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It's Go Time!

**Go
Irish
on the
Island**
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**March
12-18**



The Krewe of St. Patrick will be up to a wee bit o'shenanigans during the Go Irish on the Island celebration March 12-18 on Pensacola Beach. The events culminate with the 26th Annual St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl, founded by a famous Pensacola Beach Irishman John Patrick Blake and his faithful leprechauns. Blake passed away, but the Pub Crawl continues in his honor. The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce coordinates the event on behalf of the originators. Look for the plaid clad Krewe of St. Patrick royalty and their entourage kicking up their heels during the six days of parties. The leprechauns in the back row are (L to R) Roy Adams and Rick Crane. Peter Jones, Ken Taylor, Lady of the Court Alicia Taylor, Lord of the Court Mario Roberts, Jeff Elbert and Tammy Pascal are standing. Kneeling, front, are Earlene Parker and Tim Pascal.

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The Island Goes Irish

Are you ready to Go Irish on the Island? The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce has set aside six days of celebrating all that is Irish, March 12-18. So, put on your green top hat and grab a shillelagh, it's Go time.

The premier event during the Go Irish celebration is the twenty-sixth annual St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl, which begins Saturday, March 17 at 10 a.m. at Sidelines. There are 17 participating pubs, each with drink specials. Lucky leprechauns can win prizes. Pub Crawl t-shirts go on sale this week at each of the Pub Crawl locations.

The Pub Crawl was founded and hosted by Paddy Blake and his Society of Leprechauns. In a fine Irish tradition, hundreds followed him from pub to pub, toasting the day and throwing coins in the pot o' gold. Each year there were more crawlers and the donation to charity grew. After Paddy's death, his wife Shirley and family carried on until the event grew so large that they asked the Beach Chamber to take charge.

"We are honored to keep the tradition alive to honor Paddy Blake and the Society of Leprechauns," said Chamber Chairman Shelley Johnson. "It is a fine beach tradition for

Irish and almost Irish to celebrate on March 17."

There is still a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and it belongs to Covenant Hospice. The proceeds from t-shirt sales are donated annually to the group.

"There are only two things that the Society of Leprechauns asked to remain in place," said Shirley Blake. "Call it the St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl and make a donation to Hospice."

The Chamber knew one day of parties would never be



Kelsey Godwin during a performance with An Broc Irish Dance Troupe.

enough, so the Go Irish on the Island celebration was created. The Sandshaker's Beverly Campbell and the Chamber's very own Irishman Seamas

Hunt of Paddy O'Leary's serve as the head leprechauns. Beach businesses have rallied around to create a spectacular slate of specials, entertainment and Irish fare.

If you are full of blarney you could bluff your way to a win at the Texas Hold 'Em games on March 12 at the Shaker or March 14 at Paddy O'Leary's.

Dance a jig. Live music is offered nightly. Sing an Irish ballad at Crabeoke at Crabs and Irish karaoke at Paddy's on Tuesday, March 13.

If you have worked up a thirst, drink specials abound in island pubs. The official St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl shirts are for sale and earn wearers special pricing.

For the first time An Broc Irish Dance Troupe will perform at noon, March 17, on stage at Paddy O'Leary's.

"An Broc is Pensacola's very own premiere Irish Dance Performance Troupe," said Kelsey Godwin, founder. "We offer an energetic, fiery showcase of traditional and original dance numbers performed to a high level of perfection and excitement. We strive to entertain and want to share the joy of Irish Dance with you!"

St. Patrick himself makes

Go Irish on the Island Saturday, March 17

St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl Schedule

10:00 Sidelines	2:35 The Dock
10:35 Hampton - Gilligan's Bar	3:05 Flounder's
11:05 Hilton - Latitudes	3:40 Castaway's
11:40 Holiday Inn-Riptides Tiki	4:15 Hemingway's
12:15 Paddy O'Leary's	4:50 Bamboo Willie's/Hooters
12:50 Paradise Bar & Grill	6:00 SurfBurger
1:25 Lillo's Tuscan Grille	6:35 Sabine Sandbar
2:00 Crab's We Got 'Em	7:05 Sandshaker

Saturday, March 17 Go Irish Events

9:30 am	Paddy O'Leary's - Catholic Mass celebrated by Msgr. Hunt
11:00 am	Paddy O'Leary's - Live music. Corned Beef, Fried Fish dinners
Noon	Crabs We Got 'Em - Live Music by Britt Searcy till 5 Paddy O'Leary's - An Broc Irish Dancers, Music by Ultra Violet
2:00 pm	Paradise Bar & Grill - Music by John Hart w/ Fatty Waters till 6
3:00 pm	Bamboo Willie's - Live Music - Avenida 16
4:30 pm	Paddy O'Leary's - Re-enactment of Tim Finnegan's Wake
5:00 pm	Bamboo Willie's - Green Bikini Contest
6:00 pm	Paradise Bar & Grill - Live Music by Mike Norris till 10
7:30 pm	Sabine Sandbar - Live Music by Freeway 98 till 11:30
8:00 pm	Sandshaker - Post Pub Crawl Party - Music by Cabo Rock
9:00 pm	Bamboo Willie's - Live Music - Mo Jiles
9:30 pm	Paddy O'Leary's - Petty Cash
10 pm	Flounder's - Fly By Radio till the wee hours

March 12-18 Schedule at www.PensacolaBeachChamber.com

appearances March 17 on the Island. The Beach's own poet and leprechaun Lloyd Hess will wish you good luck. Look for him toasting the fun loving crowds at Pub Crawl's first stop, Sidelines.

Sometimes romance blooms among the shamrocks. Sharon Rooney Mattair, who served as the Queen of the Leprechauns, tells an Irish tale about a fine young man, Kenny,

and the very first Pub Crawl. They have been married for twenty-five years. Sweet Irish lass Tammy Thompson Pascal met her husband Tim during the Pub Crawl. They are newlyweds.

From the passion of dancing to the romance of the Isles, the Go Irish on the Island celebration has a wee bit o' fun for everyone.

Find all the shenanigans at pensacolabeachchamber.com.

Womans Clubbers Deal A Winning Hand At Annual Fundraiser

Shuffling cards, clattering dice, lilting laughter and a bit of bravado are the typical sounds of money being raised by the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club at their annual Card Party and Game Day. The fun starts at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 15 at Our Lady of the Assumption's Hunt

Hall, located at the corner of Via de Luna and Avenida 18.

If you don't win at bridge or bunco you can walk away with a prize from the raffles, drawings, silent auction and pot of gold.

"This is our only fundraiser of the year" commented former Woman's Club President Chris-

sy Cook. "The proceeds earned are shared with many other civic and community organizations."

Past recipients include the Beach School, Beach Church, Our Lady, and Beach lifeguards.

Participants are welcome to bring friends and spouses along with their favorite game. "We have tables of serious and recreational bridge players," said Ginger Pasek, "The other side of the room has energetic and noisy games of Bunco and dominoes."

Beverages are available all morning, followed by a sumptuous catered lunch served at noon. Tickets for admission are \$25 each and include lunch. Wine is available for a \$2 donation.

The seating is limited, so advance reservations are necessary. There are three ways to make sure you don't miss the fun:

Call Ginger Pasek at 850-

332-8003 to make a reservation.

Mail a check payable to Pensacola Beach Woman's Club, c/o Ginger Pasek, 6610 Bon Bay Dr., Milton, FL, 32583.

Email pasekhse@bellsouth.net.

Hurry, the deadline to make reservations and pay for tickets is Saturday, March 10. The party is open to the public and men are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Pasek at 850-332-8003.

Supreme Court Considers Beach Ad Valorem Tax Suits

Pensacola Beach leaseholders who contested the legality of Escambia County collecting ad valorem taxes on their houses, condos and other improvements will have one more day in court. The Supreme Court has accepted jurisdiction in the case.

The Navarre Beach case contesting the taxation of leasehold land will also be tried by the Supreme Court.

Previously, the Circuit

Court and District Court of Appeals have ruled in favor of the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector.

Lila Cox, tax liaison committee member, shared the good news, "Given the dates for submittal of documents to the Supreme Court, our wait continues. Our argument lives on and will be considered by the highest court in the State!"

More information is available at www.pbeachtaxsuit.com.

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Forever...Barefoot on the Beach

As a tribute to Jane Waters Cooper, *Island Times* will continue to run some of Jane's favorite columns for your enjoyment

The Islander Newspaper - March 13, 1987

Did St. Patrick, the patron saint of the Irish, invent good luck charms? It seems that the symbolic Irishman with his clay pipe in his mouth is always surrounded by four leaf clovers that lead to a pot of gold. I can remember searching and searching through patches of three leaf clovers for the elusive four leafer when I was a little girl. I never found one. I'm not sure whether that incident clouded my destiny or not. I do know that people put lots of faith in their own personal good luck charms.

My children were all competitive swimmers, and they all carried some kind of talisman that

they were sure would make them swim fast enough to win medals. Candy had a royal blue rabbit's foot. Liz always wore the same funny purple hat. Both of them swam far beyond their potential on certain occasions, but I'm not sure the performances could be attributed directly to the foot or the hat.

However, Shelley has a story that is a bit different. She carried a small brown piece of fur named "Snakey" in a blue velvet jewelry box. The first thing she packed for every meet was "Snakey." Except once.

She was eight-years-old and turning in outstanding races. We took off for Baton Rouge, expecting her to dominate her age

group. She forgot Snakey. And, what happened? The judge said she disqualified her relay team by jumping the gun in the very first event. Later, she fell down and scraped big bloody patches on both her knees. During the afternoon, a wasp stung her foot, showing no mercy. I can remember the coach sitting on the grass putting tobacco on Shelley's swollen foot. Tears glistened on her sunburned cheeks. "I won't ever swim another meet without Snakey," she said. And she didn't. Actually, that was the most miserable luck she ever encountered in a swim meet.

If you watch the television screen closely at the next Olympic games, you will probably see

some big, big, talented 20-year-old carrying a ragged teddy bear to the high jump, the starting block, the uneven bars...what-ever.

There must be thousands of good luck charms. I once sent away for a brass Buddha for Candy who collects them. I have been swamped with mail trying to sell me everything from my very own personal astrology work-up to tarot cards. All these pitches promise luck in love, wealth and health. Is there anything else anyone could possibly need or want?

