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## Beach Celebrates Mom with Music This Weekend

BonFireJam May 12

Symphony by the Sea May 13



Joe Lewis is the high octane owner of a nationally recognized event production and design company with offices in Los Angeles, and clients circling the globe. Whether he is headed to New York or Nashville, his travel plans always include a monthly stop-over in Pensacola, so he can see his mom, Mary. Lewis is a locally grown product and loves Northwest Florida. So, he is pouring his energy and talents into BonFireJam-Pensacola Beach which will transform the Casino Beach into a Gulf front concert arena, Saturday, May 12. One of country music's superstars Ronnie Dunn will headline the event. And, Mary will be in the front row, applauding the talent of her own family's superstar, her son Joe. For more on the concert, turn to page two.

# Listen To The Band with Your Toes in the Sand

It's the stuff that memories are made of - a star studded concert presented beachside on Mother's Day weekend. The first ever BonFireJam-Pensacola Beach premiers Saturday, May 12 at Casino Beach. The event is created and produced by the Joe Lewis Company in conjunction with the Santa Rosa Island Authority. The concert site, which stretches from the Gulf-side Pavilion down to the sugar white sands, will open at 11 a.m. Bring your mom, put your toes in the sand and let the music work its magic.

Guests, who have general admission tickets, may bring beach chairs and blankets to claim their place on the sand for a day and night of good music. No coolers, umbrellas or tents are allowed, but concert-goers should bring their cameras.

"We will have staff stationed at each seating area throughout the event," said Sunny Moulder, BonFireJam director of operations. "You should be able to set up your beach chairs and enjoy a short walk to beach businesses to have lunch and shop."

BonFireJammers are free to come and go from the concert site, after they receive their wristbands. Promoters encourage the support of the entire Beach.

"We want the community to prosper," said BonFireJam promoter Joe Lewis. "It should be a great day for Pensacola Beach."

Lewis, who was raised in Santa Rosa County, has produced events nationwide, but wants to give back to this area. The Joe Lewis Company founded BonFireJam in Chumuckla, and a non-profit Big Dreams which provides computers to college bound local students.

And, it's not necessary to purchase a ticket to enjoy the BonFireJam stars. To whet your

music appetite, Josh Thompson will play an acoustic set at the Boardwalk Amphitheatre at noon on Saturday. There is no charge for the performance. Thompson will later perform at the BonFireJam stage beginning at 6 p.m. treating fans to hits like Way Out Here.

The food concessions open at 2:30 p.m. with everything from pizza to red beans and rice. Surf Burger will be among the beach businesses ready to serve you. There's plenty of time to enjoy a famous Big Kahuna burger with a cold beer before the opening ceremonies at 3 p.m. The Beer Garden will have an abundance of cold drinks, including wine and frozen specialty cocktails. Soft drinks and bottled water will be available.

Bring a few dollars to purchase a BonFireJam concert t-shirt, a souvenir from the first ever Beach event. Guests can support the local efforts of the Marine Aviation Memorial Tower fundraiser by visiting their kiosk at the concert. They will have items for sale.

As always, Santa Rosa Island Safety Director Bob West and his team have measures in place for the large crowds. Ample security, and emergency medical teams will be on hand. The Gulf will be closed to swimming at some point during the day because of the concert. Boats must stay at least 150 yards offshore.

Visit the Santa Rosa Medical Center's "Block The Sun, Not The Fun" tent to get sun protection. They will have complimentary sunscreen and lip balm. Information on heat safety will be available.

Freebies could be yours. The BonFireJam Social Media Team will be real time live and lively with non-stop posts on Facebook. Keep your eye on the fan site for prizes like t-shirts and CDs. A few lucky fans will get their tickets upgraded into

the VIP section.

"I would not be surprised to see someone win a backstage tour," said Molder. "Lots of surprises for our guests."

Hold on to your beach blanket for the mid-afternoon star spangled opening ceremonies.

"BonFireJam salutes everything that is great about this country, from music to mom to the military" said Molder. "So, we will kick off at 3 p.m. with the presentation of colors by the United States Navy, a quartet singing the National Anthem, and the Pledge of Allegiance."

From that point forward, Pensacola Beach will be concert-central. Sunny Sweeney will wow the audience with her gritty Country hits beginning at 3:30 p.m. Brett Eldredge follows at 4:45 with Josh Thompson beginning at 6 p.m. Then it's time to raft up and party with Craig Morgan whose 14 top ten hits include Redneck Yacht Club. When he's not recording music like his most recent, This Ole Boy, you can see him on his reality television series on the Outdoor Channel.

The headliner Ronnie Dunn's story from his website is

one of inspiration. For 20 years, Dunn was extremely proud and thankful to be a big part of the single most successful duo in country music history -- and one of the most popular performing acts in recent music history. "When my musical partnership with Kix happened, lightning just struck," said Dunn. "All of a sudden, all that success took us both by surprise, and away we went. It's like we created these two characters, and we just took off on the rocket together, and kept going."

Brooks & Dunn's remarkable rocket ride would ultimately result in more than 30 million albums sold, countless crowd-pleasing stadium and arena shows and multiple CMA Awards, ACM Awards, GRAMMYS, CMT Awards, People's Choice Awards, Billboard Music Awards and American Music Awards.

"Kix and I were very honored in so many ways," says Dunn. "We didn't just accomplish everything we dreamed of as a duo. We accomplished a lot more than we ever expected. I have absolutely no complaints and no regrets."

When Brooks & Dunn decided to hang up their boots while they were still on top -- ultimately playing their very last show together on September 2, 2010 -- Dunn finally had the time to call upon all his skills as one of music's finest voices and storytellers to tell his own story in a way he's never done before.

His latest accomplishment, his album "Ronnie Dunn," showcases his story with songs "Singer in a Cowboy Band" and "Let the Cowboy Rock" and the mariachi-flavored "How Far to Waco" -- and more intimate and romantic ballads like "Last Love I'm Tryin'" and "I Don't Dance."

So, get BonFired up and let the Cowboy rock, Pensacola Beach.

A full day of entertainment for a small price. Tickets are as low at \$37.50 for general admission. There are premium reserved and Jam Box packages for sale. Boot scoot boogie over to [www.bonfirejam.com](http://www.bonfirejam.com), or buy tickets at the door.

Super stars on a waterfront stage, the rhythm of the lapping waves, gentle island breezes, and toes in the sand -- memories in the making.



Ronnie Dunn



Craig Morgan



Josh Thompson



Brett Eldredge



Sunny Sweeney

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### BonFireJam Concert Line Up

11 AM Gates Open • 3 PM Opening Ceremonies

3:30 Sunny Sweeney

4:45 Brett Eldredge

6:00 Josh Thompson

7:30 Craig Morgan

9:15 Ronnie Dunn

# Forever...Barefoot on the Beach

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

The Islander Newspaper – May 3, 1983

It's been a long time since anyone has given me a mudpie. In the sophisticated world of teenager and college, I would not, in my wildest dreams, have ever thought I would consider a mudpie a precious offering. But, that was before my daughters were born. For what does a little girl who is virtually penniless and out of work give her mother for Mother's Day? Well, let me tell you, beginning with the mudpie. I've had some dillies.

At one point, I felt like Grauman's Chinese Theatre. I had more little gold handprints in paper pie plates than you can believe. My kids loved sticking their palms in wet plaster of Paris, and after the tiny hand was imprinted forever, they got

to spray the thing with gilt paint, glue it on a paper plate, put a ribbon on the back, and the teacher penned a little poem about "growing." They went through this procedure in the name of loving their mother, for years!

And after the plaster of Paris stage, they entered the crayon and paper era. On Mother's Day, I would receive huge misshapen hearts with laboriously penciled sentiments... "My mother has brown hair. She looks like a grizzly bear."

I got snowflakes and panda bears and a round white piece of paper that looked like a ghost with measles. "Mommie, it's a chocolate chip cookie. I made it for you for Mother's Day."

The only other paper gifts I can truly remember were the jewelry creations. Necklaces and

bracelets made from colored bits of drinking straws threaded on heavy cord. I wore lots of drinking straw necklaces as I danced around the kitchen.

Tin followed paper. A note pinned to a shirt usually arrived a week before Mother's Day – "Please send an empty tin can with the label off. Be sure it is clean and free from dangerous sharp edges."

So, I cleaned up a can, tucked it into a little bag, and away it went to school. A week later it came back to me, wrapped in red construction paper. The once clean can was now decorated with practically everything from Mardi Gras beads to old goose feathers. "But, Mom, it's to put your pencils in on your desk."

Well, that purpose beats

flowers on the dining room table.

