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## Trashy Ladies Stir Recycling Craze



The Beachkeepers, an environmental committee of the Pensacola Beach Advocates, has a group of gals who focus on litter and recycling. They nicknamed themselves the Trashy Ladies before creating an entire event dedicated to the fine art of recycling. Recyclemania, set for March 31 at Casino Beach, includes a shredding event, yard sale and informational booths. Trashy Ladies include (L to R): Beach residents Carol Ascherfeld, Lois Hausman, Beachkeeper Chairperson JJ Waters and Shelby Smith. Read more on page 2.

# Recyclemania Provides Venue For Yard Sales, Shredders, Info Seekers And Bargain Hunters

When one man's trash is another man's treasure, Mother Nature wins. The Beachkeepers' Trashy Ladies are offering participants in the first ever Recyclemania a chance to recycle gently used items into cash, and for attendees to find a few treasures and bargains. The event, which is set for Saturday, March 31 from 8 a.m. until noon at Casino Beach, will be a huge yard sale, with an on-site shredding truck and information on recycling provided by the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority. Recyclemania is hosted by the Pensacola Beach Advocates' Beachkeepers Committee.

"We felt like Spring was the perfect time to premier this event and encourage people to set up shop in a yard sale type event," said Lois Hausman, Trashy Lady. "The notion of recycling is far broader than putting aluminum cans and newspapers in a receptacle."

The idea of Recyclemania was born during the Pensacola Beach Advocates Beachkeepers' meetings. "There are four areas of concentration among the Beachkeepers," said Chairman JJ Waters. "We have wildlife, dune restoration, alternative transportation and the litter and recycling subcommittees."

The serious topic of litter and recycling is approached in a friendly and educational way by the group. After nicknaming themselves the Trashy Ladies, they set goals to teach residents and visitors the value of keeping recyclables out of the land fill. They hosted an afternoon seminar for condo managers to introduce them to ECUA's recycling programs and the ease

with which they can sign up. To date there are 13 condos, 9 hotels, and a variety of others types of businesses participating. According to Hausman, the last count was 41 non-residential customers which shows the continued success of the Committee's efforts.

The Recyclemania idea was to bring the recycling, reuse and reduce ideas to the public. Reuse is at the heart of the yard sale goal for the Trashy Ladies. Participants should bring their own tables upon which to place their household items for sale. Sellers must pre-register before March 23 and will be assigned a space. There is no charge to PBA members, but there is a \$20 charge to non-members. Applications are available on Page 7 of this edition, at the Pensacola Beach Visitor's Information Center, and online at [www.pbadvocates.org](http://www.pbadvocates.org).

"The main sale area near the Gulfside Pavilion is large enough for fifty booths," said Hausman. "We can enlarge it to accommodate more if needed. I am certain there are going to be bargains galore."

Goodwill, Gilmore and ECUA will all be at Recyclemania providing services. Goodwill Easter Seals will be accepting donations of household items, clothing, and small electronics.

If you don't want to be a yard sale vendor, you can bring as many items as you like to donate," said Carol Ascherfeld, Trashy Lady member. "Their truck will be parked at Casino Beach. The Goodwill attendant will issue receipts for donations."

Gilmore Shredding will be

ready to receive up to fifty pounds of personal documents from attendees. There is no charge for this service, but it is limited to residential consumers only.

"They do all the heavy lifting," said Waters. "You pack up your old checks and sensitive documents, drive up to the Casino Beach parking lot, and when it's your turn, volunteers will unload your documents and they will be taken to the Gilmore shredding professionals."

ECUA will have information about their services, fun stuff for kids and give-aways at their booth. ECUA provides the Beach's residential and commercial garbage and recycling services.

If you would like to help there are two additional ways to become involved in Recyclemania. Volunteers are needed to assist with the yard sale and with the shredding events. Interested volunteers may contact the Trashy Ladies Volunteer Coordinator Lois Hausman at 850-916-0276 or email [loishausman@mchsi.com](mailto:loishausman@mchsi.com). Opportunities for sponsorship are available. Each sponsor will be given a booth space at Recyclemania.

"The Pensacola Beach Woman's Club signed up as a sponsor almost immediately," said Waters. "We appreciate their support."

Contact JJ Waters at 850-619-8206 for sponsorship details.

There is no charge to attend Recyclemania. Ample, free parking is available at the Casino Beach parking lot. No food will be served, but Beach restaurants will be ready to accommodate hungry shoppers.

The Beachkeepers Litter and Recycling Committee members are Hausman, Ascherfeld, Mary Samaras, Doris Hernandez, Shelby Smith and Janet Penniman. After they took on the moniker of Trashy Ladies, one environmentally-minded man, Lowell Graves joined their ranks. Jimmy Roberts, who is the ECUA Public Information Officer, assists the committee.

Details are available online at [www.pbadvocates.org](http://www.pbadvocates.org).

## Recycling on Pensacola Beach

### Where:

#### • Home

ECUA provides curbside recycling services at your home or condo

ECUA provides bulk and hazardous household waste curbside pick up, call 850-476-0480

#### • Recycling centers

Via de Luna between the Pensacola Beach Elementary and Our Lady Catholic Church  
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### What:

#### Yes!

- Glass; any color
- Newspaper & Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Junk Mail & Envelopes
- Cardboard
- Phone Books
- Office and School Papers (colored paper)
- Brown Paper Bags (grocery)
- Boxboard (cereal, cake & cracker boxes, etc.)
- Pizza Boxes
- Plastic Produce Clamshells
- Plastics No. 1 through 7
- Plastic Milk Jugs; 2-Liters; bottles and containers
- Plastic & Metal Hangers
- Plastic Cups, Plates, Utensils
- Aluminum Cans & Lids
- Pet Food Cans and Dry Pet Food Bags
- Aluminum Foil Baking Pans
- Balls of Tin Foil; Foil Pie Tins
- Metal Pots, Pans & Cookie Sheets
- Tin and Steel Cans & Lids
- Bubble Wrap
- Egg Cartons, cardboard only at this time

#### No!

- No Plastic Bags
- No Empty Plastic Bags
- No Ice Cream Cartons
- No Waxy/Paper Milk Cartons
- No Aerosol Cans
- No Juice Boxes / Bags
- No Garbage or Yard Waste



### Bulk Recycling Program Items

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- Appliances
- Large Amounts of Cardboard

More info: [www.ecua.fl.gov](http://www.ecua.fl.gov)

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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 – April 3, 1987

Let sleeping golf courses lie. The SOBs, an environmentalist group composed primarily of Mainlanders known as Save Our Beaches (not to be confused with the Beach's beloved "Sisters") has made its point, and for the moment at least, the destination resort concept is fading. Perhaps, it is time that these Mainlanders turn their attention to SAD - - Save Ariola Drive.

During the almost nine years I have lived on Ariola Drive, our street has been plagued from time to time by an onslaught of hundreds of Pensacola teenagers, who seem to consider Ariola

Drive as part of the public land Escambians hold so dear. The sequence of disastrous events begins when a realtor or individual, knowingly or unknowingly, rents a house to a person who plunks down a huge security deposit. A few kids move into the house during the daylight hours, and about seven o'clock, a constant stream of traffic begins on Ariola. As the night wears on, the youngsters spill out of the house onto the beach and the street. They scream and sit in the street and drag race (Yes, all at the same time) and their speakers carry music for blocks around.

Residents cannot (1) drive

down the street, (2) find a place to park in their own driveways, (3) sleep, (4) dodge flying cans and bottles. They call the deputies. When the police arrive, they find hundreds of kids, who are (1) consuming alcohol although they are under legal drinking age, (2) driving under the influence, (3) strewing glass bottles all over the beach, (4) parking illegally, (5) throwing cans, bottles and cartons in yards and driveways, (6) disturbing the peace. If these kids were to conduct themselves in this manner IN ANY OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD in Escambia County, arrests would be made. Not so on Pensacola Beach.

I have watched forty or fifty kids rioting in my driveway. A beer bottle has arrived through an upstairs window, narrowly missing a sleeping guest. I have

been excluded from my own driveway for hours until the deputies forced the kids to move their cars.

You look out the window and you wonder how they keep from getting hurt. They do, in fact, get hurt. A \$1000 reward was posted last week for information on a person who ran over a girl in the street on Ariola Drive on Saturday night. One New Year's Eve when I asked the kids to move their cars out of my driveway, one of them backed over a boy. Before I could call emergency, they scooped him up and drove off. Liz has been knocked off her bicycle by a drunk teenager driving a pickup.

Those of us who live on Ariola know that during the weeks beginning now and ending some time in the fall, not

counting special holidays, that we must get up early on Saturday and Sunday mornings to pick up loads of trash that has been thrown in our yards by the partiers the night before.

