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## Woman's Club Fashionistas Get Runway Ready



The stage is set. The models are ready. The Pensacola Beach Woman's Club Luck of the Island Fashion Show Extravaganza Committee have previewed the couture collections and are preparing to send their top models down the runway Thursday, March 13 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption's Hunt Hall. International Boutique manager Eileen Mathis, left, and Boutique Owner Margaret Araujo, right, are providing professional guidance to (L to R): Pensacola Beach Woman's Club President Mary Ann Claus, Fashion Show Event Chairman Frankie Roy and Model Coordinator Lynda Knell. The Fashion Show Extravaganza is the annual fundraiser and proceeds are distributed to local organizations. The Woman's Club has been setting trends on Pensacola Beach since 1954. For more on their story, turn to page 2.

# Fashioning Friendships For Sixty Years

Friendship never goes out of style. For sixty years, the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club members have been stylish, fashionable and trend setters with their dress, their hospitality and their steady stewardship of the Beach's oldest civic organization.

Unlike many groups, who fundraise year round, the Club has a local charitable giving campaign which they support with a single fundraiser. They place a great deal of focus and effort into the annual program. Whether it's a card party or some other event, the Woman's Clubbers put on a tremendous show.

This year's Luck of the Irish Fashion Show Extravaganza is Thursday, March 13 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption's Hunt Hall. Tickets, which include a catered lunch, are available for \$25. There will be a silent auction, a wine and liquor gift basket raffle and a 50/50 drawing.

The fashion show will be the focus of the event. Top models include Chrissy Cook, Melba Argentine, Carleen Wheeler, Patty Kattner, Cheryl Collier, Gayle Crume, Ebba Dampier, Jane McGrath, Marilyn McDonald, Janet Penniman, Shelby Smith, Carol Ascherfeld and Rhonda Dorfman. The models will be strutting their stuff on the runway, coached by Lynda Knell and clothed in fashions provided by International Boutique.

Boutique owner Margaret Araujo gave the basics for fashion-minded gals.

"Your clothes should make you feel good," she said with a smile. "Clothes that fit properly and match your style are very important."

"Wipe away the notion that all must be long legged, super thin super models to look good in today's fashions. At our bou-

tique we take pride in the lasting relationships that we form with our customers, who are all ages and sizes," she adds.

Araujo and her staff look forward to getting the Woman's Club models runway ready.

The Woman's Clubbers have been trend setters for decades on the beach. It was somewhat unusual in 1954 for a women's group to form, and impact their community immediately and forever. The Pensacola Beach Woman's Club did just that.

The focus of the new club was for women to become better acquainted, serve the community, welcome newcomers, and to promote friendships between Gulf Breeze and Beach residents.



**Pensacola Beach Woman's Club board members Lil Kamphuis, left, and Jeanette Beam, hold the Clubhouse deed which they prepare to deliver to the Beach Community Church deacons in 1982.**

*This vintage photo was taken by Liz Waters and has suffered some hurricane damage.*

They envisioned a clubhouse to serve as a community center for the entire beach. The Woman's Clubbers marched down to the local bank and requested a loan to build a clubhouse on a barrier island. With their \$12,000 loan, they constructed a sturdy cinder block structure. They re-

tired the loan in 1968, then upgraded their building to include air conditioning. During 1977, the Clubhouse was used for the first Beach Church services, and finally, in 1982 the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club deeded the original clubhouse to the Beach Community Church with the stipulation that it always be available to the community for meetings and to serve the public.

The congregation grew and a sanctuary was built, but the original clubhouse continued to serve as a community meeting hall where the Woman's Club gathered each month. It was the site for children's activities, residents meetings and the beach's polling place. It was truly one of Pensacola Beach's most important buildings, the center of a community, rather than merely a community center.

Mother Nature injured the structure over many years, and eventually the little block structure was razed. The clubhouse was gone, but the Club was stronger than ever. Reaching out to those in need, the ladies have made monetary donations to Pensacola Beach Elementary School, Favor House, Pensacola Beach Junior Lifeguards, Pensacola Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Pensacola Beach Community Church and Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church. The list goes on.

The Woman's Club members donate their time as a

volunteer corps on the Beach. They have standing gigs with the Krewe of Wrecks at the Red Beans and Rice Luncheon and with the Beach Chamber of Commerce at the Polar Bear Plunge and Taste of the Beach. They participate in the Beach parades, school events and provide a strong support network for their membership.

Meetings, which are held on the third Thursday, are a cross between a learning symposium and a party. Tables sparkle with decorations and lunch is served. The well-coifed members arrive and greet each other with gusto. A guest speaker presents a pro-

gram after the Club's business announcements are made. Wine flows and birthday wishes are shared. Guests are treated like friends and friends are cherished.

Not much has changed over the sixty years, but not much needed to. The Pensacola Beach Woman's Club was chartered to create friendships and serve the community – timeless standards which never go out of style.

The stylish ladies of the Woman's Club encourage all to attend their Luck of the Island Fashion Show. Tickets are available by contacting Kathy Christoff at 850-932-9777. Deadline to reserve is March 8.



**Celebrations are part of the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club's fabric. January birthday girls are (L to R): Sue Bernard, JoAnn Robertson, Jackie Hope and Cheryl Collier.**

*The following have served as President of the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club: Virginia Davis, Alice Bosworth, Hazel Fairey, Evelyn Wright, Jeanine Vrugitz, Dorothy Fairchild, Lil Kamphuis, Juanita Mason, Dorothy Box, Janet Treesh, Betty Shea, Doris Crum, Lou Wysong, Nan Dail, Sarah Furr, Flo Freeman, Elsie Weldon, Louise Jenkins, Dorothy Scales, Joan Adams, Ann Armstrong, Marilyn Ford, Shirley Womack, Linda Cagle, Monita McLemore, Juanita Garfield, Ann Dusenberry, Betty Simons, E. Clyde Johnson, Harriet Ennis, Alice Reynes, Hazel Fairey, Lil Kamphuis, Evelyn Wright, Bettie Lee Watson Sundstrum, Rita Rutter, Joanne Brooks, Patty Kattner, Carleen Wheeler, Chrissy Cook, Jane McGrath, Lynda Knell, Shelby Smith and Mary Claus*

## Recycle Mardi Gras Beads for Kids Parade

*Donations Accepted At VIC Through February 20*

Beads. So much fun to catch, but, then what do you do with them? The colorful plastic necklaces that you clamor for as the big floats roll by usually end up in a box or bag, soon to be forgotten.

The Kids and Kritters parade committee has a solution to this dilemma. They want your stash of beads.

"We would love to have some lightweight throw beads," said Diana Harvey, Krewe of Kids Captain. "Seems like everyone has a dozen strands tucked away somewhere. We will recycle them at the parade."

The Kids and Kritters parade requires that children be in costume and provide their own throws, so the Krewe of Kids

wants to be sure that each child who wishes to participate has plenty to distribute. The krewe will organize and get the beads ready to throw.

Beads may be dropped off at the Pensacola Beach Visitor's Center, just north of the traffic signal. The Center is open daily from 9 to 5; except closes at 3 p.m. on Sundays.

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# Forever...Barefoot on the Beach

As a tribute to Jane Waters who passed away January 10, 2012 Island Times will continue to run some of Jane's favorite columns for your enjoyment

**The Islander Newspaper**  
**March 2, 1994**

Page, my English Springer, is emerging from puppyhood. She has finally learned that she has a ferocious growl and barking system which she directs toward all kinds of foes. Including open doorways, empty lawnchairs, leaves blowing across the patio and the sound of the air conditioner compressor. However, she does not limit herself to these whimsies, but lets strangers know what might happen to them

if they dared enter her domain.

She must be a teenager in dog years by now because she is a junk food junkie. She is crazy about canine beef jerky, and if she is presented with her once favorite little Milk Bone treats, she disdainfully brushes them aside, and looks up with that "where's the beef" expression on her face.

She doesn't do quite as much gardening as she once did. Mostly, because she's levelled every growing thing in the backyard except the weeds. She

despises banana trees and digs them up by the roots to make sure they will not survive. She has little respect for the sea oats ordinance, but one feat she can't accomplish is annihilating the sea oat root system. She has some sympathetic relationship with weeds. They continue to flourish, untouched by busy paws, while the flowers and plants have all met their demise.

Page has made herself a swimming pool. She dug a huge hole between two pine trees,

which was so unsightly that I shoveled the sand back and raked it. Page did not find my work acceptable. She immediately excavated the site, and later when it rained, she frolicked in the pool she had created. I have not made the mistake of covering her swimming pool again.