And then, as the "big sister" grew reliable enough to take the little ones to the quick grocery, they "bought" my gifts. They saved their money from treats (that always made me feel like running into the bedroom to cry!) and they bought me lollipops, stick candy, and grape bubble gum. "Big Sister" usually wrapped this treasure in a paper napkin and tied it with some yarn, and they worked on a greeting card. Grandly, they presented this sweet gift to me and I blew a few purple bubbles just to show them how pleased I was with their selection. And I can see those little girls still... sitting on the carpet, their eyes glowing with love and sparkling with excitement, anticipating my

dramatic reaction to this gift, the fruit of weeks of saving nickels and dimes.

The years go by and the Mother's Day gift changes. A bottle of perfume which I felt I could not afford for myself...an emerald in a gold filigree mounting (which I knew I could not afford)...preppie shirts...a calculator...orchids...an antique... such magnificent gifts, chosen by some pretty nice kids. They still sit on the carpet in front of me as I open their beautiful gifts on Mother's Day...oh yes, the presents have changed, but the wrapping have remained the same for years. For still, as way back to the very first mudpie, my Mother's Day gifts are wrapped in pure, unselfish, untarnished LOVE...

## Symphony Performs For Mom At Gulfside Pavilion

The Santa Rosa Island Authority will present a special Mother's Day concert, "Symphony by the Sea," at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at the Casino Beach Gulfside Pavilion on Pensacola Beach.

Performed by the Pensacola Symphony, under the direction of Music Director Peter Rubardt, the 78-minute program will be

composed of pieces such as "Disney Magic" and the "Flying Theme from ET", as well as "The Sound of Music" and "Cowboys Overture."

The concert is free, a gift to you from the Santa Rosa Island Authority. Bring a beach chair or blanket, and treat your entire family to this exceptional evening performance. Beach businesses

will be open for dining before, during and after the concert.

Beach resident Dr. Thomas Campanella, who serves on the SRIA board, will introduce the Symphony.

The SRIA also sponsors the Bands on the Beach concert series each Tuesday at the Pavilion from 7-9 p.m. For more information, [www.visitpensacolabeach.com](http://www.visitpensacolabeach.com)



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# PEOPLE

## HORSE SENSE

Harry Moore bid 'em up at the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club's Run for the Roses party May 5 at Santa Rosa Dunes. The hosts give guests a chance to own a Derby horse in a flurry of bidding and boasting. Harry claimed ownership of the long shot, I'll Have Another, during the charity event, and galloped into the winner's circle. Proceeds from the event were donated to the Beach school.

## WEDDING BELLS

Scott Luebecke has captured the heart and hand of pretty Darla Richardson. He had to be quick because Darla is a busy gal. She is a former Mardi Gras queen, and is the ongoing volunteer coordinator for the Northwest Florida Blood Drives on the Beach, in her spare time. Friends and family will gather on the white sands of Pensacola Beach to hear the couple say "I do" on Saturday, June 9. After a honeymoon on a Carnival Cruise Lines, Scott and Darla who are both registered nurses, will reside in Milton.

## BIG BELL

Dave Glassman was among the retired Marine officers who escorted the Marine Aviation Memorial Tower Bell to Pensacola. It was created in Ohio and arrived in Pensacola with much fanfare on April 28. The Shaker and Bamboo Willie's will host fundraisers this weekend for the Tower. The bell will be transported to Veterans Memorial Park on May 27 for the groundbreaking event immediately following the Memorial Day ceremony, which starts at 1 p.m.

## SUNNY SIDE UP

Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms on Pensacola Beach, particularly those who have to work on Sunday, May 13. Bon-FireJam's Sunny Molder says her two boys will have to wait until the concert is over and the site is clear before she can celebrate. She admits it might be Tuesday before she can slow down.

## PURR-FECT MOM

Nikki Adams, the always smiling sales clerk at Island Style, has been adopted by a newborn kitten. It's feline mom was nowhere to be found, so she is the stand in. She's feeding the tiny kitten with a baby bottle. The black and white little fur ball sleeps most of the time, but should be perking up soon.

## BULLISH BIRTHDAYS

Melanie Waite and Robert Turpin share more than an intense love for the environment, particularly the water. They share May 5 as their birthday. Melanie, a retired school teacher, is a long serving volunteer turtle patroller and advocate. Robert is the top guy at the Escambia County division of Marine Resources.

Mary Jo Tibbits is a steward of a much different species of animal. She is the treasurer of the Krewe of Bananimals. They erupted in cheers for Mary Jo at their May 6 meeting at the Sandbar, which is her birthday. She keeps track of their money, so they can continue their efforts to support the Santa Rosa Kid's House and the Pensacola Humane Society, among other charities.

## MAILBOX MAELSTROM

Beach resident Glenn Windham reports that a manatee mailbox on Ariola Drive has been vandalized. He mentioned a dolphin mailbox located on the Gulf front street has been clobbered as well. The manatee mailbox is a favorite of the Beach's elementary school children, since it is located right around the corner from the campus. Get well, Mr. Manatee.

## FAST FIESTA FEMALES

Pensacola Beach's Patsy Mellin won first place in her division in the Fiesta of Five Flags 10K race, May 5. Her time was 29:42. Mary Samaras, Beverly Boege and Cecelia McAdams each brought home a silver medal in the 5K distance in their respective age groups. Humane Society Volunteer coordinator Monie Russo walked her way to first place in the 5K distance. Hope her four legged friends can keep up with her.

## JAZZ IT UP

Shelia Speirs was in New Orleans kicking up her heels at Jazz Fest. She and husband Steve, who live on Via de Luna, had a jubilant celebration to toast Sheila's returning health. Sheila says thanks and keep the prayers coming.

## NAVARRE ESCAPE

The Gibson family has some serious celebrating to do while enjoying a Navarre Beach condo. Jeanne and Bubba will celebrate their fifty-first wedding anniversary, May 13, while Gwen and Danah will toast Mom Jeanne. The festivities turn to birthday wishes for Gwen on May 14. What fun!

# Trivia

The Trivia Master heard from two Chucks and a bona fide treasure hunter, but Big Bob Dority was the first one to unearth the correct answer to the last question. He knew that the Fiesta of Five Flags organization's Treasure Hunt prize awarded in the summer of 1959 was a Pensacola Beach house. Bob adds to his *Island Times* shirt collection. He is the height of beach couture.

Whitney Fike, Fiesta's marketing coordinator officially and with authority confirmed the facts. "The first treasure hunt was 1951 and the first prize was \$300 in silver coins buried in a chest in the sand," she said. "In 1959 there was a beach house given away at 717 Rio Vista, it was part of the Quadracentennial Celebration."

Currently, 717 Rio Vista is owned by Dr. Carl Speer and his wife Pam. Beach kids all know Pam from her time as a teacher at the Beach School.

The Knights of the Trivia Roundtable scoffed at the easy question.

"Chivalry is not dead! Ladies, first," demanded Lady Kim Schmitz as her answer came smoking in at lightning speed. "A beach house!"

She was followed by Sir

Offshore Chuck Brower and Sir Morrie Drees.

Chuck Steel, the illustrious publisher of the underground beach-zine, *The Sandspur*, dug into his memory and sent this, "a tax free residential lot on Pensacola Beach." The Trivia Master tips his hat to the political undertones of his almost accurate answer.

Then up from his Via de Luna office pops Southern Resorts' Ron Wilson. He recalled the prize was a parcel of land on the Beach. Not exactly, but 1959 was before his time. He humbly admitted that he is a former Treasure Hunt winner.

"I actually found the Treasure in 1976 down at Ranger Point," he wrote. "It was \$2,000. Quite a bit of money in 1976. I was an 18-year-old beach rat; my buddy, who was with me, was 17. It was buried just east of where Portofino is now."

The Queen of Wrong Answers waved her scepter across the computer screen. Her response was, "Spanish Doubloons....perhaps, hidden at the replica of the Spanish Village then located where we now live in Santa Rosa Dunes."

Oh, Queenie polish your crown, you rule once again over the Kingdom of the Not-Quite-

Right.

Oran Baughn contacted the Trivia Master to talk about treasure hunting. He reported that while some fellows were searching for the buried treasure, they unearthed burial sites at what is now Villa Sabine, near EPA Island. He wondered if the remains had been moved. Oran, we may save that spooky discussion for our Halloween edition.

The Fiesta organizers no longer bury the treasure to discourage the public from digging holes everywhere.

Since we are digging around in the history of the island, and everyone has music on their minds, do you remember the name of the first series of free concerts that the Santa Rosa Island Authority hosted at Casino Beach on Tuesday nights? And what year did they commence?

That's right it's a two part question, and you have to submit your name and phone number with your two answers to be eligible to win a special *Island Times* t-shirt. Dance over to your computer and send your answer to [islandtimes@bellsouth.net](mailto:islandtimes@bellsouth.net) with trivia in the subject line.