The permanent residents along Ariola pride themselves on their homes and the beachfront. We pay mortgage notes, lease rents, intangible and ad valorem taxes. We have some kind of notion that this property belongs to us, not to everyone in Escambia County.

So back to SAD and the 370 acres of public land. Why not build a pavilion there to rent to Escambia County teenagers for parties. Why not provide them with adequate parking areas and trash receptacles? Let them utilize this land which has been set aside for the public to enjoy. And give the residents of Ariola Drive a break...

## Beach Newspaper Hosts Old TIN Contest

Could your stash of old newspapers be worth anything? They may be valuable if they are copies of *The Islander* Newspaper. Search your closets, bookshelves, scrapbooks and beach bags to find the copy of *The Islander* that dates as far back as you can, enter and win.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

"Hurricane Ivan floated *The Islander* archives right out into the Sound," said Shelley Johnson, *Island Times* publisher. "Finding as many of those lost copies is historically important."

Here's the rules:

1. Find an oldie but a goodie edition of *The Islander* News-

paper published by Jane Waters.

2. Bring your name, email address and phone number along with the paper to the Pensacola Beach Visitor's Information Center.

3. You may also enter by mailing your copy to: *Island Times*, Post Office Box 844, Gulf Breeze, FL 32562. Remember to include your name and contact info.

4. The oldest edition, turned in prior to the May 1, 2012 will be the winner. Two runners-up will be recognized.

*The Islander* Newspaper began publication in April 1979. If you have questions, email shelley@myislandtimes.com.

## Stars Twinkle At Beach School Astronomy Event

The dark skies above Pensacola Beach Elementary School will set the stage for a star studded event on Wednesday, March 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. The entire community is invited to the Star Gaze, a performance orchestrated by the heavens above and made possible to view by the Escambia Amateur Astronomers.

The Amateur Astronomers will have their telescopes set up at the Beach School.

Beach School teacher Joy McLaurine coordinated the event so students and parents could share the evening of astronomy and star gazing together.

Pensacola State College Professor Dr. Wayne Wooten explains what you may be viewing through the powerful telescopes.

"It is a great month to be observing the planets," Wooten writes. "Venus is overtaking Earth and will appear exactly half lit to earth based telescopes. Jupiter will be getting lower in the southwest each evening. Saturn will be in the evening sky. Mars will be well up in the northeast. Only Mercury will be missing from our March Planetary Parade."

For more information, contact McLaurine at jmlaurine@escambia.k12.fl.us.

## Beach listings



- Emerald Dolphin 2/2 Gulf View, \$299,000
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## AHOY CAPTAIN

The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club welcomed the following new skippers to their ranks: Patricia Barry, Paige Capers, Debra Lowell, Richard and D'arsey Samuels, John Schor and Chen Jie all of Gulf Breeze. The Yacht Club hosts a full calendar of events both on and off the water. Upcoming is their annual Preemie Cup Regatta, April 14, which benefits the Sacred Heart Hospital Neonatal Unit.

## BOWL ME OVER

Beach resident Elaine Mitchell's name was at the top of the list of the Liberty Lanes Satellite Ladies League scores. Her team, the Starlets, won the league games Wednesday, March 7 with Elaine setting the pace with a 205 game. Beach gal Lois Jones and Cherie New-Munoz from Pensacola are her bowling mates.

## ROB WINS

No secret that Rob Jackson knows his way around a barbecue pit. The Beach's Krewe of Ban-animals can all attest to that. Rob battled the weather and a long list of competitors at the Smokin in the Square, March 3. When the judges tallied the votes from discerning barbecue enthusiasts, Rob and his Island BBQ had won the People's Choice Award. Congrats Rob.

## SWIMMINGLY

The Pisces birthday gals are hard at work celebrating on the Beach. JJ Waters and Cindy Lumpkin both claim the fish as their horoscope sign. Beach resident Ashley Chisholm, who is the marketing guru at The Andrews Institute, blew out candles on March 11.

## IT ALL ADDS UP

Relay For Lifers fundraising efforts range from sweet to feet. Jackie Henderson, who is part of the Beach Church's Team, said their Bake Sale was a huge success. Beach banker Judy Lenderman is part of Landshark's Team. Her supporters get their name on a tag in the shape of a foot displayed at the Bank of the South.

It all adds up to a huge total when the big day finally arrives. The first ever Pensacola Beach event will take place at Casino Beach, April 13-14.

## MORRIE'S BIG DAY

Friends and family can help Morrie Drees celebrate his eightieth birthday on March 29 at the Sandshaker from 4 to 7 p.m. Get an extra large cake, there's more March birthdays in the family. Twins Amy and Matt Drees and Jayne Drees Redmond's hubby, Johnny, are chalking up another year.

## NEALS BID FAREWELL

Scott and Phyllis Neal are saying a temporary goodbye to the Beach to move closer to their sons Christopher and Matthew and their three grand-angels, as Phyllis so sweetly refers to them. They were very active members of the Beach Church and the Pensacola Beach Optimists. Their Beach friends bid them farewell understanding their promise to return from Chicago for frequent visits.

## WARMING THE HOUSE

Marcia Hoven said Flounder's Dedrick Harmon, is the singing bartender who remembers everyone's name and drink of the hour. He got a big surprise on Martini Night. His loyal Tuesday night patrons met, as usual, to watch Dedrick fix their favorite island drinks. Seems the master of mixology just purchased a new home, so after hatching a plot and passing the hat, they presented Dedrick with a token of their affection and appreciation. He warms their hearts, so it was their housewarming gift.

## DGs DO GOOD

Pensacola Beach's Mary Claus attended the Delta Gamma Alumnae Association's Founder's Day luncheon. The DG stands for doing good, according to Mary. They are hosting a Relay for Life Team on the Beach and collected used eyeglasses to be distributed to those in need around the world. Sorority members who attended are: Susan Clark, Claus, Susan Cole, Ami DeBrine, Mary Pat

Forge, Terri Guillory, Joanna Gurchiek, Brenda Hammel, Jackye Jensen, Sharon Silsbee, Lane Thomas, Diane Thompson, Louise Videau and Barbara Weeks.

## ZIPPITY DO DA

Krewe of Wrecks Board member Melanie Waite just returned from a wilder-than-Mardi-Gras adventure in South Florida. She chaperoned the Pace High trip to the Florida Association of Student Councils conference in Titusville. But the highlight of the week was the visit to the Brevard Zoo. Most of the way through the zoo, visitors walk on an elevated boardwalk shaded by tropical vegetation to see the animals, but Melanie also took in the sights via train and kayak, before completing a rigorous three hour ropes course. As an encore the grandmother of three, zip lined 40 feet above the enormous alligators during feeding time. What a gal!

## SPICE IT UP

The Beach Church congregation spooned up heaping servings of specialty chili – from mild to mind-blowing at March's Chili Cook-Off. A panel of three eating experts gave the Judges Award to Zack Alderfer. JoAnne Smith was the crowd favorite, so she received the People's Choice award.

# Tr?i?v?i?a????

The Trivia Master stared victory in the face. Pacing back and forth checking the smattering of emails received with the wrong answers. He could not outsmart them all, however. New to trivia, but not to the Beach, Carol Ascherfeld fired off an email stating emphatically that Maria Weisnicht is the engineer who served as the president of the Pensacola Beach Leaseholders in 1987, and currently serves as the Pensacola Beach Advocates board secretary.

Weisnicht, is the CEO of CED, lives on Pensacola Beach with husband Bill. They have three natives to their credit – Brian, Eleni and George.

Carol earns the special *Island Times* t-shirt for her wardrobe.

The Master gives the Duchess of the Dunes a royal demerit and dusts off her Queen of Wrong Answers title. Her Highness Joanne Brooks, who may prefer to be Queen and Wrong, than the rightly Duchess, sent this, "At the very least I feel as if it is time to defend my less than noble reputation as the Queen of Wrong Answers. Of course, I have been busy as the Duchess of the Dunes with royal obligations; thus, unable to participate lately in the pursuit of Trivia. That said, my answer is Mr. Fred Donovan of

Baskerville-Donovan."

The Master accepts no excuses, Duchess. To your credit Fred Donovan is an engineer, schooled at Georgia Tech. Put the Wrong Answer crown on your noble noggin.

The Knights of the Trivia Roundtable were all getting fitted with new armor this week. Hard to type with the bulky gloves according to the Knights. The old armor will be recycled into beer cans.

Spin this around in your brain. The Beach's Recyclemania is March 31. Three weeks later Earth Day will be celebrated, well, all over the Earth. So, as the world turns, here's a question for environmentalists, savers of the sea oats, tree huggers, math experts and recycling fans. The universal recycling symbol, which is three mutually chasing arrows, forms a looping single sided surface. In mathematical circles this is commonly referred to as what?