My Springer will not celebrate her first birthday until June, but she has already developed some endearing skills. She can dance. When I come home at night, she jumps up, stands on her hind legs and hugs me. We dance a few steps before she starts looking for her beef jerky. I don't have time to teach her the standard tricks like rolling over, fetching, speaking and healing. Besides gardening, swimming

pool construction, and dancing, she puts her toys in the same place every day. Her favorites which she has practically shredded are a gardening glove, a swim fin, a pull buoy, a deflated ball that used to bounce. She ignores a teething bone, a bright chewable, a plastic newspaper, and all other store bought gifts we have showered on her. She places the old torn up stuff on a blanket or sofa in the same place every single day. So, she has added housekeeping to her list of talents.

There are those who believe Page should be more disciplined. That she should be treated like a dog. My reply to them is, "you go walk your dog on a leash and I'll go dancing with mine."

## Destination Fun: Krewe of Kids Blasts Off

The youngest island revelers gathered at the Beach Church Fellowship Hall, Saturday, January 25 to join the Krewe of Kids. According to Captain of Kids Diana Harvey, the mothership landed and opened its doors for the earthlings to transform themselves into Mardi Gras space creatures.

"Our theme is Out of this World. We had 37 kids sign up," said Harvey. "We made our traditional handprint banner, played some space theme games, and as always laughed and giggled a lot."

Krewe members are JJ Cerone, Taima Cerone, Jack Cerone, Barrett Johnson, Joey

Pearson, Lilly O'Connell, Ben O'Connell, Geneieve Perlis, Lauren Pinkston, Jocelyn Reeves, Lola Reeves, Kayla Dickson, Savannah Smoker, Chloe Hargraves, Heath Asmar, Trey Hanson, Brody Hanson, Cailyn Cooke, Kenady Cooke, Maddi Perez, Jack Cromey, Will Cromey, Jameson Walker, Lily Walker, Isabella Garzon, Micah Fournier, Brianna Dizon, Abby Dupois, Jackson Cooke, Ava Biland, Brett Horton, Kate Westholm, Laken Harvey, Max Moran, Alex Justice, Maddie Justice and Caitie Holman.

The next event is the Royal Doughnut Breakfast, Saturday,

February 8 at the Beach Church Hall at 8 a.m. It is open to krewe members only. The royal court is chosen by random drawing while kids munch purple, green and gold frosted doughnuts. The breakfast ends with a balloon drop.

"The balloons contain a special number which corresponds to a prize bag," said Harvey. "Each krewe member will get a prize bag."

The Krewe of Kids Royal Court will lead the Kids and Kritters Parade, Saturday, February 22 at 2 p.m. in the Casino Beach parking lot across from Sidelines. For more information, PensacolaBeachMardiGras.com.



**Start Time:**  
**6 PM**  
**Dues \$30**

**The Krewe welcomes all who wish to join. Please come to meeting to apply.**

### Krewe of Wrecks Meetings

Feb 10 Sidelines  
 Feb 17 Elk's Lodge

### Mardi Gras on the Island Events

- February 7: Krewe of Nereids Moon Pie Party, Sandshaker, 7 PM
- February 8: Krewe of Kids Royal Doughnut Breakfast, Church, 8 AM \*
- February 8: Krewe of Brewe Black Tie Ball, the Dock, 7 PM\*
- February 9: Moonlight Madness Champagne Breakfast, PBYC, 10:30 AM
- February 22 Kids and Kritters Parade, 2 PM, Across from Sidelines
- February 22 Krewe of Wrecks Grand Costume Ball, Elk's \*
- February 23 DeLuna Fest, Via de Luna Shopping Ctr, 2-8 PM
- February 24 Queen's Dinner, Flounder's \*
- February 24 King's Supper, Elk's \*
- March 1 Champagne Breakfast, Crab's, 10 AM \*
- March 1 Street Dance, Sabine Sandbar, Noon
- March 2 Krewe of Wrecks Parade, 2 PM
- March 3 Red Beans and Rice Lunch, 11 AM
- March 4 Krewe of Coma, Sandshaker, 6 PM
- March 4 Shoe Box Float Contest, Paradise, 8 PM

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TOP STUDENT

Second grade Beach School student Jake Clifton earned top marks during the second grading period.

NAUGA NOTABLES

The twentieth anniversary of the Krewe of Nauga Champagne Breakfast and Native Noontime Ball was an intimate gathering of 900 partiers.

Finally, Robin Taylor found evidence online of a magical place called Nauga Beach, Florida where well-seasoned Naugas go to live in their retirement years.

Beach. She put some muscle behind this effort. She collected 700 pounds of pet food.

LET IT SNOW

The National Weather Service predicted snow and ice, January 28 and 29, so officials reacted in kind by issuing warnings, followed by a slew of closures.

IN THE BOOTH

If you think you recognize another familiar face at the Bob Sikes Toll Facility, you probably have been in the lane that Richard Butler's overseeing.

Trivia

The TM wins! Everyone had Nauga noggin. Champagne erased the memories of parties-past. These three Beach watering holes share the undeniable distinction of hosting the Krewe of Nauga Champagne Breakfast and Native Noontime Ball.

Mere hours after their regular closing time. Cheerful and bracing for the onslaught which will be a bizarre barrage of patrons clad in mismatched loungewear and early morning Bloody Mary guzzlers.

The Trivia prize remains on the shelf for another day.

The Trivia Master descended into a beer cellar seeking little known facts about the Beach's Mardi Gras. He emerged with sequins stuck to his shoes and a vintage bottle of cheap cham-

pagne, which he drank for inspiration. Care to venture a guess at this? Who among the ranks of the Wrecks has served as a ship's officer, captain and board member?



The Krewe of Shakers hosted a wild WigWacker party, January 18 at the Sandshaker Lounge. Wiggin' out on stage are (L to R): Don Miller, Amber Bernard, Nicole Stacey, Crystal Perente, Beverly Campbell, Pam and Frank Templeton.

Paradise Bar & Grill advertisement featuring event listings for Kelley Ritchie, DieDra the Blues Diva, The Nace Brothers, Bryan Lee, and Mardi Gras events, along with contact information and a logo.

CAMPER FOR SALE advertisement for a 2000 Sprint Camper with details on features and price.

Blue Sky Gift Shoppe advertisement listing various gift items like home decor, sports teams, and gourmet food.

# Committee Agendas Range From Landscaping To Lunching With Dogs

Santa Rosa Island Authority Committees voted on swaying palm trees, pet-friendly eateries, jet ski races, golf cart travels and multiple funding requests at the January 22 meetings.

The Architectural and Environmental Committee unanimously approved a request from Portofino Developer Robert Rinke to add \$200,000 worth of palm trees in the right-of-ways along Fort Pickens Road. The Committee requested that SRIA staff members and Rinke along with SRIA Board Member Thomas Campanella create a planting plan for full board review. Campanella voiced concerns about the palm trees inhibiting parking and views. The funding comes from the Island Beautification Fund which is comprised of excess lease fees paid by Portofino. The Committee also approved a clean up and restoration of the retention pond located beneath the Portofino Boardwalk. The retention area is partially on leasehold property and partially on Island Authority property, so SRIA Director of Developmental Services Paolo Ghio's recommendation that the costs be shared was mutually agreed upon.

Bob Patroni's request to operate Floridaze sailing charters and lessons from his dockage at Sabine Marina sailed through the Development and Leasing Committee. Billy Patterson's request to operate his beach rental business, Lazy Days, as a sublease from Tiffany's hit some choppy water. The Tiffany's lease is oftentimes in default and the present default must be cleared prior to the sublease being granted. In support of his request Chairwoman Tammy Bohannon said Patterson would bring his decades as a beach rental business expertise and solid reputation to the Tiffany's location.

"He will provide the beachgoers with the service that they deserve," said Bohannon. "He does a fantastic job."

The Committee voted to have the item placed on the Full Board agenda, recommending approval of the sublease pending the lease default is cured.

The Administrative Committee holds the purse strings. They approved the November financial statements as presented by Dottie Ford, SRIA finance director.

"The month of November was up 17 percent compared to budget," said Ford. "We are really doing about the same as we were

last year."

The income revenue for November 2013 was \$30,329 less than the prior year, but the year-to-date collections combined for October and November were \$1,760 more than the previous year.

The Gulf Coast Summerfest Labor Day weekend concert took center stage with their \$100,000 funding request. The SRIA Attorney is still gathering documents which would secure the SRIA's reimbursement from ticket sales or refund from adverse weather insurance proceeds should the event be cancelled due to inclement conditions. Cadillac Banks, concert promoter, requested the funds to secure high profile musicians for the event, and would repay the loan with the first \$100,000 collected from ticket sales. Ticketmaster would handle ticket sales.

"I have not yet seen the Ticketmaster contract, but understand that they can set up a Sweep Account for the SRIA," said SRIA Attorney Mike Stebbins. "The money can periodically be swept into the SRIA checking account."

The Committee voted to have the attorney continue to work on the details of the ticket contract, insurance policies for the Full Board meeting.

