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Mudbug Madness Sweeps Across Island

**Crawfish Festival
Set For
April 20-22**



Bamboo Willie's bartenders Heather Hayes, left, and Alysia Kael, right, have watched General Manager Robert Gleim, center, go crawfish crazy year after year. 2012 is no exception. He has worked feverishly to bring together the eleventh annual Crawfish Festival, April 20-22. He's ordered over 8,000 pounds of the Louisiana delicacy to arrive on opening day and has booked twelve bands on two stages. For more on the madness, turn to page 2.

Mudbugs and Music Star In Beachside Festival

The gleaming steam pots will work overtime on the outdoor deck at Bamboo Willie's April 20-22. Crowds will gather

Festival. The waterfront festival showcases an international music line up, sidewalk sale and tribute to the spicy Louisiana delicacy.



Joey Woolever, 27, of Pensacola, samples crawfish.

to drink in the springtime sunshine on Pensacola Beach at the eleventh annual Crawfish

volunteers from the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce, who benefit from the event. Last

year patrons scarfed down 6,800 pounds of crawfish over three days. The crawfish portions come in two sizes, and can be enjoyed at the festival or taken to-go.

"We are ready to get the party started," said Maureen LaMar, Chamber president. "Heaping orders of crawfish with corn and potatoes are served with a smile from our cheerful volunteers. We hope to earn lots of tips."

Veteran crawfish connoisseurs will be on hand at the Chamber tent to teach the rookies how to get the mini-crustacean peeled and eaten.

"It's messy business, but well worth the effort," said LaMar. "We go through a lot of paper towels."

Crawfish are the stars of this weekend. They will race on the Boardwalk on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Not known for speed, they scurry, wobble and wander to the finish line. Post time for both days is 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

"We have some strong contenders vying for the Crawdaddy Crown," said Gleim.

"Look for names like Red Hot, Gumbo and Streak at the starting gate."

Children love the racing. It takes place in the Kid's Area at the Boardwalk Amphitheatre, right next to the Face Painting booth.

After you are sufficiently full of crawfish, stroll the Boardwalk. The Merchants will host their annual Sidewalk Sale during the Festival.

Hot crawfish mixes with the cool tunes offered free of charge on two stages. The Southern Louisiana vibe fills the air when Tout Les Soir takes the stage on Saturday and Sunday at Bamboo Willie's. The Cajun Band, who debuted a new CD "Rodney Thibodeaux & Tout Les Soir, Limited Edition," includes Butch Landry on Bass Guitar, John Ortis on Rhythm Guitar and Butch Golsan on Drums.

Headliners Longreef will play on Friday and Saturday nights. Their publicist wrote, "Aussie rock band Longreef has carved out their rock infused sound from years of touring the east coast of Australia. Long days spent on the road earning

fans, mixed with the constant search of any surf break within reach, became the perfect balance for singer-songwriter Josh Barker, drummer Aaron Caruthers, guitarist Nick Miller and Bassist Jim Wark to write and refine their melodic rock style."

The music line up is:
Bamboo Willie's Stage
Friday, April 20

4 PM The Blue Party
9 PM Longreef

Saturday, April 21
Noon Gravy Flavored Kisses
5 PM Tout Les Soir
10 PM Longreef

Sunday, April 22
Noon Tout Les Soir
5 PM Brooke Woods
Boardwalk Amphitheatre
Friday, April 20

6 PM Aveneda 16
Saturday, April 21
1 PM Shawna P/Adam Tyler Brown
6 PM Maggie Koerner
Sunday, April 22

Noon David Dunn
4 PM Marc Kaul

Put on your dancing shoes, grab a spicy pound or two and soak up the festival vibe. For more information, call 850-932-1500.

Beachkeepers Reschedule Recyclemania

Mother Nature played a dirty trick on the previously planned Recyclemania event. The skies were full of lightning and rain clouds on March 31 and the winds blew the organizers right back to the warmth of their beach houses. The Pensacola Beach Advocates' Beachkeepers will not allow Recyclemania to be a wash out. They have rescheduled the event, Recyclemania Redux, for Saturday, April 21 in the Visitor's Information Center parking lot beginning at 8 a.m.

The event will include a

huge yard sale, where individuals can offer household items. Those who wish to participate as sellers must fill out an application. Applications are available at the Visitor's Information Center, online at pbadvocates.org and in this newspaper on Page 7. The charge per space is \$20 for those who are not members of the Pensacola Beach Advocates. Members may participate at no charge. The deadline to register is Thursday, April 19. Confirmation calls will be made on Friday.

"It is the very essence of recycling, a yard sale," said Lois

Hausman, Beachkeeper. "Sellers will pull their vehicles into an assigned parking space, open their trunks, set up a table and display their items for sale."

Goodwill Easter Seals will be on site for anyone wishing to make donations whether or not they participate in the Yard Sale. Goodwill will accept any items that did not sell during the Yard Sale. The Yard Sale concludes at noon.

"They will take all household items, clothing, toys, as well as computers and related electronics, working or not," said Hausman. "They accept small household appliances such as irons, toasters ovens, microwaves and televisions. All that, and an attendant will be on hand to issue receipts."

Recyclemania has been sponsored in part by the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club, Holi-

day Inn Express on Pensacola Beach and the Pensacola Beach Advocates. Those interested in sponsorship, please contact J.J. Waters at 850-619-8206.

Pensacola Beach Advocates membership is \$30 per year. Applications are available online.

Volunteers are welcome. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event please email Lois at loishausman@mchsi.com or call 850-916-0276.

County Commission To Discuss Beach Master Plan, Project Priorities

The momentum for a proposed \$25 million vehicular overpass in the core area of Pensacola Beach, which was conceptually approved by the Santa Rosa Island Authority, came to a screeching halt after concerned citizens vented their objections. The Master Plan's goal to create a pedestrian friendly, beach to bay experience and how to fund it are still on the drawing board.

What happens next?

The Escambia County Board of Commissioners will

discuss the Plan at their April 17 meeting. The Santa Rosa Island Authority's recommendation to the Commissioners was to conceptually approve the vehicular overpass with multiple funding options to be sourced.

The SRIA has forwarded a prioritized list of additional Master Plan projects for consideration. Those were, in order: north entry and gateway, north-south access road to the Bob Sikes Fishing Bridge, a walkable boardwalk connect-

ing the core area, east and west streetscape and pedestrian connections, and the east entry gateway.

SRIA Board Chairman Dave Pavlock will make a presentation at the meeting.

The Board of County Commissioners will review this recommendation, along with a list of priorities on April 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers, Room 100, 221 Palafox Place.

The meetings are open to the public.

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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 5, 1985

Every once in a while I come across a rusty pair of scissors in my office. One of the points is broken off. Glue which has been sticking to them for six years is embedded there like concrete. Some day I will have those scissors mounted on a driftwood plaque, and every time I look at them I will be humbled by their mere existence. That \$2.95 pair of scissors became the first piece of equipment I ever purchased for *The Islander*. Back there in March of 1979, I added some glue sticks, an Exacto knife and some border tape. With these supplies and the help of a typesetter in town, *The Islander* came to be. And for several years, those things plus a used Yashica camera, the web press in Crestview, and the beloved Rust-mobile kept *The Islander* alive, if not always well.

As I look back over the six year lifetime of *The Islander*, I have to admit that it was not the equipment after all, but the people who faithfully supported and read this tiny beach newspaper were the ones who kept it rolling in like the high tide every other week.

There have been some tough times. There have been some almost, but not quite, insurmountable problems. Once or twice I have reached a point where I have wanted to toss the whole thing in the Gulf and take off in search of an easier lifestyle. But, I never did. And here I am.

It is time to say "Cheers" to all of those people who have been responsible for the growing of the newspaper. First, my daughter Liz, who has agonized every step of the way, marching through the ranks (It was she who babied the old Yashica into taking presentable photos for publication), and

finally has assumed a position of full responsibility as Managing Editor. All this, and she has been in high school and college all this time. Thanks, Liz. I needed you.

And to all the columnists who have changed from time to time, and who continue to grow and get better. None of these folks are trained journalists (thank Heaven) so they bring their special fields to us in their own words...refreshingly readable. Thanks, Cathy, Jack, BZR, Jeff, Pam, Georgia, Terry, Dene, Linda, Jim and Pandora. Thanks, I needed you. And to some of our subs like Lil Kamphuis and John Layson. To my other daughter Shelley for her advertising sales. To former Entertainment Editor, Ed Gillet. Thanks, I needed you.