I don't know if it has anything to do with good luck but some people seem to be more fortunate than others. I really think Liz abandoned her purple

hat too soon. I've considered getting her a couple of crystals. This is the latest good luck rage, popularized by Shirley MacLaine. I really think Liz could use a little help from somewhere. How many people do you know who have suffered a concussion because a window fell out of its frame in a restaurant and bopped them in the head? How many people do you know whose car has been damaged to the tune of two thousand bucks by a fisherman's cast line? Liz has had every strange disease there is, except Jungle Rot. That may be next if I don't get her a crystal. Or maybe, I'll just change her name to Patsy O'Reilly and hope the luck of the Irish will rub off on her...Happy St. Pat's Day!

Marines On A Mission March Into Chamber Meeting

Members of the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce were invited to be part of aviation history by supporting the Marine Aviation Memorial Tower fundraising program. Retired Lt. Col. Dave Glassman, USMC, made the presentation to thirty-three Chamber members at their February 28 meeting. The tower, to be located at Pensacola Veterans Park will commemorate the service and sacrifice made by all aviation Marines, as well as celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of Marine Corps Aviation. Businesses and individuals can buy a \$15 commemorative mug, a memorial brick for \$100 or have their name added to a bronze plaque for \$5,000. A Beach fundraising party is set for the Sandshaker, Saturday, May 12. A nationwide campaign to raise \$415,000 is underway, according to Glassman. Make donations at www.honourourmarines.org.

Chamber Chairman Shelley Johnson announced that the Board approved a resolution in conjunction with the Gulf Breeze and Pensacola Chambers to oppose the use of tolls to fund the Three Mile Bridge and U.S. 98 replacement project. The resolution was sent to elected officials in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C.

The Board will also recognize the Krewe of Wrecks with a resolution commending the krewe and recognizing the economic impact that Mardi Gras brings to Pensacola Beach. This award will take place during the March

27 Business After Hours event at Laguna's.

The Chamber's membership has grown to 130 members with the addition of Circle K and Covenant Hospice according to Membership Chairman Karen Cook Cowen.

The Chamber membership penciled in and entered calendar items into electronic devices as the Roundtable announcements were made.

Pensacola Beach Advocate President Jim Cox reminded members that there is a Pensacola Beach Master Plan Meeting, March 8 at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady. The PBA's Recyclemania is set for March 31.

"It's a recycling of unwanted papers to a shredder and recycling of unwanted household items through a yard sale," said Cox. "Should be fun."

Meg Peltier updated the members about First Fridays, a networking event on the Boardwalk set for the first Friday of April at 5:30 p.m.

Chrissy Cook said the Beach Church has twice monthly Bingo games, and art classes beginning on March 13. She reminded businesses that the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club would accept donations for their Game and Card party which occurs March 13.

The Better Business Bureau is accepting nominations for their Torch Awards for ethical businesses through March 18, Mike Cook announced.

Realtors are buoyed by recent sales and have a positive

outlook for spring. Karen Cook Cowen and Diane Tyson of Cook Realty said the phones are ringing.

Nan Harper of Island Realty shared good news that her associate Jeremy Johnson was tapped as a Rising Star by the *Independent News*. She added a few positive comments about the Beach business climate.

"We are all representatives of the Chamber and it is so refreshing to see new members

and new businesses arriving on the Beach," said Harper. "We have private enterprise investing \$10 million in the Beach with the arrival of the new Observation Wheel."

Hoteliers are beginning to see booked weekends, and are opening outdoor tiki bars and sandwich shops in preparation for spring break and summer visitors.

Marta Ray of Days Inn is predicting a great spring as long

as the weather cooperates. She did not make a weather prediction.

The Beach Chamber meets at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 27 at the Days Inn. Business After Hours is the same day at Laguna's at 5:30 p.m.

If you are interested in Chamber membership or a guest pass to the meeting, contact Chamber President Maureen LaMar at 850-32-1500 or penbeach@visitpensacolabeach.com.

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BEELER'S DAY OFF

One of Pensacola Beach's favorite restaurant guys, Beeler Gausz, took a rare day off from PegLeg's to begin his birthday month celebration. His parents Beeler and Mary Sue Gausz traveled from Orlando for Oyster Fest and birthday cake. And, there are still some surprises awaiting him on his big day, March 16, according to someone very close to him.

SURFARI CLUB

Danny Bailey brought his family to the Beach Mardi Gras parade, which created a wave of pleasant memories. He was part of the Surfari Club which entered homemade, palm frond laden floats in the first parades circa 1980s. He recalled his granddad Claude Bailey donated the veggies used at the first Red Beans and Rice luncheon, which was hosted by the Wrecks Captain Harry Gowens. The good times rolled then and now.

BIKER CHIC

The modelesque Toni Antal who works for Pandora de Balthazar in her antique European linen and sleep store, has completed her motorcycle riders class. She is will be setting the standard for biker chic as the newest biker chick. She has not picked out her first motorcycle yet. Stay tuned.

ATTA BOY

Escambia County Deputy Mikel Lee caught the attention of a few beach residents for the good job he did in assisting a lost child on Parade Day on the Beach. The child was sick with fear and the deputy calmed him down, cleaned him up and reunited him with his parents. A few Mardi Gras krewe members helped by bringing an armload of stuffed animals for the child.

OFF TO TALLY

Longtime Beach resident and Nebraska football fan, Millie Canning has moved to Tallahassee to be closer to her family. She already misses the beach and her friends, but loves it when son Mark stops in to see her on his way to play golf. She says she's gone high tech with every electronic thingie known to man. But, she goes low tech every other week, getting her *Island Times* via the U.S. post office.

DOG GONE IT DIANE

Diane Tyson has been in

charge of cookies – for kids and dogs – at both of the Beach's Kids and Kritters parades. She will be dubbed Cookie Kween. In her spare time, she been scouting out other dog parades as far away as New Orleans to bring back great ideas for the Beach's newest procession. Two paws up!

WHERE DO THEY GO

What happens to Mardi Gras queens when their reigns end? Some go quietly to the next party, dancing without a care. Some find a new tiara to wear, never really being able embrace the life of a commoner again. Former Coma Queen Denise Taylor stepped back into reality. She is the Executive Director of the Florida School of Traditional Midwifery in Gainesville. She had to be back on campus only hours after the carnival season came to an end.

ON WISCONSIN

With a big grin, Ted Bauer soaked in the warmth of Pensacola Beach's sun. He savored the spicy bowl of red beans served up by the Krewe of Wrecks at their Monday, February 20 luncheon. He was partying like a local, but actually Ted and wife Carolyn are from Neenah, Wisconsin. They call Seahorse condos home when they are on the beach.

SHE'S FORTY

Most women don't want to tell their age, but Helicopter Training Squadron 18 turned 40 on March 1. A huge celebration at Whiting Field was attended by some of the top brass. The beach's connections to HT-18 are many. Resident Tom Fitzgerald chided, "I'm an HT-18 grad. It was such an astonishment that I passed, your mother put it on the front page of *The Islander* newspaper!"

USMC Lt. Col. Mark Thompson noted, "Although I now command a sister squadron (HT-28), I did earn my wings from HT-18." He added "A Beach resident, who is a current HT-18 Instructor and the Senior Marine is Major Dan McDonald."

Retired USMC Lt. Col. Dave Glassman responded, "I earned my Wings with HT-18 and "Caveman" commanded the squadron from '99-'01." Glassman is currently fundraising for the Marine Memorial Tower to be placed at the Veterans Park in Pensacola.

Jim "Doc" Knell was in HT-18 through 1983. He flew the UH1-E and UH-1L. Knell re-

plied, "In the old Corps, you went HT-8 for Bell jet ranger; then HT-18 for Huey, so all helo guys were in 8 and 18. That stopped in mid 1980s." Knell is always good for a history lesson. No wonder he sends answers to the *Island Times* trivia in each edition.

Happy Birthday HT-18, here's to forty more years of turning out fine aviators.

THE NAME GAME

Beach resident Nettie McCulley savored the irony when she wrote this to *Island Times* publisher Shelley Johnson, "Shelly Johnston (I know spelling is not the same) visited Portofino during Mardi Gras week with her family from Baton Rouge. Her husband's name is Barrett, the same as your grandbaby. He's a doctor and they call him Bear." Coincidentally, Portofino owner Sandi Johnson was on the Beach, too, visiting from St. Petersburg.

A TOAST TO PISCES

David McDonald is the first one in the group of fish to blow out candles, February 24. He's followed by Saltwater Rick, our fishing columnist, on February 27. The mermaids of the Krewe of Nereids - Monette Hodges, Paulette Provost and Renee Mack are each serving birthday cake this week. Happy Birthday.

The Trivia Master thought he would treat himself to dinner, supping smugly, being served by the very subject of the last trivia question. The Master wanted to know the name of the waiter who toasted the Sisters of the Beach, served the Queens of the Mardi Gras, weathered Erin, Opal, Ivan and a host of others things that have blown across the sands of the island. He has been one of Fred Flounder's finest for over twenty-five years.

No victory meal would be served to the Master. Up pops the affable Bob Dority, who has a cache of *Island Times* trivia winner's shirts. He simply stated, "Stuart Fasion." No frills, no embellishment. An economy of words.

And, rightly so. Stuart, a Flounderific guy, is the longest tenured waiter in the place. He has tourists who seek him out as part of their annual vacation and locals who wait to sit at his tables. Not really obscure but the Lady of the Roundtable Kim Schmitz could not turn up this answer, so she joked that it was G. Cole. Cole has giggered a lot of flounder, but as far as we know, he's never done a gig as a waiter at Flounder's.

Sir Morrie Drees, the venerable Knight of the Trivia Roundtable and arguably the best trivia

player in the universe, was close, but not quite right. He thought Lewis Irby was the name the Master was looking for. Interesting, but Irby arrived on the scene after Stuart.

So Bob will be traveling around the island in his sporty golf cart showing off his new *Island Times* shirt. If you can answer this question, perhaps you can ride with him.

In March of 1987 the Pensacola Beach Leaseholders Association hosted a meeting to extol a victory over the Tax Man and weigh-in on beach redevelopment. Sound familiar? The president of the organization at the time is the same engineer who currently serves aboard the Pensacola Beach Advocates board of directors. If you know who's who among the Beach leadership you could be sporting a new *Island Times* t-shirt. Email your answer to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with trivia in the subject line. The deadline to answer is March 13.