The Committee unanimously approved a \$1000 sponsorship request for the Pensacola Beach Elementary School Casino Night fundraiser. The School is preparing to construct additional classrooms this summer.

Ray Palmer, Pensacola Sports Association executive director's request was granted for a \$10,000 sponsorship of a Hydro Turf Jet Ski National Tour during May. Although Palmer said he had funding for this first time event which would bring jet-ski athletes to compete on Pensacola Beach, he was seeking the SRIA sponsorship. In addition to the competitors and fans who would stay on the beach, a thirty minute segment will be aired on the Beach Sports Network about the event. The Committee unanimously approved the funding.

The request from the Pensacola Beach Advocates for \$5,000 to market their Earth Day Islandstyle event was sent to the Full Board agenda for further discussion. The Advocates, a group comprised of residential and commercial leaseholders, hosts the eco-friendly off season event at the Casino Beach and Gulfside Pavilion. Dr. Thomas

Campanella was concerned about the amount of the request increasing to \$5,000 in 2014.

"The flood gates have opened," Campanella, the only elected board member said. "I believe when people come before you and ask for money they should be grateful for any amount that they get."

Former PBA President Jim Cox told the committee that Earth Day Islandstyle has support from area newspapers and Cumulus radio stations and the event committee would like to expand the marketing reach. The increased attendance would bring more attention to the educational aspects presented about sea turtles, shorebirds, recycling and eco friendly topics.

Fred Gant said he attended the event last year. "I think this event is good for the beach and eco tourism. It was a good event, well done and worthwhile."

The Committee also moved the request for sponsorship from the Relay for Life to the Full Board agenda. The 2014 event will be held in Gulf Breeze. SRIA event sponsorship requires that the event be hosted on Pensacola Beach.

Golf Carts may officially be allowed to travel certain beach streets. The Administrative Committee unanimously approved that staff begin to seeking input on which streets would be included. Attorney Mike Stebbins outlined

that the SRIA would need to work with County staff to identify the best and safest streets on which to operate the low speed carts, and then host a public hearing type event to receive input on the possible routes. After that has been completed, the SRIA can craft a recommendation to send to the County Commission for consideration.

SRIA Public Safety Director Bob West said, "From a safety perspective I have mixed emotions. These are low and slow. Hard to see. But, there are some already operating out here and we have the Funny Cars as well."

The Committee further discussed issues of minimum operator's age, SRIA approval stickers, warnings prohibiting driving across bridges, and enforcement. SRIA Executive Director Buck Lee would like to see the SRIA invest in two carts, if the ordinance is eventually approved.

A state statute empowering local governments to allow eateries to designate pet-friendly outdoor dining area was addressed by the Administrative Committee. The Beach's Commissioner Grover Robinson, IV, requested that the SRIA board discuss the matter. The motion to craft a recommendation to submit to the County, was passed by the Committee. If passed, the ordinance would allow restaurant owners to create a pet-friendly area, but

does not compel them to do so.

At the meeting's conclusion Board Member Fred Gant announced that it was his last meeting. Gant has served for four and one half years as an appointee of the District 3 County Commissioner.

"I have enjoyed my time on this board and have learned a lot," said Gant. "It was my honor to serve with such an august group. The staff has been welcoming and accommodating. I will be back to visit from time to time."

District Three County Commissioner Lumon May has appointed Jerome Watson to serve.

The Full Board will meet Wednesday, February 12 at 5 p.m. at #1 Via de Luna. The meetings are open to the public and agendas are available online at [www.sria-fla.com](http://www.sria-fla.com).

## Kids and Kritters Parade

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Congratulations to the newest Nauga Queen Allison Sanchez. The 20<sup>th</sup> Nauga Native Noontime Ball was definitely filled to capacity this year. Hard to believe it has actually been 20 years since this party started. There were so many attendees that it wasn't until I looked at the pictures that I realized there were people that I never even saw. I took advantage of my High Priestess status to arrive at the noonish hour (well it does say it's a Noontime Ball) so there was no line and I walked right on in.

After all, being a self-appointed High Priestess (which did not exist until I had the bright idea to wear a feathered arm band on my head) means I get to continue creating my own rules. In my defense, I do have a small head so the armband didn't feel the slightest bit tight when I left home. That changed somewhere around the late afternoon. By the next morning, I not only had a headache but a perfectly circular bruise from the medallion attached to the armband. It was right in the center of my forehead. I went to see Nauga Queens I and II, Danah and Gwen Gibson to inform them I was re-signing my position because it was just plain hurt too much. The very next year, my Nauga Queens officially confirmed the High Priestess position and presented a treasured picture of the me wearing the original High Priestess head-dress. So, I kept the title because, well heck – it definitely comes in handy.

My Nauga Queens were wondering where I was and if I'd even get there this year. They should know by now it would require hospitalization to keep me away. Unfortunately my body does not operate nor cooperate anytime before 2 p.m. anymore. Even though I've never been an early riser, it's gotten worse in the last few years. I even missed my own Krewe of Nereids' Queen's Brunch. I did manage to get to the King Cake Party although I was late. (And on the plus side,

it does make for a grander entrance!)

Along with that, starting the cocktail hour before I am normally awake insures that I will be completely non-productive for a couple of days.

Everyone got a big kick out of Ella Hess accidentally entering the "Beach Babe Contest" this year. It's hosted by the Krewe of Brews at the Sandshaker immediately following the Nauga Ball. Ella just went up to mention she had been the first Beach Babe of the Krewe of Brews. In all the noise and hazy Champagne fumes, they thought Ella was asking to be the first contestant. So Ella found herself participating in a Contest that she had already won. However, the Krewe of Brews took into consideration that Ella is a member of the Krewe of Nereids, so riding their Parade Float would be a conflict. They chose another contestant.

Since we have been on "Snow Days" in the Sunshine State, Bill and I have been sharing some fun with the grandchildren, Sissy Rowe and Jesiah Fitzgerald. Sissy was so excited at the snow (actually ice) covering our decks and cars. She had her earmuffs and lots of warm layers so she could go outside. She also brought her sleep mask.

Years ago she had problems with nightmares, so I gave her a "Nauga" sleep-mask, a gift from then Nauga Queen Christine Bunkie Hewardine. I explained that since it came from a reigning Queen, it had magical powers to keep out the nightmares. We called Queen Christine on the phone, so Sissy could talk to her. Christine reaffirmed the mask's magic. She believed and it worked. But she's lost the original, which she calls the spotted mask. She told me she was sorry she lost it because it worked much better than her new one. That's a "True Believer" my friends and I hope she never loses that ability.

I stayed on "Snow Watch" all night with a promise to wake Sissy should I see even the lightest of flurries. I turned on the deck lights but never saw a single flake of snow. And even though snow and ice storms are not usually on

our list of storms expected, previous experience has taught us how to prepare for just about anything around here.

Which takes us to our recipe this week. Did you realize that you can make a great soup or stew out of nearly anything in your pantry and refrigerator? Just keeping the basics, for me that means chicken and beef broth or bouillon, bacon, flour, cornstarch, along with some milk and spices, and you can just throw things in the pot until you've used everything and it tastes hot and delicious.

So, let's cook....

This is not in the usual recipe form because I want you to create your own recipe:

I like to start with bacon because anything that begins with bacon can't go wrong. Cook until very crispy, then set aside. Remove all but 1-2 tablespoons of bacon grease, then add any produce (celery, onions, garlic) cooking until al dente. Here's where I start the throwing – I add chicken or beef broth (depending on my soup or stew), then toss in veggies that require longer cooking time (potatoes, carrots). Bring to a boil and cook until done or almost done, depending on the meat you might add (I use canned chicken a lot).

If I'm making a chicken soup, I usually add some milk or half 'n' half to the soup; just enough for a bit of creaminess. You can also start with a tomato base soup, adding veggies and beef, chicken or seafood. If you want a thicker stew, mix a couple tablespoons of cornstarch with a ¼ cup cold water, then add to boiling soup stirring constantly until desired texture is reached. You can use canned ingredients, fresh, frozen or whatever's available to create your own great soup.

Don't be afraid to experiment – when you're in a storm situation of any type, you need to be prepared to create, cook and make edible whatever you have. Keeping a camp stove handy can be a lifesaver and it's amazing what you can cook on it. Be prepared and remember, Wooly Booger Queen Shugah Melanie Waite is required to save her power and energy for hurricane season. She cannot drain her energies with winter storms.

Enjoy, share and join the Krewe of Wrecks!

See ya in the kitchen....



High Priestess Kathi in her 2014 Nauga costume.

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# BYTES & BITS

By Joe Stukey,  
Your Computer Pal

**Q:** "How can I reach my vendor's technical support on the Internet?"

**A:** Trying to find a computer vendor's support phone number on the Internet can be very tricky. The phone numbers that show up first in a Google search are mostly those that belong to scam artists. Their Internet listings that show up are customized to match the name of the computer vendor that is being Googled.

