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Islanders Celebrate Earth Day

**Saturday, May 3
Casino Beach**

Victoria Ball is a mermaid on a mission. She will tell her weebegone tale about her friend Cara the Sea Turtle during Earth Day Islandstyle, Saturday, May 3 on Casino Beach. When Victoria is not portraying Madalynn the Mermaid, you can find her assisting guests at Margaritaville Beach Hotel or at the University of West Florida studying Environmental Sciences.

Earth Day Revolves Around Education And Eco-Fun

Mermaid Madalynn is enchanting and will come ashore at Earth Day Islandstyle, Saturday, May 3. She'll tell the cautionary tale about her dear friend Cara the Sea Turtle onstage at the Gulfside Pavilion at 1:30 p.m. She's just one of the fanciful characters in a day packed with Earth-friendly events, celebrities and activities brought to you by the Pensacola Beach Advocates.

Earth Day Islandstyle kicks off at 8 a.m. when the Junque in your Trunque Yard Sale opens. The bargain area will be set up in the Casino Beach parking lot. The first 200 attendees will receive a "Be Kind to the Beach" re-usable tote courtesy of *Island Times*. Volunteers from the Sea Turtle Conservancy will have hot coffee and water for sale in custom designed insulated Sea Turtle tumblers.

"A yard sale is the epitome of re-use and recycle," said PBA's Lois Hausman, Earth Day Islandstyle chairman. "The items stay out of the landfill and buyers get a new treasure."

The Pensacola Beach Advocates developed an environmental committee called Beachkeepers, who recognize the delicate balance that must be maintained on the barrier island between people and wildlife. Supporting educational programs to enhance recycling, eco-friendly efforts, wildlife and dune preservation is how the Earth Day Islandstyle came into being. The event showcases local agencies along with the Holiday Inn Express and Margaritaville's Sea Turtle Homecoming for a full day of eco-fun.

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, which provides water, recycling and solid waste services to the island, will have a team of friendly folks manning multiple displays. Team ECUA will roll in the big trucks which run on a special compressed natural gas. Visit them from 8

a.m. until noon for information on recycling, keeping pipes clear of clogs and a bunch of freebies.

"Let's put your drain on a fat free diet," said Jim Roberts, ECUA spokesman. "We will give you a container to put fats, oils and grease in. Clog free is the way to be."

Pensacola Beach Elementary School students competed in an ECUA sponsored Earth Day coloring contest. All the entries will be on display.

If you've done your spring cleaning, bring the items to Earth Day Islandstyle between 8 a.m. and noon. The Goodwill Easter Seals truck will accept donations. Gilmore Shredding will shred up to 50 pounds of household documents at no charge.

"Place documents in a box or garbage bag, but do not seal it shut," said Jim Cox, PBA Earth Day committee member. "You can drive right up to the shred area, and we will take it from there."

If you have household hazardous waste items like paint, pool and yard chemicals, ECUA will accept them.

The Gulfside Pavilion area is dedicated to the feathered and finned inhabitants and visitors to Pensacola Beach. Check out the Audubon Florida's display on shorebirds. The display and information booth will open at 9 a.m. Last year, shorebirds became guests at a local hotel.

"The birds felt at home and plopped down in the Margaritaville parking lot to lay their eggs, raise their young, and enjoy the sights and sounds of LandShark Landing," said Bonnie Samuelsen, Audubon Florida. "The colony consisted largely of Least Terns and Black Skimmers, both of which are protected due to their dwindling numbers. Thanks to the cooperation of the hotel's management, the birds that fledged there, were the most successful recorded along the

panhandle."

Browse among the eco-themed art sale vendors and

visit displays erected by the National Park Service, Florida Sea Grant, 4H and the Navarro Beach Sea Turtle Conservancy.

Sea Turtles will be the focus of the event beginning at 11 a.m.

when the beach-based troupe from Dancingly Yours presents a special performance during the Sea Turtle Homecoming.

"A female sea turtle returns to nest on the beach where she was born," said Holiday Inn Express General Manager Beverly McCay, who organizes the Sea Turtle Homecoming. "They are Pensacola Beach natives who come back for a very important visit."

McCay, who was raised on Pensacola Beach, has a special affinity for the island's wildlife. She discovered a sea turtle nest on the Gulffront beach behind the hotel and hatched a plan to continue to celebrate and edu-

cate everyone about the sea turtle population.

"Stand next to the display



The successful Black Skimmer adult and fledgling population gather on the beach in front of Margaritaville, Pensacola Beach. The hotel earned an award from the Francis M. Weston Audubon Society for its generous support for cordoning off a portion of the parking lot during the nesting season. Photo by Mary Inabnit

board that has actual size sea turtles painted on it to see 'How You Measure Up' then move to the next booth to make a sea turtle ornament," said McCay. "There's sand art and even sea turtle tattoos for everyone."

Beach School students squared off in a classroom 1-2-

3 Nest! Competition last week and the winners have advanced to a special finalist round. The student finalists will compete against the school's principal, Jeff Castleberry, at 11:30 a.m. at the Gulfside Pavilion.

"The contestant must bury marshmallows in pudding, using only his mouth to illustrate the difficulty the mother turtle faces in digging a nest in the sand using only her flippers," said McCay. "Messy, but it gets the point across."

The VIP and Celebrity 1-2-3 Nest! will take place at 12:30 p.m. at the Gulfside Pavilion. Local celebrities include Meteorologist Christian Garman from

Channel 3, *Pensacola News Journal* Reporter Kimberly Blair, Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson, PBA Chairman Terry Preston, Santa Rosa Island Authority's Cheryl Dill, Pensacola Beach Elementary Principal Jeff Castleberry and 2013 Champ News Radio's Tim McEvoy.

DJ Zemenick who is a long time turtle patroller and advocate will present "Turtle Baby Bath" at 2:30 p.m.

"You really have to think before you throw something in the water," said Zemenick. "During this presentation you can really see the impacts. Litter, oils, fishing line and cigarette butts all need to be properly disposed of. Would you want your baby to have to swim in dirty water?"

Earth Day Islandstyle concludes at 3 p.m. For more information, log onto pbadvocates.org or call Lois Hausman at 850-916-0276.

8 AM to Noon
• Yard Sale, Shredding
• Recycling, HHW
9 AM to Noon
• Shorebirds
11 AM to 3 PM
How Do You Measure Up, Sea Turtle Ornaments, Sand Art, Fun Tattoos, Booths, Vendors
11 AM Dancingly Yours
11:30 AM, 12:30 PM 123 Nest!
1:30 PM Mermaid Madalynn
2:30 PM Sea Turtle Baby Bath

Optimists Host Run For The Roses Derby Day Fundraiser

Hold on to your hats, it's Derby Day! The Pensacola Beach Optimists will host their annual Run for the Roses Kentucky Derby Day fundraiser, Saturday, May 3 at 3 p.m. The fundraiser benefits Pensacola Beach Elementary School.

