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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!



Tommy Grice is beach famous for celebrating the Fourth of July with a few friends sipping from liquor infused watermelons. What started as a casual Beach party in 1972 with about 8 people, developed into a Beach tradition with hundreds of invited guests. The gregarious host has retired his party, but the tradition continues. For more on Pensacola Beach's Fourth of July celebrations, turn to page 2.

Beach Declares Its Independence From The Mundane

Fourth of July Weekend Events Set To Dazzle

We hold these truths to be self-evident that all who stand on the white sands of Pensacola Beach during the Fourth of July weekend celebration are equal in the pursuit of happiness. Feast your eyes on fireworks, heavenly bodies and bikini contestants. Sate your soul in salty waves and acts of eco-kindness. Glad hand a Moondog or pet a racing crab. It's an all American celebration marking the two hundred and thirty-eight years since the founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence and you are invited.

The Island's chefs are making special meals to herald one of summer's busiest weekends. The pubs and bars have live music, and libations to quench your thirst.

Here's just a few of the offerings to get the party started:

Tuesday, July 1

◆ Take a Free Ride on the Beach Trolleys. Service is 4 p.m. to Midnight, seven days per week. Air conditioned and open air seating available.

◆ Johnny Earthquake and The Moondogs live in concert

at the Gulfside Pavilion from 7 to 9 p.m. The regionally famous show band from Louisiana features talented vocalists with a funky horn section. Tuned up for high-energy rock, R&B, swing, soul, zydeco, country and just about any other genre of music you can imagine. Dancing encouraged. A Second Line might form. Bring a lawn chair and a cooler, but leave your pets and glass containers at home.

Wednesday, July 2

◆ Kowabunga! Catch a wave at Innerlight Surf Camp or check out the grommets learning to carve up the Gulf. Just west of Portofino. Innerlightsurf.com for details.

Thursday, July 3

◆ Beach Church Bingo is open to the public. Located at the corner of Avenida 18 and Via de Luna. Trolley stops right out front. Games starts at 7 p.m. Bring your friends. Bingo, \$20. Enter the September 21 Custom Golf Cart giveaway drawing. Tickets, \$10 and you need not be present to win. Feeling lucky?

Friday, July 4

◆ Kids are cool at Shaggy's. Dangle a line in the water or your feet from the dock. Fishing poles provided. Miss Elaine says there will be games and maybe a few magic tricks.

◆ The zaniest thing you've ever seen – Crab Racing at Crab's on the Beach. Seadog has a black belt in funny. He serves as the CrabMaster. Post time, 6 p.m. Kids, Oldsters and in between are welcome to step up to the red circle, name a crab and get ready to race. Come back for more on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Pinch-E and She's Got Leggs should be on the winner's podium.

◆ Sun sets at 7:55 p.m.

◆ Keep your eyes on the sky. The Escambia Amateur Astronomer's Club sets up telescopes and high powered binoculars at dusk at the Gulfside Pavilion. They are generous with their knowledge. Free and open to the public to see the heavenly bodies in the inky sky above Pensacola Beach. They'll be set up on Saturday night, too.

◆ The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce sets

the sky ablaze with a fireworks extravaganza beginning at 8:30 p.m. The pyrotechnics are carefully choreographed by Pyro Show of Tennessee and Cumulus radio will sync up a soundtrack of patriotic songs to be broadcast on Soft Rock, 94.1. The fireworks are launched from a barge in Santa Rosa Sound, but can be seen islandwide. Grab your patch of sand. The Santa Rosa Island Authority sponsors this twenty minute spectacular. The grand finale will dazzle you.

◆ The sizzle doesn't fizzle. Portofino Resort fires up their spectacular show at 9 p.m. The resort is open to guests only, but the sky high excitement is easy to see from almost anywhere on the east end of the island.

◆ Keep the fun factor high but remember to use common sense and follow the rules. Florida law allows for sparklers, noisemakers and smoke for personal use. Nothing that explodes.

◆ Fly By Radio at Flounder's. Go early. The fans are crazy for this 80s cover band. In the mood for some Guns N' Roses or AC/DC? The Birmingham based band brings it all. Good show and good hosts. Encore performance on Saturday night. Sand dance floor.

Saturday, July 5

◆ Wade, paddle or walk along the Soundfront shoreline to pick up litter. A group will start from Red Fish Blue Fish at 10 a.m. You can participate anywhere on the island. Be kind to the beach.