When one of those numbers is dialed, the scam artist confirms that you have reached the computer vendor (even though you have not) and then tells you that you need to let them connect to your computer through

the Internet. Their objective is to show you that your computer is in terrible condition and at risk of crashing, so that they can offer to repair it. Their repair costs are usually in the \$200 to \$300 range. But, they aren't really fixing anything.

A sure sign that you are dealing with a scam artist is this - no matter what problem you were calling about, they will always show you that your computer is full of viruses and is about to crash. Their intent is to make you so worried about your computer that you will pay them to fix it right away. Also, they have your phone number, so if you have chosen not to pay

what they asked, you may get another phone call from them, offering to do the work for less money. Sometimes they will call for several days. In some cases, they have put passwords on your computer so that you cannot get back into it if you don't pay them.

Be safe and only contact the computer equipment vendor by going directly to their website. Look in the "Contact Us" section to find phone numbers or email addresses. Some of the vendors will offer real-time chat sessions to help you resolve problems.

For questions, contact Joe Stukey at joe@ycpals.com or 850-206-3156.

## Beach Chamber Board Approves Officers

The Pensacola Beach Chamber board members approved a slate of officers at their January 21 board meeting. Beverly Campbell will serve her second year as chairman with Nan Harper as vice-chairman. Ron Wilson is the treasurer and Diane Tyson is the board secretary. Board members include Nathan Holler, Chase Cole, Shelley Johnson, Ryan Christopher and Jason Nicholson.

The Board approved the calendar of monthly board and membership meetings. Additionally, the Chamber will host Business After Hours from March through September. Paradise Bar will kick off the networking meetings Tuesday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m. The Sandshaker hosts a Pensacola-Pensacola Beach-Gulf Breeze Chamber Business After Hours Tuesday, April 17. Shaggy's is set for May 27, Crab's June 24, Hemingway's July 29, and The Grand Marlin, August 26. Bamboo Willie's hosts a Gulf Breeze and Pensacola Beach combined Chamber event September 25. Business After Hours begin at 5:30 p.m. and are open to Chamber members. Guest passes are available by contacting Chamber President Nicole Stacey at 850-932-1500.

The Board appointed a By-Laws Committee to review the documents and prepare recommendations for updates. Jason Nicholson, Ron Wilson and Ryan Christopher are the committee members.

January events included the Polar Bear Plunge on January 1 which had a record number of paid participants. The Beach Chamber are co-hosts of the Legislative Luncheon on February 26. Board members are accepting

proposals from pyrotechnic companies to host the July 4 fireworks extravaganza.

"The two fireworks shows on New Year's Eve were very well received," said Chairman Beverly Campbell. "There were so many people trying to get on the beach for the early show, it caused a traffic tie up. Even as cold as it was, revelers enjoyed both shows."

The Board voted to have President Nicole Stacey represent the group at the Florida Tourism Day, March 12 in Tallahassee.

There are currently 160 Chamber members and each will be receiving a 2014 member's window decal with the Chamber's newly designed logo.

"It's always nice to see the Chamber decal on our partner

businesses," said Stacey. "It makes a positive impression on visitors and locals."

Stacey, along with Santa Rosa Island Authority Director of Administration Robbie Schrock, were recognized as Rising Stars in the *Independent News*. The Pensacola publication honors the area's young professionals. Candidates, who have been nominated, go through an interview process. The SRIA purchased an ad congratulating them.

The next Chamber membership meeting is Tuesday, February 25 at 8:30 a.m. at the Pensacola Beach RV Resort. The meeting is open to Chamber members and prospective members. For more information contact Stacey at penbeach@visitpensacola-beach.com.

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# The Lizzard's Tongue... BY ELIZABETH K. HEWSON

When I was stationed at MCAS Cherry Point, NC, my neighbor and dear friend, Susan always used the phrase "for the love of Pete." Her daughter, Izzy, who was quite the high-spirited five-year-old at the time, was constantly invoking that phrase from her mom's mouth. "For the love of Pete, Izzy, clean up your room." Their family dog, a wild and crazy purebred Boxer named Sugar, sometimes sat, heeled or came, but only when the command was preceded with "for the love of Pete."

So during last week's ice storm on Pensacola Beach, I found myself muttering that phrase every time my dog, Pete, wanted to go outside and play in the freezing water droplets. With each opening of the back door, his doggie dog had to be closed because of the north winds, I would say, "For the love of Pete, Pete hurry up and get back inside." And then I would laugh hysterically as if I made some kind of joke worthy of a late night comedian. I blamed both my and Pete's bizarre behavior on the frigid temperatures and the idea that an iced over bridge made it impossible to leave the island. I think we were starting to feel hemmed in.

Then I had to ask myself, what does "for the love of Pete" really mean? Turns out it's a euphemism for the love of God dating back more than 100 years ago, a time when a phrase like that would have been considered blasphemous, according to Christine Ammer, author of "The American Heritage of Dictionary Idioms." It can be used as a declaration of surprise or exasperation.

Well it's a new day. The sun

is shining and the thermometer is showing a bit more red. Pete and I have completed our long morning walk -- a time when my mind wanders and his mind wonders. Our various routes are all so familiar and comfortable to me that I can zone out and still find my way home; and yet filled with exciting new smells and adventure for him. During our four-mile jaunt, I found myself reflecting upon the phrase "for the love of Pete." Again it brought out the giggles because all I could think of is what we (The Colonel, The Kid, and I) do for the love of Pete, as in our dog.

We rescued Pete from the Santa Rosa County Animal Shelter in Milton just eight months ago. When we first brought him home, he wouldn't come in the house even with temperatures in the high 90s. He couldn't navigate stairs, nor did he bark. He was afraid of every little noise and just really wanted to be left alone. We weren't sure he would ever want to be part of our family. It's amazing how far he has come. Pete still loves the outside as long as he has access to a temperature controlled environment through his doggie door. Stairs, even ones covered in ice, are easily navigated. He has found his voice and uses it to warn us when other dogs are approaching or if there is a cat perched on the fence. He is still afraid of every little noise, except the pouring of kibble in his food bowl. His idea of family time is sitting on point during meals, riding in the car, going on long walks, and sleeping at the far corner of the bed. He has come a very long way in a short amount of time.

Now that we are Pete's forever home, I can honestly say my life has become "for the love of Pete" -- filled with exasperation, surprise, and quite simply, more

love than I thought humanly possible. As Valentine's Day approaches, unless you are involved with a Pete, I ask what is it you could do for the love of Pete? There are so many animals in both the Escambia and Santa Rosa County Shelters that need a

forever home. I don't recommend substituting a dozen doggies for a dozen roses, but nothing says love like a cold nose nuzzling your ear way too early in the morning. Or a litter of kittens in place of that sumptuous dinner out. Again, there is nothing more loving

than having your cat "shine your shoes" for that tiny bite of grilled fish you brought home for her. Of course, a simple donation of a chew toy or kibble would work, too. Just remember for the love of Pete, today, tomorrow, always. Until next time...



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Nauga Queen XX Allison Sanchez, right, receives her tiara from retiring Nauga Queen Becky Elbert Collins during the coronation ceremony at the Krewe of Nauga Champagne Breakfast and Native Noontime Ball, January 25 at The Dock. Nine hundred Naugas attended. Proceeds from the raffles and contests will be donated to the Pensacola Humane Society at the Kids and Kritters Parade, February 22 at 2 p.m. in the Casino Beach parking lot.

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### Friday, Feb. 7

**Moon Pie Party**, 7 p.m. til, Sandshaker Lounge, 733 Pensacola Beach Blvd, north of the Beach Ball Water Tower. Open to the Public at no charge. The all female Krewe of Nereids will be decked out in their top hats and tuxedo tails adorned with glittering sequins and rhinestone pins. Participants are encouraged to wear Mardi Gras colors and the zaniest hat you can find. Not that there is a dress code for this informal event, but the hat can help deflect the Moon Pies that come sailing into the crowd at regular intervals. The band plays on and the dancing never ends.

All are welcome, a beach Mardi Gras tradition. Additional information Elaine Mitchell, Krewe co-chairman at 850-932-1080 or Sharon Mattair, Krewe co-chairman 850-292-6586

### Saturday, Feb. 8

**Krewe of Brewe Black Tie Ball**, 8 p.m. til, at The Dock. Tickets are \$40 at the door. Gentlemen are required to wear coats or krewe attire. Dance to Class X. Heavy hors d'oeuvres. This is a return of the original Black Tie Ball... a night to remember.