Tickets are \$25 and that gains you entry into the most unique beach party ever. The Santa Rosa Dunes Clubhouse serves as the Beach's version of Churchill Downs with contests, auctions, fun wagers, food and drinks.

"Guests are asked to dress the part with big hats and Derby Day attire," said Carleen Wheeler, party organizer and Kentucky Colonel. "We will give prizes to those who have the most over-the-top hats."

Sip a Mint Julep while you

pick your favorite horse, post time is not until 5:20 p.m. but there is a great deal of excitement leading up to the race. A fun and funky wager window opens at 3 p.m. for guests to support their favorite horse. A buffet dinner will be served at 4 p.m.

If you want to be a horse's owner, then bid 'em up at the Horse Auction. The Auction begins at 4:15 p.m. and the auctioneer is an expert at getting top dollar for Club's benefit. "The favorites always go for a pretty good price," said Wheeler. "I, personally, always have good luck with grey horses."

Owners will get special recognition if their horse wins the one hundred fortieth running of the Kentucky Derby. That's why everyone's eyes will be glued to the multiple televi-

sion sets located throughout the Clubhouse. The Optimists take care of every detail including a song sheet with the words to "My Old Kentucky Home." All this and the children at the Beach School benefit.

Wheeler, who is well known for this party, never offers much advice except this, "Be careful not to stand behind the ladies with the biggest hats. You won't be able to see the horses race."

Reservations are limited, so please call in advance to secure your ticket. Pensacola Beach Optimist Treasurer Dave Sundstrom can be reached at 850-384-7436 or Carleen Wheeler at 850-450-3465. If you cannot attend Derby Day, but would like to send a donation to the event, please call Sundstrom.

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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 – April 21, 1981

If you want to know how it feels to be the "Distinguished Citizen of the Year," you can ask me. First, however, you will have to wait until I jump off this cloud I've been lounging on since the Sunday the Beach Elks overwhelmed me with this honor. It reads, in part, "Grand Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Distinguished Citizen Award, 1980-1981, to

Jane Waters for Outstanding and Meritorious Service to Humanity. By the Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge No. 2256." After reading that a million times, is it any wonder that I traded the Rustmobile in on a custom made Cloud 9? How did I happen to come by this honor? No doubt, it must have been a slim year for finding distinguished beach residents. But, I really don't believe that. There are a whole slew of them over at the Elks Club. Here is the story.

A couple of years ago, the Elks put together a big fishing rodeo, with all the proceeds to go to their project, the Harry Anna Crippled Children's Hospital. I met with them to help with their publicity and I was immediately impressed with the heart, the soul and the willing hands of these people. They realized the hundred percent meaning of two words, "Pitch In." I liked them and fortunately, they liked me. I am not an Elk and I am not an Elkette,

but I am completely at home in the Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge. The Elks never let anyone down. They never turn away a plea for help. I can't even remember how many times I ran to them last winter for help with the Mardi Gras. I was always asking big favors. They never hesitated. They just stepped in, and did what had to be done.

year? The Elks...Claire and Dick Zelius, Mary and Morrie Drees, Trudy and Ray Bridges, The Emmas, The Skaggs, The Carters, The Bradshaws, the Turners... those are the winners.

Maybe, their voting committee just got their wires crossed and didn't quite remember who did all those important tasks. Or maybe, their criteria is to give the award to the one person who asks them to complete more impossible tasks than any other. Somehow, it just always comes out that the Elks did all the work, and then turned around and presented me with their highest award.

Now, I have a little tip for anyone who aspires to be the distinguished citizen of next year. It's really quite simple. Just put those Elks to work on a community project!

Surf Event Honors Local Surf Legend

Pray for Surf! The Second Annual Yancy Spencer III Memorial Surf Contest returns to the Pensacola Beach Pier Saturday, May 3 beginning at 8 a.m. The event is held in tribute to Pensacola Beach native, Yancy Spencer III, who passed away in 2011. All proceeds from the event will fund the Yancy Spencer III Memorial Scholarship.

"Each time we hold an event, we are amazed at the way the community joins together to celebrate Yancy's life and legacy," says JB Schluter on behalf of the Spencer Family. "We look forward to seeing everyone come together for a fun day filled with surfing."



This memorial will draw surfers from all over the United States, and will be a family friendly event for spectators and competitors alike.

"Yancy was a huge inspiration to me and many others through his faith and his surfing," said Innerlight Shop Manager Alex Leonard. "I'm stoked to see an event like this take place to commemorate such an awesome person!"

The day will include a food, music, a paddle out and, of course a surf contest. Participants can sign up at any Innerlight location.



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GLAM GRAM

The Glamorous Grandmother's Club is high fiving Debbie Dotson. She has a new granddaughter. Vada Elyse West was born April 21 to Corinne and Colin West. Vada has two big brothers at home - Ethan, who is nine and Caden, 5.

DRIVING LIKE CRAZY

Melissa and Jay Wright warned all who walk or travel along the area roads. They now have two teenage drivers at their house. Congrats to Hailie who is the newest member of the Wright family behind the wheel.

MERRY MARY

Mary Bessone, who lived in Villa Sabine for multiple decades, orchestrated her own ninetieth birthday party inviting her former neighbors Bill Griffith, Jim and Lila Cox. Family was to arrive from Dallas for the festivities which included dinner downtown at Global Grill.

FISHIN' TIME

Terese Overlade is the Phobia Cobia Tournament Director. Her event had its largest entry ever and anglers brought big Cobia to the scales at Paradise. What did she do on Monday after the hectic three day weekend? She went fishing. She commented that it was finally her turn to get out on the Gulf and hook 'em up.

JAZZED UP DGs

Delta Gammas Venetia Vasilliades, Susan Irvine Cole, Brenda Kay Bruce,-Hammel, Mary Anne Beovich, Mary Iwashita Claus, Lori Spangard, Mary Pat Forgie, Sarah Renee Hand, Katie Andress, Eleanor Hoehn, Jeannie Phillips, Kackie Jensen, Diane Ponce Thompson, and Susan Finger joined Louise Post Videau

Alumnae Association President for a Founder's Day luncheon at Seville Quarter. Mary Anne Beovich celebrated 60 years in the Sisterhood.

CONGRATS BREEZY

It's official. Brianna Paulus will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting with Honors May 3 from the University of South Florida. Her proud parents are Karen and Gordon Paulus.

YOUNG ARTISTS

ECUA Recycling Coordinator Amanda Handrahan said this year's Pensacola Beach Elementary School Recycling Coloring Contest entries were all winners. The judges had a tough time picking the best from the rest. Here's who took top spots: First place winner, Skye Farej received a 20" Huffy Sea Star Girls' Bike.; Second place winner, Kate Westholm earned a Twister Light Up Skip-It; Tie for Third Place went to Heath Asmar who received a Marvel the Avengers Inline Scooter and Taylor Brame took home a Fortune Cookie Maker; Nicholas Collins was awarded fourth place with a Draw Something Party Board Game as his prize. All entries will be on display at the Earth Day Islandstyle.