Deadline to answer is May 18. *Island Times* will publish on May 25 prior to the Memorial Day weekend. Good luck.

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# Engineers Await Green Light For Development Design Near Avenida 13

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Board Vice Chairman Vernon Prather wants to be involved in each step of a potential development in the residential area of Pensacola Beach, so the approval of a task order to Baskerville-Donovan, Inc., will be delayed for two weeks. Prather during the May 9 meeting, made a request that the task order, which allows the engineering firm to prepare a cost estimate for creating a parking area between Avenida 13 and 14, be brought to a May 23 special board meeting.

Dr. Thomas Campanella, elected board member, advised Baskerville-Donovan Engineer Mike Langston that the quality of the design is important.

"This needs to be attractive to appease the people down there," he said. "Better than throwing down some Bahama rock."

Langston assured the Board that if he is assigned to design a concept it will conform to all rules of development for parking lots. The rules require landscaping.

Task orders are typically approved by staff, but the motion to bring the task order to the May 23 board meeting passed unanimously.

Escambia County Engineers Joy Blackmon and Matt Mooneyham along with Assistant County Administrator Larry Newsom appeared before the SRIA board to

discuss the toll facility upgrades and the pedicab operations.

Mooneyham assured the Board that the transition of the Bob Sikes Toll Facility would be seamless and the upgrades would increase the efficiency of the facility.

"The daily oversight, and staffing will stay the same. Transponders will be purchased at the SRIA, just like always" said Mooneyham. "The next year or two nothing will change on the outside."

Newsom told the Board his goal was to get the facility to state of the art with real time cameras accessible by staff and the general public online, a new transponder and payment system, all for the same one dollar toll. The upgrades would be paid for by \$1.4 million in the reserves.

Escambia County will officially take over the operations October 1.

It could be many months before the young entrepreneurs who want to offer pedicab service in the core area will be allowed to operate. Since the County owns the roadways, the SRIA asked for their input. Larry Newsom created a cautious plan to follow:

- SRIA and County create an agreement to contain how many companies may operate, territories and who will monitor their operations.
- An RFP for Pedicab operations be prepared, approved and advertised.

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• Contract manager be assigned at the County or SRIA.

Board member Tammy Bohannon's motion to approve this plan passed unanimously.

E.W. Bullock Associates, Romjue Advertising and Lucid Graphics made dynamic presentations in response to an RFP to provide advertising services to the Santa Rosa Island Authority. The Board narrowed the field to Bullock and Romjue, but could not reach a consensus to hire one firm. The item will be on the May 23 agenda.

Seventeen percent of the guests who signed in at the Visitors Center during April discovered Pensacola Beach through advertising, according to Maureen LaMar, the Center's manager. Numbers of visitors to the Center increased 13 percent over the previous year. Walk-in guests numbered 2055 and the staff fielded 609 phone calls and responded to 157 visitor guide mail requests.

The iconic Beach Ball water tower which has been undergoing a facelift will be complete before the Memorial Day Weekend crowds arrive according to SRIA Executive Director Buck Lee in his report.

Lee updated his board about the acreage to the east of Portofino currently deeded to the University of West Florida by

the State.

"County Attorney Alison Rogers indicated that this land deed held by the State was for UWF students and staff to be used exclusively for educational and recreational purposes. A state agency does not fall under land development review," said Lee.

The University has plans to advertise for proposals from developers interested in the land. Lee further explained that if the land is sold to a non state agency, then it would be subject to Escambia County's land development review.

Vice Chairman Vernon Prather gave his first report on the review of the structure of the Santa Rosa Island Authority during the Board Members Forum. He presented the staffing changes of the SRIA over the last three decades. He offered a proposed organizational change which would

create an assistant director to serve under the executive director and move Human Resources under the Finance Department rather than marketing.

Prather added the Leaseholders at the top of the organizational chart.

"The leaseholders are why we are here," he said. "They are who we serve."

Prather pointed out that 63 percent of the budget is spent for Public Safety and Public Works.

"Many of the services provided by these departments aren't even used by the leaseholders," said Prather. "Yet, they pay for them."

This discussion will continue and a Town Hall meeting will be scheduled for leaseholders to give input on the structure of the SRIA.

The next SRIA meeting is Wednesday, May 23 at 5 p.m. at #1 Via de Luna. It is open to the public.

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# peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis

If you've noticed a glow to the East, it's just the trail of fairy dust and lighted flowers the SOB's left in our wake. The Look-Out Lounge in Mexico Beach is still trying to figure out what exactly happened to their usually quiet, peaceful local watering hole. We're blaming it all on Cinco de Mayo and the Super Moon of 2012! One might think those poor souls had never witnessed a celebration before.

Well actually, something unusual has been witnessed. Some of the SOB's who were dancing around in the sands on Mexico Beach came across a new and startling type of sea turtle. Apparently this rare species is gently migrating between Mexico Beach and our own sugar white sand. They are hard to spot (mercy these turtles are quick) and quite possibly an endangered species. It is easily recognizable by the very distinct marking on the shell. Although these turtles are known as the Mercedes Turtle, the mark is very similar to the old hippie peace symbol that was such a rage in the 1960s and 70s. Imagine coming across one of these majestic turtles underneath a full and super moon while wearing a Sombrero and drinking Mexican Martinis!

I can't wait until DJ Zemenick and Melanie Waite (our own special turtle patrollers) catch their first sight of these rare and beautiful creatures. Keep your eyes open.

I like country music with ice cold beer on a hot summer afternoon. That means I am definitely looking forward to BonfireJam.

We've come a long way baby - from dancing in the sand in crowds of thousands to the live performances of Grace Slick and Jefferson Starship. That was back in the day when our summer wardrobe consisted of free t-shirts advertising spring break festivities.

I loved Bruce Hornsby and waited so long to see him perform that by the time he took the stage, I could only hear him. I was glued to my beach chair but the music flowed magically on the sea breeze straight to my ears and heart.

Once the concert ended, Christine Bunkie Hewerdine and I had an extremely difficult time getting her husband Lonnie off the beach. He wasn't feel-

ing so good and he kept sitting back down on the cooler despite repeated efforts to get up and walk. We were loaded down with chairs and other beach paraphernalia and I swear I am not making this up - we were the last three people on the beach and the sun was setting fast. We still had to walk along the beach from Casino Beach back to the Tiki parking lot where we had left the car. Finally in desperation I told Lonnie he had to get up because I needed a beer from the cooler. As soon as he stood up, Christine and I each grabbed a handle of the cooler and started walking quickly before he could sit back down. We just yelled back for him to follow us. Somehow he did.

I have always loved concerts on the beach and never understood why they stopped having them for such a long time. When I saw Willie Nelson standing on a stage live on Pensacola Beach, I thought I had died and gone to Heaven. He is my all-time favorite music artist although I have loved many different music genres over the course of my life. In fact, I wish I still had those old albums that were destroyed in Hurricane Opal.

As the youngest of five children, the music played in our house was predominantly based on which older sibling was in her teens.

And somehow, my Mother survived it all. I still miss her every day. How lucky are we to be mothers in paradise? We are celebrated and serenaded with a Symphony by the Sea.

But first, here's a great recipe shared by D.J. Zemenick. D.J. brought this fabulous dessert to the last Krewe of Nereids meeting and everyone wanted the recipe. D.J. was kind enough to not only share, but also point

out that this is a great recipe for little ones to help. Kids love helping out in the kitchen and they can serve this dish to Mom with great pride. And Mom's gonna need to eat before going to enjoy the free Symphony concert.

So, let's cook.....

## D.J.'s Banana Split Dessert

1 ½ Cups Honey Main Graham Cracker crumbs  
1 ¼ Cups Sugar, divided  
½ Cup (1 stick) butter, melted  
2 pkgs. (8 oz. each) Cream cheese, softened  
1 Can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained  
5 or 6 medium bananas (save 2)  
Small jar Maraschino cherries, drained  
2 Cups cold milk  
2 pkg. (4 serving size each) Jell-o Vanilla instant pudding & pie filling  
2 Cups thawed Cool Whip Topping  
1 Cup Pecans, chopped

Mix crumbs, ¼ cup sugar and butter. Press into bottom on 13X 9 inch pan. Freeze for 10 minutes.

Beat cream cheese and remaining 1 cup sugar in bowl with electric mixer until well blended. Carefully spread cream cheese mixture over crust; top with drained pineapple. Slice four of the bananas and arrange over pineapple. Randomly place cherries on top.

Pour milk into large bowl. Add dry pudding mixes and beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended. Stir in 1 cup whipped topping and spread over banana layer in pan. Top with remaining whipped topping and sprinkle with pecans. Refrigerate several hours. Just before serving, slice remaining 2 bananas and arrange over dessert. Makes 24 servings.