But when it comes right down to it, what did I need the most? No newspaper can exist (at least not happily) without readers

and advertisers. Well, my cup runneth over. I have a wonderful bunch of both. These are the groups that make *The Islander* the individualistic publication it is today. It belongs to the folks on Pensacola Beach. To them it is "the paper." With all their loving and caring, the Editor (that's me) embarks now on yet another suicidal mission...publishing weekly. Perhaps, I will not be in

the streets among you as often as I have been in the past...and I will regret that. For my readers, advertisers, staff and friends are all one. What a magnificent six years it has been...thanks and thanks again. I needed all of you...As *The Islander* begins its seventh year, we hope we will do for you what you have done for us. Truly, you have made our lives more beautiful....



As promised, Jane had *The Islander's* first equipment mounted as a museum piece. Although cutting and pasting is done electronically now, the scissors hold a place of honor in the Island Times office. Island Times is celebrating the conclusion of its seventh year in publication.

Get A Ling on Your Line At Cobia Tournament

Small boats and pier bound anglers can earn big awards at Paradise's Cobia Phobia fishing tournament, April 20-22. Captains of vessels less than 29 feet in length can enter right up to the beginning of the tourney for \$250. New this year is a category for angler's who fish from a pier. Their entry fee, which is winner-take-all, is \$20. Pensacola Beach, Navarre Beach, Alabama State Park and Okaloosa Island fishing piers are on the approved list of structures.

The Captain's meeting will be at Paradise Bar and Grill on Friday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. The weigh-in will open at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 and close at

9 p.m. Scales open at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 22. The weigh-in closes at 6 p.m.

Big prizes will be awarded on the Soundside stage at Paradise Bar and Grill on Sunday afternoon. First place Cobia could earn up to \$2,500 in prize money. Second place through fifth place fish will also receive cash awards. There is an award for the best Three Fish Aggregate, Junior Angler and Lady Angler in addition to the sought after top Cobia Award.

There is no charge to attend the weigh-in. For more information contact Terese Overlade at Paradise Bar and Grill, 850-916-5087.

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PEOPLE

AHOY MATE

Erin Hunter of Sabine Drive has been invited to join the next expedition aboard the NOAA Okeanos Explorer, a 225' research vessel. Erin will be one of the researchers responsible for mapping the ocean floor. The month long expedition leaves from Corpus Christi, Texas and will be docking in Norfolk, Virginia.

COL CHRIS SAYS

The uproar about the Councilman and the Cobra has been settled, so return your attention to the Memorial. Retired Marine Corps Colonel Chris "Caveman" Holzworth says you can be part of history with a donation to the Marine Aviation Memorial Tower. Groundbreaking will be May 27 during the Park's Memorial Day Celebration. The Tower Placement Ceremony is set for August 20, the exact 100th anniversary of the first solo flight by a Marine. Go to www.honorourmarines.org to make your donation.

PAINT IT

Villa Sabine resident and Days Inn sales gal Marta Ray was part of the Tourism Cares group who painted the Pensacola Lighthouse. Marta announced that she was going to paint her heart out at the March 30 event.

ONE TABLE

Pensacola Beach has a long standing Seder Meal tradition among a small tribe of islanders. Barry McCleary, Deb Friedman, Jane Crittenden, Chuck and Helen Randle, Oscar and Nancy Woody, attended the annual event at the home of Neil Talbot. New this year were Lonnie and Christine Hewerdine and Amy Cheshire Depew. McCleary quipped that it is truly a beach family event, where those of Jewish faith have included the Gentiles around the table.

WHEELING WAHOO

Pensacola Beach native Ash Curd was a star on Channel 3 News, April 5 during the coverage of the Wahoos baseball opening night. He delivered news reporter Laura Hussey to the ball park in one of his Gulf Coast Pedicabs. The pedicabs have not yet been given approval to operate on the Beach, but did just fine in the downtown crowds.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Lynn Cieutat and Chuck Steele gave Mexico two thumbs

up. They took a 12 day trip to the beautiful states of Quintana Roo and Yucatan during March. Next time you see the traveling duo ask for the details about the Vernal Equinox.

PETE'S PUNCH

Marcia Hoven reports that Pete Rand throws a good party and makes a mean punch. Tropical drinks and live music by the Pensacola Steel band duo greeted guests at Pete and Joyce Rand's Spring Fling party which lasted from the end of March into the first day of April.

BRAVO

Meg Peltier has an alter ego. The former Gulf Breeze Chamber exec who is now the Director of Business Development at Club Portofino & Beach 3.4, performed in Loblolly Theater's production of "The Dancer...twice removed". She starred in the one woman show which included two other actors, Keith Prendergast and Mary Steele. The show earned high marks running from March 16-April 14 in Pensacola.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Lila Cox of Villa Sabine says two new couples have set up housekeeping in the Sound-side neighborhood. Last year the homeowners association erected two platforms atop tall poles to support osprey nesting in the big park near the entrance to Villa Sabine. This project was headed up by a local Eagle Scout. During 2011, a pair of Ospreys built a nest on one of the platforms. They have returned, and brought friends. Another pair has started a nest on the second platform.

NEW SKIPPERS

The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club has a jam packed schedule of racing and socializing during Spring and their ranks are growing. The Membership Chairman Debbie Belger announced that Pensacolians Elizabeth Buswell, Kim Marcus and Cynthia Williams, and Marsha Gustafsson of Gulf Breeze have been officially welcomed as new members.

MONEY FOR KIDS

The wild and woolly members of the Krewe of Bananimals have donated \$3,000 to the Santa Rosa Kids House over the last nine months according to Treasurer Mary Jo Tibbits. Careful they may get a reputation as philanthropists.

Trivia

The Trivia Master asked which state is the top egg producer and answers came in by the dozens. The first correct answer came from Jane McGrath. Jane does not like math questions, but shines in geography. She answered Iowa. Apparently, she knows her way around the hen house.

The Knights of the Roundtable have reawakened. Sir Morrie Drees sent the correct answer immediately. Lady Kim Schmitz thinks this is Jeopardy so her response was, "Is it Iowa?" Yes, it is.

Sir Offshore Chuck Brower got a little plucky with his answer noting that there are 52.8 million hens in Iowa.

Angeli McMillan gave three states in order- Iowa, Ohio and Indiana. According to the American Egg Board, Pennsylvania is in third place. But, thanks for the tour of the Midwest, Angeli.

Dr. See Good Fran Albert, halted his income tax preparation, to send his correct answer. He was not first, so he will not have to declare his winnings. Back to the tax forms, Doc.

Transplanted Orleanian Chrissy Cook nailed the answer, but not the timing. As did Tim Pike and Mary Claus. Better luck

next time, gang.

New Jersey's Gwen Foster answers as quickly as her brain thaws. She's a good egg, who's ready to return to the warm shores of the Gulf as soon as she can.

The winner's better half, Dan McGrath, thought the Nebraska farmers had cornered the market on eggs. Not so. The Cornhuskers slid in at number ten, right behind Florida.

The Florida sunshine brings this half-baked question to the Trivia Master's desk. In the 80s a new hangout opened on Pensacola Beach called The Ship's

Store. The location is still a favorite with locals and tourists. Give us the location of this business whose motto was "by land or by sea, there's no better place to be."

Be the first person to sail in with the correct answer and win an *Island Times* t-shirt. Send your best guess to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with trivia in the subject line. Include your name and phone number. No worries, the Trivia Master is not selling your information to the telephone solicitors.

Deadline to answer is Tuesday, April 24. Good luck!

Sailors Tie The Knot

Pensacola Beach is home to hundreds of sailors. Regattas are contested on a weekly basis, and the Beach Yacht Club teaches children at a very young age the joy of sliding across the water in a wind powered vessel. Advertisements boast romance will bloom if you take a sunset cruise on Santa Rosa Sound.

Apparently, that's true.

The sailing schedule noted that a one-time "Off The Market" Regatta is being hosted as a toast to Charlie Trinke and Holly Hoffman who will be married this weekend on Pensacola Beach.

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Board Decides Authority To Ban Alcohol On Boardwalk Lies With Leaseholder

Merchants Association Seeks Answers To Alcohol-Fueled Problems

Think you can drink while strolling along the Boardwalk? The rules may be changing; however, the Santa Rosa Island Authority at their Full Board meeting, April 11, decided they are not the rule makers when it comes to the public-private entity. After SRIA Attorney Mike Stebbins and Escambia County Attorney Ryan Ross weighed in, the decision to ban alcohol consumption on the public areas of the Boardwalk lies with the master leaseholder, Pensacola Beach Holdings.