GET WELL TED

Kelli Pence sent an email to her dad Ted's list of close friends with a health update. Friendly Ted Pence who is a staple at the Beach Mardi Gras and an all-around good guy lives in Iowa when he's not on the island. Get well, Ted. The beer's cold and we will save you a space on the dance floor.

MOTHERS ROCK

Is your mom a rocker or more of a symphony type? Treat her to brunch or a bushwacker or the free concert, Sunday, May 11.

Trivia

The Trivia Master was pondering the hydrogen and oxygen combo that lives in the three giant water tanks near the Bob Sikes Toll Facility. Residents pass them daily without notice. Tourists get bug eyed at the blue behemoths squatting as silent sentries. Kids wonder if there are really dolphins frolicking in the tanks as the decorative murals would suggest. The three tanks holding water on the island are heavy weights when it comes to storage. The Trivia Master asked how many gallons the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority tanks hold combined. The correct answer according to the ECUA communications guy Jim Roberts is 4.5 million gallons. Just to be safe, Roberts confirmed his answer with the ECUA engineers who oversee the tanks.

Big Bob Dority was really pretty close with his answer of 3 million gallons. He has been busy working at Regency and wheeling in his beach cart, so his Trivia answers have been sporadic. Look for the Big One to start playing again on a regular basis. Trivia Tim, who is almost never wrong, was a bit optimistic in his answer of 8.5 million gallons. He has accumulated so many trivia t-shirts that he has been giving them away

to his co-workers at the Holiday Inn Express.

Southern Vacation Rentals' Ron Wilson, who has conquered the DeLuna Treasure Hunt, battled waves and concrete skate parks, and even did a stint as a bartender at Kevin's, was scratching his head on this one. He used his Who Wants To Be a Millionaire persona and wrote, "Three water tanks, let's say 7.75 million gallons total. That's my final answer."

After Kathy Christoff started wearing her winning Island Times t-shirt all over town, husband Greg got motivated to play. Unlike his wife, he remains shirtless.

Ben Womack returned to trivia after a long absence. Welcome back. Ben emailed, "The new concrete water tank holds 3 million gallons. The two remaining steel tanks hold 2.75 million gallons each for a total of 8.50 million gallons of potable water."

True, the ECUA stores potable water in the tanks, but if beach were to secede from the mainland, the Island rulers should fill them with wine. Cheers.

Way back in the 1980s, there was a kingdom where guests could rest their weary heads. It was officially called Gulfside Resorts. It was comprised of five Pensacola

Beach properties. Can you name them? You will be wearing a new Island Times trivia t-shirt if you are the first person to email the five answers. Send your name and phone number to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with trivia in the subject line.

Deadline to answer is Tuesday, May 6. Good luck.

Grassroots LAWN CARE advertisement with logo and contact info for Clark Allen.

Paradise Bar & Grill advertisement featuring event listings, bar info, and food options.

Salty Lens Photography advertisement featuring a photo of a child and contact information.

Board Identifies Local Dollars To Pay For Sand

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Board is committed to beach renourishment. In a special meeting, April 23, the Full Board voted to send a letter to the Northwest Florida Legislative Delegation stating the SRIA has the ability to provide a local match of \$8.5 million.

The Board identified \$1.325 million in their budget to dedicate to renourishment annually which would be used to repay a loan over multiple years. The potential sources are: \$600,000 bond expense forgiveness to the County, \$350,000 from the General Fund, reducing the advertising budget by \$150,000 and deputies by \$100,000.

The SRIA currently allo-

ates \$200,000 to meet additional security needs on the Portofino Boardwalk, but according to SRIA Executive Director Buck Lee, they can provide ample additional Escambia County deputies for \$100,000.

The action hinges on the Escambia County Board of Commissioners willingness participate in a loan to the SRIA, and the State's approval to increase the budget to include Pensacola Beach's renourishment project. Beach renourishment is necessary every 5 to 10 years. The renourishment costs are anticipated to be \$17 million.

The SRIA Committee Meetings immediately followed the conclusion of the special board

meeting. Pensacola Beach's Gulf Pier requests to sublease to Dog House Deli, Smoothie King and Beach Beadz were approved, along with a licensing agreement to add seating on public property.

The Administrative Committee will continue discussion on a policy to give priority to local and small businesses who compete in SRIA bids. Board Attorney Mike Stebbins suggested that the SRIA refer businesses to complete Escambia County's small business certification application thereby being vetted by the County. Chairman Tammy Bohannon viewed the policy to be too cumbersome and feared it would eliminate the very businesses who the policy seeks to

help. The item will remain in Committee.

The recent increase of sponsorship requests required a new policy be developed. SRIA Administration Director Robbie Schrock presented the Committee with an Event Sponsorship Policy designating a Community/Civic/Charitable category and a separate Tourism/Promotional category. The maximum funding requests of \$2,500 and \$7,500 respectively can only be exceeded by a vote of five SRIA board members.

"In the Community category there is no reasonable expectation that tourism dollars will be generated from the event," said Schrock. "In the other category, the sponsorship is based on the events ability to increase tourism."

Bohannon did not agree with

the super majority vote needed to exceed the funding limit. Board Member Dave Pavlock explained that in order for the Board to violate a policy, the reason must be so compelling that the entire board agrees to do so.

The policy, which passed with a 2 to 1 vote, will come before the Full Board for review.

The Committee voted to allocate \$2,500 to the Gulf Breeze Baseball Boosters for their Summer Classic Tournament. The athletes and families are encouraged to book rooms at beach hotels. The Junior League's request for a \$5,000 sponsorship of their Red Haute Royale event in Pensacola was denied.

The SRIA Full Board will meet Wednesday, May 7 at 5 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. Agendas are available online at sria-fla.com.

Directors Flock To Pensacola Beach's White Sands Traveling Wall Arrives This Week

Lights. Camera. Action. Pensacola Beach's white sand glistens and beckons television crews from all over the globe to use the pristine area as a backdrop for documentaries, dramas and cooking shows.

On the heels of a visit from Spanish Documentary Director Ignacio Gallego, Santa Rosa Island Authority's Buck Lee announced at the April 23 SRIA meeting that he escorted a Travel Channel crew to an undisclosed location to film an episode of

Grilled America to run in August or September.

Gallego returns to film for Galvez Week, May 1-8.

Additionally, the Weather Channel is arriving on the island to film this week. The crews are no strangers to Pensacola Beach since they arrive in advance of tropical weather.

"They are doing a show about great looking beaches," said Lee. "I will be working with them next week."

Lee requested approval for

\$1,500 to host the Global War on Terror Remembrance Wall. The SRIA board agreed to the allocation, so the Wall arrives to be set up, Tuesday, April 29 near the Gulfside Pavilion. It honors veterans, victims of 9/11 and first responders, a total of 11,000 names. The Wall, which is used to raise awareness and educate, will be on location until Sunday, May 4.