Are you going to the head of the class wearing a new *Island Times* t-shirt? Maybe, if you are the first person to email the correct answer to islandtimes@bellsouth.net. Put trivia in the subject line; include your name and phone number. The deadline to answer is March 27. Good luck.

## Music This Good, must be Paradise!

Tues, Mar 20: The Blue Party  
Wed, Mar 21: Tyler Mac, John Hart & Fatty Waters  
Fri, Mar 23: Paxton Norris  
Sat, Mar 24: Lost Bayou Ramblers  
Sun, Mar 25: Paxton Norris  
Mon, Mar 26: All Stars Blues Jam  
Tue, Mar 27: Victor Wainwright & The Wild Roots  
Wed, Mar 28: The Soul Project NOLA  
Thu, Mar 29: John Hart & Fatty Waters  
Fri, Mar 30: 30 x 90  
Sat, Mar 31: Lectrik Mullet  
Sun, Apr 1: Victor Wainwright & The Wild Roots

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## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 7 • 9 a.m.

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# Big Wheel To Dim Lights For Little Turtles

The Pensacola Beach 360 Observation Wheel shared the limelight with the sea turtles and those who protect them at the Santa Rosa Island Authority's full board meeting March 14. The light pollution from the proposed eighteen story Observation Wheel concerned environmentalists, but Todd Schneider, Wheel owner, was willing to curb the lighting plan during turtle nesting season.

JJ Waters, Beachkeepers chairperson, met with Schneider to illuminate the plight of the nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings on Pensacola Beach.

"I met with the developers and I am pleased to report that we came up with some concessions," she said. "They want to be environmentally friendly and do what they can to protect the sea turtles."

The agreement included turning stadium lights off at 10 p.m. during the May through October nesting season and taking additional measures should a nest be found near the core area location.

Gulf Islands National Seashore Superintendent Dan Brown, who noted that the Seashore is often faced with difficult environmental decisions, suggested that the Santa Rosa Island Authority Board consult the U.S. Fish and Wildlife for assistance. He said female sea turtles seek the protection of the darkened beach because of their vulnerability while nesting. Furthermore, the hatchlings, which instinctively

follow the moonlight to the water, will be drawn off track by bright lights.

Board Member Vernon Prather, whose motion to approve the Observation Wheel on Pensacola Beach passed unanimously, said, "I see that a lighting plan is being developed and the developer is aware of our turtle nesting season. Let's have a report brought back to this board on the one year anniversary."

Todd Schneider of Expo 60 Venture, announced, "We enjoyed working with the Beachkeepers and look forward to a long relationship with them in this community."

Gulf Coast Pedicab owner Nicholas Sexton brought new details about the size of his three-wheeled pedal powered vehicles, but Board members were not inclined to approve the request to operate the environmentally friendly taxi service in the core area.

"This is hearsay, but I understand that Assistant County Administrator Larry Newsom is not comfortable with the operation of the pedicab," said Board Chairman Dave Pavlock. "It's the safety issues. He is waiting for the Escambia County engineer and attorney to weigh in on this."

The concerns over safety and whether the cabs could legally operate on the bike path or street were prevalent. A motion to hold the item until Escambia County reviews and comments passed unanimously.

## Beach Roadway Landscape Designs Near Completion

The beautification of Via de Luna and Fort Pickens Road may take root soon, according to Baskerville Donovan engineer Mike Langston. In his report to the Santa Rosa Island Authority Board at their March 14 meeting, Langston said the designs are nearing completion. Escambia County will receive, and review the plans prior to the bid process.

"It's our intent to have the plans complete by the end of this month," Langston said. "No trees will be planted in the median, only along the north and south sides of Via de Luna."

Additional items in his report

included:

□ Bob Sikes Toll Plaza improvements are moving forward. Lane design and toll equipment may be changed as early as next year. There has been no discussion of taking away transponders or increasing the toll. Under consideration could be availability of day and weekly passes.

□ Soundside beach renourishment at Quietwater Beach is still in the permitting stage. Bidding will begin on work after permits have been issued.

□ The iconic Beach Ball Water Tower at Casino Beach is undergoing a facelift. Crews are on site repairing and repainting. Work will be complete May 26.



Santa Rosa Island Triathlon Race Director Charles Gheen made a presentation to the Beach's Junior Lifeguard program. He was accompanied by his board members Jackie Brown and Jehan Clark.

"We have been hosting this event since 1996," he said. "SRI Tri is a non-profit group and due to the sold out registration, we are able to make this donation to the Junior Lifeguard program."

Chairman Dave Pavlock accepted the donation on behalf of the lifeguards who were busy ensuring the safety of the Spring Break crowds.

Twenty-five trolley stops will be shaded by thatched umbrella-shaped structures, ranging in size from six to eight feet, after the Board unanimously approved a bid of \$88,842 from Jonbuilt of Navarre. The project funding will come from local option sales tax and the Santa Rosa Island Authority trolley budget. The trolleys will run from May 24 through September 3.

The Pensacola Beach Master Plan was discussed by the Chairman and later during the Board Members' Forum. Chairman Dave Pavlock felt that the vehicular overpass was a non-issue at this point, but asked that Board members continue to consider the other elements of the Master Plan for discussion.

Board member Ed Guernsey voiced dismay in the outcome and the process. He noted that there were two years of Island Authority and Steering Committee meetings open for public comment, but no one came forward. The public voiced opposition after the Santa Rosa Island Authority conceptually approved the plan to build a vehicular overpass.

"I am really aggravated," said Guernsey. "There were lies and misinformation used to incite the public. They say they don't like it, but don't know what they want."

Pavlock commented that the intersection design in the Master Plan was forward thinking, providing for a solution to a problem prior to it reaching a crisis stage.

Vernon Prather reminded the Board that they voted to conceptually approve Plan B with further involvement in the process as it reached the thirty percent review phase, and to seek funding sources other than toll increases.

"We will find out in April how the Board of County Commissioners will handle our recommendation," he said. "If they embrace it, Plan B should proceed to the thirty percent design phase."

As a last item of business, the Board voted to support the first ever Pensacola Beach Relay for Life. The item was presented by elected board member Thomas

Campanella, who said, "The event will be held at Casino Beach on April 13-14. We can show our support by sponsoring a \$250 track sign."

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Committee meetings will be Wednesday, March 28 at 5 p.m. in the boardroom. The meetings are open to the public.

## Visitors Increase at Beach Center During February

The Pensacola Beach Visitors Information Center, which is managed by the Beach Chamber for the Santa Rosa Island Authority, reported a huge uptick in visitors during February 2012. Chamber President Maureen LaMar in her report to the SRIA board on March 14 said, "We had 1,000 more visitors sign in during February this year. Top states represented were Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Michigan and Georgia."

Canada topped the international guest list followed by Germany and England.

February events include the Beach's Mardi Gras. The American Express Gift Card promotion, rewarding visitors for hotel stays, concluded on February 29. Lamar attributes the upswing to the promotion.

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by Kathi Lewis

I finally managed a trip to Jayne Drees Redmond's Bunker Lodge and Therapeutic Retreat. It is indeed a beautiful Lodge complete with several bedrooms, bunk beds and hunting trophies, some belonging to Jayne. I rode with Melissa Overlade while Nancy Kittel followed behind. Amy DePew was already in the area, so she met us at the Lodge on Friday evening along with Lynn Cieutat, who arrived from Mexico Beach. We were a small group seeking some peace and quiet after all the madness of Mardi Gras. The Lodge and Jayne were very welcoming as the delicious aroma of chicken and sausage gumbo filled the air..... And sorry, but no you're not getting that recipe this week. Sure wishing you were at the Lodge about now though, aren't you?

No kidding that it was a wonderful weekend in the woods but that's about all I can tell y'all. Well, actually there is one more thing. We found out that our New Yorker Nancy Kittel is a Chicken Whisperer. Who knew? It's not exactly something you need to know very often. But Jayne took us on an adventure to her neighbor's house. He has lots of chickens. We all tried clucking to the chickens. They are beautiful chickens and it's a natural instinct to try to engage a chicken for some unknown reason; just like when you see the ducks at the Zoo and start quacking.

All the chickens were together in one pen except for one rooster who was next in line for dinner. I know some of you are saying, "Poor rooster" but I gotta tell you I love me some fried chicken. I just get mine from the store instead of the back yard.

Anyway, no one is getting any response from the chickens except maybe a few strange looks. Otherwise they were just wandering around pecking and doing their chicken thing. And then Nancy stepped up to the fence. As soon as she started clucking that rooster went nuts! He ran to the closed door separating him from the other chickens, began to cluck and crow so loud that he got the attention of all the chickens. So, now all the other chickens run over to the door (still closed) and they're all clucking and making one heck

of a racket. The more Nancy clucked, the louder and more frantic those chickens got. We decided we should probably leave before we got caught causing a chicken ruckus!

