GREAT SCOTT!

If your name is Scott and your wife's name is Kristin, then throw a party! Bananimals krewa member Scott Stonebraker and Beach businessman Scott Amberson cranked up the party-meter to full blast for their respective birthdays last week. Coincidentally, their wives share the same name. Stonebraker's Aunt Mary Jo Tibbits said to be sure to announce that her nephew is 40-years-old.

## TOP DOG

Daisy Johnson, Shelley's thirteen-year-old Chesapeake Bay Retriever, has been honored by Wright Pet Care as the Pet of the Month. Mary Wright is the owner. Daisy was also named the valedictorian of her dog training class several years ago. Mary included the correct answer to the Easter trivia question in her email, too. Her answer was right, but too late to win the shirt.

## YOUNG ARTIST

Beach school student Caleb Sampson sketched out a colorful spring rendering and sent it to Channel 3 News' "Color The Weather" segment. His artwork appeared on the March 22 news show.

## LOVELY LASSIES

Beverly Hughes and Sherry Stricula gathered the green during the St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl on Pensacola Beach by raffling donated items at each of the thirteen appointed stops. The lucky leprechauns would work their magic until the pot o' gold was full. They collected almost \$705 which was donated to

Covenant Hospice.

## BIG WINNER

Renee Mack headed for the Big Easy to celebrate her March birthday. The lucky gal disarmed the one-armed bandits at Harrah's Casino and walked away with enough winnings to treat her entourage to dinner in the French Quarter.

## WITH SYMPATHY

Pensacola Beach resident, Patsy Anderson, lost her battle with cancer on March 25. Patsy passed away in her hometown of Dewitt, Michigan and leaves behind her loving husband, Steve and daughter Kelley, a former Gulf Breeze High School Student. We'll miss her "beach" blonde hair and bright blue eyes on the island!

## BACK TO THE BEACH

DJ and Carl Zemenick took a trip to Rockledge, Florida to visit the patriarch of the Zemenick Clan. Carl's dad, Cass Zemenick, was happy to have to the couple visit, but will expect them back in time to help him celebrate his ninetieth birthday on July 14.

## HIGH SPIRITS

Sally Goldberger, who served as a Ship's Officer in the Krewa of Wrecks royal court, was the winner of the basket of spirits raffle, at the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club Game Day. The money benefits Beach non-profit organizations.

## CLEAN CUT

Jack White has a handsome, new look. He's shed his moustache and ponytail until his shoulder recovers from surgery. According to Jack, it's too much for a one-handed guy to manage, so he's looking like a clean cut businessman instead of a Woolly Booger.

## PASSOVER PALS

Neil Talbot hosted the Seder meal to mark the beginning of Passover at his home on Pensacola Beach, March 29. It is an annual event that Sandi Johnson and Chuck and Helen Randle look forward to each year. Neil put on a spread of leg of lamb and smoked turkey, and everyone brought vegetable dishes or salads to complete the feast.

Sometimes, not often, the Trivia Master melts down and gets soft hearted. He knew even as he was composing the last question that some player would know exactly where to go to find the golden egg which would be transferring into an *Island Times* t-shirt. The question was "What year was the Cross installed on the dune near the Holiday Inn Express on Ft. Pickens Road and who put it there?" Dottie Kracheck was the first to find the correct answer on the Internet. It was the Knights of Columbus in 1959, so Dottie gets the shirt.

A number of other players followed with correct answers including Dave Wheeler, our resident trivia player from Atlanta who emailed an interesting story of the event. He was there as a representative of Sacred Heart School when the Quadricentennial Celebration took place. After the reenactment

of the first Catholic Mass in North America, the crowd went to the Spanish Village for a beer.

"I was ten years old," emails Dave. "Now I'm 60. Beer is still good. So is Mass. Keep up the great paper. I love it."

All that and his answer was too late.

Sue Garnjobst also sent a correct answer and noted that the event was dedicated by Bishop Thomas J. Toolin. Sue said she had wanted to win a t-shirt for years. Keep on trying.

Maureen LaMar, executive Director of the Beach Chamber of Commerce, got the Knights right, but stumbled on the date. She thought it was 1954.

Was this question too easy for the Knights of the Trivia Roundtable? Not a peep from Sir Morrie, Sir Bill or Countess Kim. The Trivia Master now dives into his archives

and directs this week's question at the Beach historians. Who was the artist who created the first logo for the Krewa of Wrecks? She also designed and sewed the costumes which are the nearly the same today. She often arrived at her job at the Junkyard Coffee Shop dressed and acting like Harpo Marx. You won't find the answer to this one on the Internet. But wherever you find the correct answer, it will be worth a t-shirt if you are the first to email it with "trivia" in the subject line to [islandtimes@bellsouth.net](mailto:islandtimes@bellsouth.net). Be sure to include your phone number with your email. The deadline to answer is Tuesday, April 13.

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# County Administrator Clarifies Role in Master Plan Development

A special explanatory letter from Larry Newsome, Interim County Administrator, was presented to the members of the Santa Rosa Island Authority on March 24. It clearly outlines the role the County will play in the development of the Master Plan over the next seven months. Their work will include two additional public meetings, so locals will have a chance to give more input on the plan before it goes before the Commissioners for a vote in October.

This letter is the second one written by Newsome. The first was published exclusively in *Island Times* on March 9, 2010.