For information about the Wall and its veteran support programs, WallofRemembrance.org.

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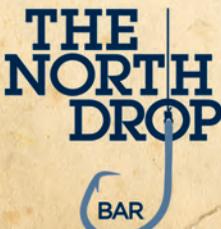
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peas, porridge and a dry martini

by
Kathi
Lewis



Most of us love patronizing our beach businesses where everybody knows your name. Bill and I are even luckier to have an excellent local Banker who not only knows our names, but also considers us friends. I recently ran into Bank of the South's super employee Judy Lenderman at a local grocery store. (We call her "super employee" because she bakes the delectable bread sold at the Bankery and she's been there since the Bank opened its island branch.) Actually Judy saw me first and scared me half to death when she came up behind me and spoke to me. This was shortly after returning home from our Arkansas vacation. When asked if we'd been out of town, I mentioned our vacation. She said the in town Bank Branch had called her to see if she knew whether or not we might be out of town. They had quickly spotted out of state activity on our debit card. Judy asked where the card had been used and when they told her it was Georgia, she said that it was most likely that we had used the card there. Since she knows that we have family there she didn't feel it necessary to bother us with a phone call. Now that is the most personal of Personal Banking Services that you'll ever find anywhere and I love it. It's nice conducting business with a locally owned and operated Bank who thinks of us as friends. So thanks Judy for always making your clients feel so special. It is noticed and appreciated.

Since my travelling fever had not yet been satisfied, Christine "Bunkie" Hewerdine and I decided to go Birthday Tripping to Biloxi. (I was out of town and missed her milestone Birthday on April 1.) We carefully gathered all our casino mail offers, checked all the freebies and decided we would need five days to collect and use all our free play and bonus money. We checked into the Hard Rock for the first two nights. Their rooms are extremely nice and include complimentary bath robes along with your favorite music being played when you arrive (they ask about your choice of music when making reservations).

We also decided their slot machines were a bit looser since our luck changed after checking into Island View for the remain-

ing three days. We did manage to play our way through quite a few casinos. If we didn't win, we used our free food credits and offers and ate very well the entire trip. That makes us winners in my opinion.

Since I was in Biloxi for five days, I missed Lois Jernigan's milestone Birthday which was celebrated in two beautiful condos in Perdido Key (a very generous gift to Lois from a friend). I was with her last year when her Birthday was spent in Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa. And I knew she would have lots of friends to help her celebrate this year. I am slowly, but reluctantly, learning that I cannot do everything.

I didn't miss was Easter! Christine and I came home on Friday prior to Easter weekend. Daughter Mel Rowe and her beau Don Miller had already planned to host Easter dinner for both families. Grandchildren Jesiah and Sissy (Quincy) came over Saturday so we tried the egg dyeing recipe from the April 1 edition. It was great fun except we used maybe a bit too much shaving cream and food dye (and, of course, we sprinkled them with magic dust). We went through a whole box of gloves. Since my food coloring is the professional stuff sold at bakeries, it is concentrated and almost impossible to remove. It was still a grand time and Jesiah even joined us to dye a few eggs.

I volunteered to bring a dessert so Sissy helped me make Reese's Peanut Butter cupcakes (miniature chocolate cupcakes with a special peanut butter blend filling). After they were baked, cooled and filled, we dipped each cupcake in whipped cream and arranged them on a platter in a big egg shape. Then we iced the "Egg" with colored whipped cream. It was quite impressive and looked like our sparkly colored real eggs (which we placed in a nice basket for the table centerpiece).

I love having Sissy with me in the kitchen and she's a quick and eager student when cooking with Nanny.

It's hard to believe that we're almost into May already. I am so loving Spring and that precious Daylight Savings Time. I have had more energy since the time changed and I'm consider-

ing just not changing my clock when we have to "fall back."

Okay, our Vodka Tip for the week: They say, "Pour one-half cup vodka and one-half cup water into a Ziploc freezer bag and freeze for a slushy, refreshing ice pack for aches, pain or black eyes.

I say, "Pour one cup vodka and two cups orange juice in a Ziploc freezer bag and freeze for a slushy, refreshing drink for the hot days of summer. If you stay off stairs and decks, hopefully you won't get aches, pains or a black eye."

Since it will soon be Cinco De Mayo (Mexico's Independence Day celebrated on the Fifth of May). Terri McKamey, *Island Times* columnist of Off the Hook, says Redfish are biting. I chose this unique Mexican recipe to share. If you don't catch any Redfish, you could substitute whatever you catch as long as it's filleted. If you have fresh herbs, throw those in, too. If you catch, clean and cook this recipe, you will also make your Mother very happy.

So, let's cook.....

Redfish Fillets

in Spicy Tomato Sauce

1 tsp. vegetable oil (you can also use canola or olive oil)
1 medium onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
14.5 oz. can tomatoes, diced
1 tbsp. fresh jalapeno pepper (about one pepper, seeded and chopped **use gloves**)

¼ tsp. sugar
¼ tsp. ground cumin
1 lb. redfish fillets (4 small fillets)
2 tbsp. fresh lime juice (2 med. limes)
1 tsp. grated lime zest
½ cup black olives, sliced

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-low heat and sauté onion and garlic until tender. Add the tomatoes with their juice, the jalapeno, sugar and cumin. Simmer partially covered for 10 minutes. Add 2 - 3 tbsp. water if mixture gets dry.

Rinse fillets and pat dry. Add fillets and the remaining ingredients to the skillet and simmer, uncovered, over medium-low heat for 10 -13 minutes or until fish flakes when tested with a fork. Serve fillets with the sauce.

Enjoy, share and have a Happy Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day!

See ya in the kitchen.....

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Cyclist Nathan DeWalt participates in Fridays "Recovery through Sport" triathlon training event at Portofino Island Resort. Photo by Benjamin Davidson

Team Semper Fi Tri'd At Portofino

Leading up to May's Military Appreciation Month observance Semper Fi Fund's athletic rehabilitative program Team Semper Fi returned to Portofino to bring their "Recovery through Sport" program to the resort. Throughout the April 4-6 weekend, Team Semper Fi worked with approximately 20 disabled service veterans – in breakout sessions on running, biking and swimming – as part of a combined rehabilitative focus through teamwork, exercise and sport. The majority of the service veterans are new to triathlons.

sent all branches of service, and various injuries such as: spinal cord injuries, arm amputees, traumatic brain injuries, post traumatic stress disorder, and various orthopedic injuries.

finding a way to adapt the sport." said John Fitzgerald, Senior Manager for Team Semper Fi.

"It's a challenge for the coaches is to find a way to adapt the way they (disabled service members) learn the sport, verses someone who's able bodied. So that's the interesting part of having injured service members, or challenged athletes, or anybody with any kind of disability – is

This is the third year Portofino has seen challenged athletes return to the resort for training. A Paratriathlon is set for Sunday, May 11 organized by the coaches of MPI at Portofino.