According to Stebbins, the master leaseholder can impose reasonable regulations on the use of the public areas of the Boardwalk under the conditions of the lease. The prohibition of alcohol is a reasonable regulation, in his opinion, and the Sheriff can enforce the regulation via trespass charges.

Alcohol consumption would still be allowed on the sandy beach area along Santa Rosa Sound.

After an hour long discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of Board Member Dr. Thomas Campanella's motion to support the Boardwalk businesses in their efforts to make the Boardwalk a safer, more family-friendly environment.

A second motion came from Vice Chairman Vernon Prather tasking staff to write a letter to

the Escambia County Sheriff requesting that he use all means necessary to help return Pensacola Beach to a family friendly atmosphere. The motion passed 5 to 1 with Board Member Fred Gant opposed.

Gant, a Pensacola attorney, questioned the motion and asked the Board to consider they if don't have the authority to make the changes, why take any responsibility which might, at a later time, be involved in litigation.

"I was on the Boardwalk on Sunday afternoon," Gant said. "What I saw was African Americans not drinking, not fighting. They were just walking around and standing up there. Those people cannot be made to leave. They are not trespassing."

The Boardwalk's Merchants Association has requested that the alcohol ban be enacted. They will meet with Robert Rinke of Pensacola Beach Holdings to further discuss the ban.

In other business, the Board responded to personnel and organizational changes. They bid farewell to Director of Administration Jayne Bell, who has accepted a position with Santa Rosa County.

Board Chairman Dave Pavlock thanked Bell for her dedication and teamwork. He, then, asked Vice Chairman Vernon Prather to review the SRIA staff structure, job descriptions, and organizational chart.

"What can we do more effectively?" asked Pavlock. "What changes do we need to make? Is it consolidation, expansion, sharing of responsibilities?"

Prather accepted the task and will bring a report back to the board next month.

Recognizing outstanding community members through the Spirit of Pensacola Beach award program will continue to be discussed. A motion to have the Special Projects Committee review the criteria for nominees and the type of monument passed unanimously.

Pedestrian safety at crosswalks was on Beach resident Terry Preston's mind during the Visitor's Forum. The increase in day and overnight visitors along with landscaping is creating a hazardous mixture on Via de Luna, according to Preston.

Jim Waite, Baskerville Donovan engineer, responded that the County is addressing the crosswalk safety issue.

"We are under contract with Escambia County and some of the crosswalks on Via de Luna are currently being redesigned," said Waite. "They will have changes in colors, patterns and signage."

Dr. Thomas Campanella announced that he is currently discussing a public safety education campaign with the media and business owners.

Baskerville Donovan Engi-

neer Mike Langston updated the board on the Via de Luna Landscaping Project.

"The County owns the right-of-way," said Langston. "The landscaping will be placed along Via de Luna on the north and south side rights-of-way, only."

Currently, Baskerville Donovan has a design under review by Escambia County. If approved, the County will administer the bidding, contracting and construction portions of the project. The money for the landscaping will come from the Island Beautification Fund.

Langston's report included an update on the Beach's tiki trolley stop covers which should be installed this month.

Beach Chamber President Maureen LaMar, who oversees the Visitors Center operation,

told Board members the Center hosted 2,487 walk in visitors during March.

"The top five states which were represented included Indiana, Texas, Florida, Georgia and Illinois," said LaMar. "Almost thirty percent were returning visitors, and 16 percent were here because of advertisements."

For that reason, the Board asked LaMar to serve on the advertising agency selection committee. A Request for Proposals for agency services has been issued and responses are due April 30. The SRIA board will hear presentations on May 9.

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Committees will meet on Wednesday, April 25 at 5 p.m. at #1 Via de Luna. The meetings are open to the public. Agendas are online at www.sria-fla.com.

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by Kathi Lewis

Woo-hoo to the Blue Wahoo's! My granddaughter Quincy Rowe (aka Sissy Girl) caught two foul balls at the first game. Count 'em – not one, but two! She was briefly interviewed and shown on the 10 o'clock news. Not yet seven-years-old, my Sissy Girl just made her television debut. Nanny and Pappy are so proud. How cool is that?

It wasn't cool but the rain postponed the Beach Recyclingmania. At first I thought, "Oh great that will give me more time to add more stuff to the pile for recycling." But then I realized, "Oh no – that stuff has to stay in the middle of my living room until it's rescheduled." Luckily, it's been rescheduled to April 21.

Time to clean out all the closets and shake the house free of all the fairy dust. It's amazing what you can find once you start digging around in there (although I'm still searching for the Krewe of Nereids storage room key that got lost during Mardi Gras). Anyway, I'm pulling out some great stuff to share, so I'll see you at Recyclingmania.

Paulette Provost, Deb Friedman and I attended the Krewe of Junkanoo's Easter Bonnet and Deviled Egg Contest at the Sandshaker. I didn't win the Easter Bonnet Contest, but Paulette and I did get to judge the Deviled Egg Contest. I love deviled eggs and Cowboy Klein had the winning combination. We danced to music by Bonnie McDonald "Mrs. Boogie."

Congratulations to the new *Island Times* columnist D.J. Zemenick. D.J. and Melanie Waite are just two of our friends dedicated to the turtle patrol every year. They take their jobs very seriously and spend many untold and unpaid hours patrolling the beach in order to protect our beautiful and precious sea turtles. D.J. is not only good with her camera she has also been posting her blog for several years and is certainly a great addition to our newspaper family. I'm looking forward to following the "Turtle Trax," so welcome aboard D.J.

I am also enjoying the re-reading of "Forever Barefoot on the Beach" and I say re-reading because I'm sure I never missed reading a single one of the columns that Jane Waters Cooper wrote. It is much like a "then and now" column and is almost un-

canny at times. You can see how much has changed on our Island while we still continue to argue with the authorities about some of the same things. The only thing we've ever really needed is more parking while they continue to entertain plans that reduce parking spaces. Meanwhile, the grass continues to grow alongside the roadway and in the medians. I remember when people used to park along those spaces.

Back in the olden days of Spring Break, Bill and I lived on Ariola Drive. We had a mailbox on a bar stool. You know how tempting and easy that was to "borrow"? We had to chase it down, daily. Well really, all we had to do was ask a young man, Coleson Barfield who worked for the Island Authority at the time. He retrieved it from down the street and returned it safely home. We just kept it in the house until we saw the mailman coming. Then we would carry it back out to the street. We did this every day until one of the legs broke on the bar stool.

I came home from the Tiki Lounge one day, went to check the mail in the box on the three-legged bar stool and we all came tumbling down. The mailbox was fine, but I ended up with a fat lip! We decided it might be time to go with the standard

post box that everyone else used. Still can't believe we chased that mailbox up and down the street.

Another thing people did back then was park their cars right up to the "No Parking" sign. I still have a picture of a "No Parking" sign that was buried in sand right up to the bottom of the sign. It was taken after one of the hurricanes and I know it's here somewhere.

I've already got a couple of trips planned to Mexico Beach and Lynn Cicutat's, which is where this week's recipe comes from. It's a good one and so easy to remember you won't even need your scissors. It's perfect for a summer afternoon with good friends and some great Florida seafood!

So, let's cook....

Cooler Corn

- 25-30 ears fresh corn, shucked**
- 5 gallons boiling water**
- 1 clean cooler**
- Salt to taste**

Place fresh corn in clean cooler. Bring 5 gallons of water to a rolling boil. Pour over corn, close cooler lid and the corn will be ready to serve when you are. It stays perfect and never gets overcooked. Hope you don't either! Enjoy, share and don't forget your sunscreen!

See ya in the kitchen...

Cullen Stanley took Brianne Gomez to be his wife in a beachside ceremony, Saturday, March 24. Sandra Dean Eicher, notary, performed the ceremony. The couple honeymooned in Mississippi.



It's all about the HAT! Kathi Lewis judged the Deviled Egg Contest in her Easter bonnet at the Krewe of Junkanoo Easter Eggstravaganza at the Shaker on April 7.



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A Cross in the Sand

By
Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison
Pensacola Beach Community Church



It is only a few days removed from Easter. Easter is a wonderful time for all of us, and especially on the Beach, because it seems like we really show our love for each other and community. We look to this time of year and what it means to be Christian. Being Christian to the surprise of many is actually very simple, even breathtakingly simple. I think just a statement or two will bring us closer to our understanding of this great gift of Christianity.