Mr. Lee:

*Escambia County appreciates the opportunity to be a part of the review process of the conceptual plan submitted to your board by EDSA. This plan offers some good*

*ideas to address the two major concerns that impact safety issues within the core area of Pensacola Beach (pedestrian movement and flow, and motorist's parking lot flow). However, there are other conceptual ideas that may not be supported through engineering design or analysis and landscaping appearances can be applied as primary issues are addressed.*

*Understanding your staff resources, Escambia County will project-manage a design phase through Local Option Sales Tax funds to address the following primary issues and schedule public hearings for 30 percent and 90 percent design plans:*

*1. Evaluate by design the cost and feasibility of an alternate pedestrian facility to move traffic between and through all three parking ar-*

*eas (above grade, at grade, below grade). We will consider existing concepts and any proposed by the selected A & E Firm.*

*2. Evaluate by design and consideration of existing commercial parking requirements an improved flow pattern for all parking areas within the core area. We will also evaluate access management improvements to Via de Luna and Ft. Pickens Road to reduce conflicts with all commercial driveways and free flowing*

*traffic.*

*Escambia Traffic and Engineering staff will prepare a scope of work to focus on these primary objectives and advertise this project through the Purchasing Department for "Request for Proposals." We will coordinate with Island Authority staff and their Board members to ensure synchronization of the process. We will request the A & E firm as part of the scope to review past "Engineering and Traffic Studies" to determine best engineering practices to meet demands. Please allow seven*

*months for contract procurement, design and scheduling the first public meeting.*

*We are looking forward to a successful project and partnership with engineering solutions to support safety and economic viability of Pensacola Beach.*

*Sincerely,*

*Larry M. Newsome  
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*Newsome will be available at the April 14 Santa Rosa Island Authority meeting to answer questions.*

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# peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis



If you were present at the Krewe of Wrecks Queen's Dinner this year, then you really need to go view the Mardi Gras photograph books at the Elks Lodge. D.J. Zemenick did an outstanding job and each Queen has a beautiful portrait photo in her shiny tiara. You are going to love your own picture almost as much as those of your royal friends. So call your friends together for a nice lunch and then head over to the Lodge for some cocktails and photo viewing. I promise you will only regret it if you don't.

After Nereid Queen Courtney Winstead returned "Baby" (what the Nereids are now calling the Grand Marshall's Trophy) with her newest Mermaid plaque, I brought the trophy home for a few days. The grandchildren were certainly impressed with the size of the trophy won by Nanny's parade float. They were there for the Parade, as always, but I was on the float, so I kinda missed seeing them.

I did see longtime Beach Sister, Cyndi Shumaker, who also always attends the Parade even from the far north. Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow could keep Cyndi and husband Shu from Mardi Gras on the Island. Amazing how Cyndi appeared in the crowd, screamed my name and caught the beads I managed to throw her this year. Well, we only get to see Cyndi and Shu twice a year, but they're like clockwork. They always return in July for the Blue Angels Show when there is, once again, a huge crowd. We're always glad to have them even if there's not much time or space to visit.

And where does all that time go? I still haven't put away all the purple stuff and it's already time for spring cleaning. Oh well, I hate cleaning anyway so I guess that explains the purple stuff - but wait, purple was a good color for Easter, right? And spring? And summer? And definitely autumn and winter, then we'll be right back into Mardi Gras again! Good, I can just leave it alone and quit worrying. Besides, life is just too short to spend worry-

ing or cleaning. I much prefer doing things that have an ending anyway; like playing with the grandchildren during spring break, reading a really good book, hanging with the girls or even cooking a good meal. Even better, celebrating a first Birthday with my sweet "grandson" baby Max Lorne Harris. Now that's fun!

Bill and I spent a day with all four children, at the same time. We had such a grand time and, of course, not a single one was ready to go home. Baby Max had some quality time with Pappy while Sissy and Ash chased bubbles with Nanny (Jesiah played the Xbox). We ate cookies for lunch and had strawberries for dessert.

Ash and Max's Mom Sara Harris got a little taste of the spoiling we did just a few days later. Ash asked for a snack and Sara was making dinner so she said "No."

Ash responded with, "Nanny gives me snacks when I'm at her house!"

Well, spoiling grandkids is our job; and we do it well.

My sisters and I had only a one grandparent, our Daddy's mom, and she died while I was young. Not having grandparents has certainly taught us how to be the best. It would have been great to have grandparents like us. We really know how to spoil a kid and believe me, it's a lotta fun. I've always believed grandchildren are God's gift for having survived raising teenagers.

My friend and Sister, Lois Jernigan is always telling me to put olive oil on my nails or rather the cuticles. You know how they dry out and start shredding? Well, they do and then they get very tender and painful. So, I decided to try the olive oil thing. And since I was putting it on one finger I decided I might as well do all of them. Only one problem; the olive oil I had was "garlic" olive oil. As much as I love garlic, it's not a good thing at bedtime. I had to wash it all off and I still smelled garlicky.

However, I bought the plain stuff and it really works.

You won't find any garlic in this recipe, but it certainly made me think I might have died and gone to Heaven! I always knew Southerner's could deep fry anything; I just never realized we could cover everything with chocolate. But you never know until you try it.

So, let's cook.....

## Chocolate Covered Bacon

12 thick-sliced bacon strips (about 1 lb.)  
12 wooden skewers (12 in.)  
6 oz. white candy almond bark, chopped  
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1 tbsp. shortening  
Optional toppings: chopped nuts, toasted coconut, brown sugar, cayenne pepper and coarsely ground black pepper.

Thread each bacon strip onto skewer and place on a rack in large baking pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until crisp. Cool completely. Melt white almond bark in microwave slowly (30 seconds at a time) and stir until smooth. Combine chocolate chips and shortening; melt in microwave, stirring until smooth. Using a pastry brush, coat bacon on both sides with melted coatings. Top each strip as desired. Place on waxed paper-lined baking sheets and refrigerate until firm. Store in refrigerator.

Enjoy, share and don't forget to spend time on the Beach with family and friends.

See ya in the kitchen.....



You never know who you'll meet in Paradise - The Sauce Boss, left, is the swiftest, blues chef who cooks up a big batch of gumbo onstage while entertaining his audience with some seriously rich music. He performed at the Paradise Bar and Grill March 19. The crowds got an extra helping of Big Easy entertainment when New Orleans artist Mousie strummed a few tunes like Naked in the Swimming Pool and Hunka Chunka Hula Boy on her ukulele.