### Sunday, Feb. 9

**Krewe of Moonlight Madness Unlimited Champagne Breakfast**, 10:30 a.m. Get your tickets early for this event hosted by the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club. It's open to every fun person on Earth! Chef Jason Knol and

assistants present: Custom Omelettes, Eggs anyway, Egg Casserole, Grits, Fruit, Danish, Veggies, fresh Pancakes, Ham, Bacon. \$15 per person. Available at PBYC or call Corrie 850-712-8756 for reservations

### Saturday, Feb. 22

**Kids and Kritters Parade**, 2 p.m. Casino Beach Parking Lot, across from Sidelines. Dogs and kids walking procession. Come catch some beads. Or join the parade. www.pensacolabeachmardigras.com.

**Krewe of Wrecks Grand Ball**, 8 p.m. at the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge. Open to the public. Tickets are \$30 per person. Hosted by the Krewe of Wrecks. It's formal to herald Pensacola Beach's original krewe at their Grand Ball. The Krewe of Wrecks break all the rules for formal galas and set all the standards for fun. Rub elbows with Beach royalty. Additional Info: Melanie Waite at melanie@waite.cc

### Sunday, Feb. 23

**DeLuna Fest**, 2-8 p.m. Hosted by Via de Luna Shopping Center Business: Paddy O'Leary's, The Islander, The Break and Dog House Deli, along with Paradise Bar and Grill. Free Red Beans and Rice at each location. Beads, king cake, and Mardi Gras madness. Live Music. Drinks Specials.

### Monday, Feb. 24

**Queen's Dinner**, 7 p.m. at Flounder's. Open to la-

dies, \$30 per ticket. Limited number of tickets available. Queens are honored at this lavish dinner. All Queens in attendance are recognized. Dinner is served. Champagne flows. Tiara's are required. Rhinestones, sequins, all forms of fun and fanciful clothes are recommended. melanie@waite.cc for ticket information.

**King's Supper**, 7 p.m. at the Elk's Lodge. Open to men, \$30 per ticket. Limited number of tickets available. A feast fit for a king served to all previous and current rulers of the Pensacola Beach krewes. The after dinner entertainment includes traveling across the street to Flounder's to see the one hundred dazzling women at the Queen's Dinner. melanie@waite.cc for ticket info.

### Saturday, March 1

**Krewe of Wrecks Champagne Breakfast**, 10 a.m. at Crab's on the Beach. Open to the public, Ticket \$30. The excitement bubbles over as the Krewe of Wrecks board prepares to announce the new royal court. Toasting and toast. Corks pop. Generous breakfast is served. Pomp and circumstance - as only the Wrecks can do. The names of the royal court are revealed. A glittering tiara, bejeweled captain's hat are bestowed in a wild ceremony. Attendees tie napkins together in a long strand as the official Krewe of Wrecks song is performed. A decades old tradition. melanie@waite.cc

for ticket info.

**Mardi Gras Street Dance**, noon until the dancing stops, at Sabine Sandbar. This event is open to the public, be the first to congratulate the newly crowned Krewe of Wrecks Royalty! The Wrecks Royal Court has been known to lead a procession into the street for a brief, unauthorized dance, pending patient drivers and agreeable weather.

### Sunday, Mar. 2

**Krewe of Wrecks Mardi Gras Parade**, 2 p.m. Via de Luna and Avenida 10, west to the Gulfside Pavilion. No charge to view. Come early. www.PensacolaBeachMardiGras.com for more details.

### Monday, Mar. 3

**Red Beans and Rice Luncheon**, 11 a.m. Casino Beach Parking Lot, Open to the Public at no charge. The Bean Team at the Elk's Lodge spends days planning and preparing the traditional New Orleans style Monday fare.

The spicy red beans and rice are ladled into bowls by the volunteers from the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club. Thousands come for the free meal - Dining tables are lined up in the parking lot. Workers on their lunch hour dance with costumed krewe members under the tent. Drinks are available for sale. Tip jars collect cash to donate to local charities. Additional Info: Melanie Waite at melanie@waite.cc

### Fat Tuesday, March 4

**Krewe of Coma Royal Coronation and Lighted Hat Procession**, 6 p.m. at the Sandshaker Lounge, No charge, open to all. The grand finale of Mardi Gras on the Island is the crowning of the King and Queen of Coma. This evening event requires participants to bring, wear, or otherwise possess lighted and glowing adornments.

Anything goes as long as it glows. Clever and creative types can enter the free Lighted Hat Contest to win fame but not much fortune.

**Shoe Box Float Contest**, 8 p.m. Paradise Bar and Grill. No charge, open to all. The competition starts days in advance as artists and wanna be float builders begin carefully crafting mini floats out of empty shoe boxes. Need more instruction on how to construct a winning float? Log on to www.pensacolabeachmardigras.com. There is no entry fee. Open to all ages. Floats may be delivered to the Paradise Bar and Grill up to the time judging begins. Prizes include t-shirts, bar tabs and a grand prize overnight stay in Paradise. Get your floats ready to roll to the Shoe Box Float Contest.

### Mini Mardi Gras Events for Petite Paraders and Pooches Krewe of Kids

The Krewe of Kids is celebrating 22 years of Mardi Gras merriment. This is the only co-ed social group for kids on the Island and is open to fifth graders and younger. Pre-schoolers must have an adult partner. The Kids have a few traditions that stick like glue - creating their custom hand print banner by putting their entire hand in wet paint; eating doughnuts and cokes at a big time fun breakfast party where they draw names to choose a King and Queen; creation of a secret handshake and cheer; and finally, they allow one adult, the Biggest Kid, to join their ranks for the year. Dues: \$10

Royal Doughnut Breakfast: Saturday, February 8 at 8 a.m. at the Beach Community Church. Must be a Krewe of Kids member to attend. Call Krewe Captain for late registration. Royalty will be crowned, games, doughnuts for breakfast.

Parade in the Kids and Kritters Parade: Saturday, February 22 at 2 p.m. Contact: Captain of Kids Diana Harvey, 850-207-6425

### Kids and Kritters Parade

Saturday, February 22 at 2 p.m. Northeast corner of Casino Beach parking lot, across from Sidelines.

Registration opens at 1 p.m. Marching procession. All kids are welcome, Dogs are \$5 each. Theme is "Out of this World."

All are welcome to join the youngest Mardi Gras revelers as they parade in their best Mardi Gras get-ups. Leading the parade will be the Krewe of Kids royal court, followed by their members. The Krewe of Kids is comprised of elementary school children.

Decorate your stroller or wagon and join the parade; or parade on foot. (No motorized vehicles allowed). Prize for best decorated "mini float" -decorated wagons and strollers. Prize for best costumed pets.

Bring your well behaved pet, costumed, on a short leash or carrier to join the kids. Spectators are welcome to catch beads and trinkets as the Kids and Kritters march around the parking lot. Treats available for Kids and Kritters.

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Linda Terry, left, traveled from Birmingham to attend the Krewe of Nauga Champagne Breakfast and Native Noontime Ball with Mary Jo Tibbits, January 25 at the Dock. Their roaring 20s costumes were a big hit.

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# Sunrise and Sunset with Safari-Su

By Susan Haselton-Barr

Jambo (Hello) everybody! "Life is a bowl full of Cherries, So what am I doing in the pits?" Erma Bombeck was a popular columnist in the 1970s and 80s. Her keen wit and ability to find humor in the ordinary brought her a loyal following and fame in these decades. Her unique words and wisdom will guide me throughout the next year.

As I have always said, if it is not a hurricane, it is probably just a wrinkle. So are you ready to cruise into another year? The annual Christmas note from my Aunt Sandra indicated she was dry docked for a few months in 2013. I like to look at this as temporarily being put on shore leave. In some way or another

we were all thrown a few cherry pits this last year. I am confident you regrouped or in other words picked your self up, dusted your self off, and started all over again.

Humor is my best friend. If I am having a questionable day I will tell myself a joke I have not heard before and then count my Luckies. Luckies you say? Lucky for having a supportive family. Lucky for having friends who feed me with a diet rich in care and encouragement delivered to my door. I didn't count calories, but I counted on them! Lucky to be healthy and on my feet. Lucky to be normal (However you define your version of normal. Mine is Pensacola Beach Locals normal). Lucky and ready for new



vistas by land and sea in the year 2014. So no matter what pits are lingering with your bowl full of cherries, do the happy dance and count your luckies.

And, by all means, please use those small shell shaped soaps in your guest bathroom. What are you saving them for?

Quaharini (Until we meet again)

## Gulf Breeze Relay Hosts Lively St. Pat's Fundraiser

The City of Gulf Breeze Relay for Life Team is off to a hot start, having hosted their fourth annual Chili Fundraiser during January at City Hall.

"We had a great turn out and everyone enjoyed delicious homemade chili, soups, sandwiches, desserts and raffle contests with gifts donated by Grand Marlin and Tiger Point Golf Club," reported City Clerk, Leslie Guyer.

The event raised \$500 to be donated to the American Cancer Society for the fight against cancer.

The Team will participate in the Breeze Beach Relay for Life event set for April 25-26 in Gulf Breeze.