Being Christian is about loving God and loving what God loves. Loving God, of course, that's the central point of the Gospel text that you just heard. Jesus quotes a passage from the sixth chapter of Deuteronomy--"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind"--and so this is the heart of both the Jewish tradition and because Jesus speaks of it as the Great Commandment, the heart of the Christian tradition as well.

Being Christian is about becoming the kind of person who can love God and love what God loves. We need transformation. The process of growing up does not incline us to that deep love of God and that deep love of what God loves. The growing up process inclines us to be concerned about ourselves. This happens to

all of us.

Being Christian is about being part of a community of transformation. It's about living within the Christian tradition and Christian community as a means to the end of transformation. This is church as a community of formation and reformation and all of us need this. We grow up, those of us who live in western culture, we grow up in a culture that has values very, very different from what is most central to the Bible. That was our first socialization, our first formation. And so Christian community is about becoming involved in a process of re-socialization, so that our sense of ourselves, our identity, is shaped by involvement in Christian community.

Christianity is really about God's passion for the world, that the world itself--the humanly constructed world in particular--be transformed in the direction of God's dream, a world of justice and peace. Being Christian is also about participating in God's passion. This is what we are called to. So, ultimately, being Christian is about loving God and changing the world. It's as simple and challenging as that, and it is the way of life.

Call To Artists For Outdoor Urban Gallery

The Escambia County Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), in partnership with Lamar Advertising, is calling all artists to be a part of the Outdoor Urban Art Gallery. The CRA is looking to create an outdoor art mural corridor and selected works will be displayed on the streets of Historic Brownsville.

There are no limitations on the type of art or size of the

piece. Submissions are due to Lamar Advertising, 1401 N. Tarragona Street, Pensacola, Florida 32501 by May 1. Additional information can be found at www.facebook.com/CelebratingBrownsville.

Also, any businesses interested in hosting a work in conjunction with this project or wanting additional information should contact Eric Johnson at 850-595-3463.

Galvez Honored As Great Floridian

Honorary Vice Consul Davis, Mayor Hayward Accept Award

Pensacola Mayor Ashton Hayward, along with Honorary Vice Consul to Spain, Maria Davis accepted one of the State of Florida's highest awards on behalf of Revolutionary War Hero and Pensacola historical figure Bernardo de Gálvez.

Hayward was joined by other representatives from Pensacola historical, archaeological, and cultural organizations in accepting the award, presented by Florida Governor Rick Scott, and Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner in Tallahassee on March 22.

Bernardo de Gálvez, who was a highly decorated Spanish military leader, served as Governor of Louisiana in 1777, and in the fall of 1779, began an eastward campaign originating in New Orleans to drive British forces from the Mississippi River Valley and from the Gulf Coast. The Battle of Pensacola was one of the most significant engagements of the American Revolution. Gálvez commanded a diverse army of approximately 7,500 troops against heavily manned British fortifications. On May 10, 1781, the British surrendered to Gálvez, which allowed American Revolutionary forces a clear western front, and enabled General George Washington to concentrate his efforts against the British along the Eastern seaboard.

"As a proud Pensacolian, it is a privilege to represent the Gálvez family and his legacy in accepting this award," said Hayward.

The Great Floridian Program is designed to recognize and record the achievements of Floridians, living and deceased, who have made major contributions to the progress and welfare of this state. Nominations are presented to the Governor, who



Honorary Vice Consul to Spain Maria Davis, left, and Pensacola Mayor Ashton Hayward traveled to Tallahassee to accept a Great Floridian Award, March 22, conferred posthumously upon Revolutionary War Hero Bernardo de Galvez. Davis will lead a contingent to Spain to participate in Fourth of July ceremonies in Macharaviaya, Galvez's birthplace.

passes along his top picks to the Secretary of State for final designation.

ians including inventor Thomas Edison, former U.S. Senator Bob Graham, and Publix founder George Washington Jenkins.



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Five Flags Paddleboard Classic Launches at The Grand Marlin

Participants in the Five Flags Paddleboard Classic will maneuver a one mile or three mile course in Santa Rosa Sound beginning at 9 a.m. during this inaugural event, Saturday, April 21 at The Grand Marlin. "This race is really for everyone," said Kevin Cook of Coastal Paddle Company. "If you have never raced, come and experience this. We will let you know what to do."

Racers will be divided into many different categories based on the type of board, age group and male or female. Entrants must be 13 and over to paddle in the Classic. Entry fees, special

shirt and lunch at The Grand Marlin are included in the \$35 race fee. An awards party will follow the competition.

The younger set has not been forgotten. A Kid's Race for 12-year-olds and younger will be hosted at no charge.

"This is so they can get a chance to be part of the action," said Cook. "It will be informal and fun. No awards, no pressure. Very safe."

If racing is not your style, the Grand Marlin is the site of a paddleboard session on Monday nights beginning at 6 p.m.

For more information call 850-916-1600.

Beach Hosts Preemie Paddleboard Race For Sacred Heart Hospital

Attention sailing enthusiasts, stand-up paddleboard fans and landlubbers! The Paddle for Preemies Paddle Board Fun Race will be Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Fitness On-board dock on Pensacola Beach (across from the Margaritaville Beach Hotel).

Early registration is \$35 until April 27, or \$40 on event day. A 3-mile fun race will begin at 9 a.m. for ages 13 and older, while a 1-mile rookie race will begin at

9 a.m. for ages 13 and older.

There's a one mile race for the younger set which starts at 10 a.m. for ages 12 and under.

Register at active.com, or print the registration form at sacred-heart.org/foundation in the "Events/Preemie Cup" section.

For more information about the regatta, please contact Bert Rice, Fleet Captain, at 850-206-8498 or at bert.rice2012@yahoo.com.

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TOP SPOTS

The Pensacola Beach Optimist Club hosted their annual Oratorical Contest finals March 27 at the Beach Church Fellowship Hall. Fifth grader Hannah May was awarded first place. Gabbi Rice earned second place and John Turk was awarded third place. Both are in third grade. There were nine finalists representing third, fourth and fifth grades. The Optimists also host a Say No To Drugs poster contest.

‘T’ SCHOOL

Principal Jeff Castleberry announced that the Beach School teachers will each receive iPads for classroom use. He envisions a day when students will no longer use textbooks. The musty tomes will go the way of the chalkboard and slide rule.

GREAT GAZE

Third grade Beach School Teacher Joy McLaurine sends a big thank you to the Escambia Amateur Astronomers and all the guests who attended the March 28 Star Gaze at the School. The event helped raise funds for the PTA who served a spaghetti dinner; and the Junior Optimists who sold baked items for their Relay For Life team. It was so much fun, when the event closed at 8 p.m., no one wanted to go home, according to McLaurine.

CHEER FOR THIS

Pensacola State College is holding auditions for the mascot, cheer and dance teams for the Pirates’ 2012-2013 seasons. Auditions are Friday, April 27-Sunday, April 29, at the Hartsell Arena, Building 3, on the Pensacola campus. For more information, contact cheer and dance coach La Rita Carter at 484-1310, lcarter@pensacolastate.edu.

MONEY ANSWERS

Can’t make sense of your finances? Pensacola State College speech students are here to help with their online Make Cents 2 Conference. A commu-

nity-service project on financial literacy, the conference features informative, entertaining and persuasive student presentations relating to personal management of money. The free, 24/7 event is from April 17 to noon, April 24. Interact live online with students 9 a.m. to noon April 19 and 24. Find the conference on Facebook page Make Cents 2 Conference, or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/makecents2conference/>.

AT THE FORT

Students ages 6 to 11 are invited to Fort Pickens for Junior Ranger Day as part of the celebration of the program across the nation. The Junior Ranger Day will be Saturday, April 28 from 9:45 until noon. Youngsters should meet at the Ft. Pickens Auditorium. There is no charge and no reservation is required. The \$8 park entrance fee is suspended during this week. For more information go to www.nps.gov/guis

SURF’S UP

If you are ready to catch a few waves and learn surfing etiquette, culture, training and techniques, sign up for Surf Camp.

Three day sessions begin on June 4. The charge is \$150. You must be at least 8-years-old and a good swimmer. Advanced camps are available this summer as well. Class are held on the Gulfside beach southwest of Portofino. For details and to register stop by Innerlight on the Beach or call 850-934-9004.