Star Gaze
March 28
6 to 8 PM
Beach School

Dance a Jig at Paradise

The Music

Tues, Mar 6: Tyler Mac, John Hart & Fatty Waters

Wed, Mar 7: Josh Garrett & The Bottomline

Thu, Mar 8: Josh Garrett & The Bottomline

Fri, Mar 9: 30 x 90

Sat, Mar 10: 30 x 90

Sun, Mar 11: Posi Tones

Mon, Mar 12: Tim Spencer

Tue, Mar 13: Bud Smith

Wed, Mar 14: Tyler Mac, John Hart & Fatty Waters

Thu, Mar 15: Chillakaya

Fri, Mar 16: Chillakaya

Sat, Mar 17: Tyler Mac, John Hart & Fatty Waters

Sun, Mar 18: Trampled Under Foot

Mon, Mar 19: Tim Spencer



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Round And Round We Go - Wheels Drive Island Tourism

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Committees discussed items which will drive tourism on the Island at their February 22 meetings. An Observation Wheel, free trolleys and a proposed pedicab service will keep islanders moving above and around by land; water-based travel by jet ski and paddle board received committee approval.

The Development and Leasing Committee gave approval to Todd Schneider and Al Mers of Expo 60 Venture to move forward with plans to open the Pensacola Beach 360 Observation Wheel at the Soundside Market. The Observation Wheel would be located in the parking area at 5 Via de Luna, along with ticket booths, storage, offices, retail and photo, concession and restroom facilities in portable buildings.

"This is a 180 foot tall Observation Wheel with 42 climate controlled gondolas," said Todd Schneider, in his presentation. "We were awestruck by the beauty here and we want to

share that."

The business would operate year round, employ about 40 full and part-time. The entire operation can be evacuated off the island in the case of hurricanes.

The Committee, which approved the request unanimously, heard from nine speakers including hotelier Julian MacQueen.

"This is a rare opportunity to bring in an attraction that no one in our market area has," he said. "This could take us to a

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We were awestruck by the beauty here and we want to share that.

TODD SCHNEIDER, EXPO 60 VENTURE

new level and provides a shoulder season attraction."

Steve Lillo, who owns a restaurant in the Soundside Market, was in favor of the Observation Wheel.

"I would be a neighbor to the wheel. I have been on something similar in New Orleans. A great experience," Lillo said.

Beach resident and member of the Beach Advocates' Beachkeeper committee Terry Preston agreed that the family friendly attraction is exciting but was concerned about the lighting and impact on the turtles nesting

County To Answer Questions About Beach Master Plan At Two Meetings

Escambia County will host two public information meetings in early March for the Pensacola Beach Master Plan alternatives.

The Santa Rosa Island Authority voted at their February 8 Full Board meeting to recommend that the Master Plan alternative which creates a vehicular overpass be approved by the County. The meeting attracted about one hundred citizens. During the public comment period, only four of 18 speakers spoke in favor of either plan.

Board member Vernon Prather in making his motion said, "This Board can conceptually approve this plan, but remain an active part of the design review process. I would like the County to fully explore all funding possibilities since I am not in favor of making the toll increase the only option."

The motion passed 5 to 1 with Dr. Thomas Campanella

opposed.

The meetings will begin with a presentation by County staff and the consultant, followed by an open format to allow individuals to ask staff questions on a one-on-one basis. The meeting dates and times are:

- **Wednesday, March 7,** at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office Complex, 3363 West Park Place, Pensacola

- **Thursday, March 8,** at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption-Hunt Hall, 920 Via de Luna Drive, Pensacola Beach

The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners will consider action on the Pensacola Beach Master Plan at its regular meeting on Thursday, March 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 221 Palafox Place.

For information, contact Matt Mooneyham, Project Coordinator, at 595-3418, or mrmoneyham@co.escambia.fl.us.

on the island.

SRIA Executive Director Buck Lee assured the Committee that the lighting will be turtle friendly.

Harlan Butler, president of Innisfree Hotels, was solidly behind this project.

"Our beach is the number one reason why people come to Pensacola," he said. "If we can enhance this experience by adding this family friendly and environmentally friendly attraction, it will be a success. It just gives me chills thinking about what this could do for our beach."

The proposed pedicab service did not get the same warm approval. Pensacola Beach natives Ash Curd and Nicholas Sexton's request to operate Gulf Coast Pedicabs will move forward to the Full Board while waiting for Escambia County officials to comment. The proposal must travel through a number of legal obstacles that relate to Florida State Bike regulations and use of County right-of-ways.

"We would operate three pedicabs as a safe, environmentally friendly pedal transportation service," said Curd. "The pedicab can be hired for transportation, tours and special nights out, thus making it good for locals and tourists."

The Committee approved Pensacola Beach Marina's re-

quest to allow Becky Harger of Water Warrior to give paddleboard instruction in Little Sabine Bay.

The Administrative Committee approved the DeLuna Fest dates, set for September 21-23. Five Flags Tourism Group's Scott Mitchell will make a full report at the March 14 Full Board meeting.

Dottie Ford, SRIA Finance Director, received approval of her report, which showed lease fee collections \$30,962 higher for December 2011 than in 2010.

"For the month of December, we were up fifteen percent over what we budgeted," Ford stated. "And nineteen percent for the year."

The Trolley Report given by Director of Developmental Services Paolo Ghio included the schedule and times.

"Given data for usage from last year, we will have two trolleys run seven days per week from 3 p.m. to midnight beginning on May 24," said Ghio. "The trolleys will cut back to weekends-only during the last three weeks. The final day of service is September 3."

Lila Cox, who served with the volunteer Trolley Committee group last year, asked the Committee to give the trolleys more attention. She suggested that a meeting, coordinated by

the Beach Chamber could review and make further suggestions for marketing and scheduling to enhance the ridership.

"We could build off of last year's success," she commented. "It deserves the best we can give it."

The budget for Beach trolleys is \$225,000. There is no charge to the riders.

In other business the Architectural and Environmental Committee approved:

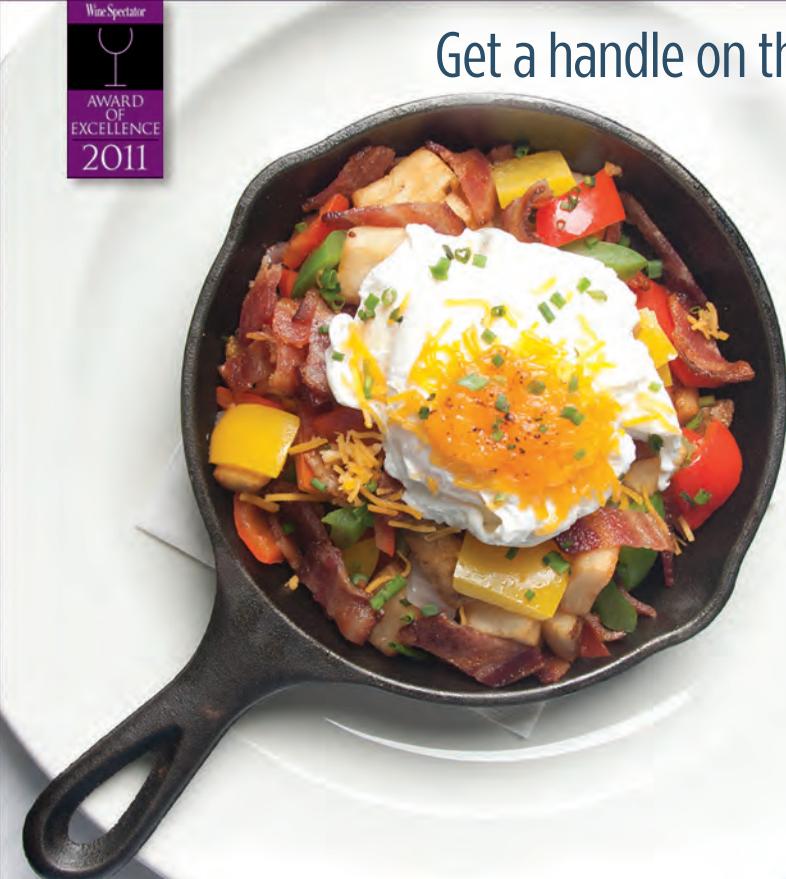
- Pensacola Beach Marina's request for exterior painting, renovated freestanding sign, and five exterior merchandise posters.

- Landshark Landing's new sign at Margaritaville

- Twelve jet ski lifts at Portofino

In an impromptu Board Member's Forum, Chairman Dave Pavlock asked fellow board members to consider a Spirit of the Island Award program which would recognize founders and those who have made a historic impact on the Beach. The program would install memorial benches to honor the accomplishments.

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peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis

I've known enough Coma Kings and Queens that I've always understood the basic concept. You know, the one where the Royalty slides gently into a coma at midnight on Fat Tuesday (which is the real Mardi Gras Day). I've even managed to be responsible for a few of them; helping them get safely home. Well this year certainly shone a brand spanking new light on the whole shebang!

By the time I get to Fat Tuesday, my house reflects the Mardi Gras Madness Storm that blows through it for more than six weeks every year. Bill and I have learned to make a reasonably wide path through the storm debris of purple, green and gold everything including clothing, feathers, jewelry, shoes, various and plentiful costume pieces, single socks and stockings, hats, gloves (some single ones of course), hair (wigs in all the colors of a rainbow), accessories of many forms and always, the magic fairy dust.

Attempting to dress for the Coma Parade is nearly impossible because it's either sweating hot, freezing cold and sometimes both in the same evening.

Somewhere up there has to be a Mardi Gras God with a passion for socks, stockings and gloves; a deep desire to possess one of everything that comes in pairs leaving me with the other one. I know I have an alarming number of these items, yet cannot find a matching pair anywhere! Of course, I'm in a hurry, running late and Paulette Provost is picking me up. God bless her, we have survived many Coma Parades together.

Literally praying to the Mardi Gras God, I end up with a mismatched pair of knee-high stockings with a gold skirt. You heard that right; it is the first time I've ever worn knee-highs with a skirt, I promise you. By this time I was desperate, tired, sweating and willing to wear just about anything.