To find out more about the Semper Fi Fund's "Team Semper Fi" and its mission of providing recovery through sport please visit their website at <http://semperfund.org/team-semper-fi/>

Dip A Paddle In Sabine Bay at Fundraiser

Bring your paddle board or anything that floats and join in the fun at the 2014 "Paddle for a Cure" on Saturday, May 3, on Little Sabine Bay. A fundraiser created by Fitness Onboard in partnership with Sacred Heart Foundation, this event will raise funds to provide treatment for patients who are battling pancreatic and colon cancers.

Fitness Onboard, located across the street from Margaritaville Beach Hotel, will provide participants with a paddle course and paddleboard, and will offer paddle technique for first-timers from 10 a.m. to noon.

The fun is just beginning. At noon, the fundraising will continue with a silent auction, which will include dozens of donated items and packages from event sponsors. The \$50 registration donation includes a fish fry with side items and dessert, adult beverages, kids' beverages, an event T-shirt, live music and much more. Fitness Onboard also will donate a stand-up paddleboard for a drawing. Tickets for the drawing will be \$5 per ticket or five for \$20.

A limited number of paddleboards will be available for those who do not have boards, and some paddleboards will be available to share among all participants. Spectators are welcome to enjoy the after-paddle festivities for a \$20 donation (T-shirt not included).

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Officials Update Citizens at Pensacola Beach Advocates Town Hall Meeting Group Seeks Input for Future of Island

Two hundred Pensacola Beach leaseholders attended the April 14 Town Hall meeting at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church eager to hear updates on taxes. The Pensacola Beach Advocates hosted the forum where Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson and Attorney Danny Kepner were the featured speakers.

Commissioner Robinson, whose district includes Pensacola Beach, reiterated that the Board of County Commissioners does not assess nor collect taxes, but they do allocate roughly half of the taxes collected. The Escambia County School Board receives over half of the ad valorem taxes collected, along with a small amount going to the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

"We only have authority over a small percentage. We cannot do anything about taxes being levied upon you," said Robinson. "We cannot refund your taxes. And, until the lawsuits are resolved, you will remain in tax purgatory."

At the meeting, Robinson said the County is escrowing the tax monies collected on leasehold land. The taxes collected on improvements are being spent throughout the County including the Beach.

"Pensacola Beach is the single largest park in Escambia County, and we need to maintain the pristine area," said Robin-

son. "We have begun to address drainage issues particularly at Rio Vista and Bahia Paz, road repair, toll bridge improvements, boardwalk repairs and northshore renourishment."

He added that taxes support the functions of the property appraiser, tax collector, supervisor of elections and the jail. The jail eats up about 40 percent of the ad valorem taxes collected in Escambia County.

Robinson addressed the \$1,077,391 that the Santa Rosa Island Authority currently pays to the County annually for road bonds, fire station, ambulance service and sheriff's deputies.

Referring to the SRIA's funds being sent to the County, Robinson commented, "There are some items that the SRIA is paying to the County Commission. We need to absorb those things since you are paying taxes. We are working on that. Much like you, my fellow Commissioners are still trying to get a clearer picture."

The picture is not clear with regard to taxation, lease fees, litigation, fee simple title and the future of the Santa Rosa Island Authority. Officials fielded questions with regard to each topic, but answers were not concrete.

Shell, Fleming, Davis and Menge Attorney Danny Kepner who represents a large group of Pensacola Beach leaseholders in their case contesting taxation

reminded leaseholders that the interest due on unpaid taxes continues to accrue while they wait to see if the Supreme Court of Florida will grant or deny the request for Clarification or Re-hearing that he filed on April 4. The cases contesting taxation on

land are still in the lower courts.

Pensacola Beach Advocates Governmental Affairs Committee has been gathering input with regard to the future governance of Pensacola Beach.

"We want to collaborate with the Beach Chamber, the hospital-

ity industry, the SRIA and the County to find solutions to what the future of the beach looks like," said Committee Chairman Jim Cox. "I think it is important that the County hear from all of us."

More information is online at www.pbadvocates.org.

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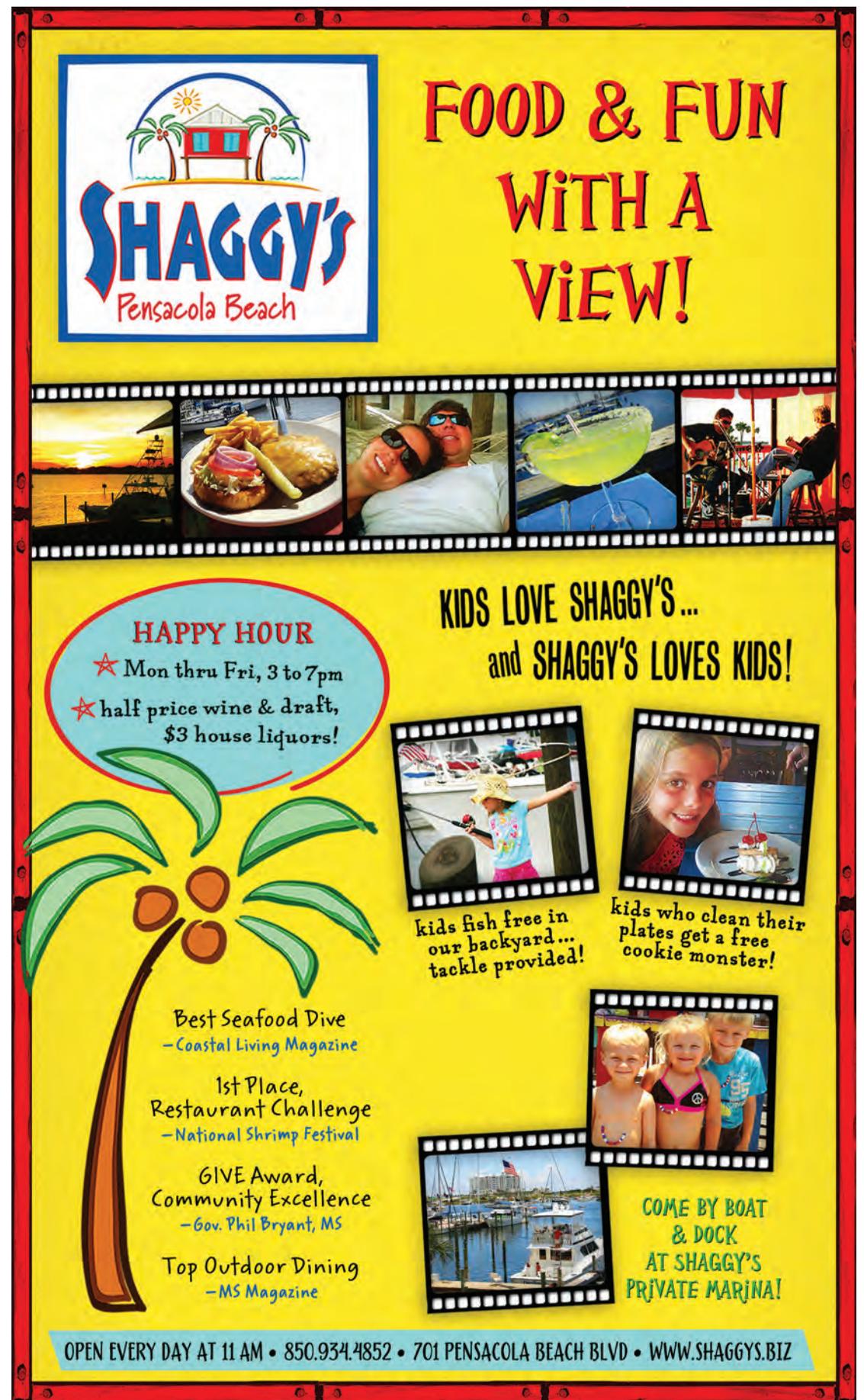