THE CAT

The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test@ 2.0, which measures student success with the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, includes assessments in reading (grades 3-10), mathematics (grades 3-8), and science (grades 5 and 8) in the 2011-2012 school year. Beach School students will be taming the FCAT this week through April 20.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 28: Memorial Day Observed, no classes
- June 2: Gulf Breeze High School graduation, 5 p.m.
- June 7: Last day of school. Early release

Lakeview Center Hosts Race on Pensacola Beach

Runners Raise Funds, Awareness

In an effort to raise awareness about sexual assault, the Lakeview Center will host the fifth annual Run for Their Lives 5K on Saturday, April 21 at 8 a.m. on Pensacola Beach. Lakeview Center’s Rape Crisis/Trauma Recovery supports some of its services to victims of violent crime in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties through the Run for Their Lives 5K proceeds. The services are free of charge to patients.

The run, which begins and ends at the Casino Beach, will be

followed by an awards ceremony. Racers will be treated to food and live music by James Atkins and Rewind. The party includes a free drawing for prizes.

Long-sleeved t-shirts are guaranteed to the first 300 registered participants. Custom awards have been created by Ben Bogan Designs will be awarded to the overall male and female run winners.

The entry fee is \$18 for individuals and \$15 for active military. To register, go to eLakeview-Center.org or call 850-469-3942.

Dog Gone It - A few news items for our furry friends

FUR BALL

Jury-Duty Spay & Neuter is gearing up for its fourth annual Fur Ball, Friday, August 17, at Sanders Beach Community Center.

Each year, thousands of puppies and kittens are born in Escambia and Santa Rosa County and far too many of these animals enter the local kill shelters. Jury-Duty’s goal is to lower these numbers through the only humane solution of spaying and neutering the current population of animals.

Since Jury-Duty’s inception in 2004, they have helped fund over 4,000 spay and neuter surgeries for pets from low income households and free roaming cats in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

The Fur Ball is their biggest and most important fundraiser of the year. It is a special evening in which more than 350 animal lovers and supporters come together to celebrate, find wonderful auction items, and support the life-saving work of Jury-Duty Spay & Neuter. For more information on sponsorship or tickets, go to www.pensacolafurball.org.

DOGGIE BATHE IN

Does Spot stink? Make your pooch pretty with a bath and dip. Perhaps it’s time for a nail trim or some grooming? The Humane Society of Pensacola announced that the first Doggie Bathe In of 2012 will be Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at their location, 5 North “Q” Street. Call for easy directions from the Beach, 850-432-4250. Prices range from \$7 to \$10 for bathing and \$5 for nail trim. Grooming services start at \$20. This event is BYOT - bring your own towels.

For more information, www.HumaneSocietyofPensacola.org. ADOPT-A-THON Escambia County Animal

Shelter is hosting a Showers of Love Adopt-A-Thon, 200 W. Fairfield Drive, on Saturday, April 21, from noon to 5 p.m. Artisans, crafters and food vendors will be on site selling their treasures at this family-friendly event. For information, contact Teresa Bradley, via email ecassponsorship@yahoo.com or by phone 225-8568.

DOG FRIENDLY

Pensacola Beach is not known for being a pooch beach, but there are a few places where well behaved pets are welcome. Paradise Inn offers a number of pet friendly rooms, all of which open onto a special dog walk area.

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BYTES & BITS

By Joe Stukey
Your Computer Pal

Q: "What is the Dropbox service?"

A: Dropbox is a "free" Internet-based file storage service. The product was developed in 2007 by a couple of MIT students. More than 50 million people now use the service. It is free unless you need a lot of storage space. You would have to pay for extra storage. The product works with Windows-based computers and Apple computers.

Here is how it works. You download the Dropbox program and install it in your computer. Then you select the files that you want to put into your Internet storage file. Dropbox can synchronize the latest files, by automatically updating the Dropbox folder when you make changes to your files.

By allowing others to share your storage area on the Internet, you can pass files to your friends and business contacts. If a team of people needs to share files, Dropbox is an easy way to do that. If you want to send photographs of the kids to Grandma, you can put them in the Internet folder and let Grandma share that area.

If you need take your files with you when you travel, but don't want to take a lot of equipment with you, simply transfer the files from your computers to the Internet storage area. When you get to your location, just access your Dropbox folder on the Internet.

And, it is a great way to back up your important files. Have you ever reached into your pocket to find your USB memory stick, which contained all your important data, only to find that it was not there? That is not a problem when your stuff is all stored in your Internet files. The storage limit for a free account is 2 gigabytes. For \$10 per month, Dropbox provides you with 50 gigabytes of personal space.

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



David Dunn performed at the First Friday event, April 6 on the Boardwalk. He and fellow musician John Wheeler had the crowds dancing to the popular tunes.



Beach residents Tracy and Marilyn McDonald are entrepreneurs. After twenty years of experimenting to get the perfect ingredients, the couple have their line of cheese straws for sale. They were offering samples at the Wine Bar during First Friday on April 6.

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BUSINESS BUZZ.....

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HOP OVER TO THE BEACH

The Bob Sikes Toll Facility was a busy place Easter Weekend. A record 57,076 cars pass through the facility Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 6-8, as compared to 56,907 during Easter weekend 2011.

GRAB A PASSPORT

Book a journey of international flavor and never leave the Beach. Teri Levin is the Honorary Chairman of the Passport to Unite event, a fundraiser. You can select a weekend escape or an evening wine and dine, with proceeds benefitting the United Way of Escambia County.

For more information about the Passport to Unite event or sponsorship opportunities, call Laura Hill at 850-444-7143 or email laura@unitedwayescambia.org.

bia.org.

FEE FREE

The revered Civil War Fort which guards the western tip of Santa Rosa Island will suspend its \$8 entrance fee until April 29. Ft. Pickens is fee free in celebration of National Parks Week. Be sure to drive slowly when in the park, birds are nesting.

STORE MORE

Just across the bridge in Gulf Breeze is Smart Stop Self Storage. If you need a place to park your boat, or just have too much stuff, call them at 850-932-2323. They have climate controlled units and digital surveillance. Not only that, it is a non-waterfront location for storage prior to storm season.

BOAT BLUES

The United States Coast Guard sends vessels to serve as the centerpoint and support for the annual Blue Angels Air Show on Pensacola Beach. Not so this summer. The Santa Rosa Island Authority has asked that Congressman Jeff Miller make a special request to the Coast Guard to find two boats. If he is not successful, the Board authorized the staff to rent commercial vessels, which could cost as much as \$50,000. The good news is BP may come on board as a sponsor to offset the fees.

WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC

Diane Tyson still holds the

lead in old The Islander Newspaper search. Beach School teacher Kelli Gunter Moyer who was raised on Panferio Drive made a photo copy of her treasured historic copy. She is not quite ready to let go of the November 1987 edition with her brother Jacob on the front cover.

Sandy Watkins believes she may have some oldies, but goodies that will contend for a prize. She just moved back from North Carolina and thinks her archives are stored in some boxes with her 45 record collection.

You have until May 1, 2012 to turn in your old editions of The Islander Newspaper. You may mail them to Post Office Box 844, Gulf Breeze, FL 32562; or drop them off at the Pensacola Beach Visitor's Information Center.

PINK RELAY TEAM

Sharon Mattair's Studio 98 Relay for Life Team will participate in the Navarre Relay for Life, April 20-21. They will be stylish in their pink football jerseys and matching pink knee socks. Anyone wishing to make a donation can stop by the shop on Highway 98, ten miles east of WalMart.

BARTENDING TO WIN

Congrats to Dedrick Harmon of Flounders and Ashley Foreman Rotenberry of the Sandshaker who were named finalists in the Half Hour Happy Hour bartenders contest. Winners will be announced April 30.



Joe Lewis, BonFireJam promoter, hosted a Meet and Greet at The Grand Marlin, April 10. The concert promoter, who is originally from Santa Rosa County has been producing events in Los Angeles. He now resides on Pensacola Beach. Sunny Moulder, his assistant is in the background.

Lewis announced that his goal is to bring a series of concerts to Pensacola Beach to create an economic impact for Beach businesses. The Santa Rosa Island Authority has partnered with BonFireJam in this effort.

BonFireJam which features country music star Ronnie Dunn is set for Saturday, May 12. Craig Morgan, Sunny Sweeney, Brett Eldredge and Josh Thompson will also perform. Tickets are on sale online. Island Times readers can earn a 20% discount by visiting www.myislandtimes.com.