My main goal was to celebrate with my out-going Royal friends King Nasty John Thomas and Queen Denise Taylor while maintaining a pace allowing me to celebrate the new Royal friends King Mark Perano and Queen Becky Shearman. And to participate in the traditional Coma Lighted Hat Parade from

the Sandshaker to Sabine Sand-Bar. Paulette and I also had high hopes of stretching the night to include Paradise Bar & Grill for the Shoebox Float Contest. An especially magnificent entry had been shown to the Mystic Krewe of Nereids. The "Miss Jane" created by Nasty John won First Place in the contest. He deserved it. The Shoebox Float had a glow reflecting the love and amazing imagination with which it was made.

Even though I finally arrived at the Shaker for the beginning of Coma, I was feeling like the Mardi Gras bag lady. For one thing there was not enough make-up in the county to hide the bags beneath my eyes and my attire clearly made a statement. Maybe it was more of a question - actually asking, "Is that the last clean clothes she had left?" The answer of course would be "yes."

Paulette and I did make it to Paradise. We even managed to be there for the Shoebox Float Contest and congratulated Nasty John. The beautiful Float will now live at *Island Times* where it can be appreciated daily.

Unfortunately, the mistake Paulette and I made was in sitting down at the bar and staying there. We should have stayed on our feet and kept dancin' as we'd been doing all Season! Instead, sitting still allowed the entire season to catch up with us. Well actually it felt more like a ton of bricks landing on my head.

It's great to be where they know your name. Renee Mack worked her magic and we each received a red carpet ride home. What we learned this year was that you don't have to be royalty to enter the realm of coma; and don't ever stop dancin'!

Keep all your green stuff out 'cause you're gonna need it for all the fun lined up right here in Paradise! If you're not Irish, you

can be. We have all sorts of real Irish folks and traditions that can change anyone to Irish (at least for the day). You definitely want to taste the various Irish dishes served in some of the beach establishments along with some green beer. Why not?

I found a new recipe to share for St. Patrick's Day. Actually, it's only new to me. It is really from old Irish traditional cooking/baking and represents the Shillelagh Sticks once used as weapons. In modern times, they became the more well known walking sticks. Ireland is famous for the expertise and master craftsmanship of these and each one is handmade. Of course, I'm more partial to the 'cooked' ones. Either will make Irish eyes smile.

I hope you'll enjoy this easy and quick recipe. You can buy the corned beef already cooked or bake a 2-3 pound corned beef brisket in the oven the day before. Just place brisket in a baking pan, cover tightly with foil and bake at 375 degrees until fork tender (approximately an hour but check for tenderness every 1/2 hour). Over cooking can make the corned beef tough. Ok, let's head to the kitchen.....

Shillelagh Sticks
2-3 lb. cooked & shredded corned beef
1- Box Puff Pastry Dough or
2 Cans Crescent Rolls

Roll out dough and place 1/4 cup of shredded corned beef on longest edge. Roll up and bake according to instructions on package. You may need to cut the Puff Pastry into shorter strips. You can also use already baked Croissants; just split add corned beef and heat until warm and crispy. Use your imagination. You can also try topping with cheese or cooked cabbage.

Enjoy, share and have a safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day..... See ya in the kitchen

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A Glimpse of Heaven

By Father Paul Lambert
St. Ann's Catholic Parish

We find ourselves about two weeks into Lent, and I don't know about you, but this Lent has been a challenge for me. I went into Ash Wednesday guns a'blazing with high goals of how this Lent is really going to transform me. My hopes were not in vain, in fact, this failure has taught me a lesson I thought I had learned, but obviously it has not stuck with me for the long haul.

I was trying to accomplish my Lenten penances by sheer power of will, thinking that I could do them on my own. Within a short period of time, I found myself succumbing to temptation. When I said to myself, "You can't do this," in a certain sense, God answered, "Duh...because you cannot do anything without me, I was the one who called you out into the desert, I am the one calling you to conversion."

I had entered Lent really with a list of things I wanted to improve about myself. I had begun my own self-help group with only one member, me. I had reduced (by this I mean, diminished the meaning) my prayer, fasting, and alms giving to just things on a list that I need to check off daily,

rather than journeying with Christ by increasing my prayer, teaching my body to desire the things of heaven by fasting, and serving Christ in others through charity and alms giving. In a sense, I needed to get off the spiritual program I had implemented for myself, and jump onto the one Christ is calling me into.

I am still doing the same Lenten observances, but this time with a resolve and a will not my own. This just another example of how God can deflate our egos.

I don't know how your Lent is going so far. I hope it is going well. If you are a sinner like me, you might find yourself in this same situation. Just remember that failure is part of Lent. Not that we use it as a cop-out, but that we recognize that any lasting change, any true conversion takes time. Just as Christ fell multiple times as he carried his cross, so do we, but just as Christ got up again, we rise once more as we take up our cross and follow Christ.

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	Avenida 18 /Via De Luna www.stannngulfbreeze.org
	Pensacola Beach Church, 10 AM
	Avenida 18 /Via de Luna www.thebeachchurch.com

Letters To The Editor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Parade Thanks

After another successful Mardi Gras parade, I have many people to thank. We would not have been able to pre-judge the parade without the limo golf cart and driver provided by Buggy-Worx. I would also like to thank the convertible owners, sober drivers, the Krewe of Wrecks float committee and all the krewees who work so hard to entertain the masses. Thanks to Charlie Switzer for the moral support. Lastly, I would like to thank the maintenance crew at the SRIA for the awesome job they do of cleaning up the beach after the parade.

Till next year,
Jayne Drees Redmond
Parade Wreck

Plan Disbelief

I'm reading the article, "Authority Board to Vote on Master Plan." The crease in my forehead deepens. Plan A was bad enough-then I read Plan B. I finish reading, and my response is, "What?" Disbelief.

I look at my husband and ask him what he would consider the

biggest problem on our island, during busy times. He didn't hesitate, "Parking!" Mind you, we are not tourists, even though our mailing address is Shreveport, La. We have owned a condo on the beach since April 2001. We spend a lot of time here and have experienced heavy traffic times. We have seen many changes on the beach—most of which are good. The one aspect which has never changed is the lack of parking.

Plan A calls for a net loss of 529 parking spaces; Plan B calls for a net loss of 379 parking spaces. Really? And those of you with your vote think this will draw tourists to our community?

Notice I haven't even mentioned the cost nor the time the construction will practically close down businesses on the island.

We have barely recovered from the devastation of Hurricane Ivan and the BP Oil Spill. Now you want to effectively close us down again? Really?

Since I read the article, the Master Plan B has been voted on and recommended to the Escambia County Commission for approval. Shame on the SRIA! I pray that you voting residents will voice your displeasure with the power of your Vote.

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Disposal of Unsold Items: Items not sold must be removed no later than 12:45 p.m. Goodwill will be on site, for your convenience, to take any items you would like to donate.

If we cancel: If we are forced to cancel due to the weather, that decision will be made no later than 9 p.m. on Friday, March 30. We will email or call you to let you know and refund your check.

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The Krewe of Warriors was awarded top prize in the Krewe of Wrecks parade for Best Costumes. Longtime krewe members Donna Johns, left, and Connie Owens, accepted congratulations at the Gulfside Pavilion, February 19 at the post parade ceremonies.



Mikie, Emma and Calvin missed the Kids and Kritters Parade because their Mom Burma Davis had a scheduling conflict. So, Island Times is awarding them the Best Dressed Four-legged Parade Watchers designation. They were all decked out at the Krewe of Wrecks parade, in front of Paradise on February 19. Burma has February 2, 2013 already marked down in her calendar for Kids and Kritters next year.

Bikers, Breakers Can Pedal And Hike Through Archaeology At Tour de Fort

Here's a Spring Break activity the entire family can enjoy.

Pedal, hike, and climb your way through Florida's archaeology and ecology with the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) and the Gulf Islands National Seashore on Thursday, March 22 on the Tour de Fort program.

Tour de Fort is a bicycling tour of the archaeological sites along the Florida National Scenic Trail near the Fort Pickens area as part of the national campaign Let's Move Outside!

Participants will rendezvous at the auditorium at Fort Pickens at 10 a.m. where a park ranger and FPAN archaeologists will meet the group for a

tour and bike ride of the Florida National Scenic Trail.

Total bike ride is approximately four miles in length and lasts about two hours. The tour will visit archaeological sites along the trail ride where we will learn about the archaeology, history and ecology of the area.

Bring plenty of water, healthy snacks (apples, carrots, nuts, pretzels, dried fruit), sunscreen, sunglasses, your bicycle and helmet.

Afterwards, participants can caravan out to the Destination Archaeology Resource

Center for a tour of the exhibit "A Roadtrip Through Florida's Archaeology" to learn about other sites they can bike at. This program is free; however, participants are responsible for their own transportation and the \$8 park entrance fee.

Let's Move! is a comprehensive initiative, launched by First Lady Michelle Obama, dedicated to solving the problem of obesity within a generation, so that children born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams. To learn more about this initiative, visit www.letsmove.gov.

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TOP SCORES

When Beach School students graduate they can attend middle and high school in Gulf Breeze. The following students were named to the Gulf Breeze High School Honor Roll during the second nine-week grading period:

Seniors: Elizabeth Fairleigh, Max McDaniel, Luke Means, Zach Noyes, Nicole Sakry, Jefferson Shell, Lisa Taylor, Haley Bohannon, Matthew Clay, Chelsea Francis.

Juniors: PJ Dunne, Jack Ettelson, Adam Foley, Kendall Hoover, Marina Johnson, Madison Penico, Eric Post, Anna Bailey, Sage Baird, James Baynes, Nicholas Gomez-Wukich, Jessica Koch, Alexa McKnight, Sarah Grace Stewart, Oceane Ziegler

Sophomores: Savannah Dunne, Mitchell Robbins, Cate Hodges, Kimberly Stilson, Margaux Taylor, Bailey Trcinski

Freshmen: Savannah Crowdis, Sara Post, Will Green, Duncan Niven

HE'S ALL HEART

The Beach's newest doc made an appearance at the School. Dr. Jim Williams, cardiologist, chatted with the youngest Sandpipers about "Listening To Your Heart." Kindergartners in Jennifer Neal's class are studying healthy living concepts. Jim lives in Calle Hermosa with his wife Susan.