Enjoy, share and Happy Mother's Day! See ya at the Bonfire and the Symphony.



**DERBY DAY**  
Brenda Duke wore her pink hat adorned with spring flowers to the Pensacola Beach Optimists Run for the Roses Kentucky Derby fundraiser May 5. Santa Rosa Dunes Clubhouse was filled with fashion-minded race fans. She won second place in the Fancy Hat Contest. The proceeds from the event benefited Pensacola Beach Elementary School.

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# A Cross in the Sand

By  
Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison  
Pensacola Beach Community Church



Mother's Day, The Gift of Kindness

Mother's Day is one of the most commercialized holidays of the year in the United States, second only to Christmas. Maybe it would be good to return to its original focus – that of promoting kindness in the world. There is a story about late "Bear" Bryant famed coach of the University of Alabama. The story is that every year after about a month of practices, he would go into the locker room to talk to the players with one question; "Have you boys called your Mamas?"

After a long silence he would only say "I wish I could."

Kindness is the cornerstone of the relationship between a mother and a child. Maybe that is why the Apostle Paul writes "be kind to one another."

It seems almost without saying that being kind to our mothers is a natural thing to do. The wellbeing of a child, regardless of the age, seems to be the what you find in most mothers. It is always nice when a son or daughter shows up with a proud mother at a church service, and without exception with a great deal of pride introduce them to me. It is a form of kindness and love to be there for those who have expressed so much love.

An early commemoration of Mother's Day grew out of the pain and heartbreak of the Civil War. Mothers on both sides of this American conflict had lost sons—sons that they had carried for nine months, given birth to in pain, raised with great care and love, only to have them slaughtered on the battlefields.

Julia Ward Howe, writer of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," became so distressed by the bloody battles of the Civil War that she called on mothers to band together to protest the senselessness of their sons killing each other.

Her Mother's Day Proclamation of 1870 called for an international Mother's Day promoting peace, kindness and motherhood:

*Arise, then, women of this day!  
Arise all women who have hearts...  
Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great*

*human family can live in peace...*

*In the name of womanhood and humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed... To promote the alliance of the different nationalities, The amicable settlement of international questions, The great and general interests of peace.*

After decades of campaigning by many devoted mothers, Mother's Day was officially signed into national observance in 1914 by Woodrow Wilson, who declared the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Mothers are honored in many countries around the globe. Mothers are mothers the world over, regardless of location, culture, or religion. Mothers are nurturers and peacemakers by definition.

This Mother's Day, honor your mother by showing great kindness. That is the best gift you can give.

# Beachkeepers See Glaring Problems With Business, Residential Lights

The Beachkeepers have a few bright ideas about turtle friendly lighting practices. They shared the results of their most recent effort with the Pensacola Beach Advocates Board members at their April 30 meeting. D.J. Zemenick submitted a written report to the Board which contained the results of a lighting survey conducted by Santa Rosa Island Authority Director of Developmental Services Paolo Ghio along with Sea Grant Extension Agent Rick O'Connor, Gulf Islands Seashore Biologist Mark Nicholas and Zemenick.

"We toured the island," said Zemenick. "And here are the preliminary results. We have some problem areas, but we do have some great examples of turtle friendly lighting, too."

The report found hotels east of Casino Beach that have lighting not in compliance with turtle friendly standards. There are a number of restaurants and businesses which will be contacted with requests to change the bright white lights to amber colored bulbs during turtle nesting season.

Hotelier Marilyn Hess received high marks from the group. Her hotels, Margaritaville

and Holiday Inn Express, both on the Gulf, have turtle friendly lighting. The San Souci condominiums and the Beach Club received good reports. The new streets lights on Ft. Pickens Road were on the commendable list.

"Offending businesses and residential locations will be contacted," said Zemenick. "There is grant money available to assist lighting changes in select areas."

The owners of the proposed Observation Wheel on Pensacola Beach have made lighting concessions to protect wildlife. The Beachkeepers were instrumental in communicating the need for this with the new Beach business.

Beachkeeper Lois Hausman gave the final Recyclemania tally. The event, which had to be rescheduled to April 27, because of weather was a total success. The plans to host another Recyclemania, perhaps in October, are being considered.

"We had happy sellers and happy buyers," said Hausman. "We had some clouds but the rain did not move in until we had packed up for the day."

JJ Waters, chairman of the group, noted that Beachkeep-

ers continues to support good stewardship of the fragile island ecosystems. In upcoming meetings the group will discuss a possible lighting ordinance and education of locals and visitors about wildlife, recycling, dune preservation and eco-friendly transportation options.

In other business the board discussed:

- A survey to gather input about core area improvements. The survey will be released in the near future for citizens to share their ideas about redevelopment.

- Increasing the Membership Committee. The PBA membership numbers have steadily increased. Renewals, communication and database management will be streamlined by using a new software package. The Board is also seeking a Membership Committee Chairperson and volunteers.

Pensacola Beach Advocates is open to island leaseholders and residents and those with a business interest on Pensacola Beach. The annual dues are \$30. Membership and volunteer information is available online at [www.pbadvocates.org](http://www.pbadvocates.org).

## Historians Commemorate Civil War Anniversary Event

History buffs and fans of Fort Pickens are looking forward to the Civil War 150th Anniversary commemoration of the 1862 Confederate withdrawal from Pensacola presentation, Saturday, May 12 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Fort Pickens Auditorium.

Although the war would continue for three more grueling years, the Confederate withdrawal from Pensacola in May of 1862 marked the end of most significant Civil War activities in the Pensacola area. Join Dean De-

Bolt, West Florida History Center, University of West Florida as he shares firsthand accounts from the letters of Union and Confederate soldiers that served in Pensacola during the war. The presentation is in three parts including letters from the Florida State Militia, Union reinforcements at Fort Pickens, and Union soldiers after the Confederate withdrawal.

There is no charge for the program, but there is an \$8 park entrance fee. For more information, 850-934-2629.

### Sunday Services

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Flounder's Beach  
Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church [www.gbumc.org](http://www.gbumc.org)

Our Lady Catholic Church, 9:45 AM  
Avenida 18 /Via De Luna  
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# The Lizzard's Tongue

by elizabeth hewson

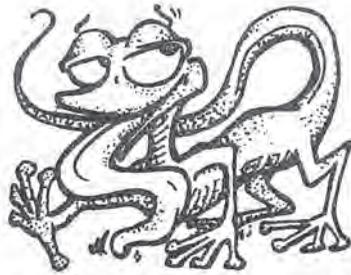
Jane Waters always used to say, "You can take the girl out of New Orleans, but you can't take the Orleanian out of the girl." I wasn't always one-hundred percent sure about what that meant, but somehow I found comfort in knowing that my Big Easy roots were with me, no matter where I lived.

Of course, it was quite easy to stay connected with the culture of New Orleans on Pensacola Beach as many of the locals were transplanted Cajuns themselves. And as the Colonel and I, traveled back and forth cross country, I brought a little of the Vieux Carré with me. There was the Mardi Gras themed bathroom in Oceanside, California, complete with a window curtain made from beads. A Zulu coconut doubled as a hand towel holder; and a portrait of Ricky Jackson, New Orleans Saints #52, stood sentry over the fleur de lis shaped soaps.

While living in the heart of Raven and Redskins territory, my family room was a tribute to the Crescent City from the white glittered wreath adorned with purple, green and gold birds to the floor rug which strategically had the tip of the fleur de lis pointing towards the Superdome. Let's face it, I gave out Mardi Gras beads at Halloween. Even now, as I prepare to move to the Beach, my friends aren't asking for my forwarding address, but for my recipe for that New Orleans sandwich that I make better known as a muffaletta.

Unfortunately, the time has come to end my ties with New Orleans as the traditions I once loved so dearly are killing me both figuratively and literally. The amateur athlete in me cannot handle another story about the Saints and their bounty program. Jane instilled upon me the love of competition and to be proud -- win, lose or draw. Of course, there is always much more fame and glory in being the best, but not if you have to cheat and lie to do it. My heart aches every morning when I read The Washington Post sports section, and there is another story with more accusations and just as many denials to what seems to be a never ending sports scandal. I've lost my Who Dat feeling.

I also just found out that I will never eat my favorite N'ahlins dessert ever again. There was nothing I enjoyed more than having a group of friends over for a huge Cajun feast followed up with homemade pralines. I suffered through the slow cooking of the roux for gumbo to the driving all over town (many different towns I might add) to find the one grocery that would special order crawfish for my etouffee with the ultimate knowledge that it would be my pralines that would leave my dinner guests validating my Creole cooking skills. There is no substitute or box mix for pralines; and the only true way to make them is to imagine yourself on an elementary school field trip to the French Quarter to the praline



shop right off the corner of Jackson Square. Turns out I am highly allergic to pecans. I can't have them in my food, in my house, or in my life ever again. They might as well be packaged with a giant skull and crossbones with the word "Poison" scrawled across.