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# Chamber Reaches Out To Help Businesses And Residents

The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce bunny hopped in far reaching strides from St. Patrick's Day to Easter, helping the business and residential communities on the Beach all along the way.

Board members at their March 23 meeting were proud to hear that the St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl which they sponsor raised \$2785 for Covenant Hospice of Pensacola. The check was presented at the March 30 Business After Hours meeting at Portofino.

Board member Karen Cook Cowen thanked the Chamber for dedicating \$100 toward the holidays for the foster children in the area. Karen, who is in charge of their Easter party, had created 145 baskets for the children. Individuals and businesses donated additional funds including Nan Harper of Island Realty, AES Employment Services, Katie Kehoe of Hampton Inn,

Chrissy Cook and Glenn Windham.

Now, the Chamber is projecting its funds and ideas toward the events of the summer and fall. The Fourth of July Fireworks permits are already complete and the estimated costs for security for the Fourth are estimated to be \$1400 lower than last year. The Chamber carries a large responsibility in many aspects partnering with the Santa Rosa Island Authority on the Blue Angels Air Show, scheduled for July 7-11. They are assisting with the VIP Party and the Vendors Tent at the show. Vendors applications and rates are available at the Visitors Center. The Chamber is also seeking sponsors for the Air Show. Publix has already signed up. Call 932-1500 if you are interested in becoming a sponsor.

Advertising the fall events, Taste of the Beach and the Art and Wine Weekend, was also on the agenda.

Maureen LaMar, Executive Director, said the Visitor's Center is going digital with the installation of a video display which will scroll through with real time reports on surf, weather, events and advertising. The ads will cover the cost of the display.

"I already have advertisers lining up to sign on as soon as this service is available," LaMar said. "This will be such a great addition for our visitors and another opportunity for our Chamber members to benefit."

LaMar has also accepted an appointment as a committee member to the professional tourism group, TACC. LaMar noted that the Tourist Development Tax report revealed that Pensacola Beach had generated \$433,433 in bed taxes in January which is 8 percent higher than last year. LaMar also said that the Chamber's new website would be launched on May 1.

The Full Board of the Chamber will meet on Tuesday, April 20 at 5 p.m. in the SRIA boardroom. The monthly membership meeting will be Tuesday, April 27 at 8:30 a.m. at the Days Inn, followed by Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m. at Paradise.

For information on joining the Chamber, call 932-1500. There are a number of different categories including one for individuals and others covering all types of businesses.

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# School Spruces Up For Spring With New Paint and Playground Equipment

Pensacola Beach Elementary School has almost finished its "spring spruce up" with the completion of painting of the entire campus. The Board heard at their March 22 meeting that all the painting and repair work would be complete by the time the students return from Spring Break. Of more interest to the children is the installation of a Jungle Gym Dome and a rock climbing wall on the playground. The PTA purchased the new equipment in response to a parent survey on what was needed that the PTA

could buy with funds generated by the Fall Festival.

Students were also happy with Tiki Island's reward to those who are good citizens and good students.

"Kudos to Tiki Island," said Joy McLaurine, third grade teacher. "They continue to support our educational goals with freebies for the kids as incentives."

"There are a lot of neat things going on at this campus," McLaurine continued.

She noted in her teacher's re-

port that Scoop, the Pensacola Pelicans professional baseball team's mascot, would visit the school as part of the Scoop's Reading Challenge.

"The incentive programs that are in place are wonderful," she said. "We have big field trips, the Sandollar Store and all the learning aids like assignment books, folders and especially the Promethian Boards. It makes our students prepared for middle school."

She explained to the Board, how a new computerized microscope projected onto the Promethian Board enhances her students' education.

"This is easy to use. Can you imagine being able to show an entire class at one time a side of phytoplankton during the spring Marine Biology chapter?" she asked.

A small attachment accepts the microscope slide and transfers it to the giant board.

"This technology has literally changed our lives as teachers," McLaurine commented.

The PTA assisted purchasing the Boards which are in all of the classrooms.

The St. Patrick's leprechauns have left the school, according to

Jennifer Neal, kindergarten teacher. Jeff Castleberry, principal, showed the children on Google Earth, that they had all returned to Ireland.

Julie Fritz, Policy Review committee, announced that the group

is working on generating a School Handbook.

The next meeting of the School Board will be at 6 p.m., Monday, April 26 at the school. The meeting is open to the public.



The Beach Brigade is comprised of Beach School students who have been good citizens on campus. As a reward, Tiki Island hosted a party for the kids on March 26 where first grader Gabby Rice showed her wild side on the Harley ride to teacher Kelli Gunter and fellow student Bridgett Wolfe.

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## Runners Take Over Beach For Weekend

The scenic flat roads on Pensacola Beach are a runners paradise, so race directors have booked contests April 10 and 11 on the Beach.

The starter's pistol will pierce the morning calm on Saturday at 8 a.m. for the third annual Run For Their Lives 5K in front of Crab's We Got 'Em. Entry fee is \$15 prior to race day and the forms are available at [www.eLakeviewCenter.org](http://www.eLakeviewCenter.org). A postrace party will be hosted at the Casino Beach with food, music and awards for runners in many categories.

The run is held in recognition of Victims of Crime Week and pro-

ceeds will benefit the Rape Crisis Trauma Recovery Program.

Saturday's 5K can serve as a warm-up sprint for the inaugural Gulf Coast Half Marathon at Pensacola Beach, Sunday, April 11. The 13.1 mile race begins at 7 a.m. at Casino Beach, heads east with the finish line at the Santa Rosa Island Authority office. The race course will close at 11 am. The post race party and awards will be at Flounder's.

Race director Chad Guess expects to exceed his goal of 900 entries. For more information about this event, please visit [www.pbhalf.com](http://www.pbhalf.com).