◆ Patriots Regatta, hosted by the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club, just for the fun of it. First warning 11:55 a.m. Captains try to capture the fickle winds in the Spinnaker, Non Spin, and Multihull, Hobie Wave classes. Want to race? PensacolaBeach-

yc.org.

◆ Castaway Bay Beach Bash caters to the tween set with a kid-friendly DJ, water balloon toss, limbo and hula hoop contests. Waterslides and free prize give-aways. It's ok to bring the whole family. Parents can sip and observe all the fun from the comfort of the Tiki Bar. Starts about noon and goes til 6 p.m. at Castaways. Located at the southernmost end of the Portofino Boardwalk.

◆ Watermelon Suck Off. Naughty name, innocent fun. Here's the history... founded by Tommy Grice, the party was by invitation only. Coveted invitees, drop bys, lookie-loos and throngs of party crashers made it legendary. Jeff Goudey perfected the mash and mix ratio of melon to tequila. No invite required this year... the event will be hosted at the Sandshaker Lounge from 3 to 7 p.m. Open to fun-loving people who are 21 and older. Poke your straw in a spiked watermelon drink. Juke to the Joe and Dave Show Band. Collector's edition t-shirts. Will there be a royal coronation for the Sultan of Slurp? A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Krewe of Wrecks.

◆ Oh say can you see... the runway at Bamboo Willie's as the annual Red, White and Blue Bikini Contest models parade in front of the judges as the clock strikes five! Preliminary and final rounds, so find a good spot to view the action. Hip Kitty plays at 8 p.m.

Sunday, July 6

◆ Mere Mortals practicing the very American sport of triathlon. Arrive at the Gulfside Pavilion around 6 a.m. Gulf swim, 14 miles cycling and one mile run. TriGulfCoast.org for membership. Only \$40 to join.



Johnny Earthquake, center, and The Moondogs will perform at Bands on the Beach, Tuesday, July 1.

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Campanella, Preston To Run For Santa Rosa Island Authority

The Santa Rosa Island Authority is comprised of six members. Each of the five Escambia County Commissioners have an appointee and one SRIA member is elected by Pensacola Beach voters. The position can only be filled by a Beach resident. The term is two years.

Dr. Thomas Campanella is the incumbent. Campanella lives in Villa Sabine has been

on the SRIA board for 12 years.

Terry Preston officially entered the race on June 20. Preston serves as the president of the Pensacola Beach Advocates and has been a Pensacola Beach leaseholder since 1979 and full time resident for 7 years.

The Santa Rosa Island Authority board composition was amended by the State Legislature and McGuire Martin won

the inaugural election in 1983.

The SRIA elected seat will appear on the General Election Ballot, Tuesday, November 4. The Pensacola Beach Community Church serves as the Beach's polling place.

Escambia County residents can log on to EscambiaVotes.com for information about voter registration, candidates, campaign profiles and election dates.

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
May 17, 1983

If the world was full of people like me, there would never be a need for tamper-proof containers. I can't even open conventional kinds of packaging. Invariably, if the top of a jar is a screw-on type with threads, I have to pop it a bit with a bottle opener before I can

get it to turn. When my children were small, the manufacturers had just begun putting those lids on medicine bottles that turn around and turn around and turn around until you press down at the arrow to open. I always had to ask the kids to get the lids off those bottles, so I could give them whatever it was they were supposed to be taking.

I am at my worst with wine bottle corks. Imagine sitting at the head of the table desperately trying to open a bottle of wine, only to find bits of cork floating in the wine and popping out on the table. Suddenly, the irascible corkscrew gouges the rest of the cork straight into the wine bottle where it bobs and bobs and leers at me,

while wine spews out the top of the bottle like the Trevalon Fountain. You laugh. Don't. This actually happens to me. Often. Truthfully, one the two or three occasions when I have successfully extracted a cork in its entirety from a bottle of wine, I have become so emotional, I felt like just sitting there patting the cork, softly.

part company. I knew that gas cap could be removed because the station attendant had been putting gasoline in the truck for months. True. It could be removed, but not by me. Finally, someone told me to turn it counter clockwise, and it would pop right off. I've never had the courage to try. Clockwise or counter clockwise, lids, gas caps, corks and twist-on wires have all got my number.

So much for cork screws. How do you open a plastic bag filled with vegetables or fruits or alfalfa sprouts? Simple. You twist the little closure gadget to the right or left or some way until it frees the top of the bag. No matter which way I twist, it tightens. I gave up on that process a long time ago. I tear holes in plastic bags, and drag the contents out through the hold. That's easier than aspirin tops and beats wine corks by a whole bunch. I like the mastery I feel over plastic bags.