LOOKING UP

Science teacher Joy McLaurine in conjunction with the

Escambia Amateur Astronomer's Club has the night sky above the Beach School starring in her March 28 event. Dinner will be for sale. There is no charge to view. The telescopes will be set up at 5:30 p.m. to view the moon and other celestial objects. This event is open to the public. Come see the stars of the show!

GOOD STUFF

The Healthier US School Challenge recognized Gulf Breeze Middle school for creating healthier school environments through promotion of nutrition and physical activity. The criteria included menu changes, nutrition education for students, an established wellness policy and commitment to using non food rewards. Santa Rosa County Schools is the only district in the State to receive recognition for 14 schools who qualified. The USDA Undersecretary of Food Kevin Concannon will visit Santa Rosa County Schools on March 26 to celebrate this achievement.

MAGIC FLUTE

Gulf Breeze High School student Mallory DeMotts, flutist, earned the Doris Jean Kahn Music Scholarship of \$1,000. She will perform at the Pensacola Music Study Club event on March 14 at the First Baptist Church in Pensacola at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

TAKIN' A BREAK

Students at Pensacola Beach Elementary School and the Santa

Rosa County Schools will take a holiday from classes. Spring Break will be observed from March 12 - March 16.

Upcoming holidays include Good Friday, which is April 6. Memorial Day will be observed on May 28. The last day of school is set for June 7, which is an early release day.

SPEAK UP

The Pensacola Beach Optimist Club hosts the annual Oratorical Contest at the Beach School beginning March 20. The finals, which are open to the public, will be at the Beach Church Fellowship Hall, Tuesday, March 27 at 6 p.m.

RELAY TEAMS

The first ever Pensacola Beach Relay For Life event to benefit the American Cancer Society will be held April 13-14 at the Gulfside Pavilion. The Beach has teams popping up everywhere, but the Beach School Junior Optimist team has been busy raising funds all year long. Look for them at the eighteen hour overnight event.



NEVER GIVE UP

The Double Bridge Run brought international competitors and Olympic champions to the race course. But, after the fast paced professionals cleared the finish line February 4, thousands battled to finish. They are the real competitors. A war of words and wobbly legs raged between two almost famous racers - Coach Roger Dutremble and the Beach's Glenn Windham.

Windham says, "I think I hit the line before Coach Roger Dutremble, don't you?"

Coach Roger spent time in the NBA as assistant coach with the Lakers and now hangs out at Paradise Bar and Grill refueling after long walk and runs down the bike path. Official times were the same, 40:37, but Glenn earned 748th place, one above Coach Roger.



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By Joe Stukey
Your Computer Pal

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Second, data traveling over your secured network is encrypted, or scrambled, so that it cannot be intercepted by a nosy neighbor or a local hacker. Some of the personal identity theft occurs when hackers snoop on unprotected wireless connections.

Internet access is provided by some businesses as a free service to their customers. Those "hotspots" are commonly found in fast food places, RV parks, hotels, and airports. For security purposes, you should not access your personal online accounts while using the hotspot. Anyone nearby, with the right equipment, can gain access to your Internet connection and scan for accounts and passwords.

The hackers are also able to create a fake hotspot and override the signal of the legitimate hotspot by sending out a stronger signal that blocks it. Users who are connected to the fake website may not know until much later that they have been scammed.

If you are away from your network and using a wireless connection at another location (an airport, hotel, coffee shop, etc) where there is no security, be very careful about what kind of data you transmit. Doing research and sending email in that situation should be okay.

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Tom Lowery, Jr. high atop the Pirates of the Lost Treasure Float on Parade Day, February 19 on Pensacola Beach. The Pirates were awarded the Most Creative Award.



Krewe of Brewe Queen Gwen Gibson accepted the award for Best Theme at the Krewe of Wrecks parade Feb. 19 on Pensacola Beach.



Best Use of Color award at the Krewe of Wrecks parade February 19 was earned by the Krewe du YaYas. Christi Malone accepted the trophy.



They dazzled the judges. They danced on the stage. The Mystic Krewe of Nereids were awarded the Grand Marshall's trophy at the Krewe of Wrecks parade, Feb. 19. Queen Monette Hodges, center, leads the Wild Women in their victory dance at the Gulside Pavilion post parade ceremonies.

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BUSINESS BUZZ.....

TRI THIS

The Santa Rosa Island Triathlon, which is set for October 6 on Pensacola Beach, is more than just an internationally famous athletic event. The promoters are strong community and charitable supporters. The last event made donations to Elder Services, Boy Scouts of America and the Red Cross, not to mention the economic impact they create on the Beach. Registration is open for the 2012 event at www.sri-tri.org.

SLEEP RIGHT

Robin Aboitiz stayed at the Lee House last week and enjoyed the downtown Pensacola vibes at the Luxe Sleep Boutique owned by Beach resident Pandora de Balthazar. Pandora is outfitting her Aboitiz's bedroom in Manila.

TOP GUNS

The Women's Council of Realtors announced their list of Top Guns. Targeted were Beach Realtors from Levin and Rinke Realty Mark Lee, Walter Pierce and Mary Williams. Linda Taylor Murphy of Keller Williams made the list along with Jeremy Johnson of Island Realty.

TALL SHIP

Time to visit the Tall Ship Peacemaker is slipping away. According to Kim Kaminski, City of Pensacola, the free ship tours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. will be available March 9-12 only. It's located at Plaza de Luna, downtown.

RAINDROP RACES

Beach part-timer Marty McMorrow spends part of his days writing - about childhood, about experiences that shape our lives, about coming of age. His new book entitled "Raindrop Races" tells the nearly true story of "PJ" and "Moose," two childhood pals who wound up on wildly divergent paths as they came of age in the 1960's. This book follows Marty's first book, a memoir called "Phoenix to LA," that traced the author's steps from protesting the Vietnam War one day to finding himself in it the next. Both of McMorrow's books are available at the new Mezza De Luna Consignment Studio at 8 South Palafox in Pensacola. Stop by...you might just catch Marty McMorrow penning his next best-seller.

BEACH BEAT

If it moves you, let it groove you. The music scene on Pensacola Beach is soaring to the top of the charts. Free concerts every Tuesday night beginning April 10. The Bands on the Beach series is hosted by the Santa Rosa Island Authority at the Gulfside Pavilion. Regional shows like Fly By Radio at Flounder's on March 17 give you a chance to dance in the sand. Make your soul soar with the bluesy talent at Paradise - Josh Garrett March 7-8 and the all female New Orleans band 30x90 March 9-10. No cover. Local bands make the

rounds with lead singers like Tim Spencer, Mike Wheeler and John Hart. The Sandshaker and Sabine Sandbar always treat customers to top entertainers.

Bonfire Jam is bringing country star Ronnie Dunn on May 12. Tickets are reasonably priced. The best things in life may be free when the SRIA gives Mom a gift of the Pensacola Symphony's Concert May 13. The Five Flags Tourism Group has begun the sale of DeLuna Fest tickets. The three days of concerts will take place September 21-23.

BIG SISTER

Gulf Breeze's Courtney Humbaugh started as a volunteer, called a Big, working with a child in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Now she has been hired as the Director of Marketing and Development. Their mission is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, positive relationships that have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of everyone involved. Big Brothers Big Sisters currently serves about 350 children in Northwest Florida.

CLAUS RETURNS

Pensacola Beach resident Dr. Steven Claus has joined the Pensacola medical practice of Dr. Gary Gotthelf at Gulf Coast Medical Arts. Claus is a Board Certified Internal Medicine Physician. He lives on the Beach with wife Mary and Kona, their dog. And, yes, his name is the same

as the jolly old elf who brings the toys.

CRAWDADDY TIME

The masters of the boiling pot are chopping and spicing, ready to turn up the heat on the seasonal Sunday afternoon Crawfish Boils at Bamboo Willie's. Stop in and get a pound to peel and pinch. Willie's deck has gotten to be a hot spot in the spring on Sunday afternoon. The Louisiana delicacies have an entire weekend festival dedicated to them on Pensacola Beach. Mark your calendars for the Crawfish Festival, April 20-22.

HERE'S TO HEALTH

If you want to know what a knock to your noggin will do, attend the free concussion seminar at The Andrews Institute in Gulf Breeze, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20. Space is limited, and advance reservations can be made by calling 850-916-8585. Light refreshments will be served.

SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11. Go to brunch on the Beach and celebrate!

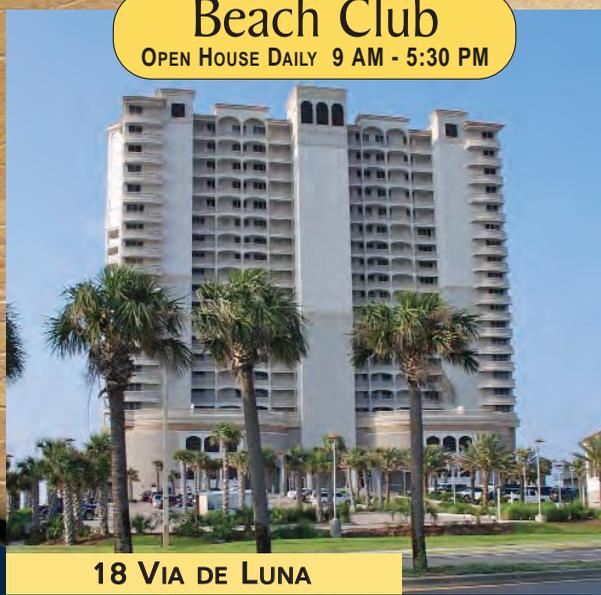


BEAN TEAM TRIO - The Krewe of Wrecks prepares and serves hundreds of hungry revelers at their free Red Beans and Rice luncheon. The hardworking Bean Team members make that happen. Stirring the pot at Casino Beach February 20 are (L to R): Jim Johnston, Tommy Grice and Head Wreck Jeff Goudey.