## Bicyclists Ride Across Scenic Island Course

Long distance cyclists will be wheeling the length of Santa Rosa Island on Saturday, April 10 as part of a 62 mile trek to raise money for diabetes. The Tour de Cure begins at The Andrews Institute in Gulf Breeze at 7 a.m. and the elite riders are expected to begin arriving on the island around 10 a.m. according to Dusti deMahy, race organizer.

"In over 40 states from coast to coast, thousands of cyclists will be pedaling toward finding a cure for this deadly disease, so Northwest Florida has joined the fun," she said. "We have a 62 mile, 42 mile and a short 'family fun' route for riders."

All rides will have themed rest

stops equipped with restrooms and plenty of food and refreshment to fuel riders. Bike Marshalls, Safety Patrols, Roaming Mechanics, SAG vehicles, Medical Staff and volunteers will support cyclists along the way to ensure a safe and fun ride from start to finish. Upon completion, riders will return to Andrews Institute to enjoy free massages, a delicious lunch and a post event party with music and entertainment for the entire family.

Beach residents and visitors are encouraged to cheer the participants as they pedal to the finish line.

For more information call the American Diabetes Association at 850-492-6100.

## Yacht Clubbers Hoist A Sail For Little Ones

Pensacola Beach Yacht Club captains expect smooth sailing for entrants in the Premie Cup Regatta on April 17. The annual event, which is sponsored by the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club, benefits the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital.

Registration for the regatta will take place on Friday, April 16, at the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club at 6 p.m., with the Skippers' Meeting for big boats to be held directly after registration at 7 p.m. The fun continues the next day, Saturday, April 17, starting off at

9 a.m. with small boat registration at Quietwater Beach, followed by the Skippers' Meeting for those classes at 10:30 a.m.

"Sailors should be ready to sail on Saturday at 11:55 a.m." said Linda Craft, Premie chairman. "The race will be followed with regatta dogs and awards at PBYC at 5 p.m. or sometime around then."

All sailors are welcome to join the fun and help us raise funds for a terrific cause. For more information on the race, visit PBYC's website at [www.pensacolabeach-yc.org](http://www.pensacolabeach-yc.org).

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Edie Draper, (front, left) was honored by the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club on her 90th birthday, March 19, with champagne and cake. Joining her celebration are (L to R): Debbie Slater, Rose Crosby, Louise Greenley, Marie Lord, and Barbara Gray who also have March birthdays.

Edie, who lives on the Beach with her husband Dallas, is a former Krewe of Wrecks First Mate and Parade Grand Marshall.

## ~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

### CALENDAR DOLLARS

Krewe of Junkanoo's is a small Mardi Gras Krewe on Pensacola Beach. They sold ads in a fifteen month calendar to pay for the production of the calendar. Thank you very much to those krewes and businesses who participated in the calendar.

The Krewe then sold the calendars during the Mardi Gras season and earned \$2,400 for the Good Samaritan Clinic on Highway 98 in Gulf Breeze.

On April 17 at noon they will

present the check to the Clinic. Thanks to all who helped,

Susie Mardis  
Krewe of Junkanoo

### LOVE THE GREEN

On behalf of the Paddy Blake's Family, and his Society of Leprechauns, a sincere thank you to all those Pensacola Beach Businesses who donated to the St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl raffles; and a special thanks to all who purchased tickets. We raised \$705 which was donated to Hospice along with the Cham-

ber's proceeds from the t-shirt sales.

May you receive blessings tenfold for your generosity.

Shirley Blake, Danny and Pam Blake, Beverly Hughes and The Society of Leprechauns

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Pensacola Beach native Cullen Stanley, who learned to fish as he took his first steps as a toddler, is serving as the deckhand aboard the Lively One II. This is the host vessel to the infamous group of Beach anglers, the Lively Ladies, who have already booked a trip for June.

## LATE NIGHT WITH JOYCE

The Natives will be staying up late to serve their customers according to Joyce Brown. The little café in the Via de Luna Shopping Center will be open until 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights until the end of summer. They are open for breakfast and lunch everyday.

## JUST FOR FUN

Richard Hicks is a fun guy. And, he wants you to have fun skating, surfing and pedaling your bike on the beach. Get tuned up for spring with a new bike or fresh tires and accessories at The Fun Store, located in the Soundside Market. Richard has everything from kites to kayaks for sale and rent.

## PARTY WITH MARTA

Lively Marta Ray has joined Guy Olano to launch Castaways located in the former Jubilee Restaurant at the Southern entrance of the Boardwalk. Olano is committed to beautifying the Beach, so he commissioned local tiki artist Jeff Wheelock to create an island style oasis. The restaurant and raw bar opened on Easter weekend. Cast away all your worries at the waterfront eatery.

## HIGH ROLLERS

The Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce is "Breezing To Biloxi" Friday, May 7 at 4 p.m. The annual Casino Night fundraiser's Bus will leave the Chamber office on Highway 98 for a five hour gambling junket in Biloxi. The \$45 fare includes round-trip motor coach service and \$15 in free play at participating casinos

To purchase your ticket, 850-932-7888.

## MEET THE WRITER

Patricia Edmisten will be the

featured speaker at Friends of the Southwest Branch Library's April 12 meeting at 7 p.m. Edmisten wrote *The Treasures of Pensacola Beach*, a collection of poems, photos, anecdotes of the natural history of the

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# The Lizzard's TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



I have many memories of celebrating Spring Break on Pensacola Beach not only as a tourist, but as a local as well. It all began in the spring of 1978 when my family rented a condo at the Sabine Yacht and Racquet Club. The Gulf was really too cold to swim in, but that didn't stop me. The temperatures weren't exactly in the 80s either, but that didn't prevent me from frying myself during the peak hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. like an egg on a griddle. I remember that Spring Break vacation well. It would also mark the last time my family vacationed at the Beach. We moved from New Orleans that summer and my mom set up permanent residence on Ariola Drive. After that, I spent my high school and college years never having to rent a place or contemplating where I was going for Spring Break. I just went home and I brought all my friends with me.