So, it has come time to take stock of myself. I can usually open egg cartons without breaking the eggs. Most of the time, I am able to unseal envelopes without tearing the contents inside. I can open an old fashioned box of cough drops, but I am totally baffled by the kind packaged in the plastic backed by foil. I cannot open baby gates, or remove trays from high chairs. I am more like to run into a Martian than solve Rubik's Cube. Well, you know, those tiny aspirin boxes with the red arrows on the top at the rear which say "Push Here to Open"? Well, all I can say is it's a good thing I don't have headaches.

Not too long ago, I stopped in a station which was self serve. That meant I had to jump out of my truck, disengage the gas cap, put the nozzle in the opening, fill 'er up, pay the station and take off. All I did was take off. The gas cap was one of those that goes around and around and loosely clings to the tank...not once planning to

There is some consolation to a bumblehead like me. Everyone knows I wasn't the Tylenol murderer.

Beach Organizations Spread Good Cheer

The Mardi Gras floats are still and the champagne flutes are empty, but the work of Pensacola Beach's original krewe goes on. The Krewe of Wrecks board remains active year round and recently announced their charitable giving campaign. Three local organizations - Good Samaritan Clinic, Manna Food Bank and Covenant Hospice were given \$1,000 each. The Elk's Youth Camp received a \$500 donation from the Wrecks.

Happy Sands.
"We make sure that the children in need have something under the Christmas tree and a colorful basket full of Easter goodies," said Karen Cook Cowen, krewe founder.

mists host an oratorical contest, poster contest and bike rodeo at the School. They are also Partners-in-Education.

Bananimals volunteers will sell ice cold bottled water under the Beach Chamber's Air Show Vendors Tent, July 11-12. The proceeds will benefit the Santa Rosa Kids House.

The Pensacola Beach Woman's Club hosts one fundraiser annually. The Luck of the Irish Fashion Show and Extravaganza allowed the Club to make sizeable donations to five local groups. Recipients of the one thousand dollar donations are: Pensacola Beach Elementary School, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Pensacola Beach Community Church, Junior Lifeguard Program, and the Northwest Florida Wildlife Sanctuary. The Woman's Club is celebrating sixty years of service on Pensacola Beach which makes them the longest standing civic organization on the island. The Club awarded checks at their June 19 luncheon.

The Pensacola Beach Optimists support youth activities, so the proceeds from their Kentucky Derby Party will be dedicated to the Pensacola Beach Elementary School, among others. The Opti-



Happy Campers - Allison Sanchez, Camp Happy Sands Operations Director, left, accepts a \$500 donation from the Krewe of Bananimals from Karen Cook Cowen. Cowen delivered the check during the Bananimals annual Luau, Sunday, June 8 at the Sandbar. The Krewe meets the first Sunday of the month. They will take a two month break before resuming the hard task of partying and good deeds.

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ALBERT GRADUATES

Pensacola Beach native Michelle Albert graduated from the University of North Florida in April with a degree in Health Science. She's just 21-years-old. Sister Melanie, who works full-time at McGuire's, is working toward a psychology degree at the University of West Florida. Their parents are Dr. Fran Albert and Monica Kellner.

KARATE CHOP

Rising Fifth Grader Jack Landis has been a martial artist for seven years. He earned a black belt last week. Jack, whose proud parents are Dr. John and Lisa Landis trains at Sexton Taekwondo. He and little brother Jonah are Pensacola Beach Elementary School students.

ACES

According to Saltwater Rick Uzdevenes, Pete Falgout is a bar game expert. Pete, who's no stranger to the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun winner's circle, won the Sandshaker Pool Tourney, June 2. Pete has recently joined his brother Freddy as a volunteer driver to assist veterans in getting to appointments and to run errands.

DRY DAY

When Scott Luebcke took Darla Richardson to be his wife two years ago, the rain poured all day long. It was a deluge but the clouds parted and allowed the sweet couple to tie the knot. Darla reported that she, Scott and daughter Brittany celebrated all day culminating with dinner at McGuire's. "Dry. Not a drop of rain all day," laughed Darla.