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Pensacola Beach Woman's Club issued tiaras to their former Club Presidents in a royal coronation ceremony at the Club's Sixtieth Anniversary Luncheon, April 17. The newly minted Queens of the Island - Joanne Brooks, left, Shelby Smith, center and Carleen Wheeler, are thrilled to be honored. Past presidents, not in photo, who were also crowned are Chrissy Cook, Lynda Knell, Patty Lou Kattner, Evelyn Wright, Jane McGrath and Bettie Lee Sundstrom.

Symphony Concert, Jet Ski Races Set For Mother's Day Weekend

The Pro Watercross Tour will launch the 2014 Tour, Saturday and Sunday, May 10-11 east of the Gulf Pier. It's a thrilling weekend with of non-stop action that caters to the entire family.

Competitors are expected to travel from all over the world in order to compete at the Hydro-Turf Pro Watercross Tour. The Pro Class will begin at 11 a.m. daily.

After the racing action concludes on Sunday, the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra will perform a lively Mother's Day Concert at the Gulfside Pavilion beginning at 7 p.m.

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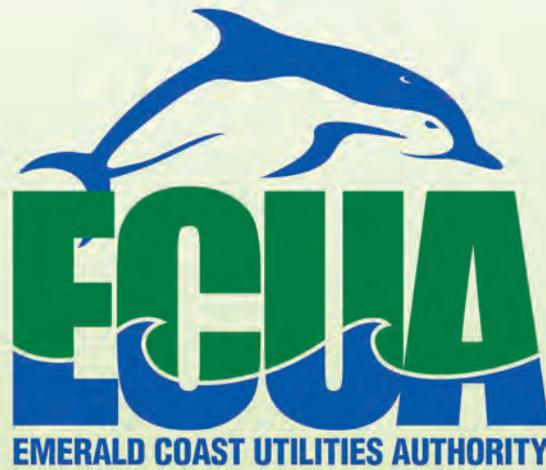
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Brianne Stanley, left, gets her nephew Easton ready to dip his egg in the cups of dye at the Eggstravaganza at Paradise, April 19.



Carly Curlett, 2, hunts for Easter eggs at the Beach Church Egg Hunt, April 19.



Jeff Archer of YOLO paddleboards and his dog, Flea, entered the Coastal Paddleboard races hosted at Grand Marlin April 12. The dog befriended Archer while in Costa Rica and now they are a watersports duo. They worked their way through a three mile course tested by a steady wind.



Max Work won the Best Easter Basket award at Paradise's Eggstravaganza, April 19.

Pensacola Beach native Ethan Luppert cools down after competing at the Coastal Paddleboard Three Mile Race, April 12 at The Grand Marlin. Luppert finished second in his division. His parents Steve and Martha were on the sidelines cheering.



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Turtle Trax



By DJ Zemenick

Sea Turtle Patrollers along the Gulf Coast are beginning to set their alarms. Patrollers will kick into gear before dawn on May 1, hoping for an exciting 2014 season.

In 2013 we had a grand total of sixty-two sea turtle nests, but Pensacola Beach was the record-breaking area with 20 sea turtle nests: 18 Loggerhead and 2 Green. The total Gulf Islands National Seashore nest count was down somewhat with 14 nests in each section (Perdido Key, Ft. Pickens and Santa Rosa): 40 Loggerhead and 2 Green. Sadly, there were no Kemps Ridley nests.

We are seeing improvements in sea turtle friendly lighting on Pensacola Beach as well as the coastal areas of the mainland, but we have a long way to go. If you are crossing the Bob Sikes Bridge at night, notice the increased number of amber lights along the shore in many areas of the mainland instead of the bright white lights which are disruptive to sea turtles. Amber lights are a beautiful sight to sea turtle

enthusiasts. You may not think that lighting in Gulf Breeze or Pensacola would affect us on the beach, but notice how light from stadiums or the downtown area is reflected downward toward the ground on nights with low cloud cover, dramatically amplifying sky luminance. This effect is called "sky glow."

On Pensacola Beach we are still trying to get the word out to both residents and tourists how important sea turtle friendly lighting is to the survival of the marine species. Starting May 1, exterior lights (especially Gulf side lights) should be turned off, shielded, or replaced by amber lights which are less disruptive. Window shades should be closed at night on the Gulf side. Houses or condos which do not have window treatments should turn off lamps sitting close to Gulf side windows or relocate them farther away from the window.

Pensacola Beach is a great example of how important lighting is when it comes to sea turtles. Last year there was a considerable

amount of disorientation to both sea turtles coming ashore to nest and hatchlings emerging from nests. Of the twenty nests in the populated area, 65 percent of the nests were affected by disorientation specifically caused by lighting which drew the hatchlings inland. Without constant monitoring, that could have resulted in a huge loss of hatchlings. There were also 18 "false crawls" just on Pensacola Beach last year. That means female sea turtles made 18 trips ashore and did not nest. The reasons are many: bright lighting/activity which make her feel unsafe or obstructions on the beach which made her turn back.

The second biggest problem we encountered on Pensacola Beach last year was the amount of tents and beach chairs left on the beach overnight. One loggerhead was witnessed nesting under a tent. Luckily she did not get tangled in the anchor lines and the event was witnessed, otherwise the nest might have been missed or destroyed by the next morning. Please remember to pack up all your belongings at night when you leave the beach and allow the sea turtles a chance to safely nest.

This year Earth Day Island-style is coinciding with the beginning of sea turtle patrol. Please come out and join us at Casino Beach on Saturday, May 3. Until next time, LIGHTS OUT!

BEACH FIT

By Geoff Kalmbach

I want to discuss a topic that I hear a lot...genetics effecting your body. Being overweight is a big health and mortality risk but it's not the health or the mortality that motivates most people. No my friends, motivation that changes people only rarely comes from the end-of-life threat. More often it is how one looks or feels. The desperation associated with weight loss is monumental. The emotions and frustrations that many people feel are the exact reason they fail at weight and fat loss: they go in expecting to fail. Excuses or reasons why one "cannot" lose weight are comforting for some people and an excuse I hear a lot is "I come from a fat family." In other words, lots of people love being a victim.