I have a recollection here and there of each Spring Break on the Beach – but none so memorable as my sophomore year at Pensacola Catholic High School. My two best friends, Molly and Tina, came to spend the weekend with me which was an accomplishment within itself. Molly lived off of Bayou Blvd.; Tina actually commuted to CHS from Lillian, Alabama; and I spent the majority of my non-school time in the pool at Pensacola Junior College. We had spent weeks in Honors English mapping out our plan of attack. We had to convince an over protective set of parents that the Beach was not filled with marauding pirates and heathens; another set of parents that Sunday would be a wonderful day to take a drive to the Beach; and a single parent and coach that missing one Saturday swim practice would not be the end of my career. Let me just say there is nothing more powerful than the persuasion of three, very determined, 15-year-old girls.

We had it all figured out. Tina would go home with Molly after school on Friday. My mom and I would pick them up after I finished working out at PJC because Molly's house was on the way home from

the pool to the Beach. Our logistical brilliance was just magnificent and most importantly, it worked. We arrived on the Beach just in time for dinner at Nero's where we ordered a large cheese pizza, three ice cold Cokes and chips. Every time a local would come over and say "hi," I wasn't so sure Molly still believed me that the Beach was a pirate-free zone. We piled into the family car, a Plymouth Volare station wagon that had been assaulted daily by the salt air, which we lovingly called "The Rustmobile," and cranked up the one and only AM station the radio would get: WBSR.

Tina, who could have doubled as a Cheryl Tiegs lookalike, was completely beside herself as she blurted out that Chip Nelson was going to be broadcasting live from Casino Parking Lot on Saturday in the WBSR prize van. We had not included the Casino Parking Lot in our original plans and this would take some convincing. Though as a teenager I did have run of the Beach, I had boundaries. I was allowed to swim to The Pier, but I couldn't hang out on it. I could roller skate to Nero's; but I had to bike to the Sun Ray Oyster Shop, the Junkyard Coffee Shop and The Tiki. Not my rules, I just lived by them.

"Mom, do you think we could go to the Casino Parking Lot tomorrow?" I asked. Trying to drown out the begging and pleading of Molly and Tina, I knew I had to come up with a sane and safe plan that my mom would agree to, and I had to quickly before the other two started to whine. After all, the only wine my mother liked came from a bottle.

I can't remember what the final plan was because I am sure that it changed at least one-hundred times before being executed, but I do remember as the three of us set out on foot, walking in the shallow Gulf waters until we reached Casino Beach. Molly and Tina were both wearing bikinis with fancy cover-ups from Gayfers. I had on a white, Hang Ten terrycloth bikini with surf trunks and a t-shirt from Rip Curl Surf and Sport. We were covered head to toe in Panama Jack suntan

oil and had managed to cram three pairs of flip flops and \$20 in an old mesh swimming bag.

Molly and Tina were overtemped and I was starving by the time we reached our final destination. They freshened up in the public bathroom while I ordered a burger, fries and soda from Tiffany's. In hindsight, we hadn't been on Casino Beach more than five minutes when we broke the first rule of "always stay together." When we joined up, they were wearing make-up. I had a ketchup stain on my t-shirt. They were attracting the attention of all men. I was being swooped upon by seagulls for my last few fries.

We walked around that parking lot like we owned it and then we saw him, the god of the AM airwaves, Chip Nelson. After much discussion, probably all of 60 seconds, we decided we would go request a song, not give our real names, and if given the chance we would each take a turn at talking on the radio. I have no idea what song we asked him to play and when he turned the mic our way, we were shrill, shriller and shrillest. I am not sure if we just weren't smart enough to think up aliases or a little Catholic school guilt crept in, but we introduced ourselves using our true identities. He gave us each some kind of WBSR tchotchke and sent us on our way.

After that we soaked up a little more sun and spent the rest of our money on food and drink. By late afternoon, we were more than willing to ride home in the no-air conditioned style that only The Rustmobile could offer. That night, as we curled up in our sleeping bags on the outdoor balcony, we talked about our day's journey, each time embellishing a little bit more on how we met Chip Nelson. Molly wanted to sneak out and see if he was still broadcasting from Casino Beach. Tina was too sunburned to move. I was too tired to care. Sunday morning seemed to have come too soon as Tina's parents arrived at 8 a.m. on the dot to take her and Molly back to America. That would be the one and only weekend we ever spent

together on Pensacola Beach.

By the next spring, we all had boyfriends and I had opted out of high school and into college. By the following spring, Molly had been killed in a car crash; Tina was engaged to be married; and I was spending countless hours training. Maybe that is why 30 years later, I still remember that Spring Break as my favorite. And in the end, Chip Nelson and I became good friends through our media connections and to this day, thanks to the internet, I can still listen to him on 96.1, The Rocket. Until next time...

## Raschen and Savelli Announce Engagement

Teresa Lynn Raschen and former Pensacola Beach resident Samuel Robert Savelli along with their families are pleased to announce their engagement.

Teresa is the daughter of Stephen Francis Carlson, Jr. and the late Debra Stringer Carlson and the granddaughter of Margaret Ila Tamblyn.

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One last hoorah at Portofino before Snowbird friends Roger and Dot Gipps, and Carl and Carol Wiggins fly the coop. Portofino resident Sandi Scoop Johnson submitted this photo taken of an impromptu farewell party last month. Toasting their friends are (front row, L to R): Sharon Loper, Roger Gipps, Evan Crosby, Jack Shay, Tex Atkinson, Patricia Bernhard, Debra Pitou, Mary S Lee (partly hidden), Kim Harvell, Mary Shay, Carol and Carl Wiggins. In the back row are: Mike Pitou, Don and Kay Rickenbaugh, and Dot Gipps.