We will never know what Nancy said to that rooster, but we could still hear him crowing as we left the Lodge behind, heading back to civilization.

I know that I'll be trying my best to accept any and all invitations extended to me from now on to receive therapy at Jayne and Johnny's (that's her husband) Bunker Lodge. It's certainly worth the drive and I'm proud to be invited to share Jayne's "happy place." I have watched her grow up from our little "Baby" Jayne to Capt. Jayne, and a darn good one at that.

Spring is finally here which means I have survived the winter and will now be rewarded with more hours of sunlight. Thank you, Lord! I have definitely had enough of the short days, clouds and fog. I call them the three seasons of winter. I'm okay with the cold weather I just need more sunlight to operate at full capacity (or some semblance of it, anyway). I've always believed that spring was God's reward for surviving winter. (It may even be why my favorite color is green.)

Another one of God's rewards is this island. We would all do well to remember that we will only be here for a short time in comparison to His creation. Those entrusted with its guardianship should hold it in higher esteem. It is neither your job nor the job of tax-paying citizens to ensure that investors see a return on the money they spent in building here. It's called investing and not guaranteed instant wealth. They took the same chance the rest of us did when we purchased homes on this barrier island. You can

four-lane the road and rebuild the intersection in the air but we will still have the same amount of limited space with which we started. I'm sure I'm not the only one tired of seeing money wasted in futile attempts to make the island larger than what it is and more beautiful than God created it. If investors want something different than our island has to offer, then they should build elsewhere. As my Daddy used to say, "You need to know when you're getting too big for your britches!"

In the meantime, we must replenish our strength with sustenance. Meaning, it's time to cook.....

## Easy Crab Casserole

1 (10oz.) package frozen chopped broccoli

2 Tbsp. water

1 Cup shredded Cheddar cheese

6 Tbsp. butter, melted, divided

2 Tbsp. finely chopped onion

2 Tbsp. all purpose flour

½ tsp. salt

½ tsp. curry powder

1 Cup milk

12 oz. lump crab

½ cup soft bread crumbs

Combine broccoli and water and microwave on high until tender (about 5 minutes); drain. Spray a small baking dish with cooking spray and spread broccoli over the bottom. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Heat 4 Tbsp. butter in medium skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook 3 minutes. Stir in flour, salt and curry powder. Add milk and cook, stirring constantly until thickened (approximately 3 minutes). Stir in crabmeat, then spoon sauce over broccoli. Toss bread crumbs with remaining butter and sprinkle over sauce. Bake at 350 degrees until golden and bubbly (about 30 minutes).

Share and enjoy Spring on the Island. See ya in the kitchen.....

## Lend An Ear To King Lear Discussion

The Gulf Breeze Book Club welcomes a very special guest discussion leader, Dr. Bob Yeager, to their meeting Monday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge.

Yeager is the English Department Head at the University of West Florida and an expert in all things Shakespeare. He will

lead the discussion about "King Lear."

"We welcome visitors and encourage you to read the play before coming to be able to enjoy the discussion more fully," said Book Clubber Donna Jones.

For more information: donnaljones@hotmail.com or 850-932-8620.



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# A Cross in the Sand

By  
Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison  
Pensacola Beach Community Church



The Holy Week is the week right before Easter. In 2012 it's from April 1 through April 8. During this period, there are a number of things happening. Palm or Passion Sunday (April 1) recalls the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

We will also celebrate Maundy Thursday, April 5 at a service at 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday is the remembrance of Jesus establishing the Lord's Supper on the Thursday night before he was crucified on Friday. Maundy is a word for commandment from the Gospel of John when Jesus says "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another."

Good Friday is, of course, the time to remember the death of Jesus on the Cross. Our church will remember this time by having a "Prayer Vigil" April 6 from 3 p.m. until Midnight on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of Jesus. It is the center of Christianity and without the Resurrection from the dead we would only have the teaching and examples of Jesus. This event ties everything together for those of us who are Christians.

The Beach Church will celebrate Easter Sunday, April 8, with two events: We will have a

Sunrise Service at the Amphitheatre on Portofino Boardwalk at 6:30 and a 10 a.m. worship service at the Church. Please come celebrate with us.

## Festival Hosts Metaphysical Cornucopia of Activities

Unlimited Horizons of the Emerald Coast will present the 10th annual Metaphysical Festival from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., March 24 and 25, at the Navarre Conference Center. The two-day event will feature more than 50 vendors, psychics, readers, healers and guest speakers. The public is invited to attend and browse displays, buy metaphysical books, mystical art, crystals, custom jewelry, gifts and other items of interest.

Festival activities include a reading from a psychic/intuitive, connect with a passed loved one through a medium or experience a session with a Reiki master or pranic healer. Participants may also enjoy having their aura photographed and interpreted.

"Last year over 1,200 people

## Letters To The Editor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

### Swim With Care No Lifeguards on Duty At Little Sabine Bay

A young man was airlifted from our dock today, sadly.

His blind wife and mother sat as they took him to be airlifted. Our cherished "back yard" was the scene of a tragic end to a simple swim for a young man

and his service dog on March 14.

Lessons are learned in many ways and days. We, amongst others, watched from afar as this young man and his dog swam on parts of his afternoon journey. Unfortunately, we were also present when he was brought back to our pier.

No motors could be revved immediately on a quiet weekday like today, but the paddleboards, kayaks, and swimmers quickly responded, with a dingy not far behind. A lifeguard came quickly from the beach as did many first responders....and the Baptist Hospital Life Flight Helicopter.

Prayers abound for this young man and his family, his service dog and for those who responded.

I've asked myself a million

times what more could be done. Here's one easy idea. Please get your flotation devices out and use them. Buy extras for your friends, even for strangers. Future considerations could perhaps include an emergency response watercraft for Little Sabine Bay, signs on each waterfront pier with safe swimming information, precautionary advice and emergency numbers.

I don't know what the possibilities are. I do know this Island gives pleasure. Some, however, do not know the underlying dangers of paradise. Let's pray for wisdom, and God's grace, along with this unnamed family in need of God's comfort today.

Blessings,  
Pandora de Balthazar  
Pensacola Beach

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Setup: Check in at the Beachkeepers Volunteer Table. The Yard Sale will be near the Gulfside Pavilion. Setup 7 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.

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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.

I will adhere to these rules. I also agree to hold the Pensacola Beach Advocates, its governing board, and the individual members thereof, free and harmless from any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense that may arise during or be caused in any way during my participation in the Yard Sale

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# Bed Tax Collections Ahead of Projections, Previous Year

Members of the Tourist Development Council accepted a report from Escambia County Budget Bureau Chief Amy Lovoy on March 6 that began, "The good news continues." Lovoy bolstered that statement with Tourist Development tax collection figures which surpassed budget and were 8.67 percent higher than the previous year.

Escambia County collections from October through December 2011 totaled \$1.1 million. Pensacola Beach's contributed \$474,317 of that total.

Council members granted a

request made by Collier Merrill, chairperson of the Community Maritime Park Associates Board of Trustees, to support the Grand Opening of the Community Maritime Park on June 9. The event which is designed to showcase the new Amphitheatre will be free and open to the public. The Council voted unanimously to fund \$25,000 from monies set aside in the budget for minority events.

"This Amphitheatre is better than any other in Florida," said Merrill. "I believe that nothing else will put heads in beds like

this Amphitheatre will."

Council member Greg Jones commented that he had great regard for the project but he hoped that this decision was congruent with previous council action and did not set a precedent.

Merrill is requesting that the Escambia County Commission support the event with \$25,000 from their Fourth Cent Tourist Development Tax dollars.

Terry Scruggs, Pensacola Chamber's interim Vice President of Tourism, updated the Council on the status of the Marketing Plan which encompassed all

stakeholders.

"You asked me for a progress report on a work in progress," said Scruggs. "We have come many miles with our unified approach. We have made tremendous progress and I will update you on two vital things."

Scruggs is coordinating ongoing meetings with two committees to address advertising and budgets.

The Advertising Committee has prepared a Request for Proposals to which forty qualified firms from across the county have responded. Areas of emphasis in-

clude marketing, public relations, and marketing research.

"The marketing research will develop a strategic plan and once the strategy is in place then the advertising agency can create a plan on how to get our message out there," said Scruggs.

The firms will be interviewed and may make presentations in May with a final decision being made as early as June.

The Budget Committee is creating a 2013 budget and operating plan which will include long range planning. The University of West Florida's Dr. Rick Harper is serving as the chairman.