BIRTHDAY BRIGADE

The June Birthday partiers should get together and have a big blowout shindig. All kinds of birthday cakes are being munched this month. Anita Remesch was the guest of honor June 21 at a beachside bash hosted by her husband Dennis Remesch. Guests flew in from across the country according to Dennis. Kathi Lewis, who dishes up a helping of gossip accompanied by a recipe in "Peas, Porridge and a Dry Martini," added another year June 22. She's scheduling her annual gambling junket with the Sisters of the Beach to toast the day. Fred

Simmons and Jeremy Johnson, both Beach Realtors, blow out candles on June 24 and June 25, respectively.

GINNY'S BACK

Did you miss Ginny? Ginny Sheehan has been on medical leave from the Beach Visitor's Center but is back at her post. Stop by and say hello to her. She'll give you an Eco Tour map or a Trolley Times as a souvenir.

PEANUT GALLERY

What's fun during the summer? The Thompson kids – Lauren, Josh, Reilly and Madison – followed their dad Mark to the Beach School gazebo to watch the oversized crane lift the modular classrooms into place June 10. Mark serves on the Pensacola Beach Elementary School's board of directors. It was a big day in Beach School history.

KIDS ROCK

Longtime Portofino residents Floyd and Clara Smith usually favor the peace and quiet of the winter months at Portofino. As such, they were apprehensive about the surge of 2,400 children who stayed at the resort from Texas. However, Floyd and Clara were mollified by the children's behavior. They hope to soon hear the pitter patter of little feet through the Portofino halls as they await the visit of their nephew and grandchildren.

DOWN TIME

Monika Renee Cosson is settling down after a busy couple of weeks. Monika volunteered at the Beach Church's Vacation Bible School. Then she realized exactly how big her family was at the Cosson Family Reunion. After all of the fun and action, Monika is looking forward to some time with her feet kicked up this summer.

BEACH FIT

Jessica Koch is always one to keep it fresh. After finishing her first year at the University of West Florida, Jessica has experimented with new ways to go healthy for the summer. She just completed a strict 24 day diet challenge eliminating such things as all-purpose flour. Following her completion of the challenge, Jessica is still trying out different healthy recipes and staying fit.

T r i v i a ?

The doctor is in! Dr. Fran Albert hunted and pecked and quickly discovered that the only state's name that can be typed on a single row of the keyboard is Alaska. He was the first person to correctly answer the question which bordered between data entry and geographical knowledge. The Trivia Master will look for a special *Island Times* shirt for the longtime newspaper fan.

The Roundtable Royalty were in fine form although Lady Kim of the House of Cole could not consult her Wise One. He is not a typer. She nailed it anyway. The Queen of Wrong Answers Joanne Brooks sullied her record with the correct answer. She must abdicate her throne if she continues this trend of rightfully answering.

Big Bob Dority popped up with the answer after thirty seconds of research.

Good to hear from Angeli McMillan and Monika Cosson, who were eager to earn a shirt. Sue Garnjobst is looking for honorable mention and a t-shirt. Kathy Christoff blamed her late answer on the scoundrel who hid the *Island Times* in a basket under the table in the foyer. Jean Luke and Jayne Drees weren't first but

they weren't last to answer either.

The Trivia Master received an answer from Laura "The Rookie" Jansen. Good work. No shirt. Send your next answer faster, Rookie. Kim Snooks, who works at Gulf Blue Vacations, knew it was Alaska, too.

There is a shroud of confusion surrounding Gwen Foster's correct answer and Walt Foster's wrong answer. At first glance it appeared "Ohio" was submitted by Wild Walt Foster. Whoa Walt. Then, up pops an email from his bride, Gwen saying she has "been out of school for one million years and did not correctly read the question, so my final answer is Alaska." Good answer, way late, and stay away from your hubby's phone if you are sending the only wrong answer out of dozens received.

See if you can answer this in a timely fashion. The sky will be on fire on the Fourth of July with pyrotechnics. The cadre of professional firefighters will be ready to douse any errant embers. The Beach's fire department, although at first only volunteers, has been around a long time. How many years has Pensacola Beach had a fire department?

Move with a sense of urgency to send your very best guess to islandtimes@bellsouth.net. Put Trivia in the subject line and include your name and phone number with your answer. The first correct answer wins an *Island Times* shirt. The deadline to play is Tuesday, July 1. Good Luck.