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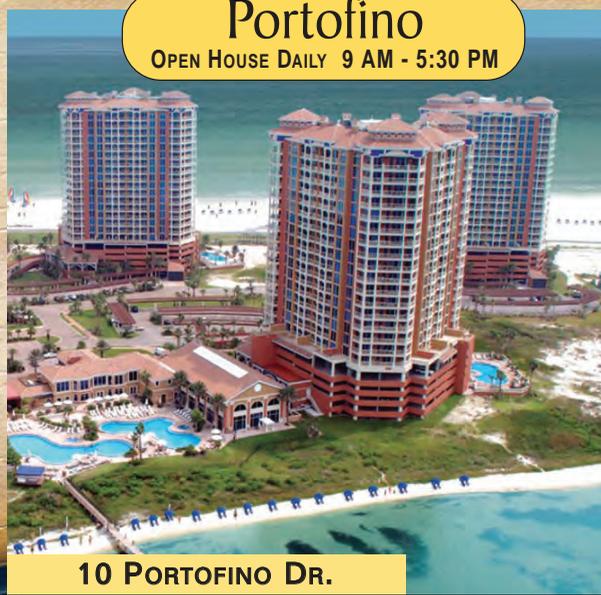
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By Frank Cooper

Horse Show Falls and Hair Falls

When we were living in North Georgia my family was involved in showing American Saddle bred horses. Now if that does not ring a bell with you let me outline some of the details of this wonderful pastime.

Most of the people showing horses board the horses with a trainer. The trainer provides the stalls, feeds the animals and exercises them as well as providing training to the owner or someone in the owner's family. The object, of course, is to be able to "show" the horse in local or sanctioned horse shows. This can be first rate competition. Some of the larger

horse shows can draw thousands of spectators and hundreds of owners, trainers and riders. While most of the participants are not paid directly, the high level riders and trainers are paid very well.

The horse shows we visited were mostly Friday night shows held on a local high school show ring. Or in some cases it could be held in a temporary location with no grandstand at all. It really didn't make much difference. It was all about being with your horses and with people with a common interest.

The prizes were normally just colored ribbons. We were all striving for the Blue. Except

for the Equitation events, the horse was judged, not the rider. A good rider could get a lot out of any given horse. In the Equitation events the rider was judged on his ability to show the horse in the prescribed gaits with few, if any, faults. Most Equitation horses were docile and very well trained while in the other classes you wanted a spirited, high stepping animal.

I mentioned American Saddle Horse as a breed. I am not going to go into detail here because I will just foul it up and probably make mistakes. Basically, the Three Gaited horse shows at the three natural gaits. They are the walk, the trot and the canter. The three gaited horse shows with a set tail, except in a pleasure class, and with a cropped mane. The three gaited horse cannot have an added tail and the horse is definitely "gingered." I'll get back to that term in a minute.

The Five Gaited horse shows at a walk, trot and canter and also at two developed gaits, not natural gaits. These developed gates are the Slow Gate and the Rack. The Slow Gait is a slow yet extreme and methodically smooth gait and the Rack is a fast Gait where speed, flair and action is essential. Even though it is the horse that is judged, a good rider of a five gaited horse will have his horse performing the gait called for by the judge and at the same time show his own skill with control and flare. There is a lot of acting or showmanship required of the

rider in five gaited competition.

Now, about the ginger. A five gaited horse shows with a full mane and tail. In fact a tail piece is usually tied into the horse's natural tail and may sometimes almost drag the ground. It can be a beautiful sight. In the case of the three gaited horse, the horse is encouraged by the judicious application of powdered ginger to that tender area right under the horses tail. Now, that isn't too hard to understand, is it?

Over a period of years we owned and showed both three gaited horses and five gaited horses. Our first three gaited horse was a gelding who was right along in years named "Sloopey." The popular song "Hang on Sloopey" was popular then and seemed to be always on the air. He had good action but it usually required a shot of "Bute" to get the most out of this old boy.

"Bute" is a pain killer which allowed him to show with great action and flair even though he really didn't feel all that good. I wish I could get some "Bute" sometimes but I think that may be a little illegal today. Our trainer, Bob Hanshaw, was usually pretty well dosed up on "Bute" during a show.

We later had a five gaited horse named "Big Racket." Big Racket was also pretty old when we got him but really responded to the "Bute" when he needed a little help.

Eventhough my wife Dixie

and her mother, who was also named Dixie, rode when they were younger, our daughter Beckie did all the riding later. Beckie was good rider and we were very proud of her.

She sat well in the saddle and rode very straight and could control her horse well without showing any extreme moves. Well, there was one extreme move she made one night at a show in Calhoun. Beckie had just started wearing contact lenses and was not real comfortable with them. She also had a hair switch or fall which she worked into her hair when she was showing. She was real proud of this fall, since it was made of her grandmother's hair and was exactly the same color as her own natural hair. Not the same as the colors she wore later in her rock and roll band days.

Well, Beckie looked good. She had her fall on. She had her contacts in. She had her brand new riding habit on and Big Racket had his "bute" fix. They were ready. Beckie was doing a good job in the show ring when for some reason Big Racket got spooked and Beckie was headed over the horse's neck for the ground. Without missing a beat she grabbed her fall with one hand and her contacts with the other and still kept her seat on that horse. I don't think the judge even noticed and she came home with another ribbon that night.

Life was good.

Yard Salers Prepare To Cash In

Recycle your gently used household items into cash at the Pensacola Beach Advocates Recyclemania, Saturday, March 31 from 8 until noon at Casino Beach. You can shop or sell, but don't miss this first ever event.

Those who wish to sell items may fill out an application, located on page 7 of this edition of *Island Times*. Sellers should bring their own tables and chairs to fit in a ten by ten foot space.

"You can set up your own mini-yard sale," said Lois Hausmann, event coordinator. "Sellers should bring bags and cash for making change. They take home all the money they make."

There is no charge for PBA members, and non-members may

participate for \$20.

Gilmore Shredding will be on site for residents to bring up to fifty pounds of paper materials to be destroyed.

"Sensitive financial records, and old love letters, any kind of paper items will be shredded," said PBA President Jim Cox. "When it is time to destroy these things, throwing them away is not good enough."

Goodwill trucks will be taking donations at the event. Bring any small items even computers to be hauled away.

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- 9- Karaoke with Becky 7:30 PM-11:30
- 10- Tim Morgan & Dennis Gossman 7:30-11:30
- 11- Southern Breeze 3 PM-7PM,
\$3 Crown on Down 7 PM-Close
- 12- Happy Hour All Day All Night
- 13- \$3 Crown on Down 7 PM-Close
- 14- \$3 Crown on Down 7 PM-Close
- 15- Karaoke with Becky 7:30 PM-11:30
- 16- Karaoke with Becky 7:30 PM-11:30
- 17- St. Paddy's Pub Crawl, Freeway 98 7PM-11
- 18- \$3 Crown on Down 7pm-12am
- 19- Happy Hour All Day All Night

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Mon Dieu! What a fabulous carnival season we had. It's a tad sad to put away the ball gowns and tiaras but there's still a few sparkling tidbits to talk about.

The notoriously shy and illusive Naugas appeared briefly at the Kids and Kritters parade, February 11, to hand over a wad of goodwill to the Humane Society. Top Dog Sara McCool accepted \$1608 donation from Danah and Gwen Gibson, Nauga Queens.

The Wrecks ship was in good hands this year with Jim Hill as Captain, and bubbly Bobbi Cunningham as the First Mate. Mardi Gras veterans Art and Charlyle Parrish served as Ship's Officers along with Greg and Kathy Christoff. Deckhands Chris Shearman and Amanda Vetra kept the champagne glasses filled. Only 237 days until the next Krewe of Wrecks meeting.

Following the royal Wrecks were dozens of worthy entries. The judges, and I know not who they were, picked the circus clad Warriors for Best Costume. The Best Theme went to Krewe of Brew. It's a western saloon. The outrageous and beautiful Krewe du YaYa's earned the nod for Best Use of Color. The Most Creative was given to the Pirates of the Lost Treasure. They are a swarthy lot, especially Tom Lowery, Jr. This year's Grand Marshall was Mike Cook who chose the Mystic Krewe of Nereids as his favorite. This is not the first time that the glam, authenticity of the finned females has grabbed the Grand Marshall's prize.

As the final hours of Fat Tuesday slid quietly away, Becky Shearman and Mark Perano

donned the capes and crowns of Coma. The Shaker was packed with well-wishers wearing the traditional blinking lighted hats.

The previous royal duo flaunted their creativity one more time. Former Queen Denise won the Lighted Hat Contest and Former King John won Paradise's Shoe Box Float Contest. Cathy and Brian Johnson's hats were over the top chapeaus, earning runners-up booty. Second place in the Shoe Box Float contest went to Ros Chester.

I heard that the mucky-mucks at the Beach Chamber are making a special presentation to the Wrecks for making cash registers ring. Used to be one weekend and now it's year round.

The wild Irishmen of the Krewe of St. Patrick are pressing their pleats. They have to look their best on stage at McGuire's Irish Pub's Prediction Run Awards Ceremony, March 10 at 10 a.m. They will be making a donation to their charity, Injured Marines Semper Fi. If you don't belong to this group, you could turn green with envy. I love a man in uniform, especially if it shows his legs! Look for kilts at the St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl on the Beach. Slainte.

Fiesty Fiesta gals are planning their summer events, most of which are for those who don't mind glistening...sandcastle contests and such. They do host a very civilized gala, the All Krewe Ball, June 6. I do love a summer soiree. Formal and fun with a presentation of each krewe's royalty. Rhinestones everywhere!

Will the fun ever cease? I hope not.

Seeing Stars... your horoscope for next week

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep an open mind about a suggestion you see as unworkable. Give it a chance to prove itself one way or another. The results could surprise both supporters and detractors.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) News about an upcoming venture causes you to make some last-minute adjustments in your plans. But the extra work will pay off, as you come to learn more about the potential benefits opening up.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A more positive aspect grows out of your determination to reach your immediate goals. Continue to keep your focus sharp and on target by steering clear of petty quarrels and other pesky problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) By acting as a voice of reason, you can avoid adding to an already turbulent situation. You might have to shout over the tumult, but your words ultimately will be heard and heeded.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The possibility of a new acquisition always makes those Leonine eyes light up. But be careful that what you see is what you want. Appearances can often be deceiving.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) No matter how much you might feel that you're in the right, resist saying anything that could reignite a still-unresolved situation. Let the matter drop, and move on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Help with a personal problem comes from an unexpected source. You also find workplace pressures easing. Use this period of calm to

restore your spent energies.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to share the credit for that project you're working on. But there'll be enough credit to go around, and your efforts will be recognized and rewarded.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Details need to be dealt with before you can move on to another area. Make sure you don't leave any loose ends that could later cause everything to unravel.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) News about a change in the workplace carries with it a challenge you could find difficult to resist. Check it out. It could be what you've been waiting for.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to



February 18) Allowing your artistic nature full expression will help restore your spirits and will put you in the mood to take on that new career challenge. A Libra creates excitement.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Expect to happily plunge right into a hectic social whirl starting at week's end. Your aspects favor new friendships as well as the strengthening of old relationships.