Scruggs said, "We want to retain the momentum we have gained over the last two years. We will be coming to you to ask for an increased investment in tourism."

Council Member Nan Harper commended Scruggs for his inclusion of Pensacola Beach on the Committee.

The Council will discuss the upcoming grant funding request process at their next meeting.

"I would like to discuss the criteria for funding before we hand out money," said Commissioner Gene Valentino who is a Council member. "And, quantitative methods for evaluating the return and what the penalty will be if they do not meet the goals."

The next Tourist Development Council meeting is Tuesday, April 10 at 3 p.m. The location is to be announced.

## County Hosts Information Only Meeting Master Plan Project Manager To Gather Public Input

Escambia County sent out their engineering team to present information to the two hundred people who attended the Pensacola Beach Master Plan meeting at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church on March 8. Escambia County Engineer Matt Mooneyham serves as the project coordinator for the Master Plan. His comprehensive presentation included a timeline, project recap, and overview of details of the two options for redevelopment of the Beach's main intersection.

"I don't have to sell you on the project," Mooneyham said. "I will state the facts, the history and then you can get specific questions answered by one of our staff or engineers here tonight."

The room had multiple displays for attendees to review the two plans along with an official

ready to answer individual questions.

Mooneyham asked the group to give him constructive comments and feedback by phone, mail or email. The County would, after collecting the input, evaluate the comments.

"We want to give Pensacola Beach what it needs," said Mooneyham. "I encourage each of you to attend the April 17 Board of County Commission meeting where you will have 3 minutes to speak."

Plan A, a pedestrian walkover has a price tag of \$18,278,535. Plan B, a roadway overpass, has been conceptually approved by the Santa Rosa Island Authority, at a cost of \$25,546,400. A thirteen member steering committee, appointed by the SRIA board, set criteria for the redevelopment to

separate cars and pedestrians, create a beach to bay experience, cure parking challenges and enhance traffic flow.

According to Mooneyham the pedestrian walkover separates pedestrians from traffic, but creates a net loss of parking. The vehicular overpass also separates the cars from walkers, but is more expensive. It would create a flow among parking lots but shows a net decrease in parking places, as well.

Mooneyham reported that based on the history of traffic incidents from 2006 to the present that the intersection must be changed.

"After evaluating all the incidents, doing nothing is not an option," he said. "Improve-

ments need to be made to make the intersection safe and increase the level of service."

Prior to directing guests to the breakout areas, Mooneyham noted that he is available to receive input at 850-595-3418 or [mrmooneyham@co.escambia.fl.us](mailto:mrmooneyham@co.escambia.fl.us).

Escambia County  
Board of Commissioners  
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Thursday, April 12  
Committee of the Whole, **9 am**  
Tuesday, April 17  
Agenda Review Session, **9 am**  
Public Forum, **4:30 pm**  
Meeting, **5:30 pm**

## National Park Provides Green Fuel For Economic Engine

A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that 3,265,290 visitors in 2010 spent \$89,038,500 in Gulf Islands National Seashore and in communities near the park. That spending supported 1290 jobs in the local area.

"The people and the business owners in communities near national parks have always known their economic value," Superintendent Dan Brown said. "Gulf Islands National Seashore is clean, green fuel for the engine that drives our local economy."

Most of the spending/jobs are related to lodging, food, and beverage service (52 percent) followed by other retail (29 percent),

entertainment/amusements (10 percent), gas and local transportation (7 percent) and groceries (2 percent).

The figures are based on \$12 billion of direct spending by 281 million visitors in 394 national parks and nearby communities and are included in an annual, peer-reviewed, visitor spending analysis conducted by Dr. Daniel Stynes of Michigan State University for the National Park Service.

To download the report visit <http://www.nature.nps.gov/socialscience/products.cfm#MGM> and click on Economic Benefits to Local Communities from National Park Visitation and Payroll, 2010.

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# The School Bell Rings

## STAR GAZE

The Escambia Amateur Astronomer's Club will be on campus, showing off the stars in the inky sky above the school, Wednesday, March 28 from 6 to 8 p.m.

## FUN SUMMER STUFF

### Marine Science Camp

This is not your ordinary summer camp curriculum. The University of West Florida hosts a Marine Science Camp at the Beach School. The two sessions, June 18-22 and June 25-29 are open to all kids first grade through sixth. This camp will include the following fun features:

- Exploring local marine environments
- Lab curriculum developed by Gina Emery
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- Marine art classes daily

The cost is \$175 per student and the sessions fill up fast. To register - call Student Support Services at 850-473-7468. More information on the entire UWF Summer Camp series for elementary through high school, go to [www.uwf.edu/exploreamps](http://www.uwf.edu/exploreamps)

### Surf Camp

Kowabunga, dude! Inner-light hosts this popular summer Surf Camp for ages 8 and up. You have to be a good swimmer. The camp is three days long, costs \$150 per session. There will be 11 sessions offered this summer beginning June 4. The classes are



held Gulfside on the public beach just past Portofino. If you are already a surfer who has completed the regular camp, you can sign up for Advanced Surf Camp. There are also private lessons and group lessons. Call 850-934-9004 for info or surf over to [innerlight-surf.com](http://innerlight-surf.com).

## SPEAK FREELY

The Pensacola Beach Optimists will kick off their annual Oratorical Contest at the Beach School today with students presenting speeches in each classroom. The topic is "How my optimism helps me overcome obstacles."

Winners will move to the finals, held at the Beach Church, Tuesday, March 27 at 6 p.m.

## SPRING TRIP

Beach School Fourth Graders along with their teacher Tara Turk and a few good parents traveled to Tallahassee on March 8. They toured the Capitol, met Governor Rick Scott, and capped off their big day with a little spelunking at the Florida State Caverns Park in Marianna.

## DATES OF NOTE

Pensacola Beach Elementary School calendar includes a Teacher Planning Day on April 2 and observance of the Good Friday holiday Friday, April 6. The last day of school is an early release day on June 6.



Pensacola Beach Elementary fourth grade students toured the Capitol in Tallahassee and met Governor Rick Scott, center background on March 8. The day long field trip included (L to R) standing: Victoria Williams, Miah Penaloza, Jon Sawyer-Smith, Tanner Braxton, Tommy Egly, Grant Gaennie, Cali Hargrove, Sofie Babcock, John McDowell, Matthew McCurdy, Gabby Diehl, teachers Tara Turk and Sarah Farej. Kneeling (L to R): Tekoah Roby, Dylan Renfroe, McKenzie Quinn, Chloe Kauffman, Kimberly Noble, Ella Amos, Madeline Taylor, Sophie Faircloth, Erin Johnson, and Caleb Sampson.



## Beach Church Easter Egg Hunt

### Saturday, April 7 at 9 p.m.

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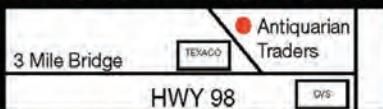
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# BYTES & BITS

By Joe Stukey  
Your Computer Pal

Q: "Does My Computer Get Dusty Inside?"

A: Dust in computers is a very common problem. The cooling fans in the computer act like a vacuum cleaner, pulling dust, fiber and pet hair from surrounding areas. It is best to check your computer for dust problems at least a couple of times each year. Make it part of your spring cleaning, too. It is easy to check your desktop or tower computer for dust.

With the desktop computer, the fans are easily accessible by removing one of the side covers of the computer. Make sure the computer is unplugged before you start. The side cover is usually secured with a couple of screws. Look for any significant collections of dust that might be blocking air flow through the fans. Any blockage in that area will eventually cause the computer to overheat and shut down. If your computer has been shutting down while you are using it, overheating might be the cause.

Inspect all the fans inside your computer and remove any dust buildup. A small brush may be required to break it loose. Then vacuum it carefully or use a can of compressed air. Get ready for a cloud of dust if you use compressed air.

With notebook computers, checking for dust is a bit more difficult. Quite a bit of disassembly may be required to gain access to the fan. That task is not something that should be attempted unless you have experience with notebook disassembly.

Overheating is a primary cause for failure of notebook computers. To reduce overheating, don't place them on any surface made of fabric, including beds and sofas --- or your lap unless using a lap board. You will know that your computer is too hot if you feel the heat on the bottom of the laptop or in the keyboard.

This article was provided by The Stukey Group. For questions, contact Joe at joe@ycpals.com or 850-206-3156.

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After Navy Ensign Joelle Olson, center, finished running the McGuire's Prediction Race March 10, she gathered information about the proposed monument honoring Marine Aviation in Pensacola. Raising funds and awareness about the Marine Aviation Memorial Tower are former Marine Corps helicopter pilot Dan Lindeman, left, and Retired Marine Corps Col. Chris Holzworth, right. If you would like more information, visit [honourourmarines.org](http://honourourmarines.org).