## Ski Bunnies Present Slate of Officers at Spring Party

The Pensacola Ski Club will usher in their off-season with an election of officers and ski apparel sale at their Spring Party, Saturday, April 17 at Seville Quarter at 6 p.m. Officers who have been nominated include Susan Naile, president; Denice Hair, vice president; Ilona Borish, trips; Beverly Gay, secretary; Paul Belt, treasurer;

and Cindy Urmos-Clements, asst. treasurer. Board members include Cheryl Alter, Traci Ingram-Gay, Terri Phillips, Wendy Wozniak, J Phillip Warren, Tammy Drummond, Al Austin, Steve Burch, Tim Bone, Doc Holliday, Michelle Mandel, Fitz Miller, Pam Ryland and Karin Streetman.

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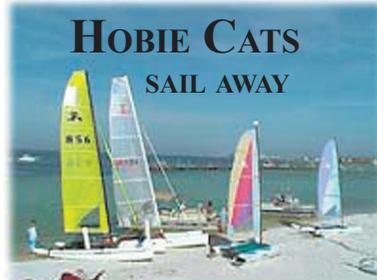


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Chris Haskin has made his place in the winner's circle by capturing two wins at the tables. He outlasted the Paddy's crowd on March 23. Angela Hartzog was the runner up. He battled his way to first place in a crowd of 17 players at the Sandshaker, Mar. 22. His final hand was a top notch four-of-a-kind. Mike Wood settled for second place.

Other results included:  
Paddy O'Leary's  
March 20

1. Janie Uzdevenes
2. Phil Tracy

3. Justin Scher  
March 21
1. Justin Scher
2. Todd Lentini
3. Waldo Defindorf  
March 23

1. Chris Haskin
2. Angela Hartzog  
March 25

1. Todd Lentini
2. Phil Tracy  
March 27

1. Hank Misiak
2. James Presley
3. Norman Carriere

The games are open to anyone who has a basic knowledge of the game. All skill and experience levels are welcome to play.

"We have had players from all over the world," said Uzdevenes. "Those who live here in Paradise as well as those who wish they did. Everyone has a seat at our tables. The more the merrier."

For more information about the games, call the poker hotline at 850-324-2667.



**HAMMERIN' HANK TAKES THE WIN** - Hank Misiak amassed all the chips at Paddy O'Leary's on March 27. He outlasted a field of fine players which included James Presley and Norman Carriere who was on the Beach visiting from Canada. Saturday games begin at 3 p.m. central beach time.

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**THE GIVIN' OF THE GREEN** - It was a fine day on the Island when representatives of the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce and Society of Leprechauns presented Covenant Hospice with a check for \$2785. The presentation was made poolside at Portofino during the March 30 Business After Hours. Sharing the proceeds from the St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl are (L to R): Maureen LaMar, Beach Chamber executive director, Beverly Boswell, treasurer, Leah Harrison, Development Manager at Covenant Hospice and Beverly Hughes, Society of Leprechauns.

# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Read quickly
- 5 The whole shebang
- 8 Eastern potentate
- 12 Author Morrison
- 13 Halloween shout
- 14 Easter emblem
- 15 Winged
- 16 Early bird?
- 17 Gilligan's home
- 18 Bicycle-seat style
- 20 Restaurant chain acronym
- 22 "Dilbert" or "Garfield"
- 26 Face-to-face exams
- 29 Cistern
- 30 Altar affirmative
- 31 Jackknife, for one
- 32 Crony
- 33 Had more than a hunch
- 34 Female deer
- 35 Roscoe
- 36 Falafel holders
- 37 Meccas for shoppers
- 40 Break suddenly
- 41 Pearl's home
- 45 \$50, in

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- 47 Sportage maker
- 49 Black-and-white treat
- 50 Lotion additive
- 51 Charged bit
- 52 Sensed
- 53 Proper bloke
- 54 Greek consonants
- 55 Admit, with "up"
- 5 Perpendicular to the keel
- 6 Journal
- 7 Sane
- 8 "Cats" inspirer
- 9 Typo
- 10 Ailing
- 11 Pumpernickel alternative
- 19 Ph. bk. data
- 21 DDE predecessor
- 23 Ex of The Donald
- 24 Notion
- 25 "Hogan's Heroes" group
- 26 Probability
- 27 Laugh-a-minute
- 28 Distaste
- 29 Cinderella's coach, really
- 30 Casual dismissal
- 31 Coll. transcript stat
- 32 Thickness
- 33 Cove
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- 39 Hearty brew
- 40 Debtor's letters