It's possible that the Orleanian in me will never truly go away 100%, but for the most part is certainly has begun to fade. As I discussed my new identity crisis with the Colonel, he looked at me and said, "Sweetheart, obviously you misunderstood Jane. What she always told me was 'Harry, you can take the girl off of Pensacola Beach, but you will never ever take the Island out of the girl and don't even try.'"

Until next time...

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The crowd erupted with cheers when Club Sun Tanning Manager Dorothy Johnson took the stage. Johnson was a contestant in the season's first Bikini Contest at Flounder's Beach, April 29. If there had been a prize for the person who had the most fun, she would have won it according to judge and bikini watching expert Tim Spencer.

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# The School Bell Rings

## MACY WINS

Beach School grad Macy Mateer is going for the gold. She returned to the Beach from the Florida State History Fair in Tallahassee on May 5 where her project won first place. She took the top spot at the Optimist International Oratorical contest in both the school and regional levels. Macy will compete in Marianna, Florida at the district level.

## BIG VOICE

Hannah May, fifth grade student at Pensacola Beach Elementary, was awarded first place the Pensacola Beach Optimist's Oratorical Contest in March. She moved onto a region wide competition which pitted her speaking skills against middle and high school students. Hannah was unflappable and earned third place overall. She was joined on the winner's podium by Beach School alum, Macy Mateer, who won the competition.

## NEW FRIENDS

Ready to become Sandpipers at the Beach School next fall, fourteen prospective kindergartners visited Jennifer Neal's classroom on April 27.

Neal said, "Registration was super! I always have a lot of help. Mr. C (Principal Jeff Castleberry), School secretary Jennifer Magee, volunteer Shelby Smith, Computer teacher Monika Springer, my Room Mom Kari Persky to

name just a few."

Following in big sister's footsteps will be Ben O'Connell whose sister Lilly is a kindergartner. Ella Montgomery will move up to first grade and her sister Lily will enter the Beach school. Lola Belle, Jocelyn Reeves' sister will start her beach school days on August 20. Jocelyn is a third grader.

"I love teaching siblings of former students," said Neal.

There are 23 students registered for kindergarten.

## BIG KIDS

Gulf Breeze High School Seniors are cordially invited to Baccalaureate 2012 on May 31 at 6 p.m. at Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church. The Baccalaureate service is a nondenominational religious service and all are invited to attend. If you would like to read from a scripture of your choosing, sing/provide music, recite a poem or prayer, please contact Fr. Paul via his email [frpaul@stanngulfbreeze.org](mailto:frpaul@stanngulfbreeze.org).

## REMEMBER THIS

- May 12: Sunshine Math Contest
- May 24: Fifth grade trip to New Orleans
- May 28: Memorial Day, no classes
- June 5: Fifth grade promotion ceremony and party, 3:30 p.m. Our Lady's Hunt Hall
- June 6: Water Day Beach School
- June 7: Last day of school, early dismissal.



Fifth grade Beach School student Hannah May, left, and Beach School grad Macy Mateer competed in the Optimist Club Oratorical Contest. Mateer finished first, and May earned third place.

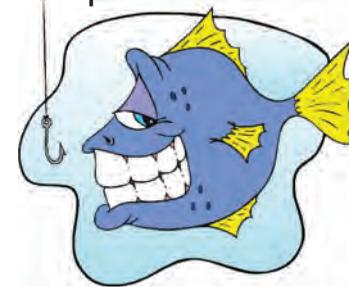


Gulf Islands National Seashore at Ft. Pickens hosted a Junior Rangers Day, April 28. Seventy youngsters participated in a variety of educational and fun programs. Six-year-old Evan Whitney, from Pensacola liked the choice of refreshments - a giant cake, served by Ranger Beckie Breeding Mims, background.



Jake Merritt, 7, left, from Berryhill, attended the Junior Rangers Day at Gulf Islands National Seashore at Ft. Pickens April 28. Ranger Steamer Lawhead was one of the leaders during the four hour event.

## Drop Me A Line...



A question came from Beach resident Charlene Meyer and her friends who live in New Hampshire, but are Pensacola Beach leaseholders. They both own RVs. They asked if RV's are allowed to park in the public parking areas.

Bob West, SRIA Safety Director, says the Escambia County ordinances prohibit overnight parking in the public lots. However, if the visitors or residents are day visitors in the public parking lots, the answer depends on size and space availability. According to West, if you can fit in one parking place you are welcome to park anywhere a car can legally park.

For the larger RVs, when they enter the Bob Sikes Toll Facility, they should be given a flyer advising them of the rules. It also gives information on overnighting at Ft. Pickens. Until the new RV Park is opened, Ft. Pickens with its 180 camping spaces, is the only place that overnight camping is allowed on the island.

The Beach deputies work closely with the Public Safety Department to accommodate the oversized vehicles.

"The Deputies work extremely well with us and, somewhat surprisingly, we actually have very few major issues with oversized vehicles," said West.

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# Treasured Trash Becomes News Archives

The quest for the oldest edition of *The Islander* Newspaper has ended. The old turns to gold for winner Diane Tyson who submitted her prized copy of the August 3, 1979 *Islander* Newspaper. It was the tenth edition of the first year. Diane's children Daphne and Michelle Roberts were on the front page, so she archived it in a storage box, only to bring the tattered pages to the *Island Times* contest. She wins \$50 cash to spend on dog biscuits for her pup or pizza for her grandkids. Congrats, Diane!

Sandy Watkins, who has served millions of drinks on the Pensacola Beach, and stitched miles of costume satin for Beach Mardi Gras krewes, took a brief leave of her senses and moved to Ashville, North Carolina. She has returned home and is our second place finisher bringing a May 19, 1981 edition of *The Islander*

to the contest. That edition was dedicated to the graduating class of '81 and has a beautiful cover photo of Melissa Skaggs, whose last name is now Overlade. Sandy promises as soon as she finishes unpacking, she will bring more memory filled newspapers to us. She takes home \$25.

Nasty John Thomas, romantic sap that he has always been, submitted a neatly folded page (not the whole paper) from the February 14, 1984 edition of *The Islander* containing a trilogy of love poems written by Donna Detoro. And, he gets high five from the publisher for donating a copy of *Sanskrit, A Collection of Pensacola Poets*. Pensacola Beach's Nan Harper was the editor of this compilation of poetry. He searched a few shoe boxes and turned up a copy of *The Pandhandler*, 1980, published by the University of West Florida's

English Department. He designed the cover art. We will keep the two non-newspaper submissions in our archives, for the sake of posterity and romance. Free beer for Nasty.

Kelli Gunter Moyer saved a copy of *The Islander* dated November 25, 1987. It had her brother Jacob and his classmates Abby Salter, Meagan Napier and Michael Connor on the cover, dressed as pilgrims and Indians. She submitted a photo copy of the front page, but we are hopeful that she will let go of the 15-year-old rag, soon. Kelli is a Beach School grad; and is currently the first grade teacher at the little school on the sand. Gift card for Kelli.

Congratulations to the winners. If you find an aging copy of *The Islander* Newspaper in its tabloid format, *Island Times* will add it to the archive. Drop us a line [islandtimes@bellsouth.net](mailto:islandtimes@bellsouth.net)



Ahoy, Matey! Members of the Pensacola Pirates Masters Swim Team competed at National Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina, April 26-29. Sally Menk, who submitted the photo noted there were 1900 swimmers in attendance. Pirates included (L to R): Bryan Baars, Kay Miller, Pensacola Beach's Ray Ascherfeld who finished in the top six in all six events he swam; Margie Stone who won all her races and set a National Record in the 50 yard breaststroke; and Bill Knisely.



Gulf Coast Kayak Fishing Tournament anglers lined up at the weigh in Saturday, April 27 at Shoreline Park South in Gulf Breeze. (L to R) Joseph Willis, Jimmy Brewer and Nick Creamer were among the 175 entries. The trio weighed in King Mackerel and Spanish Mackerel.



This 2 pound flounder earned fifth place at the Gulf Coast Kayak Fishing Tournament Saturday, April 27. It was caught by Mark Mize.



Pete Lauter was one of the first anglers to weigh his catch at Gulf Coast Kayak Fishing Tournament Saturday, April 27 at Shoreline Park South in Gulf Breeze. He had his hands full with a 5.2 pound Spanish Mackerel and 8.4 King Mackerel. He earned a top ten finish in the Offshore Slam division.



Chris Armstrong weighed in a 4.7 pound Spanish Mackerel at the Gulf Coast Kayak Fishing Tournament Saturday, April 27 at Shoreline Park South in Gulf Breeze. He finished in fourth place in that category.