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## NEW PLACES

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## NEW FACES

Santa Rosa Island Authority has a new face in the Maintenance Department. Mizells Ball, Jr. is the newest addition to the department responsible for keeping the island clean.

## POWERFUL PEOPLE

The Gulf Coast Energy Network is conducting the third Annual Power Up Energy Expo at the Hilton Pensacola Beach through March 21. The Conference is filled with energy leaders, policy makers, scientists and engineers, and green building enthusiasts from all across the country. Power Up Energy Expo will connect energy professionals and exhibitors for three days of networking to foster the exchange of important ideas and information impacting the renewable energy industry.

## ALL ABOARD

The Beach Chamber is asking for input from businesses and citizens regarding the Island's Trolley service. Everyone is welcome to attend the input meeting Tuesday, March 20 at 4 p.m. in the Santa Rosa Island Authority Boardroom. If you would like to

submit your ideas for increasing ridership via email, please send them to Maureen LaMar at pen-beach@visitpensacolabeach.com. All ideas are welcome.

## RELAY UPDATE

The first Pensacola Beach Relay for Life event to benefit the American Cancer Society is set for April 13-14 at Casino Beach. There are 23 teams signed up to participate. Anne's Angels, Corlette Mueller; Beach Community Church, Captain: Marilyn McDonald; Beach Peeps, Captain: Deborah Campanella; Clever Ogre, Captain: Nora Jones; Connor's Crusaders, Captain: Shannon Berry; Dancingly Yours Studio, Captain: Monette Hodges; Domino's Pizza, Captain: Jeff May; Gulf Blue Vacations, Captain: Laura Belsinger; Hilton Pensacola Beach Gulf Front, Captain: Joshua Butler; HT-28 Hellions, Captain: Mark Thompson; Krewes du Cure, Captain: BJ Davis; Krewes of Blues, Captain: Jayne Cecil, LOWE'S, Captain: Jeff Gruenloh; Margaritaville Beach Hotel, Captain: Leann Collins; Notre Dame Club of Pensacola, Captain: Lee Dulsion; Our Lady of the Assumption, Captain: Mary Ann Claus; Paddy O'Leary's, Captain: Seamus Hunt; Peg Leg Pete's, Captain: Yvonne Doege; Pensacola Area Delta Gamma Alumnae Association; Captain: Mary Claus; Really for Life, Captain: Brian Finkbone; Sabine Sandbar, Captain:

Jeff Walton; The "I Do"-ers, Captain: Charles Randle; The Break/The Islander, Captain: David Kelly; Tracey E. Pinkston, MD, Captain: Bettie Lee Sundstrom. Join a team, or make a donation.

## THE DOC IS IN

Dr. Richard Matthews has returned to Gulf Breeze, after practicing three years in North Carolina. Dr. Matthews will once again offer quality, comprehensive care at 2569 Gulf Breeze Parkway in Gulf Breeze.

## VOODOO THAT YOU DO

Besides the light-hearted Queen Shugah's storm-centric enchantments, you may want to let

the Gulf breezes enchant you at Crab's waterfront restaurant. Voo Doo Juice is the Sunday special.

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Harbingers are here. March 20 marks the Vernal Equinox. Daylight savings time makes happy hour brighter. Spring breakers are getting pink skinned from the warm beach days in the sun. If you want to protect your skin, ring Susan Haselton-Kelley at 934-3865. She has a full line of Mary Kay products to protect you from the sun damage.

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## TWO PAWS UP

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## SHOP TOO MUCH?

Don't forget Linda and Wally at the UPS Store in Gulf Breeze can ship your souvenirs and t-shirts back home, ensuring their safe arrival. Stop in and say hi. Just minutes from the Beach, north of Gulf Breeze High School at the traffic light.

## Gulf Breeze Chamber Taps Top Companies And Emerging Leaders At Annual Gala

The Gulf Breeze Area Chamber announced their 2011 Annual Award winners on March 3, at the Gala at New World Landing.

Each year, the Chamber honors those businesses and individuals who have either emerged into the spotlight during the previous year or have excelled in their market or circle of influence. Karen Jurkowich of Levin Rinke Resort Realty and Brian Tucker, Wade Scott Salon & Spa served as emcees.

Winners, who are selected by their peers are:

Small Business of Emerging Leader of the Year 2011 – Jill

Teston, Redhaus Design

Emerging Business of the Year 2011 – Breezy Boat City

Volunteer of the Year 2011 – Steve McNally, AVS Systems,

Nancy Keyes Spirit Award 2011 – Limarie Rodriguez de Stevenson, DVM

Small Business of the Year 2011 – Omega Construction & Design, Inc.

Business of the Year 2011 The award came with high praise. "St. Ann Catholic Church. By a majority vote, the members of the Gulf Breeze Area Chamber have chosen to recognize that while a faith-based organization has a

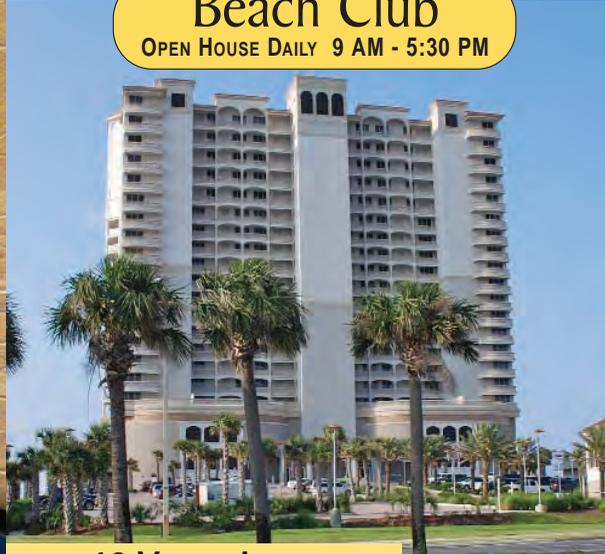
totally different revenue stream and mission; it does have a place in the business community. In the easy and hard times, St. Ann Catholic Church has been there for Gulf Breeze. Even when disaster struck, its doors were wide open to anyone in need while we worked to recover. St. Ann is a team player. With other local congregations, it is an integral part of the Interfaith Disaster Response organization and provides after-school programs for middle schoolers of all faiths. It has graciously supported the Chamber."

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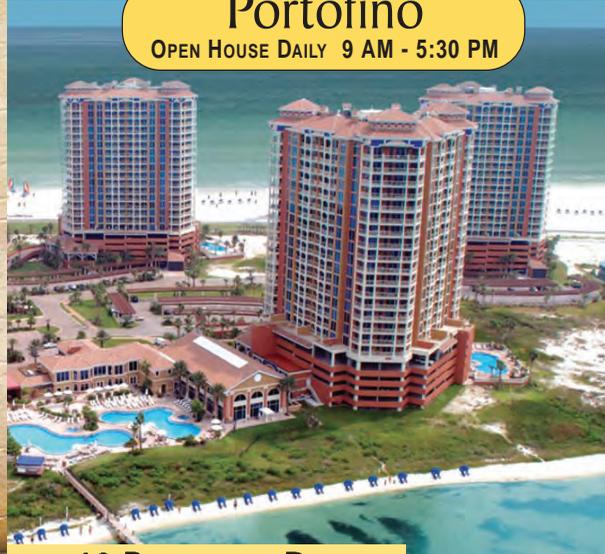
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# Hey Yawl



By Frank Cooper

## Making Friends and Mischief

My friend Harry Gowens helped shape the community of Pensacola Beach. From providing for the creation of the Beach School to supporting the Mardi Gras, his generous spirit still lives on. He was a business man and Beach guy. He was as much a part of the Beach as the sand. I am going to share a few stories about Harry, so you can get a glimpse of the days gone by.

You know, we are now just experiencing oil shortages caused by curtailment of oil exported from the Far East countries. We have had these curtailments for generations and darned if I don't believe a lot of them are caused by our own stupidity in dealing with Arab nations.

At any rate back during an earlier oil "shortage" a travelling circus came to Pensacola. They had all the usual fair rides, the freak shows and the animals. There were lions, tigers and elephants. This circus also had several camels among their entourage.

I don't think Harry Gowens had much experience with camels but since the camel is associated with the desert and the shortage of oil was associated with the desert, then Harry felt some kind of protest should be made against these desert countries. This is a little long winded, but I could understand where Harry

was coming from.

You know Pensacola Beach has all kind of ordinances and one of them has to do with animals allowed on the beach. Harry knew cats and dogs and caged birds were common on the beach and cows and horses were not allowed. There were no mention of camels among the prohibited animals.