BORN THIS WEEK: Like St. Patrick (who was also born this week), your spiritual strength is an inspiration to others.

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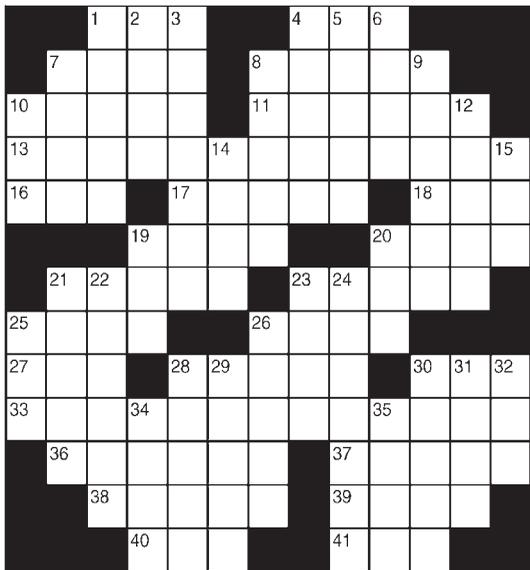
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- 4 Existed
- 7 Deep-sea predator
- 8 Move to one side
- 10 Adversary
- 11 The external world
- 13 News crew member
- 16 Work with
- 17 Judicial apparel
- 18 "— was saying, ..."
- 19 Sheepish comments
- 20 A long time
- 21 Choir's rendition
- 23 Cheney's successor
- 25 Salamander
- 26 Sell
- 27 Raw rocks
- 28 Irving Berlin's "Blue —"
- 30 Afternoon social
- 33 13-Across' offering
- 36 "A Streetcar Named Desire" role
- 37 Bracelet adornment
- 38 Short fishing line



- 39 Slight amounts
- 40 James Bond, e.g.
- 41 Pigpen
- 1 Minotaur's home
- 2 Pinnacle
- 3 Pertaining to a city election
- 4 7-Across, e.g.
- 5 Jam ingredients?
- 6 A size too
- small, maybe
- 7 Individuals
- 8 Uppity sorts
- 9 Battlefield prioritization
- 10 Ostrich's cousin
- 12 Ruhr Valley city
- 14 Wander
- 15 "— the season ..."
- 19 Cudgel
- 20 Toss in
- 21 Shimon of Israel
- 22 Workout garb
- 23 Milwaukee product
- 24 Entomologist's subjects
- 25 Promptly
- 26 Spreading fast on YouTube
- 28 Drag (Var.)
- 29 "An American in Paris" star
- 30 Sycophant
- 31 Blunders
- 32 \$ dispenser
- 34 Sawbucks
- 35 Terrific, in rapspeak

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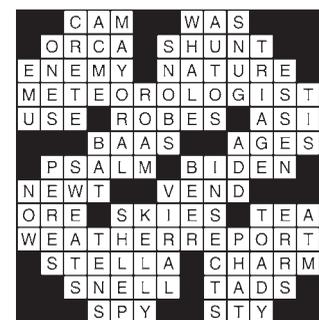
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 Answers
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Calendar

- March 8
Master Plan Public Input Meeting. Our Lady of the Assumption. Hosted by Escambia County. 5:30 p.m. Public Encouraged to attend.
 - March 9
Gulf Breeze Hospital Auxiliary Game Day. 10 a.m. Gulf Breeze Presbyterian Church. Tickets \$20 Gulf Breeze Hospital Gift Shop, or 932-7619 or 748-0006.
 - March 10
Hike Florida Trail Association. Meets at Fort Pickens Gate Park, 9:30 a.m.
 - March 10
McGuire's Prediction Run. www.mcguiresirishpub.com
 - March 11
Daylights Savings Time begins
 - March 12
Go Irish on the Island. www.pensacolabeachchamber.com
 - March 14
SRIA Full Board Meeting. 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna. Open to the Public.
 - March 15
Game Day and Card Party, 10 a.m. Our Lady Hunt Hall. Pensacola Beach Woman's Club.
 - March 15
Board of County Commissioners, Master Plan discussion. 5:30 p.m.
 - March 17
St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl, 10 a.m. www.PensacolaBeachChamber.com
 - March 22
Tour de Fort, Ft Pickens. 10 a.m. Bicycles.
 - March 27
Beach Chamber member meeting, 8:30 a.m. Days Inn.
 - Business After Hours, 5:30 p.m. Laguna's. Guest passes, 932-1500.
 - March 27
PB Optimist Club Oratorical Finals. 6 p.m.
 - March 28
Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting. 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna.
 - March 28
Beach School Star Gaze. 6 -8 p.m. Dinner and Escambia Astronomers Club.
 - March 31
Recyclemania, 8 to Noon. Casino Beach. www.pbadvocates.org
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Romance Writers Bring Conference To Island

Meet New York Times Bestselling Author and Beach Resident Dianna Love

The Gulf Coast Chapter of Romance Writers of America's 2012 Silken Sands Writers Conference is set for March 16-18, at the Hampton Inn Pensacola Beach. Barbara Vey of Publisher's Weekly is the kickoff speaker. The keynote speaker is historical author Beverley Kendall.

Fans will get a chance to meet their favorite authors at the Silken Sands Author Booksigning. It is open to the public at no charge, Saturday, March 17 from 3:30 until 5 p.m.

Authors scheduled to participate include the Beach's own Dianna Love Snell, whose bestselling works include "Phantom in the Dark," "Blood Trinity," "Alterant" and "Dead After Dark" written with Sherrilyn Kenyon. Love's

website, www.authordianalove.com, classifies her works into urban fantasy and thrillers.

Rita Van Fleet, author and publicity chairman for the Conference said, "We are looking forward to being back on Pensacola Beach. I hope this is an opportunity for the residents to meet some of their favorite authors."

Also scheduled to appear at the booksigning are: Cynthia Eden, Barbara Vey, Randi Alexander, Danica Avet, Janet Breakfield, Susan Carlisle, Jillian Chantal, Manda Collins, Casey Crow, Lucienne Diver, Fran Fisher, Sayde Grace, Cara Lynn James, Debbie Kaufman, Rashda Khan, Jeffe Kennedy, Runere McLain, Fran McNabb, Joyce

Moore, Katie Reus, Loretta Rogers, Kelly Stone, and Carla Swafford.

Current writers and those wishing to break into the world of romance writing can still sign up for the three day event.

The conference will offer participants educational, craft, and networking opportunities, including editor/agent pitch appointments, an editor and agent panel, workshops and a costume ball. Workshops will focus on three main areas: craft, research, and industry topics.

"You can actually pitch your idea to agents on site," commented Van Fleet.

Editors and agents scheduled to attend include: Amanda Bergeron, Associate Editor at Harp-

er Collins/Avon; Angela James, Executive Editor for Carina Press; Holly Blanck, Associate Editor at St. Martin's Press; Grace Bradley, Editor at Ellora's Cave; Lucienne Diver, Literary Agent at The Knight Agency; Jenny Bent, Literary Agent at The Bent Agency; and Sandy Sullivan, Executive Editor, Secret Cravings Publishing.

Registration is \$170 for the three-day conference. Friday-only registration is \$50 and includes workshops and editor/agent panels. Saturday-only registration is \$70 and includes workshops. Pitch appointments are available.

For more information, see <http://www.gccrwa.com/silkensands/registration/>.



Pensacola Beach resident and New York Times bestselling author Dianna Love Snell will be at the Authors Booksigning event March 17. Her latest "Love Is Murder" will be available May 29.

Boot Scoot Boogie Over To Get Your Concert Tickets

BonfireJam Features Country Star Ronnie Dunn

The Bonfire is heating up! Tickets for the BonfireJam-Pensacola Beach Concert featuring country music star Ronnie Dunn go on sale Thursday, March 8 at www.bonfirejam.com. The concert is set for Saturday, May 12 at Casino Beach.

General admission tickets will be \$37.50; reserved premium tickets \$50, and special, limited edition "Jam Box" tickets, including a table for eight, access to a

VIP hospitality area, and four reserved parking spaces are \$1,500. There are a limited number of tickets in every category.

"We are making sure we have tickets that are within the reach of every fan who wants to come see Ronnie Dunn at the first BonfireJam on Pensacola Beach," said Sunny Moulder, BonfireJam director of operations.

Only 12 Jam Box tickets,

which include access to the VIP/Hospitality area, are available. Anyone interested in purchasing a Jam Box ticket should contact Moulder at 850-292-3792.

There are 600 reserved parking spaces available at \$20 each. Free parking will be available on a first come, first served bases at Casino Beach.

For more information, go to bonfirejam.com.