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# BUSINESS BUZZ.....

## LOVE THIS BEACH

Cupid's arrow finds its way into another travel writer's heart and she fawns about Pensacola Beach. *American Profile* magazine featured America's Best Beaches Contest in their April edition. The judges were Stephen Leatherman, a coastal expert from Miami and Holly Hughes, a travel writer from New York. In the Best Sand category Hughes chose Pensacola Beach, saying it was like "spun sugar." These kinds of articles are read all over the nation, including in Winchester, Tennessee by Elna Rose Spears. Spears is SRIA Staffer Robbie Lofty's grandmother. She loves Pensacola Beach, too.

## SANDBAR BOB

Jeffrey Walton has to concentrate on his college classes, so there is a new manager at the Sabine Sandbar. Bob Sundius has taken the helm at the waterfront bar that boasts a capacity crowd on Dale's Big Deck every weekend. Stop by and say hi to Bob.

## IN CONCERT

At the urging of Robert Rinke, whose excess Portofino lease fees populate the Island Improvement Fund, the SRIA created a Concert Committee. Congrats to Rinke, along with co-chairs Vernon Prather and Beverly Campbell - the first concert, Bon-FireJam, is about to take the stage.

## OPEN INVITE

The entire island population has been invited to an Open

House at Harbortown, Thursday, May 17 at 5:30. The event, which includes refreshments and music, will give guests a chance to meet the retail, restaurant and business owners at the Gulf Breeze location. Just across from the Pensacola Beach sailfish sign.

## SHAGGY TIME

Shaggy's is opening next week and new beach residents Laura and Ron Ladner are happy hosts at the open air waterfront restaurant. Family fun - Shaggy's loves kids and kids love Shaggy's.

## CAR COUNTING

More vehicles arrived on the island Tuesday, May 1 for Bands on the Beach than in previous years. The total, 4503, was 27 percent higher than 2011. The concert which is provided at no charge to the public is produced by the Santa Rosa Island Authority and funded by the residential and commercial lease fees.

## IT'S GRAND

*Island Times* salutes the Beach businesses who supported the Military Fishing Trip, May 8. The Grand Marlin provided a big prize and honored event founder Jim Knell for his good work.

## BEST BEACH BAR

Fun people across the entire state voted for the top ten beach bars online. Paradise Bar and Grill finished third and the Sandshaker earned a top ten spot, too. Both are recognized for their laid back island personalities and authentic hospitality.

## FASTER THAN FRED

Fred Flounder will have about 1000 friends swimming the first leg of the Pensacola Beach Triathlon at 7 a.m. Saturday, May 19 behind Flounder's in Santa Rosa Sound. Spectators have a

perfect view from Flounder's Pier. Bike and run routes originate from the Casino Beach parking lot, but the post race party and awards ceremonies are back on Flounder's Beach. For more information contact Sean Gauvin

via email at multisport3@gmail.com.

## FOOD STUFFS

Mail carriers will pick up your donations of non perishable food items Saturday, May 12.

# Elk's Lodge Announces Events For Everyone

The Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge is a private club, but on many occasions they welcome the public to their waterfront location on Pensacola Beach Boulevard.

### Book Club

The Gulf Breeze Book Club will be discussing "Hitchhikers Guide To The Galaxy" by Douglas Adams Monday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Elk's Lodge.

"This book is a funny science-fiction adventure and a delight to read," said Book Club member Donna Jones. "We are a casual group that loves to welcome visitors."

Please contact Donna Jones at donnajones@hotmail.com or 932-8620 for more information.

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BY NICHOLAS YORK  
PENSACOLA BEACH, FLORIDA



*A perfect uninterrupted line stretches from the corner of my right eye to the corner of my left. Not a peak or trough visible. A semi-blotched white foreground with baby blue consuming the entire upper half of my vision. The mid section of blurred stripes of navy and teal green having an occasional appearance of bubbling strips of white and the even more rare; the dorsal fin of a dolphin. A call of some sort of bird, probably a seagull or even an osprey in the distance. Hardly another sound.*

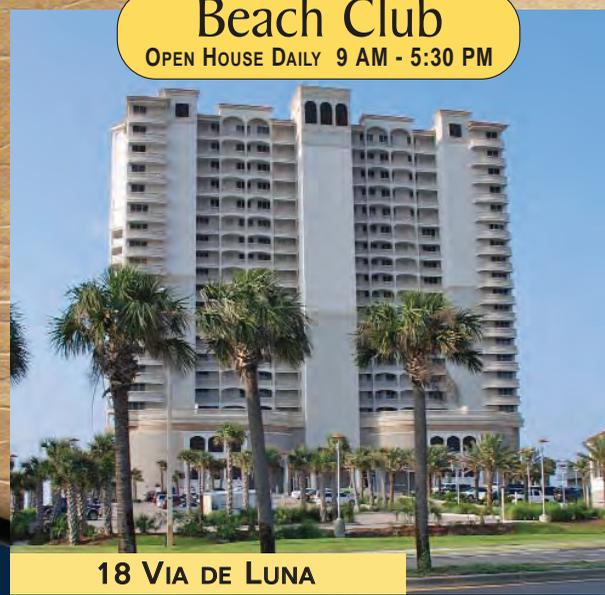
*A breeze, certainly only feeling cool because of a thin transparent layer of moisture covering my arms and chest. The only evidence to an onlooker of its presence is the slight glisten of the sunlight being reflected. Not a more perfect moment can be conjured in the mind. If there is a heaven then this is mine.*

*But it's just another unflawed morning in the life of a beach bum.*

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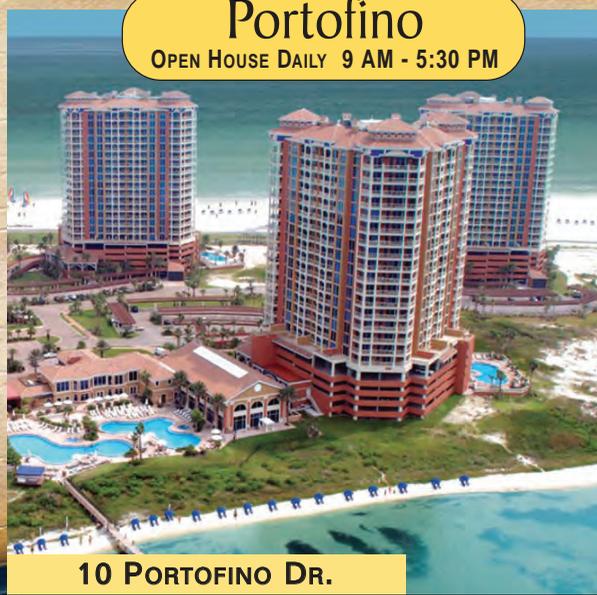
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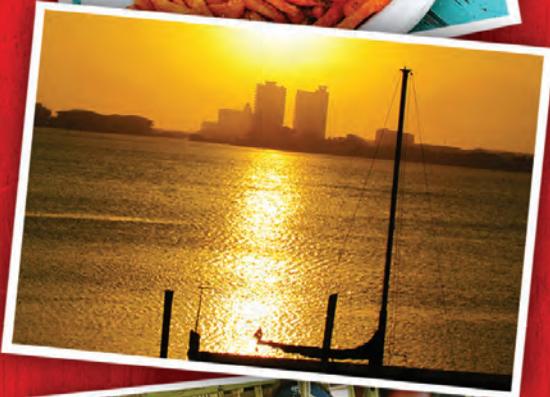
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# Seeing Stars...

*your horoscope for next week*



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A stubborn refusal to go ahead on a project mystifies colleagues who expected more flexibility. But once you explain your position, they'll understand and even applaud you.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A relationship seems to be stuck in the same place. Now it's up to you, dear Bovine, to decide how far you want it to go and how intense you want it to be. Choose well and choose soon.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A relationship progresses more slowly than you would prefer. Best advice: Insist on a frank and open discussion. What is learned could change minds and, maybe, hearts.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) It's all right to be grateful to a workplace colleague who has done you a good turn. But gratitude shouldn't be a life-long obligation. The time to break this cycle is now.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) It's going to be especially nice to be the King of the Zodiac at this time. A recent money squeeze eases. Plans start to work out, and new friends enter Your Majesty's domain.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Before you make a commitment on any level (personal, professional, legal), get all the facts. There might be hidden problems that could cause trouble later on.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Personal relationships improve. Professional prospects also brighten. A job offer could come through by month's end. An old friend seeks to make contact.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your senses detect that something is not quite right about a matter involving a workplace colleague. Best advice: Follow your keen instincts and don't get involved.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A prospect offers rewards, but it also demands that you assume a great deal of responsibility. Knowing you, you're up to the challenge, so go for it, and good luck.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A favor you did a long time ago is repaid, as a trusted colleague steps in to help you with a suddenly expanded workload. A family member has important news.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A new job offer could require moving across the country. But before you let your doubts determine your decision, learn more about the potentials involved.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your sense of fair play doesn't allow you to rush to judgment about a friend who might have betrayed you. Good! Because all the facts are not yet in.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a romantic nature that allows you to find the best in people. You would excel at poetry and drama.