One day the Sheriff's office got a phone call from a very upset lady in a beach condo. She told the Sheriff's office to send some help immediately. She said there was a naked man with a white

sheet over his head riding down the beach on a camel. That's not the kind of call the dispatcher normally gets, but before she could answer another deputy broke in on the radio and said, "I will take that call. I think I may know the gentleman on the camel."

This deputy turned out to be Ronnie Mac, who later became Sheriff of Escambia County and still later, a very close friend of Harry's.

They got the rider off the camel and the camel off the beach and I don't believe anybody went to jail. By the way, there is still no

ordinance specifically against riding a camel on Pensacola Beach. There is one against Indecent Exposure.

During that same time, Harry had a helicopter ride business among his several ventures. I don't know how successful it was, but Harry did love to ride around in that thing looking down at the beach. One day while hanging around The Islander Lounge, Harry started talking to this fine looking woman who also was hanging around the bar. Things were going along pretty well and when he found out where

she lived he said he would just come down there and see her. You would have thought he would have driven down there. No. He called his pilot and flew the ten or twelve blocks down to her house on Rio Vista in his helicopter.

As the bird set down on the street with Harry and his bottle of Jack Daniels, a man came out of the house to see what in the world was going on. Harry didn't know Wally Pecevich then, but Harry and Wally later became fast friends.

And the lady, well, she eventually became Mrs. Pecevich.



With his distinctive moustache and flair for opening oysters John Stevens served the guests at Peg-Leg's OysterFest, March 4.



Keeping pace with Mike Rogers, right, is hard to do. He is an expert oyster shucker and the winner of the Shucker's Contest at PegLeg's OysterFest, March 4. Mike Derozier can hold his own, however, shucking his share of oysters at the big event. Fest-goers get all-you-can-eat oysters.



Nonie Fenner offered a smile to everyone at her baked oyster station at PegLeg's OysterFest, March 4. She served thousands of both.

More Oyster Fest photos are online at [www.myislandtimes.com](http://www.myislandtimes.com)



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# Blarney And Bluffing Poker Gang Fills Pot Of Gold

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun players gathered around the green felt for the Pot O'Gold tournament hosted by Paddy O'Leary's, March 14. Eighteen players battled for bragging rights and prizes until pretty Kelly Trout emerged as the winner. Mike Wood was the first runner-up and Irish lass Tootie Humphrey was the second runner-up.



Pot O'Gold Tourney Champ Kelly Trout

"Each player received a t-shirt, and top players received bar tabs at Paddy's," said Rick Uzdevenes, poker promoter. "The real winners are our young friends."

The Pot O'Gold of \$200 from the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun Poker Tournament went to the poker gang's favorite group of leprechauns, the kids at the Pensacola Beach Elementary School. A formal presentation will be made during the Beach Chamber's Business After Hours, March 27, at Laguna's.

In other action, Deb Friedman schooled Tommy Grice

at the Shaker on March 5. The Pensacola State College professor outlasted the Beach's Best Saints fan in a forty-five minute knock down, drag out card playing battle. The following week at the Shaker Mike Wood flew up to the top spot over his buddy and fellow Life Flight guy Andy Irwin.

Poker playing diva Sara Mandel is earning frequent flier miles for her trips to the winner's circle at Paddy O'Leary's. She was victorious over Ted Gorder on March 4 and Tex Atkinson on March 11. Gorder stayed in the runners-up spot when Tex took all the chips for the win at Paddy's on March 8.

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun games are open to anyone who is at least 21-years-old and has a basic knowledge of the game. Weekly games are played in downtown Pensacola Beach as well as the historic district. For more information, call Rick Uzdevenes at 850-324-2667.

# The Revivalists Play Pensacola

The Revivalists will play a CD release show with Timberhawk at Vinyl Music Hall in Pensacola on Friday, March 23.

Named as Best Emerging Artist in New Orleans for 2011, The Revivalists are constantly on the road, this time supporting a

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Doors open to all ages at 8 p.m. for the 9 p.m. performance. Tickets are \$10.

# Seeing Stars... your horoscope for next week



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Put your restlessness to good use by indulging the Arian love of exploring new places and seeking new challenges. There also could be a new romance waiting to be "discovered."

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A surprise message from someone in your past could lead to a long-awaited reunion with a once-close friend. Also, look for a workplace problem to be resolved in your favor.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your self-confidence is rising, and that should be a significant factor in helping you adjust to a new social situation, as well as adjusting to a series of changes in the workplace.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Turnabout could be lots of fun when someone who previously accepted your tender, loving care without question now suggests that he or she wants to start taking care of you.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Put the lessons you learned from past disappointments to work in planning your future. The way ahead opens to opportunities "purrfectly" suited to the adventurous Lion.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to renew contacts with family members and/or old friends who somehow slipped off your personal viewing screen in recent years. Travel also is favored.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Most problems surrounding that recent personal situation have been resolved, and that means you should move on to other things that are important to you.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to

November 21) Spend this week-end recharging your physical and spiritual energies. When you return to your workaday world, you'll be ready to take on that new project.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Be careful how you advise a troubled friend. Even your wise counsel could be misunderstood. Better to suggest that he or she seek professional help.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Family problems once again dominate and, once again, everyone seeks your guidance in these matters. Later, you can indulge in some much-needed relaxation.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Some mixed

signals create confusion in the workplace. Best advice: Ask for explanations before you attempt to deal with any of these matters on your own.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A patch of roiling water in the workplace could be threatening, but stay the course and you'll soon be clear of it. Then go out and have a great time with loved ones.

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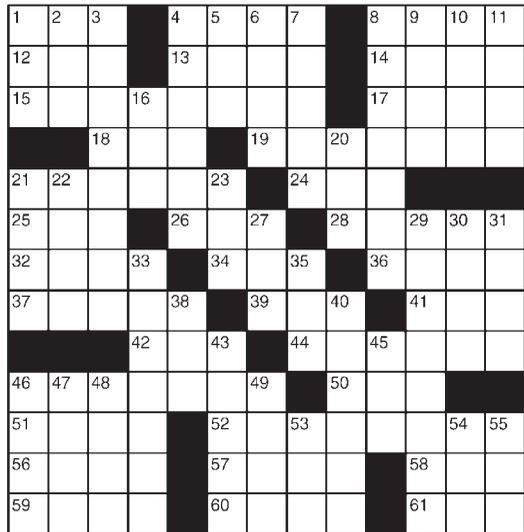
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# Calendar

- March 22  
Tour de Fort, Ft Pickens. 10 a.m. Bicycles.
  - March 24  
Midwinter Sailing Nationals, Key Sailing.
  - 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 29  
Morrie's 80th Birthday Bash. Sandshaker. 4-7
  - March 31  
Recyclemania, 8 to Noon. Casino Beach. [www.pbadvocates.org](http://www.pbadvocates.org)
  - April 6  
Full Moon Walk. Ft. Pickens, 7:30
  - April 7  
Easter Egg Hunt, 9 a.m. Beach Church
  - April 8  
Easter Sunrise Service, Flounder's, Amphitheatre at the Boardwalk, & Casino Gulfside Pavilion
  - April 11  
Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna.
  - April 13  
Relay for Life. 6 p.m. Casino Beach.
  - April 14  
Premie Cup Sailing Regatta. Pensacola Beach Yacht Club
  - April 15  
Gulf Coast Half Marathon. Casino Beach
  - April 20  
Crawfish Festival. Bamboo Willie's Boardwalk. End April 22
  - April 20  
Star Gaze Fort Pickens. Dark.
  - April 21  
Cobia Fishing Tournament. Paradise Bar and Grill. Ends Sunday.
  - April 21  
National Parks Week. Free entrance to Fort Pickens thr April 29.
  - April 25  
Santa Rosa Island Authority meeting. 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna.
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- BEACH CHURCH BINGO  
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# Mostly NUTS

By Candace Segar

When I was a little girl, I owned a wonderful book entitled, "A Child's Garden of Verses" by Robert Louis Stevenson. The colored illustrations were marvelous with one picture sticking in my mind – even today! It showed a young child reaching for this bountiful box of candies. They looked like those colored marshmallow eggs with the flavored hard outer shell and the fluffy marshmallow center. As I lay in bed and thought about those candies in the picture, I used to wonder where does that candy come from? How does the Easter Bunny do this? Does he or she make the candies? Well, this is what I found out 53 years later.

Where do Peeps come from? Peeps were originally made by hand in 1958 by the Rodda Candy Company. An immigrant from Nepali named Pravin Pant, Sr. first introduced them to the

United States. A new company called Just Born purchased the Rodda Candy Company and automated the Peeps process. Peeps continues to be one of my favorite Easter candies made from marshmallow, sugar, gelatin and carnuba wax.