Now they're gearing up for their next event on Friday, March 15 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. It will be the team's annual St. Patrick's lunch where, for \$5, guests can enjoy Irish music, made-to-order corned beef sandwiches with sides, and dessert, at Gulf Breeze City Hall. For more information, call Leslie Guyer at 850-934-5134.

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# Calendar

## FEBRUARY

7: Krewe of Nereids Moonpie Party, 7 pm, Sandshaker. Open to public.  
8: Krewe of Brew Black Tie Ball, The Dock. 7 pm  
9: Krewe of Moonlight Madness Champagne Breakfast. 10:30. Pensacola Beach Yacht Club. Open to public. Ticket required.  
12: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna, Open to the Public. [www.sria-fla.com](http://www.sria-fla.com)  
15: Fee Free at Ft. Pickens. Thru Feb 17.  
15: Valentine Regatta, PB Yacht Club  
20: Snowbird Trolley Tour, 10 a.m. Casino Beach  
20: Snowbird Dessert Party, 1-3pm, Resort Quest  
22: Kids and Kritters Parade, 2 p.m. Casino Beach Parking Lot  
23: DeLuna Fest Mardi Gras celebration at Via de Luna Shopping Ctr. 2-8 pm  
25: Pensacola Beach Chamber Membership Meeting, 8:30 am, Pensacola Beach RV Resort.  
26: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna, Open to the Public. [www.sria-fla.com](http://www.sria-fla.com)

Paradise. No entry fee.  
6: Snowbird Martini Event, 4-6pm  
Crab's on the Beach  
12: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna, Open to the Public. [www.sria-fla.com](http://www.sria-fla.com)  
13: PB Woman's Club Fashion Show. 11 a.m. Our Lady.  
15: Strongman Contest at Bamboo Willie's. [www.bamboowillies.com](http://www.bamboowillies.com)  
16: Go Irish on the Island Scavenger Hunt. [www.pensacolabeachchamber.com](http://www.pensacolabeachchamber.com)  
17: St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl. [www.PensacolaBeachChamber.com](http://www.PensacolaBeachChamber.com)  
17: Green Bikini Contest, Bamboo Willie's. 5 p.m.  
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## APRIL

1: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm [www.visitpensacolabeach.com](http://www.visitpensacolabeach.com)  
4: Gulf Coast Interstate Relay. Ends at the Beach VIC. Thru April 5.  
8: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm [www.visitpensacolabeach.com](http://www.visitpensacolabeach.com)

## MARCH

1: Mardi Gras Street Dance, 1 pm Sabine Sandbar. Open to public.  
2: Krewe of Wrecks Mardi Gras parade, 2 p.m. Via de Luna to Gulfside Pavilion.  
3: Free Red Beans and Rice Luncheon. Casino Beach parking lot. 11 a.m. Hosted by the Krewe of Wrecks. All are welcome.  
4: Fat Tuesday. Krewe of Coma Coronation, Sandshaker. 6 p.m.  
4: Shoe Box Float Contest, 8 p.m.

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- 5 Lingerie item
- 8 Go bankrupt
- 12 Less than bi-
- 13 Started
- 14 Discourteous
- 15 Many eBay sales
- 17 Geometry calculation
- 18 Speedometer stat
- 19 Father
- 20 Rascally sort
- 21 Lustrous black
- 22 Stick out
- 23 — New Guinea
- 26 Starbucks employee
- 30 Luke Wilson's brother
- 31 Energy
- 32 Piece of work
- 33 Skirt slit
- 35 Pesky insects
- 36 Cowboy nickname
- 37 — de deux
- 38 Unadorned
- 41 Island neck-

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- "— go bragh!"
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- Vortex
- DOWN
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- 2 First course, maybe
- 3 Part of the foot?
- 4 Drunkard
- 5 Become swollen
- 6 Tear
- 7 Commercials
- 8 One-half and three-fourths
- 9 Emanation
- 10 The same
- 11 Jump
- 16 Thought
- 20 South (Sp.)
- 21 Meeting places
- 22 Toast topper
- 23 Burst
- 24 Piercing tool
- 25 Shell game item
- 26 Piece
- 27 Hot tub
- 28 Ancient boy king
- 29 Donkey
- 31 Irritate
- 34 Under-standing
- 35 Pace
- 37 Pie nut
- 38 Juror, in theory
- 39 Enticement
- 40 Saharan
- 41 Toy block name
- 42 Hawked
- 43 Oklahoma city
- 44 Catch sight of
- 46 Carpentry tool
- 47 Hockey venue

## King Crossword

### Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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# BEACH FIT

## Seeing Stars... this week's horoscopes



**By Geoff Kalmbach**

Did you go a little too crazy during all the Super Bowl parties and buffets? Maybe you are feeling a bit guilty about going back for seconds and thirds of wings, dips, chips? If you're thinking that you can just starve yourself for a week to offset those extra beers and nachos, think again.

The above scenario is how the average American diets. Eats good for a couple days, then goes crazy for a couple more, followed up by a week of eating like a hamster. Unfortunately this is the conventional diet method that never works and is faulty in design.

Conventional diets are based on weight loss instead of fat loss. You restrict yourself to a very low calorie diet or liquid diet and think you are reaching your goals. But, because the diet is not designed to lose fat, you are mainly losing water and muscle weight. Consequently, upon resuming normal eating habits, you gain the weight back.

It's called yo-yo dieting and it is very unhealthy and not to mention, annoying; as most yo-yoers will tell you.

Don't worry though, you are not alone. According to the National Institutes of Health, almost 98 percent of all dieters gain their original weight back, plus more.

For most people, the only thing worse than a bad hair day is a bad scale day. The first thing you need to do is get rid of your scale (we actually confiscate our clients scales). In almost all conventional diet programs, the majority of weight lost is mainly muscle. Therefore, you only become a smaller version of yourself - a skinnier fat person. Your body fat hardly changes, but your bathroom scale tells you that you are succeeding, so you have no idea of the damage you're doing.

So why does a diet make you store fat? It goes back thousands of years. Early man ate anything and everything he could. He instinctively did so because it might be weeks before he found another meal.

To survive, his body stored as much fat as possible to be burned as fuel later. We have not evolved from this state. We still are efficient fat-storing machines. It's what they were designed to do... not lose, but store fat.

After repeated cycles of

starving yourself through dieting the body tends to stay in a semi-starvation mode. It continually craves specific foods as it tries to retain a certain level of fat. This phenomenon is regulated by the hypothalamus gland, located in the brain. Within the gland is an internal agent known as the weight regulating mechanism commonly referred to as the fat thermostat. Your fat thermostat controls the conservation and expenditure of energy.

As you age, the battle to control fat grows more difficult. Your fat thermostat slowly climbs due to inactivity, overly processed foods and skipped meals, kind of a perfect storm for fat gaining.

To make this struggle worse, the *New England Journal of Medicine* reported that people who lose weight too rapidly start over-producing an enzyme known as Lipoprotein Lipase. This enzyme helps the body to store fat. It's pretty discouraging to know these diets designed to reduce weight, actually do a better job of making you gain it instead.

In order to lose fat permanently, your fat thermostat must be lowered. You'll need to convince your body to burn fat instead of muscle and the best way to accomplish this is by making the decision to exercise and eat right consistently. Don't be a victim of conventional dieting and weight loss. Be a success with supportive nutrition and fat loss.

*Geoff Kalmbach is the owner of Functional Fitness Training, an in-home personal training company. Call him at 866-900-FITT for more on this topic.*

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Doing something nice for others is typical of the generous Arian. But be prepared for some jealous types who might try to question one of your more recent acts of kindness.

## Hikers Lace Up For Gulf Breeze Event

The Florida Trail Association Western Gate Chapter invites the public to a Friday Dinner Hike, February 7 from 6 to 8.30 p.m. beginning at the Gulf Breeze Library, 1060 Shoreline Drive in Gulf Breeze.

"Every first Friday of the month, we have a dinner hike which consists of an urban walk of about an hour or 2-3 miles," said Publicity Chair Kean Engie. "Afterwards we all go to dinner at a local restaurant."

If you have questions, contact Peggy Grantham at 850-982-9490 or sign up the Florida Trail Association meetup site <http://www.meetup.com/ftawesterngate>

## Charity Run Set

"Run For The World 5K" will be Saturday, February 15, 8 a.m. at the Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church on Fairpoint Drive. The event benefits church mission efforts. Registration through February 9 is \$22 and late registration is \$27. Register at [getmeregistered.com](http://getmeregistered.com). For more details, contact Tina Schmitz at [beachbum.schmitz@gmail.com](mailto:beachbum.schmitz@gmail.com).