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- 17 - Karaoke w/ Becky 7:30PM-11:30PM
- 18 - Posi-Tones 7:30PM-11:30PM
- 19 - Southern Breeze 7:30PM-11:30PM
- 20 - Tomato and Dennis Gossman 4PM-8PM
- 21 - Tim Morgan Live 7PM-10PM
- 22 - Jeff Johnson & Dennis Gossman 8PM-11PM
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# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Clumsy boats
- 5 Nourished
- 8 Casual eatery
- 12 Place
- 13 Parisian pal
- 14 Mimicked
- 15 Cutout fastened to a garment
- 17 Raced
- 18 Argument
- 19 Wiseacre
- 21 Emanation
- 24 Equi-
- 25 Family
- 28 Tournament format
- 30 Pump up the volume
- 33 Tear
- 34 Tell's target
- 35 Bill and —
- 36 "Uh-huh"
- 37 Repast
- 38 Charioteer's prop
- 39 Intend
- 41 Mascara site
- 43 The "Saw" series' genre
- 46 Hurl
- 50 Vicinity
- 51 Book end?
- 54 Landlord's due
- 55 Earth (Pref.)
- 56 24 cans
- 57 Speck

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- 58 Football position
- 59 Historic periods
- DOWN**
- 1 "Oh, woe!"
- 2 Ready for the picking
- 3 Retained
- 4 Muslim sovereign
- 5 Online help page
- 6 Ostrich's cousin
- 7 Conks out
- 8 Houses (Sp.)
- 9 Come near
- 10 Yard units
- 11 Whirlpool
- 16 Debtor's letters
- 20 Go for the gold?
- 22 Lasso
- 23 Shock (Var.)
- 25 Weep
- 26 Brooklyn sch.
- 27 Obvious
- 29 Singer Fitzgerald
- 31 Miss Piggy's pronoun
- 32 Old man
- 34 Bullets, e.g.
- 38 From what place?
- 40 Angry
- 42 The girl
- 43 Injury
- 44 Sandwich treat
- 45 Anger
- 47 Hebrew month
- 48 Passport endorsement
- 49 Former spouses
- 52 Corral
- 53 Spacecraft compartment

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**Green:**  
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**Purple:**  
Dangerous marine life

### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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## Calendar

- May 12
- Free Concert, Boardwalk, Noon
- BonFireJam Concert. Tickets required.
- Casino Beach. Doors open at 11 a.m.
- May 12
- SeaBuoy Race. Beach Yacht Club
- May 12
- Civil War Presentation. Ft. Pickens 6PM
- May 13
- Symphony by the Sea. Concert. 7 p.m.
- Free
- May 15
- COLORS. Holiday Inn Resort. 5-7
- May 15
- Bands on the Beach. 7-9 Gulfside Pavilion. Free.
- May 18
- Star Gaze. Ft. Pickens. \$8 to enter Park. No charge to gaze. Dusk.
- May 19
- Pensacola Beach Triathlon. 7 a.m.
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- May 19
- Beach Mayor Bob's 85th Birthday Bash. Sandshaker. 3 pm. No charge
- May 19
- Queen of Kings Fishing Tournament
- Weigh In Paradise. No charge.
- May 20
- Fiesta of Five Flags Sandsculpture Contest, 2 p.m. Casino Beach. No charge to enter or cheer
- May 20
- Elk's Lodge BINGO. Open to public, 6
- May 22
- Bookmobile at Casino Beach, 10:30 am
- May 22
- Bands on the Beach. 7-9 Gulfside Pavilion. Free.
- May 23
- Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting. 5 pm. Open to public. #1 Via de Luna
- May 25
- Star Gaze, Casino Beach. No Charge.
- May 26
- Star Gaze, Casino Beach. No Charge.
- May 28
- Memorial Day
- May 29
- Bands on the Beach. 7-9 Gulfside Pavilion. Free.
- June 1
- First Friday, Boardwalk. 5:30 to 7:30.
- June 2
- DeLuna Landing at Boardwalk, 3 pm
- June 2
- Island Fights. MMA. Hilton. Ticket required.
- June 2
- National Trails Day, Ft. Pickens. 7 pm
- June 13
- Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting. 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna. Open to the Public.
- June 22
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- June 23-24
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# Mostly NUTS

By Candace Segar & Marilyn Ott

This is dedicated to all the beautiful Mothers in my life!

There are some people in our lives who are unsung heroes. There are some women in our lives who are not biological mothers, but are mothers in the highest regard. This is a story about Amy R. Juengling who was a hero to the women's movement and a mother figure to many children throughout her lifetime. Juengling was born in a time when women had few rights by today's standards including no right to vote. Juengling wanted to be a medical doctor, but due to circumstances beyond her control, this didn't happen. Instead she became a champion of women's and children's rights.

Amy Junegling lived in Eden, New York and joined the suffragette movement marching with other women into Washington, D.C. Some of the women were arrested, thrown into jail, beaten and tortured. She was one of those women. When Junegling was released, she was given a pin representing her commitment to women's rights. The pin resides to this day with her niece, Dorothy Smith in Eden, New York.

It is important to note that on August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was passed stating the following: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex." We

have those women to thank, many of them mothers, for risking their lives to secure our right to vote.

Now with this major accomplishment behind her Amy R. Juengling ran for a seat in the House of Representatives in the 42nd Congressional District of New York in 1924. Her party affiliation was Socialist. She earned 2,778 votes losing to James M. Mead (Democrat) who had 28,152 votes.

This did little to dampen her spirits. She next put her energies and intellect into helping children gain a proper education using the Montessori technique. In order to continue helping children, she decided to purchase her parents home which was next to her house. With this added space she opened up the Daffodil Home which was a day care center with a twist. Children could stay day and night and were well cared for in this environment. One night a father dropped off his kids because his wife had become chronically ill. The girl and boy never returned home. When they left the Daffodil House, they went on to college. The boy later became a doctor. That was the kind of



Amy R. Juengling, 1924

impact and influence Juengling had on children.

I thought I would end this story with a quote from Amy Juengling's campaign: "Let us have full recognition and participation of women with men in our government and co-operate to solve the problems of the home, of children, of food, and the affairs of government."

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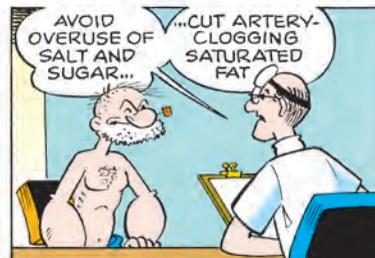
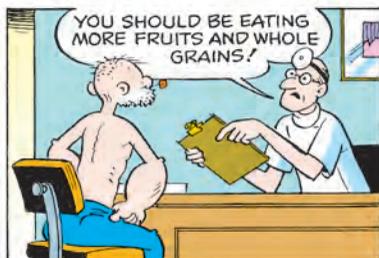
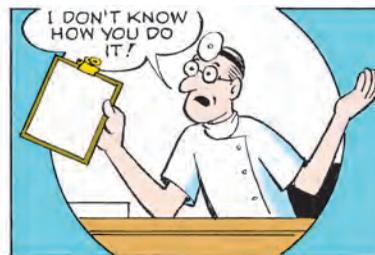
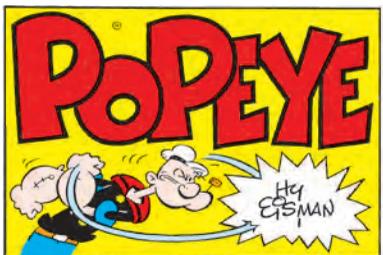
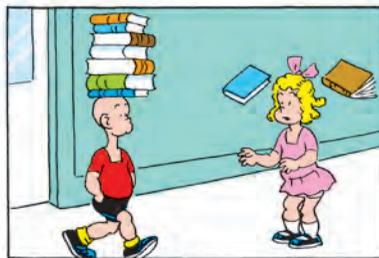
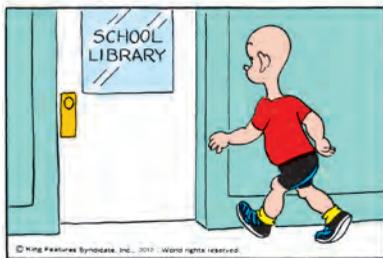
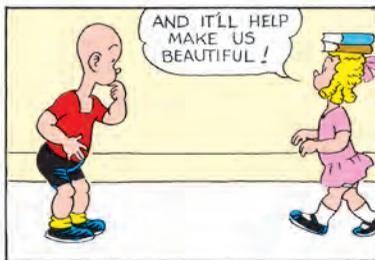
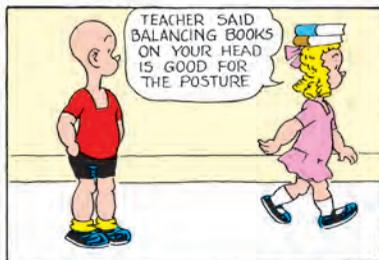
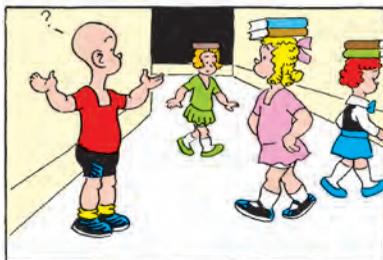
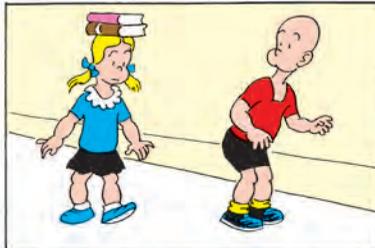
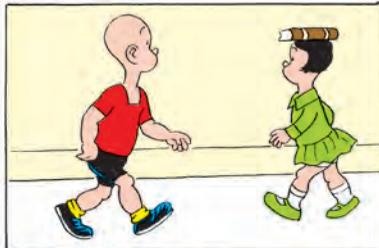
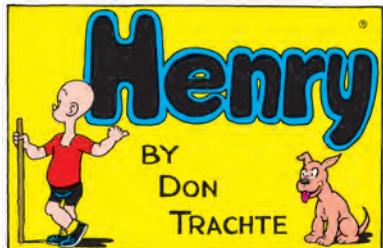
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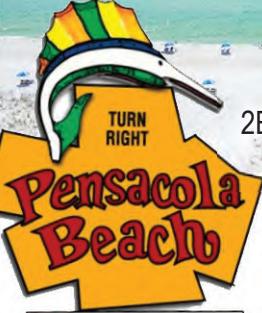
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**Yancy Spencer III Memorial Paddle Out**