Did you ever think as a kid that there were special chickens producing chocolate eggs? Well, I did. The chocolate egg tradition comes from Europe. In 19th century France and Germany, solid chocolate eggs appeared made from bitter dark chocolate. Cadbury in England was first to mass produce the chocolate Easter egg in 1873. In the early 1900's milk chocolate showed up and milk chocolate Easter eggs were born. Brach's makes a dreamy version of malted chocolate eggs.

As you can see I still think a lot about candies. Now I know that just like Santa Claus, the Easter rabbit has had a lot of help.

## Ride The Route Support A Cure

Take the ride of your life with the American Diabetes Association Gulf Coast Tour de Cure bicycle ride on Saturday, April 21 at the Andrews Institute in Gulf Breeze. Three course options are available for everyone from novice to experienced cyclists including a 22-mile, as well as 42- and 62-mile rides. Each course

is supported from start to finish with full-service, SAG Vehicles, rest stops stocked with energy snacks, hydration and restrooms, mechanical support and medical teams. At the finish line riders will be welcomed with a post-race party. For more details, go to [www.diabetes.org/tour](http://www.diabetes.org/tour).

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New Yorker Kandy Lee, left, is visiting Marilyn and Tracy McDonald on Pensacola Beach, so she decided to volunteer at the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club Game and Card Party, March 15 at Our Lady. Kate Simonsen, part-time Beach resident, is hoping to buy the lucky ticket for the Basket of Cheer. This event is the Woman's Club only fundraiser.

Virginia Pasek, left, and Melba Argentine greeted guests at the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club Game and Card Party, March 15 at Our Lady. Attendees purchased tickets which includes lunch, and play cards and games at the fundraiser. Proceeds from the silent auction, Basket of Cheer and Pot O'Gold go to the Club's charitable giving and community support campaign.




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**PINT SIZED PIPER** - Mattix Moore of Pensacola is ready to join the ranks of the famous McGuire's Irish Pipe Band. His grandad is band member Michael Vazzana. Mattix participated with his family in the March 10 McGuire's Prediction Race and tried his hand at drumming during the post race party.



**CLEVER COSTUMERS** - McGuire's Prediction Race showcases rollicking runners dressed in wild outfits. The race party includes a costume contest. Mason and Lizette Guttery were among the group of "McGuire's Dollar Bills" who took home first place honors. They are members of the Krewe of St. Patrick.



**GENEROUS IRISHMEN** - Krewe of St. Patrick president Jeff Elbert, left along with Molly McGuire, center, presented \$3000 to the Semper Fi Wounded Warrior Fund. Accepting is USMC Lt. Col. Philip Colborn. Krewe members, who were on stage, raised funds at their Shamrock-N-Roll Ball.

Did you see me in it? More photos available online at [www.myislandtimes.com](http://www.myislandtimes.com)

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# After Sundown

# Sailors Look For March Winds To Amp Up Midwinter Race

Colorful catamarans locked in heated battle will attempt to tame the wind and cross the finish line in first place this weekend. Key Sailing is home to the Midwinter Sailing Championships, beginning March 23 on Pensacola Beach. The event, which is in its thirty-fifth year, is open to all catamarans less than twenty-one feet in length. Sailors may enter right up to race time.

The fee to race for double handed boats is \$70 and single handed boats is \$45. The registration is in the late entry phase currently, so sailors must add a late charge of \$25. Entry fees include all the parties, goodies and prizes. Sailors each receive a commemorative shirt.

Racing begins in Santa Rosa Sound with a Skipper's Meeting, Friday, March 23 at noon followed by practice races at 1 p.m.;

Saturday, March 24 at 11 a.m. and continues throughout the weekend. Racing commences on Sunday at 10 a.m.

There are many good Sound-side vantage points for watching the regatta.

Kirk Newkirk of Key Sailing is one of the organizers. He competed and won the March 10 Ice Pick Regatta hosted in Santa Rosa Sound with Glenn Holmes aboard.

Pensacola Beach Yacht Club will host the Sailors Dinner on Saturday night and the official Awards Party begins on Sunday at Key Sailing as soon as racing concludes. Door prize drawings will be held both nights for registered sailors.

For more information contact Race Officer Kevin Rejda at krejda1@escambia.k12.fl.us or Kirk Newkirk at 1-866-keysail.

*Two youth teams with Captains Joe Bello from Navarre and Michael Rice from Gulf Breeze compete in the Ice Pick Regatta March 10 in Santa Rosa Sound. They finished in the middle of the pack at fourth and fifth place.*



*Charlie Harp trailers his catamaran, with sail number USA 496 after the Ice Pick Regatta Saturday, March 10 in Santa Rosa Sound. His performance in the event, with Tyler on his crew, earned a third place finish among the eight boats competing.*

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# Former NBA Coach Predicts Winner of NCAA Basketball Championship

Coach Roger Dutremble is a good sport. He is a high profile, internationally known basketball player, coach and author, who locals may recognize at the many 5K races or grabbing at quick lunch at Paradise. After a coaching career that started with high school athletes and ended in the NBA, Dutremble has a lifetime coaching record of 687-117 and seven national championships.

He is the founder and CEO of Global Sports Outreach, a non-profit sports organization which

uses the universal language of sports to build relationships and share the gospel. They host basketball camps all over the world – from Pensacola to Moscow.

“We welcome the opportunity to address young people from all over the globe in a sports setting for the purpose of teaching victory beyond the competition,” says Coach Dutremble.

When *Island Times* requested something far less worldly, but equally important, a prediction on the NCAA Division I

Men’s Basketball Final Four, Coach fearlessly made his picks. Without hesitation he chose the University of Kentucky, Syracuse, North Carolina and Michigan State.

“I am picking Kentucky to win the whole thing,” he said. “Anthony Davis is the best player out there.”

The final four teams will face off in the New Orleans Superdome Saturday, March 31 with the Championship Game at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 2.

We'll be rolling off the presses with routes, maps, schedules in May 2012.  
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# readin' the water

By Saltwater Rick

Spring time is here and the area is exploding with action and the fishing is pretty good, too. Ling season is in full swing and the boats are doing their back-and-forth jig in front of all the hotels and residences on our Island. Reports of catches from Key West to New Orleans are plastering the fishing reports online and in the rags.

The beach pier is hopping with anglers fighting for that first shot. If you don't like battling for a spot, the Beach Marina is ready to book your trip just make sure you have room in the freezer! It sure is nice to see that old building going to some use. JB Schluter



and his troops are hard at it and hopefully will make a go of it.

I heard plans for a one hundred slip marina at The Grand Marlin are on the burner, so more boats means more work in the marine business. We could sure use that boost 'round here.

Inshore action is hot. Spanish, Specks, Reds, Flounder and Mullet are everywhere, so do yourself a favor and go fishin'!

# Pomp Tourney Anglers Weigh In First Catches

## Posis Tops Leaderboard

It's a sure sign of spring on Pensacola Beach when fishermen set up on the shore with sandfleas and high hopes. Anglers are beach fishing for the sweet Pompano and Art Posis reeled one in weighing 4.44 pounds to put him at the top of Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle Pompano Tourney leaderboard as of March 12.

The event, which continues until May 31, offers a boatload of prizes with the winner taking home a \$1000 gift certificate from Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle.

Here's a look at what's been weighed in so far:

- 1. Art Posis 4.44
- 2. Jody Herzog 3.98

- 3. Patsy Thomas 3.65
  - 4. Maxwell Jowers 2.92
  - 5. July 2.87
  - 6. Joe Prestridge 2.57
  - 7. Daniel Mathis 2.54
  - 8. Tom Vigue 2.51
  - 9. Larry Jowers 2.50
  - 10. Wade White 2.43
- Lady Angler*  
Callie Neuman 2.08  
*Junior Angler*

Will Neuman 2.25  
The twentieth annual tourney is still accepting entries. There's plenty of time to fish. You can sign up at Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle. The entry fee is \$20 and each registrant receives a specially designed Pompano Tournament t-shirt.  
For more information, check out [www.gbttackle.com](http://www.gbttackle.com).

*Kim Schmitz is a lady of many talents - Angler, Culinary Whiz and Trivia Buff. She invested some time along the shore near Ft. Pickens March 11 trying to land a few Pompano for her cooler. She built a wind break to shelter her from the breeze and fished all day long. Kim was very pleased with the Redfish that made his way onto her hook.*



## Summer Poker Run To Benefit Kids House

If you would like to put some miles on your Harley or your hot rod and help kids, mark July 21 on your calendar.

"We will be having a poker ride for the Santa Rosa Kids House on Saturday, July 21, out of Janet's Mustangs Bar," said Janet O'Connor owner. "All types of vehicles are needed to make it a great success."

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