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Hey Yawl



By Frank Cooper

The Sundeck Saloon
 Back in 1987 Jim Randol, who lived over in Villa Sabine, opened a great little bar named The Sundeck Saloon. It was in one of the old block motel buildings where the Soundside Market is just west of where the RV Park is being built today. Jim's little bar drew a real good crowd of locals and visitors. It was well decorated but it may not have the best timing in the world to start a beach business. There was some kind of oil problem going on and the beach tourist crowd just wasn't showing up. Jim had a good selection but the times just weren't right which made it a really was a good place for locals to hang out in spite of the bad economic times.

Later on Jim sold the Sundeck to Joy and Les Anderson who changed The Sundeck from wine, beer and hotdogs to grits, eggs, wine, beer and hot dogs. The name, The Sundeck Saloon, remained the same.

I talked to Jim Randol recently. He is living in Ft. Myers Beach and sounds great. I look on him as a real good friend.

When the wine bar morphed into the eggs and grits and the oil scare calmed down a bit, tourists returned to the Beach, but The Sundeck still was primarily full of local people. A lot of them are gone now but some of the stories linger on.

You could count on Papa Joe Reynolds, Harry Gowens and Wally Pecevich being there every

morning. Sometimes if there were tourists having breakfast, Joy would have to calm the language down a little, but otherwise it was great place to keep up with what was going on.

Papa Joe

I don't know how far Papa Joe got through school or even what he did during the war. I think he may have worked at the Navy yard. He and I liked oatmeal for breakfast at The Sundeck and Joe always had the morning newspaper with him. I can see him now with that flowing white beard and his coffee and newspaper.

I noticed he always kept the paper on our table against the wall. He wouldn't let it get over to the big table with the crowd. I found out why later.

This was not really Papa Joe's newspaper. It had just been delivered to his neighbor Hazel Fairey's house, and every morning Joe would pick it up from Hazel's driveway and take it to The Sundeck where he carefully read it, then put back it together and returned it to Hazel's yard. He thought he was getting by with something but Hazel saw him get it every morning. I don't think he ever realized she knew what was going on all the time. I always thought she loved the old coot.

I remember the morning when Papa Joe didn't show up at the Sundeck with his paper. Hazel noticed the paper was still in her driveway and Joe's truck was in his driveway. She called Joe's

good friend, Tommy Chavis, to tell him something was wrong. Tommy checked the house and found Joe Reynolds still on his bed, but Papa Joe had gone home.

Things were very sad at The Sundeck for some time

Joy and Les

On a brighter note Joy and Les Anderson had a great following at The Sundeck. Breakfast was always a standout. It was amazing what Joy could do with an electric fry pan, a toaster and a never empty pot of coffee.

On special evenings Joy would have real dinners. She would cook the lighter meals and seafood using her fry pan. The Sundeck suppers were fantastic. The best friends you could have, along with the best food, all at the same place. How can you beat that?

But let's not forget Les Anderson. Joy's husband Les would come in to work at The Sundeck about the time the breakfast crowd was leaving and set up for the afternoon. There wasn't a whole lot of lunch business but Les would cook you a hamburger if you pleaded hard enough. He would much rather just pop you a beer to go with the one he was drinking and go on with the conversation. He did create a fantastic hamburger "The Lester Burger," but that was about it.

My friend Bob Barrington and I would have lunch at The Sundeck often and one day I asked Les if he would slit a

hotdog and grill it real crusty for me. He said he would be happy to slit the hot dog and grill it real crusty. And then asked, if I would prefer the dog be slit length wise or would I prefer it be slit cross wise before it was grilled?

Bob nearly fell off his bar stool laughing, but we enjoyed

the grilled hot dogs. Mine was cut across the grain. Bobby's was cut along the grain.

The Sundeck has been closed for years. The old cottages are a distance memory. Les passed away. Joy is retired. I miss those days and the people who made them so remarkable.

Holly Headlines At Beach Concert

Pensacola Beach music fans will be treated to the sultry sounds of Holly Shelton at the April 17 Bands on the Beach concert at the Gulfside Pavilion from 7-9 p.m. Bands on the Beach, is organized by the Santa Rosa Island Authority and sponsored by Cat Country 98.7. It is free and features regional artists performing in musical styles ranging from jazz and soul to classic country and Southern Rock.

A limited number of seats are available at the beachfront pavilion, so spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. No pets are allowed and glass is prohibited.

For more information, call the SRIA at 850-932-2257, go to www.visitpensacolabeach.com, or tune into the Cat Country 98.7 for the latest updates.

2012 Bands on the Beach Schedule

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| April 17: Holly Shelton | July 24: The Reunion Band |
| April 24: Beulah Land South Band | July 31: Not Quite Fab |
| May 1: Mass Kurfuzion | August 7: The Laymen |
| May 8: Westside Players | August 14: Big Muddy |
| May 15: Mr. Big & The Rhythm Sisters | August 21: Southern Breeze |
| May 22: The True Blue Band | August 28: The Sawmill Band |
| May 29: The Song Byrds | September 4: 13th Hourglass |
| June 5: The Astronauts | September 11: Wildwood |
| June 12: Lektric Mullet | September 18: no concert - |
| June 19: Dr. Breeze | September 25: Kee Creek Band |
| June 26: Modern Eldorados | October 2: On the Beach |
| July 3: Johnny Earthquake & The Moondogs | October 9: Class X |
| July 10: Crosstown | October 16: One Accord |
| July 17: Pearl Clarkin & Big Jim Brown | October 23: Civilized Natives |
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- 18-Karaoke with Becky 7:30PM-11:30PM
- 19-Karaoke with Becky 7:30PM-11:30PM
- 20- 3 Civilized Natives 7:30PM-11:30PM
- 21-Blenders 7:30PM-11:30PM
- 22-Southern Breeze 4PM-8PM
- 24- Sean Brown and Kelly Gallawa 6PM-9PM
- 25-Karaoke with Becky 7:30PM-11:30PM
- 26-Karaoke with Becky 7:30PM-11:30PM
- 27-Josh Tyrone and Josh Dodson 7:30PM-11:30PM
- 28-Johnny Barbato and Lucky Dogs 7:30PM-
- 29-Lektric Mullet 4PM-8PM

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Bananimals in their Bonnets - The Krewe of Bananimals celebrated Easter at the Krewe of Junkanoo Eggstravaganza April 7 at the Sandshaker. Wearing their Easter bonnets are (L to R): Kimberly Griffith, holding her daughter Madison, Darlene Larkin, Bananimals King Rusty Kleinsmith and Mary Jo Tibbits. Kleinsmith won the Easter Bonnet contest.



Paulette Provost, left, marvels at the Beach Easter Spectacle that Nasty John Thomas wore to the Junkanoo's Eggstravaganza at the Shaker April 7. His bonnet was awarded second place.

Seeing Stars... your horoscope for next week



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A sudden change of plans could lead to a misunderstanding with a friend or family member. Be ready to offer a full explanation of your decision. A past favor is returned.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Expect pressure from those who want you to change your position on a matter of importance. However, the determined Bovine will be able to withstand the bullying and win out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's time to stop dwelling on past disappointments and move on to other possibilities. By week's end, you'll be meeting new people and making new plans for the future.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A long-simmering situation between co-workers threatens to heat up and could create problems with your work schedule. Best advice: Consult a supervisor on how to proceed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might have just learned that someone close to you is keeping

a secret. And, of course, the Cat's curiosity has gone into overdrive. But be patient. All is revealed soon enough.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't give up. The recognition citing the good work you recently did will come through. Meanwhile, an opportunity opens up that can lead to a lot of traveling later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A financial crunch eases, but it's still a good idea to keep a tight rein on what you spend for nonessentials. Education becomes a major focus as the week winds down.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Recent encounters with stressful situations could require some restorative measures to get your energy levels back up. Talk to your doctor about a diet and exercise program.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) New connections follow changes on the job or in your personal life. But keep your feelings reined in until these relationships have a chance

to develop.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Pay more attention to your aches and pains, and avoid self-diagnoses. Seek professional advice to make sure these problems won't lead to something more serious.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You love doing research and learning new things, so you'll be happy to know that education becomes a big part of your life at this time, and for some time to come.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your Piscean penchant for doing things logically could be challenged by an equally strong emotional reaction to a new situation. Best advice: Keep the two factors in balance.