So the million dollar question is... just how much does genetics influence your weight and what can you do about it?

Genetics influence the tendency to weigh a certain amount, where that weight is stored and how easy or hard it will be for you to get

rid of it. Notice this has nothing to do with how easy it is to put it on. Genetics also influence the consequences of being overweight... are you going to wreck your joints, wreck your heart, get diabetes, have high blood pressure or a stroke or even cancer?

Now here is a fascinating phenomenon- the degree to which your genetics influence your body weight (and many of the diseases I mentioned above) can be further modified by the very things that you have control over: nutrition and exercise. Proper diet and exercise pretty much puts you in the captain's chair as far as being the master of your fate.

So now you say, "Ok Geoff, now that I know I'm in control, what do I do?" You have to cut the excuses, start an exercise program, and start eating healthy today. If you're already doing this, then stick with it and crank up the intensity of your exercise program so you don't plateau. If you are not and need help, text "A Victim No More" to 305.393.1282 for a free fitness consult.

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MAY

1: Sandbar Launch Week begins. Invitations available at Sandbar. 1: Sunset Tri, Portofino 1: AdFed MiniGolf Tourney, Tiki Island, 6:30 p.m. 1: World Trade Conference, Hilton. 2: Star Gaze. Gulfside Pavilion. Free. Dusk weather permitting. 3: Earth Day Islandstyle. 8 am Gulfside Pavilion/Casino Beach Parking lot. Yard sale, contests, games, recycling, paper shredding, displays. 3: Yancy Spencer Surf Contest, 8-5 3: Paddleboarding at Fitness On-board, Little Sabine Bay 3: PB Optimists Run for the Roses. 3: Star Gaze. Gulfside Pavilion. Free. Dusk weather permitting. 6: Deadline for Trolley Times. Want to advertise? islandtimes@bellsouth.net 6: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm www.visitpensacolabeach.com 7: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna, Open to the Public. www.sria-fla.com 8: Galvez Day 10: ProWatercross Tour, east of Pier, Jet Ski races 10: Kayak Fishing Tourney, weigh-in Shoreline Park, gulfcoastkayakfishing.com 11: Paratriathlon, Portofino 11: Mother's Day Symphony by the Sea, Gulfside Pavilion, 7 pm

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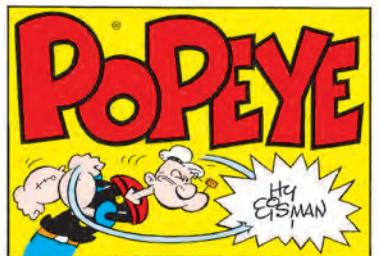
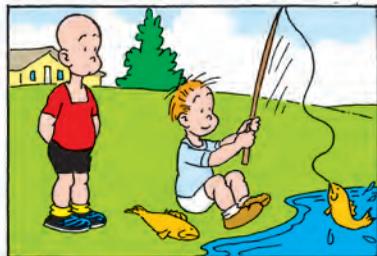
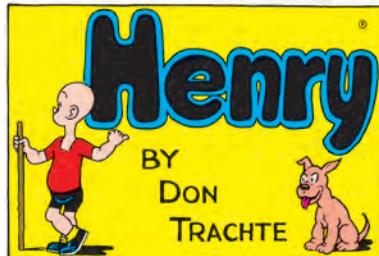


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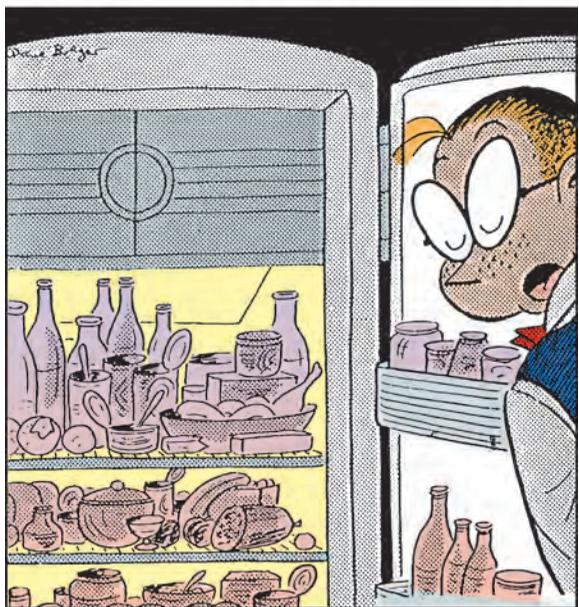
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"There, there, dear—I KNOW you wanted to surprise me—you DID!"



Gulf Islands National Seashore Superintendent Dan Brown, right, briefs a group of paddlesport enthusiasts prior to launching on the second leg of the End-To-End Seashore paddling excursion. Accompanying Brown at the Park West launch on April 21 are (L to R): Portofino Developer Robert Rinke, Escambia County Marine Services Chief Robert Turpin, Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson and Tom Gabriel, whose wife Melissa joined him in a two person kayak. The group set a leisurely pace and landed at Portofino Boardwalk. The Park Service hosted the event over an eight-day period paddling from the tip of Fort Pickens to the East Pass near Destin.

BYTES & BITS

By Joe Stukey,
Your Computer Pal

Q: "What Is The Heartbleed Computer Virus?"

A: It is a computer virus program that has apparently been around for a couple of years, but was only recently uncovered by Internet security specialists. It is said to be the highest potential

risk found on the Internet since the beginning of the Internet. The program is installed on various websites, on which user names and passwords are required to use the site.

Its purpose is to stealthily collect user login and password information. It does not infect your computer and it does not infect Internet Explorer. But, with this virus, your Internet account is at risk regardless of which kind of device (computer, smartphone, iPad, etc) you use to access a website. That is because the website itself is infected.

Sites that have been affected include Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Netflix, USAA, Yahoo, Tumblr, Gmail, Dropbox, Youtube, and GoDaddy. This is certainly not the entire list. If have logged into your account on such websites, you should first check to see if the bug has been removed from the site. Then you should change your password for

that site.

The virus affects only those websites that use OpenSSL (Secure Socket Layer) security, which includes more than 65 percent of all sites. OpenSSL is the mechanism that allows you to transmit information between your computer and the Internet in an encrypted format. Due to a flaw in that software, all websites using that technique to transmit information have been vulnerable for the last two years.

The name "Heartbleed" was given to the virus by a security company, which also created a bleeding, heart-shaped logo to help raise public awareness. The name "Heartbleed" is taken from the word "heartbeat," which is a reference to the transmission of encrypted data in the OpenSSL programs.

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

Are You Kidding?

Sandee Bredesen, a retired educator, has been chuckling for thirty years about the funny things kids say and do.

Given the question on a second grade reading test, "What is the difference between a bridge and a ferry?" one child responded: "You walk on a bridge, but a ferry comes to get your teefes." Another said, "A bridge is for cars, a ferry has wings."