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to take on new responsibilities. But before you do, you might want to check out exactly what would be required of you so that you don't face any "surprises" later.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) It might be best to put off an important decision until a fluctuating situation becomes more stable. Recently received news could help resolve a long-standing family matter.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) If you still have a problem getting that information gap closed, you might consider asking a higher authority to resolve the matter, leaving you free to move on to another project.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A family matter needs to be dealt with at the start of the week. Once it's resolved, the Big Cat can devote more attention to that new opportunity that seems to hold so much potential.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Pay attention to those niggling doubts. They could be warning you not to make any major decisions until you've checked them out -- especially where money matters might be involved.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A business venture might need more of your attention than you are able to provide. Consider asking a trusted friend or family member to help you work through this time crunch.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A more-positive aspect helps you get a clearer focus on how to handle your time so that you can deal with several responsibilities that are just now showing up on your schedule.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A very close friend (you know who that is!) has advice that could help you work through a confusing situation. So put your pride aside and ask for it. You'll be glad you did.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A workplace situation could turn a bit tense. The best way to handle it is to confront it and deal with it openly. Doing so can help reveal the underlying reasons for the problem.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A colleague's remarks appear to be especially cutting. But don't waste your time or your energy trying to deal with the situation. You have more important things to do.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Support for your work comes as a surprise from someone you thought was critical or, at least, indifferent. Your spouse or partner has big plans for the weekend.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your spiritual strength often acts as an inspiration to help others make decisions about their lives.

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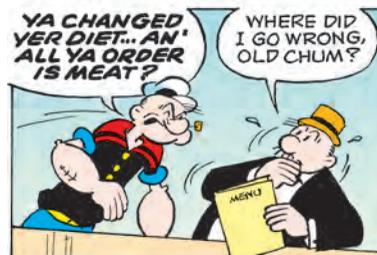
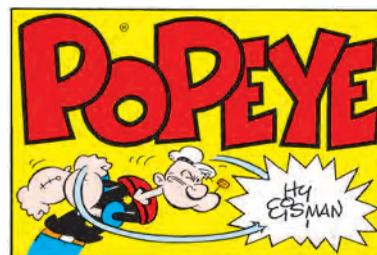
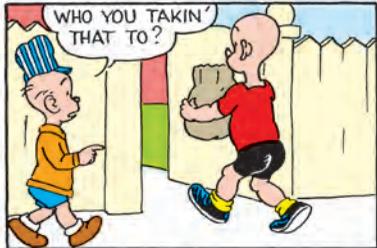
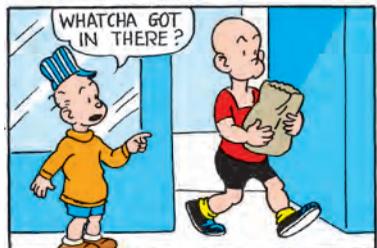
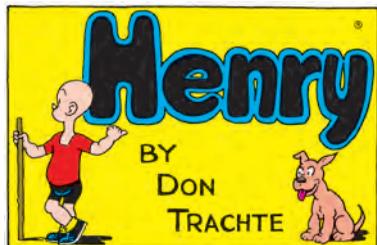
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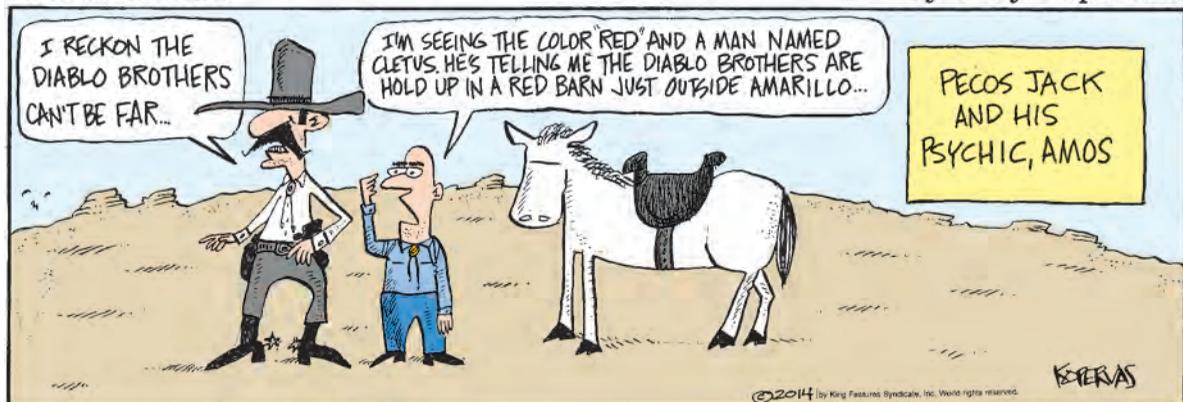


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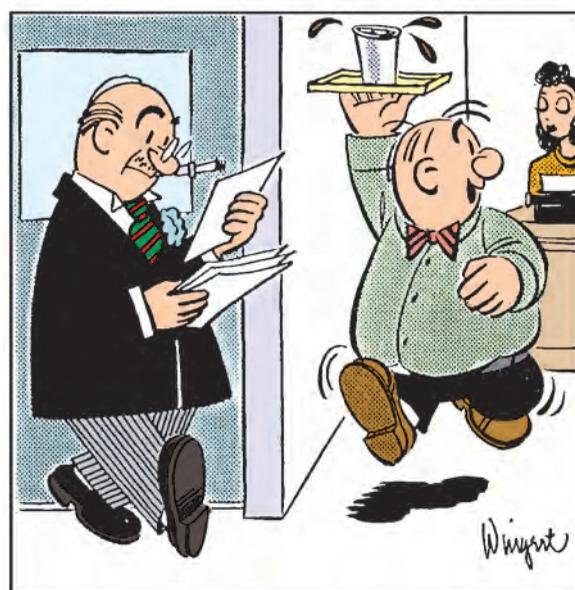


"Couldn't get a rope but I DID get you these cough drops . . . !"

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"Thought I'd surprise the boss with a container of hot coffee."

# Business Buzz

## KICKING UP SAND

The officials at Trip Advisor released the Traveler's Choice Awards for America's Top Beaches. Pensacola Beach and the beaches of the Gulf Islands National Seashore were in the top twenty-five. Ka'anapali Beach, Hawaii was number one. The island is proving to be a year round destination. Just ask the 90 snowbirds who signed up to take a trolley tour of Pensacola Beach on February 20. The event is sponsored by the Santa Rosa Island Authority and will showcase the Footprints in the Sand Eco-Trail.

## DIGGING IT

The Pensacola Beach Elementary School is getting bigger. The Board announced that they will break ground for a new instructional building March 11 at 11:30 a.m. The need for more space, set back from the roadway has reached a critical point, so a fundraising campaign was launched. Construction should be complete this summer. Donations are being accepted at [www.pbcs.org](http://www.pbcs.org). Interested parties may sponsor a piling for \$500.

## IT'S SNOW, MAN

Bone chilling temps and frozen precipitation during the final days of January may have Islanders wondering how to better prepare for Old Man Winter's next visit to Pensacola Beach. Weatherford's, David Dodson's and his staff can fit you in outerwear and underwear for almost any temperatures.

## ROYAL FLUSH

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun Poker Promoter Richard Uzdevenes certified that Terri McKamey drew to a Royal Flush at a recent tourney. The rare hand had McKamey stunned. She blushed at the flush. Texas Hold 'Em is played weekly at Paddy O'Leary's, the Sandshaker Lounge and the Pelican Lounge on Pensacola Beach. The games are open to the public. See page 12 for details.



Terri McKamey is stunned by her Royal Flush.

## TWO BITS

Sabine Sandbar owner Jerry Wright has set the entry fee for the Krewe of Bananimals Chili Cook Off at twenty-five cents. The annual event begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 9 at Sabine Sandbar. Entries will be vying for a \$100 bar tab for first prize; a \$50 bar tab for second, and a \$25 for the third place chili chef.

## PEN A LETTER TO A KID

Camp Fire is celebrating its 17th Absolutely Incredible Kid Day®. It is an annual call to action for adults to write letters of love and support to kids, created by Camp Fire, a national youth development organization. Camp Fire Gulf Wind invites all to get involved and help them meet their goal to deliver 10,000 letters to students in Escambia and Santa Rosa County School Districts on March 27.

To get your business, church or organization involved, please contact Pat Madison at [pmadison@cfgulfwind.org](mailto:pmadison@cfgulfwind.org) or call 850-476-1760 x107.