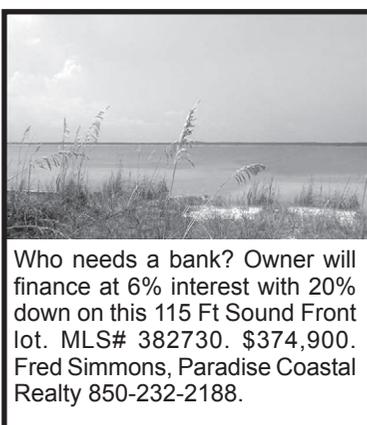
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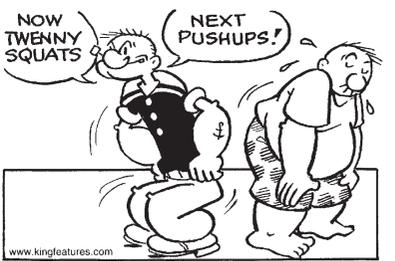
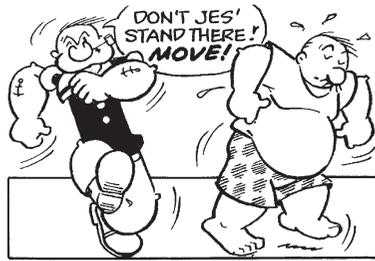
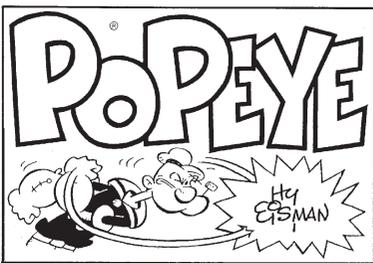
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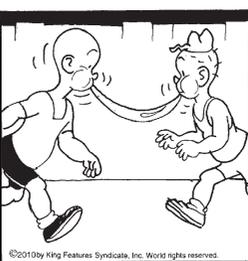
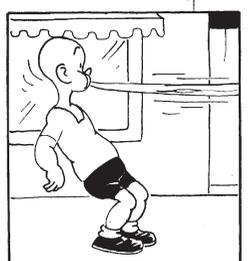
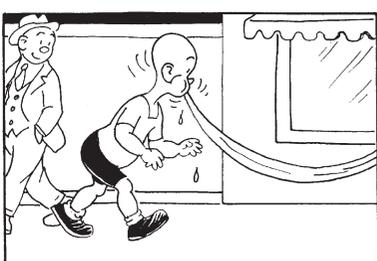
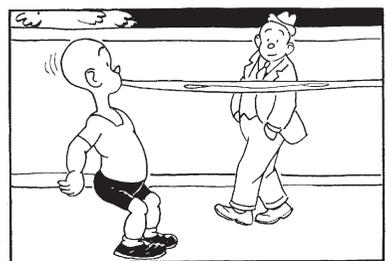
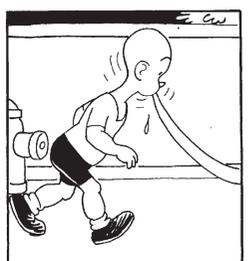
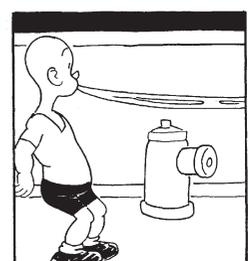
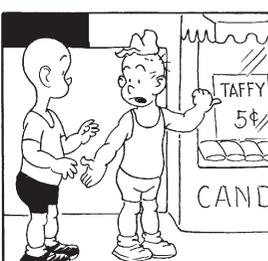
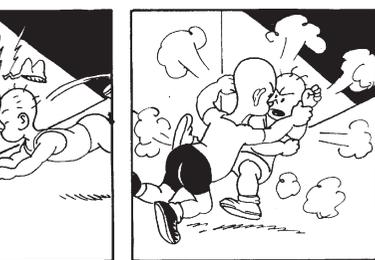
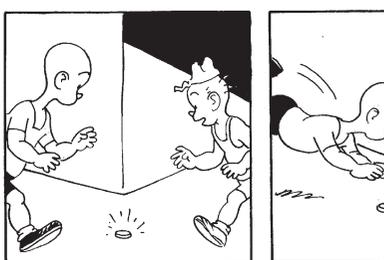
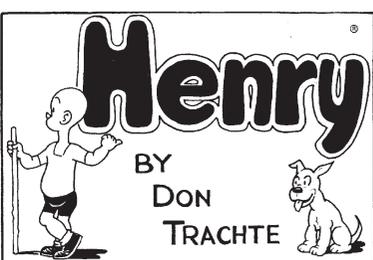
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Candace  
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## Ignoring Women's History

When I was a teenager in school or for that matter throughout school, I do not remember ever discussing a woman or women in history. It was as if women had made no contributions at all.

The other day at work a fellow engineer handed me a Victorian picture of a woman and asked, "Do you know who this is?"

I looked up at him and replied, "No."

He tried giving me hints like her name Ada Lovelace or Ada Babbage. The name Babbage was one that I knew. And, so did Ada Lovelace.

Ada Lovelace was born December 10, 1815 the daughter of Lord Byron and his wife Anna Isabella Milbanke. A month after Ada's birth, Byron requested that both Anna and the child leave to re-

turn to Anna's parents home. He had the option to keep Ada by law, but signed away custody a few months later. Byron would die when Ada was nine years old.

Anna was obsessed with ensuring that none of Lord Byron's insanity issues would show up in their daughter. With this in mind Ada was home-schooled in mathematics and science (obviously, her mother was ahead of her time, too) by William Frend, William King and Mary Somerville. Ada Lovelace later trained under the tutelage of noted mathematician and logician Augustus De Morgan. De Morgan later commented on Ms. Lovelace's mathematical abilities stating that she was "an original mathematical investigator, perhaps of first rate eminence."

Ada Lovelace was introduced to Charles Babbage through her

tutor Mary Somerville. Charles Babbage is given credit for the first computer based on his Difference Engine and Analytical Engine, which were proposals for new machines. Babbage and Lovelace corresponded over a period of time.

During 1842 - 1843, Ada Lovelace translated Italian mathematician Luigi Menabrea's memoir on Charles Babbage's new machines. It was in this translation that she added a section of her own notes that were longer than the memoir itself. The notes included a method for calculating a sequence of Bernoulli numbers. If this sequence had been used and if the engine had been built, her program would have worked. It was for this work that Ada Lovelace is credited with being the world's first computer programmer.

Now why didn't they teach about Ada Lovelace while I was in school?

## A Cross in the Sand

By  
Dr. Chuck Randle, Pastor  
Pensacola Beach Community Church

The year 2010 is an unusual year in that Passover, the Western observance of Easter, and the Orthodox all occurred during the same week, in fact, Western and Orthodox Easter celebrations were on the same Sunday - April 4. The date for Easter is always the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox which is March 21. The Eastern Church based the calculation on the Old Calendar (Julian), whereas, the Western Church utilized the Gregorian Calendar (New Calendar). The Julian Calendar is thirteen days behind the Gregorian Calendar.

When it comes to Passover, the Jewish religion celebrates Passover on the first full moon following the vernal equinox. For more detailed information, Google Easter and Passover, and a plethora of information can be discovered.

An awareness of the historical

background can help us understand the reasons for different dates. It also helps us to be more understanding and accepting of those who calculate using a different measuring instrument.