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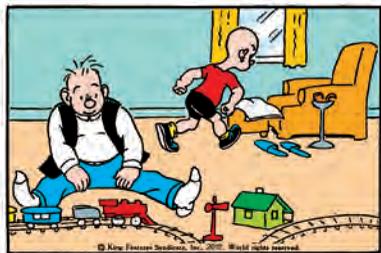
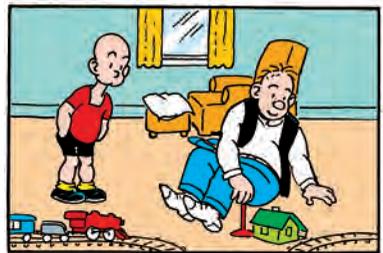
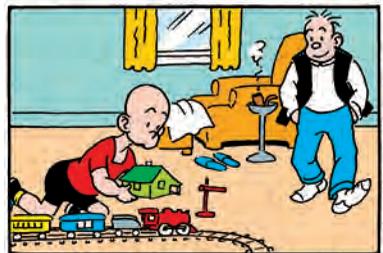
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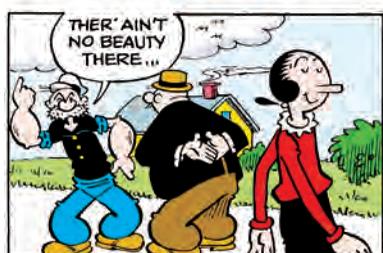
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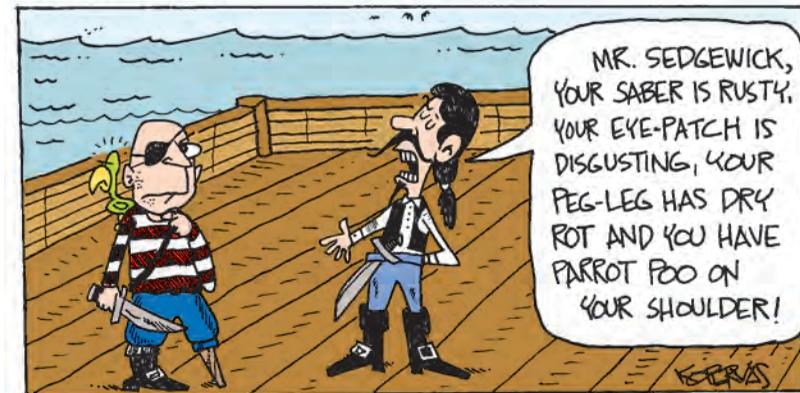
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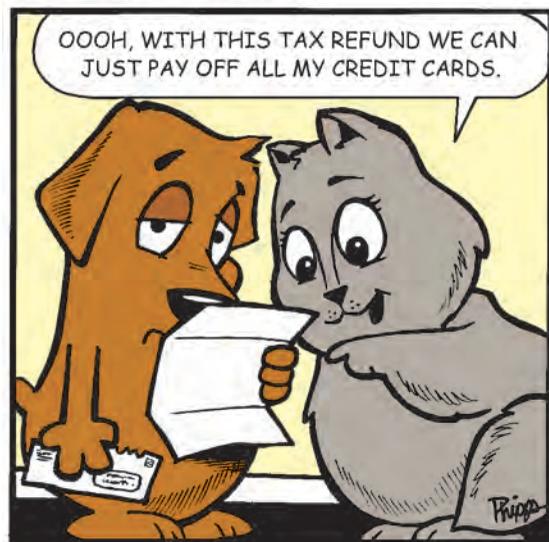


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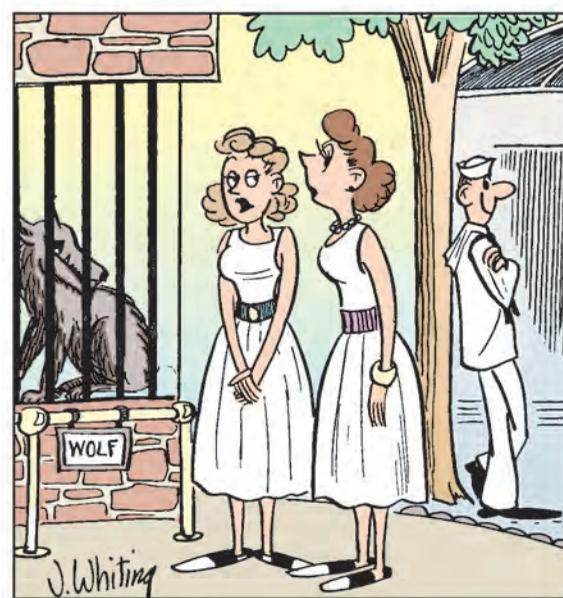
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Beach Church Deacons Sponsor Military Letter Writing Campaign

Pensacola Beach Community Church Deacons have started a letter writing campaign for church members and beach residents to write to those serving in the military. They are requesting that letters be sent to these military personnel who are members of the church or are part of the church family.

Please take a few moments to send a letter to one or more of our military friends listed below.

- SR Roby, Benjamin, U (Ukaia) Ship 11 Div 061 Recruit Training Command 3505 Sailor Drive Great Lakes, IL 60088-3505

- Maj Tim Vituszynski COMKAF HQ APO-AE 09355
- SPC Powell, Regina E. 94-DFIP APO AE 09354

If you have a friend or relative who is serving in the military, their address can be added to the list. Please send the information to Gordon Paulus at GordonPaulus@hotmail.com.

Pensacola Beach Community Church is located at the corner of Via de Luna and Avenida 18. More information about the church programs is available at www.thebeachchurch.com.



The Resort Quest agents invited Pensacola Beach Chamber members to an opening party, February 16 at their new Pensacola Beach Boulevard location with Cook Realty. Making everyone feel welcome at the grand party with the Mardi Gras theme are (L to R): Kendra Moore, Dena Critch, Robyn Patterson, Ron Carnes, Phyllis Shanks, Liz Horton, and Judy Nicholson.



WELCOME TO THE BEACH

Mandy Alfrey is the newest member of the Santa Rosa Island Authority administrative team. She is a graduate of Florida State University and resides in Gulf Breeze. Her title is Administrative Assistant III.



The Pensacola Beach Woman's Club celebrates birthdays with song and cake for each of its members. The Clubbers who blew out candles at the February luncheon meeting are (L to R): Pat Spencer, Carole Wiggin, Carol Ascherfeld, Dorene Ellis, Kay Amberson and Mary Mulroy.

Look for these gals to be part of the annual Game Day and Card Party, Thursday, March 15 at Our Lady of the Assumption's Hunt Hall.

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After Sundown

Athletes Estimate Times At McGuire's 5K Race

Part foot race and part guessing game, the McGuire's 35th annual 5K Prediction Run takes off from McGuire's Irish Pub on Gregory Street at 9 a.m. on March 10. You have one hour to walk or run the 3.1 mile course, because the party starts promptly at 10 a.m. at the pub.

Registration is ongoing until 8 a.m. on race day. Racers who come closest to their prediction will be declared the winner in post race ceremonies. The first five men and women in 14 different age groups ranging from 0 to over 70 years who can accurately guess their finish time will be recognized. There will be awards for speedy racers, teams and costumes.

Lots of food will be served. A pre-race bagel breakfast along with juice, fruit and coffee will be available. The Post Race party features Irish fare.

No thirst will go unquenched

but racers must have a current ID and a party wristband in order to take advantage of the refreshments. Coffee, Irish Wakes, Bud Light, McGuire's Red and soft drinks will be served. The music, food and fun continue through noon.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Pensacola Police Department, Boy Scouts of America Troop 104, and the Injured Marines Semper Fi Fund.

Registration is available online until midnight March 7 at www.active.com or at mcguiresirishpub.com or in person at McGuire's Irish Pub, 600 E. Gregory Street in Pensacola.

Bring your friends, but don't bring your dogs, strollers, skates or bicycles. Leave your timing equipment like watches at home with the dog.

For more information call 433-6789 or email mcguiresirishpub@aol.com

Hosler Tops Texas Hold 'Em Charts Two Tourneys Set For Fun

The Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun commissioner of poker Richard Uzdevenes sharpened his pencil and tallied the number of wins for card sharps during February on Pensacola Beach. Wade Hosler has been declared the champ.

"With three consecutive Thursday night wins at Paddy O'Leary's in late February, Hosler vaulted himself into the top spot for the month," said Uzdevenes. "He gets the trophy."

Poker playing Diva Sara Mandel found herself playing a supporting role at the Paddy O'Leary's games to Ted Gorder on February 12 and twice to Wade Hosler, on Feb. 16 and 23. She just could not get the win and settled for second place each time.

The Wood family has been brushing up on their card playing at the Sandshaker's Monday night games. Mike Wood earned a runners-up title behind Brandon Polly on February 13; and another second place when his wife Mary Kay took the big win on February 20.

Justin Scher took all the chips at the Shaker on February 27 leaving John Woodham in second place.

Phil Tracy rocked the game

at The Dock on Feb. 25. Hank Misiak was a respectable second place.

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun welcomes all players, both veterans and newbies. A basic knowledge of the game is all that is necessary for anyone over 21-years-old to join the games.

From The Chip Stack Strummin The Chords

Did Waldo Defendorfin get a new guitar for his birthday from his sweetheart? He did. He also promises longtime fans that the Saltwater Blues Band will play a few sets, soon, very soon.

Tourneys

- Go Irish 4444 Fun will be hosted at the Sandshaker, Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. Take your place at the green felt tables and get a chance at winning the title at this kick off event during the Go Irish on the Island.

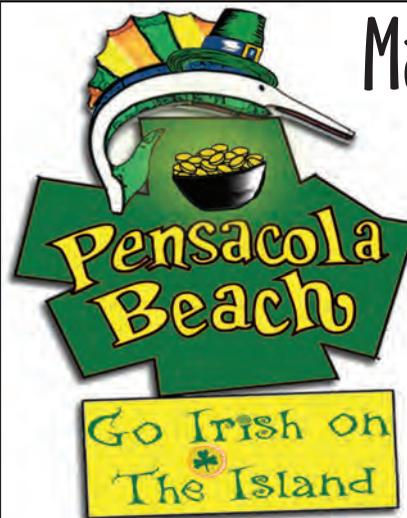
- Pot O'Gold at Paddy O'Leary's is ready to shuffle up and deal at 7 p.m. on March 14. If you have never played a tourney with us, this is a good one to start with. No blarney. It's fun.

For more information about Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun, call 850-324-2667. For more information on the Go Irish events, pensacolabeachchamber.com.

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- 2:00 Crab's We Got 'Em
- 2:35 The Dock
- 3:05 Flounder's
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readin' the water

By Saltwater Rick

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Lots of Sheepshead are on the bridges and the pelicans are pounding the Mullet.

Saltwater Blues band lead guitarist Pompano Toe Agricola

caught a pretty Red at Pickens on some good bait. He snapped a shot then return him to his business last week before band practice. He could not stop talking about the fight on light tackle. Good stuff.

Do yourself a favor and go fishin' and take a kid.



Otto Agricola, or Pompano Toe as his buddies refer to him, caught this Red at a secret spot in Fort Pickens on February 22 using a peeled shrimp as bait. According to Toe, the Redfish put up a good fight for a midwinter catch.

TRACE LEWIS AND HIS BLACK BEAUTY

Avid beach angler Trace Lewis landed this twenty pound, thirty-three inch Black Drum just outside of Pensacola Pass. The fishing excursion took place on February 10 but the successful angler does not give too many of his fishing secrets away. Catch him at Paradise and he may tell you a fishing tale or two.



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