Surfers gathered on Pensacola Beach, west of the Pier, Saturday, May 5 at 10 a.m. for a paddle out to honor Yancy Spencer III, who passed away last year. After ceremonies on the shore, attendees paddled out, and placed flowers in the water. A lone dolphin swam nearby. The event was in conjunction with a Surf Contest, which has been rescheduled for May 19.



Innerlight's JB Schluter stands near the photo of Yancy Spencer greeting surfers prior to the paddle out.



Pensacola Beach resident and long time surfer Freddy Esposito makes his way out in the Gulf.



Yancy Spencer, IV, rides a wave into the beach after the paddle out honoring his father.



Mark Anderson arrives at the memorial, ready to pay his respects.



JB Schuller, left, accompanies his sister-in-law Lydia Spencer, Yancy's widow, to the Beach after the memorial paddle out.



A female loggerhead swims along the shoreline, patiently waiting for darkness to settle around the dunes, signaling it is safe for her to come ashore. Many years ago she emerged from a nest on this very beach. She had been a tiny hatchling then, barely weighing an ounce. Now, a young adult and ready to lay her first nest, weighs almost 200 pounds, but still far shy of the 350-400 pounds she may be someday.

It takes twenty years for a loggerhead to reach sexual maturity, so perhaps she hatched in the summer of 1992; the very same summer Gulf Islands National Seashore initiated their new sea turtle program. The small group of Park employees and volunteers were eager to participate and be among the first to discover a sea turtle nest that year. They were also excited at the possibility of observing what was known as a "boil," something that many had only read about: the moment when a hundred or so hatchlings come spilling out of their nest in a burst of energy, escaping the dark, cramped area which confined them.

That summer and each summer since, patrollers have surveyed the beach for large tracks which lead them to new nests and checked for signs of predation around those being monitored. Nests that are well placed on the shore and positioned high above the tide line are generally safe, except during storms; therefore they do not have to be relocated. Those likely to wash out may be moved to higher ground, but under time constraints. An embryo, which attaches to the inner membrane of its egg within hours of being laid, can be destroyed by rotation or any jostling. Relocation is a very delicate process.

Approximately sixty days after discovering a nest, patrollers will hear the first faint sounds of tiny flippers scratching. At last, the hatchlings are poised just below the surface, resting and waiting for the sand to cool as the night temperature drops. It is signal they instinctively recognize; time to make their final push above ground.

Nest-sitters, meanwhile, have smoothed out ruts and swept aside clumps of seaweed between the nest and the Gulf. The deep, angled tunnels created by ghost

crabs have been filled in with sand. Crafty crustaceans which once found hatchlings easy prey, now find themselves hindered from making a meal of the tiny turtles. Everything possible is done to keep the endangered hatchlings safe as they run a dangerous gauntlet from their nest to the sea, their true home.

Years later, a female hatchling which defies the odds and survives to adulthood will return to her natal beach to lay nests of her own. The grace and fluidity of motion she displays in the sea will fall away when she comes ashore. Gravity weighs heavy on her body as she slowly pulls herself onto the beach. Once she finds a spot that satisfies her, she uses her front flippers to scoop out a body pit, and then uses her hind flippers to dig out an egg chamber. She lays her leathery eggs and covers them deeply in the sand to disguise, protect, and keep them warm, for once she is finished, she will never return to the nest again. For the next 60 days, except for the watchful eye of patrollers and sitters, the nest is left on its own. At the end of that time, the tiny creatures break free of their shells, only to spend the first days of their lives buried alive, struggling upward, propelled by a primal urge to reach the sea.

Twenty years of sea turtle of conservation; how much difference have we made? Will we see an uptick in nests again this year? Have our actions helped increase the number of those who survive to adulthood? We may soon have some answers, but regardless, we will still be waiting to help those that return.

► For up to two weeks after breaking through the shell, a hatchling subsists on a small amount of yolk sac which it has internalized from its egg. It is what nourishes them during their dig to the surface and the days that follow in a "swim frenzy" as their instincts make them frantic to reach deeper water where they are less vulnerable to predators.

► The sex of a sea turtle embryo is determined by the temperature during incubation. Cooler temps produce more males and warmer temps produce more females. Use the phrase "Cool dudes/Hot chicks" to help you remember.

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# readin' the water

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

Just another beautiful day in paradise and it looks like it's going to be a great month. Congrats to D Wall on his Cobia catch. So far he is still the man to beat on the Gulf Pier.

The Spanish and King Mackerel are really starting to come in. You just have to love this weather; it's been just great for fishing.

May has arrived with great shallow water fishing. The Trout bite is on fire with the in-coming tide, and if you like night fishing, word has it that big Trout are crushing live and artificial shrimp on the dock lights

In Pensacola Bay, Spanish Mackerel are thick along with Bluefish and Skipjacks. In Pensacola Pass you can still catch a few Redfish from time to time using both live and artificials.

Just off our beaches near the surf, Jack Crevalle are still around as are schools of Reds; you just have to cruise near the sand bars looking for the schools.

Perdido Key is the place if you want Pompano and Whiting. Early morning is the time to hit this beautiful stretch of beach; no crowds and the fishing is hot, hot, hot.

For Specks try the grass flats early morning. I had a lot

of short strikes and the fish were a bit sluggish, maybe they were feeding during that bright moon all night. Anyway, I landed ten to twelve in the seventeen to twenty two inch range.

Amberjack are starting to bite now as are both Triggerfish and White and Red Snapper (don't touch these guys, not yet; the 2012 recreational Red Snapper season in Gulf of Mexico state waters will be June 1 through July 10, a total of 40 days).

Gulf Red Snapper stocks are rebuilding their numbers, but the stock needs higher numbers of older fish to be sustainable. Red Snapper are estimated to live more than 50 years, but most fish in the current stock are only a few years old. Older fish are the key to rebuilding the population because older female Red Snapper produce more eggs than younger females. Shortening the fishing season in Gulf state waters and maintaining consistency with the federal season will help continue to rebuild Red Snapper populations so that more Red Snapper fishing opportunities will be possible in the future.

The month of May will be great for fishing. So what are you guys waiting for? Grab a kid (and your Mom) and go fishing!



Paradise Bar and Grill's Cobia Phobia Tournament winner Brianne Stanley, left, with her 40.05 pound fish at the weigh-in Sunday, April 29. Photo right: Gulf Breeze High School ninth grader Zac Taylor brought a 13.3 pound Cobia to the Paradise dock on Saturday, April 28. Both anglers fished aboard the See Ya Later II.

## Pomp Anglers Battle For Bigger Bite

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