In a world that is becoming increasingly smaller, and often, less tolerant of others, we need a sensitivity and acceptance of the traditions of others. The important thing is not which group is more correct, but if we comprehend and adopt the truth as we understand it. So much goes on under the guise of religion that compromises what we say we believe. It is so easy to "talk the talk" and much more difficult to "walk the walk."

Passover and Easter give us the opportunity annually to rid ourselves of all the excess baggage and to move on with greater intention to fulfill the basis for our faith. A lighter load to carry all year long.

## Race Highlights Homecoming Weekend at Gulf Breeze Church

Registration is now open for the St. Ann "People 4 People" 5K Run/Walk. The event is set for April 17 starting at 8 a.m. from the parking lot of St. Ann at 100 Daniel Drive, Gulf Breeze. The Run/Walk is part of the St. Ann Homecoming Weekend.

"This is an event that focuses on families as well as the seasoned racers," said Deacon John Scott, People 4 People chairman. "In addition there will be a casual walk, where families can take a relaxed stroll through the St. Ann neighborhood, and have a Knights of Columbus hosted pancake breakfast afterwards."

For more information, contact Deacon John Scott 850-939-5151 or JohnScott@mchsi.com



Spirits were high and sales rolled in for the wheeled cooler full of wine at the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club Game Day March 15 at Hunt Hall. Carleen Wheeler, left, and Dorene Ellis teamed up to get the raffle tickets sold. The proceeds from the event are donated to Beach organizations.



Harbourtown Shopping Village merchants know how to throw a party. Despite the late afternoon showers and steady breezes on March 25, the Gulf Breeze Chamber members and guests filled the interior of the retail and business center for an evening of networking. SRIA Chairman Tammy Bohannon, center, greets Chamber exec Meg Peltier, left, along with Vice President of Membership Services Josie Cotti. Tammy's Beach Ball Realty and Southern Touch offices are located in Harbourtown.



Pensacola Beach Woman's Club members are preparing for election year. Escambia County Commission candidate Karen Sindel, center, was the guest speaker at the March 18 business meeting. Woman's Club members Brenda Gyoerkoes, left and Kim Harvel, both active members, attended the meeting at the Beach Church Fellowship Hall.

## It's Springtime In the Animal Kingdom

The Bananimals are hopping, galloping, jumping and racing as they are beeping, neighing, barking and meowing telling everyone, "It's spring. Let's get to work and have some fun."

One of the items on the spring agenda of the wild and wacky Krewe is to move their Mardi Gras Ball back to the Beach. Some members didn't like bringing food to the Ball either, so the officers are getting their ducks in a row for these changes.

Also, the Bananimals, who have been meeting the year round will take this summer off. They will not be tethered or fenced from the May meeting until September. However, if you are looking for some Bananimal friends there will always be a few at the Sabine Sandbar on Sunday afternoons.

Bananimals who want to attend the annual All Krewe Ball will have to hurry and make their reservations, according to Mary Jo Tibbits. The Ball this year will be at the Sanders Beach Corinne

Jones Community Center where the capacity is limited, so the Bananimals have been issued a total of 16 tickets. You need to make your reservation now by calling Mary Jo at 916-0599. Cost is \$35 per ticket. There will not be any extra tickets this year.

The Krewe float will get a new look this year with work crews starting in September to upgrade the vehicle from the wheels up.

If you are looking for a wonderful krewe to join, the Bananimals will open their membership in September.

And sadly, the year's king, Bruce Yoder has announced that the krewe will reveal their new royalty at the May Meeting. Alpha Dog Bruce told fellow members of the animal kingdom, "You will have to pry this crown off of my head. I refuse to go quietly."

The Bananimals will gather at the Sandbar on Sunday, April 11 at 3 p.m. for their next meeting. Prospective members are welcome to attend.



Celebrating a milestone ninetieth birthday, Walter Ferrell, left, invited all his friends and family to the Sabine Sandbar for a beach-style birthday party March 22. Longtime Beach resident Edwina Speirs was among his fun-loving guests.

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# readin' the water

by Saltwater Rick



The Pompano fishing has turned red hot in the last couple of days as the Gulf waters are warming up and the wind has decided to turn around and suck some salt into its breath. Mike Crowder has taken the lead in Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle's Pomp Tourney with a nice fat 4.73 pounder. Mike "Wipeout" Willett also reports he took in his first one of the year and fed three adults with the big ol' 3.9 pound "sand flea hunter."

The Big boats have had a good time on the nice days and are bringing home Triggerfish and Amberjack along with an assortment of fine Gulf feed.

Jeremy "Yabo" Griffith from the Total Package moored at the Beach Marina was kind enough to share his time while cleaning a



Triggerfish caught in cool March waters are a delicacy. These will be filleted and given to the lucky anglers who were aboard the Total Package on March 18.



The Amberjack on display caught March 18 on the Total Package moored at the Beach Marina.

load of fish caught about 20 miles out. I showed up in time for some pics and info about the catch. The boats at the docks in front of Peg Leg's are also doing fine, so do yourself a favor and Go Fishin'.

On a personal note, I must bid farewell to one of my childhood fishing buddies, Tommy Madden who passed away March 19. He was a good friend and fine fisherman. I will miss him.

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as of March 26

1. Mike Crowder	4.73
2. David Stillwagon	4.03
3. Jerry Murdy	3.97
4. Jim Thean	3.35
5. Robert Broadley	3.06
6. Greg Hoover	2.38
7. Steve Moncreiff	1.92
8. Russell Rolling	1.91
9. Carl Murdy	1.77
Lady Angler	
1. Jacqui Davis	3.00
2. Jessica Davis	2.20
Junior Angler	
1. Maxwell Jowers	1.92



Jeremy "Yabo" Griffith cleans a mess of fish at the Marina caught on the Total Package about 20 miles offshore March 18. Yabo commented that he did not see any Ling, but, they filled the boat with an assortment of fine eating Amberjack and Triggerfish. A good haul for the day's worth of fishing.

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