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- April 19 Brian Short, 7 PM
- April 20 Crawfish Festival begins 4 PM
- April 21 Crawfish Festival opens at 11 AM
- April 22 Crawfish Festival opens at Noon
- April 26 Jon Kott Duo, 7 PM
- April 27 The Rez, 9 PM
- April 28 The Rez, 9 PM
- April 29 Chronic Jester, 3 PM

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- Saturday, April 21st
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- Sunday, April 22nd
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5pm Brooke Woods

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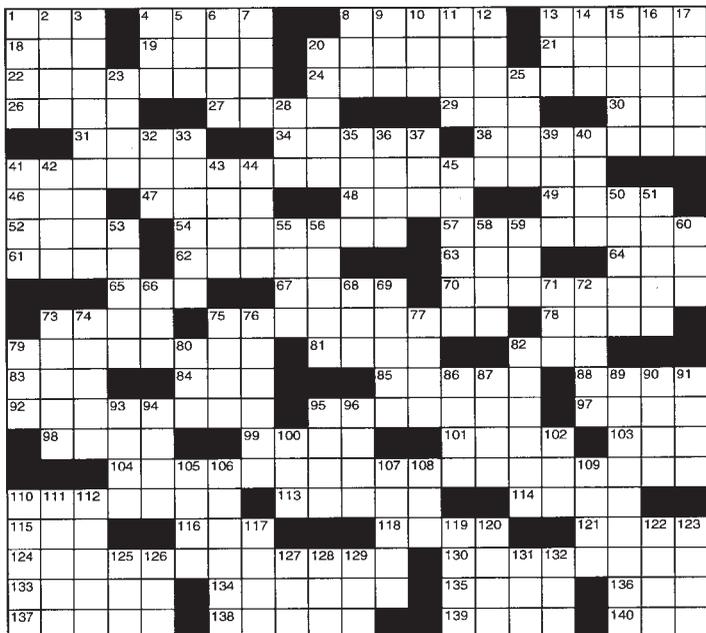
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- Saturday, April 21st
1pm- Shawna P. & Adam Tyler Brown
6pm- Maggie Koerner
- Sunday, April 22nd
Noon- David Dunn
4pm- Marc Kaul



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- April 17 County Commission Meeting. Palafox Place. 5:30
- April 17 Bands on the Beach. Featuring Holly Shelton. 7-9 Gulfside Pavilion. Free.
- April 20 Crawfish Festival. Bamboo Willie's Boardwalk. End April 22
- April 20 Star Gaze Fort Pickens. Dark.
- April 21 Run For Their Lives. 5K. 8 a.m. Gulfside Pavilion
- April 21 Paddleboard Classic. Grand Marlin. 9 a.m.
- 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 21 Tour de Cure bicycling event. The Andrews Institute.
- April 24 Beach Chamber Meeting. 8:30 a.m.
- April 24 Days Inn. Guest passes. 850-932-1500.
- April 24 Bands on the Beach. 7-9 Gulfside Pavilion. Free.
- April 25 Santa Rosa Island Authority meeting. 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna.
- April 28 Jr Ranger Day for Kids. Ft. Pickens. 9:45 a.m. to Noon
- April 28 Paddling for Preemies. Fitness on Board. 9 a.m.
- April 29 BINGO Beach Elk's Lodge. 6 p.m. \$1 per card. Family friendly. Open to public.
- May 1 Bands on the Beach, 7-9 Gulfside Pavilion
- May 5 Race for the Roses, Optimist Club Fundraiser. Open to the public. Santa Rosa Dunes . 3 p.m.
- May 8 Military Fishing Expedition Dockside Party. Elk's Lodge, 2 p.m. Welcome anglers, picnic, ceremonies.
- May 8 Bands on the Beach. 7-9 Gulfside Pavilion. Free.
- May 12 BonFireJam Concert. Tickets required. Doors open at 3 p.m.
- May 12 Civil War Presentation. Ft. Pickens 6PM
- May 13 Symphony by the Sea. Concert. 7 p.m. Free
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Gordon Paulus is a good egg. He organizes the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Beach Church. As he lined the children up based on ages, April 7 in the Church's parking lot, he comically announced the rules to one hundred egg-cited children.



No one is sure how one of the smaller egg hunters found the largest egg, but pre-schooler Ben O'Connell shows off the prize. He was one of the crowd of youngsters who participated in the Pensacola Beach Church's Easter Egg Hunt, April 7.



Making new friends at the Easter Egg Hunt is part of the fun. Caroline Butts, 6, of Pensacola (left) and Lauren Pinkston of Pensacola Beach, were having a blast comparing the dozens of eggs in their Easter baskets at the Beach Church, April 7.



Six-year-old Lilly O'Connell is a kindergartner at Pensacola Beach Elementary School. She had a bucket full of Easter eggs at the conclusion of the Beach Church's annual egg hunt, April 7.

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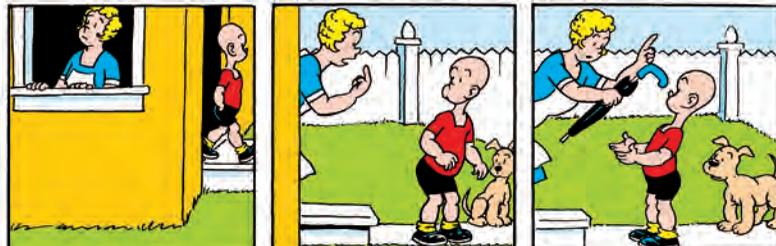
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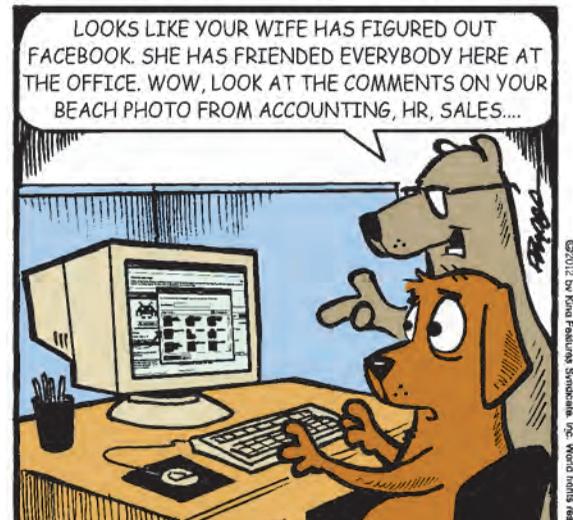
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"It's been grand! We enjoyed every month of it."

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Mostly NUTS

By
Candace Segar

There are a lot of travesties in this life, but I think one of the biggest ones falls within the UFO realm. Why would I use the word travesty? Travesty by definition means an absurd or grotesque misrepresentation or a grossly inferior imitation. The French word travestir means to disguise, and this is exactly what has happened regarding UFOs and sightings in the United States. What upsets me is the treatment of people on this planet who have reported their sightings of UFOs. Many folks have been ridiculed and debased by their governments. Now this is beginning to change. The governments of Belgium, France, England, to name a few, are releasing their UFO files to the public.

Why all of a sudden are these governments acknowledging the existence of UFOs? I don't really know the answer. I do know that the information from the military, the police and civilians is taken seriously. These groups are working as one team in reporting and

trying to understand what is taking place on this planet. Scientists are included in the mix in order to review any evidence that is obtained.

One of the most interesting aspects of this release of information comes from England. The Division Chief for UFOs in the Department of Ministry in England from 1991 to 2006 was Nick Pope. He has been an exciting addition to the growing list of experts who speak on the UFO circuit. One key point that Pope made was that part of his job included releasing disinformation regarding UFOs. He apologized for doing this, but it was a part of his job. When asked why the British government would do this? He responded that the military cannot protect us from these UFOs invading our air space. It is as simple as that.

Another interesting point that was brought up in a round table discussion regarding the United States and the release of documents concerned lawsuits. I never even considered that there

would be a lawsuit with claims concerning Roswell, New Mexico. (Actually the UFO crashed in Corona, New Mexico.) For example: if technology was retrieved and given to one group, and other groups were denied this information, then a serious breach of ethics occurred.

I do believe that a spaceship crashed in New Mexico. I do think we have managed through the years to back-engineer some of the technology. Maybe if we were more evolved and were a kinder species, some of these beings would land and share some of their technology with us.

Here we are in the 21st century still fighting each other instead. If we knew we could be a part of the galactic family, would we rise to the occasion? Maybe we should be thinking about this because perhaps other civilizations in the Universe are waiting for us to mature.