## BEADS AND BAUBLES

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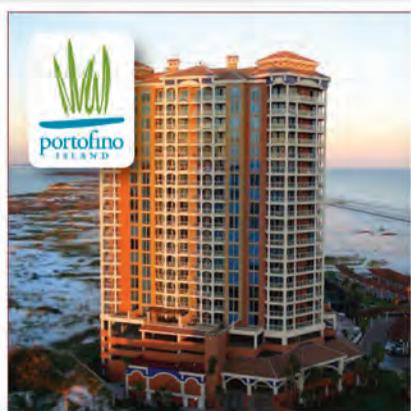


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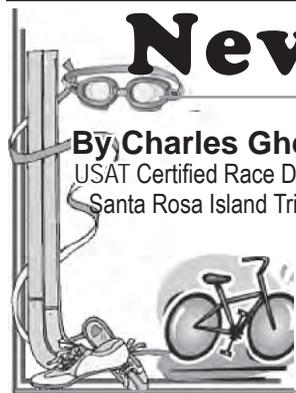
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# Never Hurts To Tri



By Charles Gheen  
USAT Certified Race Director  
Santa Rosa Island Triathlon

## Danger In The Water

Being involved in organizing and directing a triathlon (like the Santa Rosa Island Triathlon in October on Pensacola Beach) is a wonderful, enriching and enjoyable experience.....when it's over. I am concerned about safety well before the event, but during the week of the race, that concern ramps up to an intense level of worry. On race day I get up by at least 3 a.m. and I'm anxious until the last competitor has crossed the Finish Line, the equipment has all been carefully retrieved and stored and the awards celebration is over.

My main focus in organizing races is to ensure that no one gets hurt. Yes, it's great that there is an amazing venue, there are well-trained athletes, there is great competition, there is intense satisfaction for the participants and everyone has an awesome time. But, I want all involved - athletes, officials, volunteers, vendors, staff and spectators, to be 100 percent safe and walk away uninjured. Why am I anxious? Why am I worried? Because people get hurt in participation sports and people die, as well.

I'm not trying to scare anyone off, but the statistics are sobering. From 2007 through 2013, 52 people died in organized triathlon competitions. That's more than in marathons during the same time period in this country and considerably less than the mortality rate from automobile accidents. One of those perished running, 7 passed away on the bicycle leg and 44 died either in the water or immediately upon leaving it. Let me repeat those numbers: in a 7-year period, 44 people passed away on the swim leg of a triathlon in the United States.

Our governing body, USA Triathlon, has been studying this issue for several years and has concluded that these incidences are, more or less, normal occurrences. People put themselves into athletic situations and sometimes their bodies cannot handle the exertion or the stress. The

majority of these deaths are thought, or concluded, to be due to cardiovascular incidents. A person has an underlying condition, the thought process goes, and exertion triggers an extreme reaction that results in a fatality. In our race (and in most races I think), extraordinary measures are taken to ensure the safety of the participants.

We deploy rescue swimmers, kayakers, surfers, lifeguards, a jetski manned by the Pensacola Beach Fire Department, two EMT crews, two ambulances, stand-up paddleboarders and spotters standing on the beach looking for athletes in distress. We hold two meetings the day before the race where we review the course and carefully go over how to prepare to enter the water, how to maneuver in the water and how to exit it safely. We discuss that again at the water's edge before the race begins on the morning of the event. We are so careful because the emails from people who want to run a triathlon frighten me.

The emails (and phone calls) flood in for months from beginners who want to do their "race of a lifetime" or check something off their "bucket list" by running a multi-sport race. They usually write something like "I know I can ride a bike and I'm running some, so I just have to make it through the swim."

There lies a big problem. People enter these races and get out in open water with hundreds

of others and they can't swim. I usually tell them that I don't want them to "make it through the swim." I usually tell them, nicely, "if you can't swim 800 yards non-stop in a pool, I don't want you in our race." I encourage them to get a lesson or two, swim with a group and practice, practice, practice. Some of them assure me they are preparing properly, but I just don't know if that is true.

As a Race Director I have experienced at least one serious accident (on the bike) among our triathletes and been to the emergency room several times with less severe incidents. Those cases were very tough to handle. As a volunteer, I was involved in a triathlon in which a 40-year-old woman went out on the run, collapsed and died. That turned a wonderful event into a horrible experience for all involved. It haunts me still.

I'm going to do everything I can to provide a safe environment for our athletes because I know there's danger out there, especially in the water.

## Prediction Run Rewards Accurate Guessers

The thirty-seventh annual McGuire's Prediction Run is set for Saturday, March 8 at 9 a.m. at McGuire's Irish Pub on Gregory Street. Free food, Irish Wakes, music and an outrageous party are included in the \$30 fee. Register online at <https://runsignup.com/mcguires5k>.

# The School Bell Rings

## BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Francis M. Weston Audubon Society Birdwalk and Great Backyard Bird Count is set for Sunday, February 16, 1- 3 p.m.. The event takes place at the home of long-time birders, Ann and Dan Forester, 447 Creary Street. Open at no charge to all ages and skill levels. This is a great opportunity to introduce well-behaved children to birding. See <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/whycount.html> for more information. For more details, call Brenda Callaway 850-968-4516.

## MARGIE'S BACK

Beach School Board members approved the request to hire a teaching assistant for the fourth and fifth grades. Principal Jeff Castleberry announced that Margie Pitts would be returning to the Beach School to serve in that capacity. Pitts, the former fifth grade teacher, took a leave of absence last year. She will serve

as an assistant teacher to Tara Turk and Erin Olson.

## SNOW DAYS

Pensacola Beach Elementary School and the Gulf Breeze Schools usually follow identical calendars. The following days March 14 Planning Day and March 17 - 21 Spring Break called for school to be closed. The spring break holiday may change due to Snow Days.

## ESSAY WINNERS

Congratulations to Gulf Breeze High School students Meriah Valk and D'andre Frasier who were awarded first and second place, respectively, in the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest. Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' premier scholarship program. Students were given a certificate and a cash award. This year's theme was "Why I'm Optimistic About our Nation's Future."



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Saturday, Feb 8: Dennis Gossman & Tomato, 7 pm  
Sunday, Feb 9: Southern Breeze, 3 pm  
Tuesday, Feb 11: Timmy's Smart Ass Trivia, 7:30 pm  
Wednesday, Feb 12: Bar BINGO with Becky, 7:30 pm  
Thursday, Feb 13: Karaoke with Becky, 8 pm  
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# Off the Hook

By Terri McKamey

I've been so busy these past couple of weeks with Mardi Gras festivities that I haven't had much time for fishing. The weather hasn't exactly been cooperative either. Another cold front is approaching which again will bring the temps down into the 20s and the winds are going to be blowing 15-25 for the next few days. Even though we've had some marginal conditions over the past two weeks, the inshore bite has been good for the most part. Some days are better than others, but generally it's been all right. Some Trout and Redfish, though not as plentiful as they were in November and December, can still be found.

The Sheepshead bite is beginning to pick up and will continue to increase in February and March.

As of January 23, the Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle Sheepshead Tourney had the following on the leaderboard:

1. Troy Couple 7.48
2. William Boyer 7.43
3. Ricky Dempsey 6.66
4. Pete Hastings 5.79

Their annual Pompano Tourney 2014 started February 1. The \$20 entry fee includes a free t-shirt.

I have been hearing reports on the piers of some really nice Black Drum both from Pensacola Beach and Navarre piers. The days are hit and miss, so you're just going to have to take your chances.

With this winter weather hanging around, why not take the time to go through your tackle box and replace your gear? Trust me, Spring is just around the corner and you're going to be glad you took the time to restring those rods and restock that tackle box. Just because we have a winter storm one day, doesn't mean it won't be 70 degrees again in just a few days. Take the time now to do a little tackle shopping.

Want to send a huge thank you to the Krewe of Nauga for such a wonderful event at The Dock. Let's break attendance records next year. I am now looking forward to hosting the Krewe of Breme at their Ball.

In the meantime, invite a kid to do some fishing!



Pensacola Beach Native Cullen Stanley caught this Scamp Grouper aboard *The Entertainer*. The post Christmas fishing trip yielded a 16 pound Scamp for the long time angler. According to *Entertainer* Captain Rusty Smith, the Scamp Grouper bite is great when fishing in depths from 275 feet to as deep as 380 feet.



Capt. Neil Robbins of Gulf Breeze shows off a Sheepshead and a Redfish from a recent day of fishing off the Bob Sikes Fishing Bridge. He used live shrimp as bait.

## Replica Ships Dock In Perdido

Tours Open For *Nina* and *Pinta*

The *Nina* and *Pinta* will be docked and open for tours at The Oyster Bar and Restaurant, 13700 River Road, Perdido Key, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 11-12.

The *Nina* was built completely by hand and without the use of power tools. *Archaeology* magazine called the ship "the most historically correct Columbus replica ever built."

The *Pinta* was recently built in Brazil to accompany the *Nina* on all of her travels. She is a larger version of the archetypal caravel. Historians consider the caravel the Space Shuttle of the fifteenth century.

Both ships will be touring together as an enhanced sailing museum, for the purpose of educating the public and school children about the Portuguese ship used by Columbus and many early explorers to discover the world.

While in port, the general public is invited to visit the ships for a walk aboard self-guided tour. The prices are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citi-

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