(I. Brown)



Pensacola Beach Chamber Board Chairman Beverly Campbell, left, presents a check for \$3175 to Covenant Hospice from the proceeds of the St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl. Joining Campbell on stage are (L to R): Hospice Communications Manager Angie Schlosser, Chamber Vice Chair Nan Harper, Chamber President Nicole Stacey, Hospice Development Manager Leah Harrison, Chamber Secretary Diane Tyson and Chamber Treasurer Ron Wilson. The presentation was made during an All-Chamber event hosted at the Sandshaker Lounge, April 17.

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Never Hurts To Tri



By Charles Gheen
USAT Certified Race Director
Santa Rosa Island Triathlon

Boston And Other News

This year's Boston Marathon represents a tremendous comeback from the depths of a horrible, unspeakable series of events. Last year I was watching the race online and tracking many of our local runners when the explosions rocked and ruined an otherwise outstanding day. It's still painful. It still hurts, but the triumphs this year, at least ease the memory some. Two athletes (out of the 36,000 in the race) in particular made impressive comebacks themselves and their triumphs are of special note.

Meb Keflezighi is the 2014 Boston Marathon Champion. He is the first American to win since Greg Meyer in 1983 and no one, No One, gave him a chance. He's about to turn 39 and humans don't run 26 sub-5-minute miles at that age, especially on that course. As the race started in Hopkinton, he took the lead and held it through the first ten miles and then was still leading at the half-marathon mark.

Quite frankly, the favorites were not taking him that seriously. Some one always takes the lead early and eventually fades. Everyone knows the race doesn't start until the last 10 miles. By then Meb had charged on and built up a lead. Finally, the thoroughbreds were racing after him with just miles to go and seemed ready to catch him. But, the first runner who turned left onto famed Boylston Street and screamed downhill towards the Finish line was an American and he held off his challengers to win by 11 seconds.

Meb is a refugee from Eritrea who came to the United States at the age of 12. He was raised in San Diego, honed his running talent in our training system, ran collegiately for UCLA, was the marathon silver medalist in the 2004 Athens Olympic games and won the New York City Marathon in 2009. He has been an American citizen since 1996 and most recently represented our country in the London Olympics.

Mindi Straw also made her own special comeback for this

year's Boston. Mindi is the President of our local triathlon club, TriGulfcoast, and is a person who operates non-stop. Constantly in motion, her triathlon and running accomplishments are not surprising considering her energy, discipline and resolve.

In 2013, she qualified for Boston at the New Orleans Rock N Roll Marathon and then went to Boston as a spectator. She was there during the horrific occurrences that shocked the nation and left an indelible impression on her. She knew then that she would come back for the 2014 marathon.

During the past year she has suffered two separate stress fractures and spent four months in a soft cast (walking boot). Despite those setbacks, she utilized a "stripped down" training program that allowed her to stay in great shape and also protected her foot. She has raced several triathlons and road races since then and looked forward to returning to Boston this year as a competitor.

She did complete the race in an impressive time and marveled at the difficulty of the famed hills and the huge throngs lining the course the entire way. Congratulations to Mindi (and, of course, to Meb)!

Congratulations are also in order to TriGulfCoast member

Jessica Koelsch who was the female Champion at the Mullet Man Triathlon at the Florabama. Since moving to Pensacola, Jessica has notched many impressive finishes and triumphs.

On May 3, the 40th annual Fiesta of Five Flags 10K/5K will be presented by the Pensacola Runners Association. A field of at least 1500 is projected to compete in this historic race which bisects the city from Pensacola State College to Seville Square. More details are available at www.pensacolarunners.com.

That same day Fitness Onboard will hold their fourth annual Paddle For A Cure on the Little Sabine Bay across from the Margaritaville Hotel. In three years Cindi Bonner and her group have raised over \$60,000 to fight pancreatic and colon cancer. You can find information about this awesome event at www.fitnessonboard.com.

This week marked the fourth anniversary of the oil "spill" in our beautiful Gulf of Mexico. I am saddened (and angered) just thinking about it.....thinking about that camera well below the surface that documented the oil gushing forth every hour for 87 straight days. Like everyone else, I'm not forgetting anything about that shameful disaster nor forgiving those who caused it.



Philip Williams, 22, of Pensacola rounds the final turn during the Pensacola Beach Half Marathon, April 13. His time for 16.1 miles was 1:23:36 which placed him across the finish line in first place. There were 1156 finishers who each received medals at the post race party at Flounder's.

Glenn Windham and the Capt'n Fun Runners won the award for the best water station, which is like a party unto itself.



Beach Resident Kimberly Cole, left, and her brother Michael Schmitz, head for the finish line at the Pensacola Beach Half Marathon, April 13.

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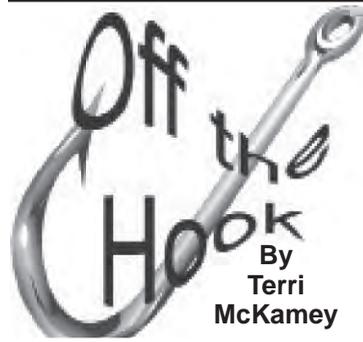
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I know you guys are anxious to read the results of the Third Annual Cobia Phobia Tournament which was held at Paradise Bar and Grill April 18-20, but I have a little story to pass on to you first. It's a bit of karma in my opinion.

Trisha Tenuto and her boyfriend have had a not-so-great year and we'll just leave it at that. Just so happens they were fishing at the Bob Sikes fishing bridge and they found a turtle in distress. This poor turtle was wrapped up in a rod and line and literally drowning. So they



rescued the turtle, cutting away the line and freeing it up. In the process they got a rod which they cleaned up, put twelve pound test on and a Gotcha lure.

Just in case you are not familiar with the Gotcha, the lure is excellent for Bluefish, Spanish Mackerel, Trout and any fish that feed on small bait fish. When fishing, cast and reel in using short, sharp jerks of the rod to produce a deadly swimming action.

Back to the story. They decided to go fishing on the Gulf Pier for Spanish Mackerel. Lady Karma smiled down on Trisha and here she is (photo, left) with her 34.2 pound Cobia. That's right caught on a Gotcha and 12 pound test.

And what a beautiful picture it is! I am so proud of Trisha.

Huge shout out to those Pier Rats who helped get it up, too. I'm telling you guys to believe in karma!

Now on to the Cobia Phobia tourney where a fantastic time was had by all. Here are the results and congrats to all who participated:

1. Wetter the Better/ Alex Renn/ 64.35 pound Cobia
2. Alcyone/ Jimmy Stephen/49.65 pound Cobia
3. Bamboo Vic II/ Joseph Dewberry/ 31.40 pound Cobia
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Mike Whitaker pedals from the starting line of the Tour de Cure April 12 at the Gulfside Pavilion. Riders completed routes of varying distances to raise money and awareness about Diabetes. Whitaker, who is a shift manager at the WalMart in Navarre trains weekly in cycling workouts. He rode the 36 mile route.

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