Remember what Spock said, "Live long and prosper!" Maybe if we grow up, we'll get to do just that.



Santa Rosa Island Authority staff gathered at The Grand Marlin April 11 to bid farewell to Jayne Bell, who resigned her position as Director of Administration to accept a job in Santa Rosa County's budget department. Attending the luncheon are (left, clockwise): Development and Environmental Services Director Paolo Ghio, Melody Bolster, Maintenance Director Mason Kilgore, Robbie Loft, Executive Director Buck Lee, honoree Jayne Bell, Jamee Thompson and Finance Director Dottie Ford.

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Drop Me A Line...



Crabs: Estella Mendoza writes to the *Island Times* to ask, "Do you know when the blue crab Jubilee Day will happen this year? I understand that hundreds of crabs are all over the beach on that day."

Justin Scher: There isn't a specific day or time for a jubilee and it isn't something that can really be predicted. It is very rare for us to have one, but Mobile Bay has a "regular" occurrence. The science behind it is a low oxygen level in the water, causing crabs, shrimp and sometimes fish to pile up near the shore and on the shore. It usually happens in the summer months and in the pre-dawn hours.

Access: Where are the Beach accesses?

Cherie Graves with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of External Affairs, shared the online Florida Beach Access Guide. Has all public areas identified at <http://ca.dep.state.fl.us/mapdirect/?focus=coastalaccess>. Gives information on parking, fees and handicapped accessibility. Everyone can enjoy the beach.



Angeli McMillan submitted this photo of her son Pier McMillan, left, and Frannie Cox with a turtle they helped while Pompano Fishing off the beach past Portofino. They were fishing with sandfleas when the turtle decided to help himself to a snack. It took 15 minutes to unhook the turtle and get him safely back in the water. Pier had to hold a stick in its mouth to keep him from biting down while Cox gently removed the fishing hooks. The turtle had another hook in his lip most likely from a similar experience. The turtle swam off happy and full.

Bikers Ride Beach Roads During Tour de Cure Event

Take the ride of you life with the American Diabetes Association Gulf Coast Tour de Cure bicycle ride on Saturday, April 21 at the Andrews Institute in Gulf Breeze. The Gulf Coast Tour is one of the most scenic and breathtaking routes along Northwest Florida. 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 cheering volunteers, a post-race lunch, music, massages, fun and much more.

All festivities are at Andrews Institute in Gulf Breeze. The 62-mile course across the Pensacola Bay Bridge (3-Mile Bridge), loops through historic downtown, proceeds back across the bridge, where the 42-mile course joins them along Highway 98 through Gulf Islands National Seashore to Navarre. The 22-mile course joins the ride at Navarre Park and all will then cycle across scenic J. Earle Bowden Way, from Navarre Beach to Pensacola Beach, before returning to the Andrews Institute. But most importantly riders can cycle fast, slow or somewhere in between. Tour de Cure is a ride not a race.

Registration is \$25 per cyclist and all cyclists must raise a minimum of \$125 to participate, in addition to the registration fee.

For more information about the American Diabetes Tour de Cure Gulf Coast or diabetes, go to www.diabetes.org/tour or call (888) DIABETES (888-342-2383), 850-492-6100 or lcranford@diabetes.org.



Whether you're a regular beachgoer or sea turtle patroller, everyone can appreciate the wonderful experience of being on the beach at dawn, watching the first tendrils of color spread across the sky and the frothy surf sweeps ashore to dissolve in bubbles. As a glow continues to stretch its way across the horizon, sea turtle patrollers focus on their designated sections of the beach, scanning the shoreline for disturbances in the sand which may prove to be tracks of a female sea turtle. Any sea turtle tracks that are found are immediately identified as those of a female because once tiny hatchlings emerge from their nest and enter the water, males never come ashore again.

Five of the seven species of sea turtles in the world are found swimming in Florida's waters and nesting on Florida beaches, but it is the loggerhead, named for its large head and massive jaws, which is predominant on Pensacola Beach.

A few years ago a genetically distinct sub-population of loggerhead sea turtles was discovered in the Panhandle of Florida, identified through DNA testing. Unfortunately reports say that our smaller, unique loggerhead sub-population may be dwindling while the sub-population which nests in the southern part of our state appears to be stabilizing. Perhaps a contributory factor to our lower numbers is that the Panhandle lags behind south Florida in terms of sea turtle conservation.

Another important factor is that Escambia County remains one of the few holdouts along the coast of Florida with no lighting ordinance. While there are also a handful of counties located in the Big Bend area of the state which have no lighting ordinances, they are defined by their wetlands and lack of barrier islands; consequently, unlike Escambia County, they provide no available nesting grounds for sea turtles.

Representatives from the National Seashore and Florida Sea Grant Extension regularly hold lighting workshops to encourage local residents and businesses to learn more about sea turtle friendly lighting and even offer help in attaining grants to make changes. We have been fortunate that some of the condominiums

on Pensacola Beach have taken the initiative to make changes on their own by adopting sea turtle-friendly lighting. San Souci and Portofino Island Resort are just two of the developments which have received well-deserved recognition for their efforts, but there are others, as well as local businesses which have done the same.

When it comes to sea turtle friendly lighting, our individual efforts are just as important. Lights discourage female sea turtles from coming ashore to nest and also disorient hatchlings when they are trying to make their way into the Gulf of Mexico, so less light means a better chance of survival for endangered sea turtles. Here are some simple ways you can make a difference:

- ❖ If you live on the Gulf side, walk out on the beach at night and see what lights are visible on your property. If you have lights that are not necessary for safety, turn them off, or find a way to shield or redirect the light downward and away from the beach. But remember, even if you don't live directly on the beach, light is cumulative and will contribute to sky glow, which is simply a prettier term for light pollution.

- ❖ Use red or amber LED light bulbs, if possible. Lights in this color spectrum are less disruptive for sea turtles (and draw fewer bugs!).

- ❖ Consider placing motion sensors on outdoor or security lights and put them on the shortest time setting so they don't burn needlessly. A light which comes on suddenly can be effective security.

- ❖ Close your curtains after dark to reduce the amount of visible light reaching the beach and move indoor lighting such as lamps away from windows. This is an easy way for condo owners and vacationers to help.

- ❖ Do not use spotlights or flashlights on the beach. If you think you need one, many stores now sell small LED flashlights which come with red and amber filters which won't interfere with your night vision or disturb our sea turtles.

Let's continue to learn more about these threatened and endangered species and what we can do to increase their odds of survival! Until next time, Lights Out!

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readin' the water

Saltwater Rick appointed lady angler Terri McKamey to write his column this week.

What absolutely fantastic weather we've been having and what perfect fishing weather, too. Early morning you should be hitting the surf for those Pompano; Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle's Pompano Tourney is ongoing and everyone has been catching Pompano. They like sand fleas or shrimp and the limit is six. I've been averaging four before I have to head for work, but I can't think of a better start to the morning.

Midday to late afternoon hit the Pier for some King Mackerel action. Kelly Sharp took The Dock's Bartender Janelle with her just the other day and look at the photo on the right to see what the ladies brought home. Now you have your own fishing story to tell, Janelle.

Be careful on the Pier though, there are some serious Cobia fishermen out there right now. And, yes, Cobia season is in full swing right now. There's plenty of action both on the Pier and on the boats cruising up and down the Gulf all day. Pensacola Beach Pier is offering a \$5,000 prize to the largest King and the largest Cobia caught, so everyone has been fishing hard.

Late afternoon I've been heading either to Fort Pickens or out to Perdido Key where a few Reds have been hitting. I have

been getting the first Spanish and some Whiting, too. Another fisherman pulled in a Black Tip right down from me.

So morning, noon or night we've been having some great

fishing weather and great fishing. What a perfect place we call home. So what are you waiting for? Grab a kid and go fishing! And Saltwater Rick get better quick. We miss you.



Kelly Sharp



Janelle

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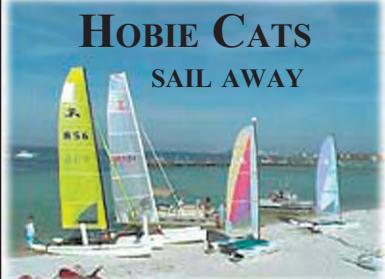


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Good Going Bro! Kim Schmitz submitted this photo of her brother, Donnie Schmitz. He reeled in his first Redfish of the season while fishing on the beach near Fort Pickens. Kim takes credit for giving him a few fishing tips.

TOURNEY TIME

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