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- True Blue...**Thurs and Fri, June 26-27 at 6 PM
- Tips for Lucy...**Sat, June 28 at 6 PM
- Chris Klein and The Boulevards...**Sun, June 29 at 3 Monday Night Blues
- w/host John Hart...Mon, June 30 at 6 PM
- Chris Klein and The Boulevards...**Tues, July 1 at 6 PM
- Bryan Lee...**Thurs, July 3 at 6 PM
- The Last Straw...**Fri, July 4 at 6 PM
- FIREWORKS...FRI, 4TH OF JULY AT 8:30**
- FRONT ROW SEATS**
- Tips for Lucy...**Sat, July 5 at 6 PM
- The Renunion Band...**Sun, July 6 at 3 PM
- Monday Night Blues** w/host John Hart...Mon, July 7 at 6 PM

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SRIA Board Tackles Future After Taxes

Board Member Ed Guernsey brought the topic of ad valorem taxation, lease fees and the future of the Santa Rosa Island Authority to the Board Member's Forum June 11. Guernsey advised the board that he had discussed the recent Supreme Court ruling on

the tax litigation with Shell, Fleming, Davis and Menge Attorney Danny Kepner, who represented leaseholders on Pensacola Beach. Guernsey noted that Kepner's clients will no longer be contesting the tax on improvements to leasehold property since the

Supreme Court issued their ruling in March.

"Mr. Kepner has sent a letter to his clients stating their firm is no longer pursuing the improvement tax case," said Guernsey. "The letter asked for the client's decision on whether they would

like to continue to contest the taxation of the leasehold land. We should know the result in a couple of weeks."

SRIA Attorney Mike Stebbins and Escambia County Attorney Alison Rogers have been researching with some difficulty the way the transition from leases to fee simple title transpired in Okaloosa County. Additionally, the recent flooding event paired with the explosion at the County jail have consumed the legal staff in Escambia County.

In light of this information, Guernsey recommended that the Board task Stebbins to take the lead in identifying legal issues.

The Santa Rosa Island Authority budget is funded through the collection of lease fees, and should that funding source be reduced or erased, then the SRIA and its services will also be reduced or

abolished. There is no definitive plan before the Board on how a future SRIA would be structured or funded. Board Member Janice Gilley believes that a planner who specializes in this type of transition should be hired.

Executive Director Buck Lee noted that the lawsuits are far from over.

"The Portofino Homeowners Associations voted to move forward with their suit with regard to the land," said Lee. "I would not give up the ship just yet. But, we can come up with a plan."

According to Lee, the discussion should be on the August Committee agenda.

The SRIA meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 25 at 5 p.m. in the boardroom, #1 Via de Luna. The agenda is available online at www.sria-fla.com.

SRIA Says Dog Parks Stay Leash Holders Need To Follow Rules

Kids, tourists and concerned beach residents filled the Santa Rosa Island Authority boardroom June 11 to talk about dog parks on Pensacola Beach. A number of residents voiced safety, health and lack of enforcement concerns about the Dog Park located near their homes on Fort Pickens Road.

DeLuna Point residents Tom and Patricia Wirth are not opposed to dog parks, but would like to see the one park relocated.

"If dogs have to be on the beach, it should not be near a residential area," said Tom Wirth. "It should not be where kids play. One of these days a little kid is going to get a fatal disease and then we will all be hanging our heads."

Twelve-year-old Drew Marks was among the residents who favored the dog park concept

and supported his stance with a speech well beyond his years.

"We have two lovely dogs and we love the dog park," said Marks. "We are responsible. We pick up poop. I am all for getting permits and acting responsibly."

The Board heard from nine speakers and ultimately decided that the two parks, located at parking lot "B" on Ft. Pickens Road and parking lot "E" past Portofino would remain open and in their current location.

Board member Dave Pavlock wants more education and information about the dog park locations and rules to be disseminated.

SRIA Public Safety Director Bob West commented that there are too many residents and visitors who are allowing their dogs to run on the beach which is prohibited, but he has not fielded one report of a dog bite.

Vice-Chairman Janice Gilley said none of the remarks made her change her mind about the location and status of the dog parks, however, she noted that it is incumbent on dog owners to act responsibly and assist in policing the dog parks.

The parks are open from 7 a.m. to sunset, daily. Dogs are to remain leashed at all times and within the dog park boundaries. Owners are required to clean up after their pets. More information is available at VisitPensacolaBeach.com.



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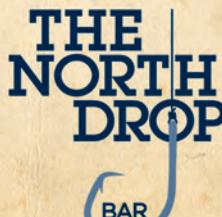
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peas, porridge and a dry martini

by
Kathi
Lewis



By the time this edition gets to your hands, I will have begun the adventures of my Sixth Decade of Life on Earth. While it's definitely gonna be exciting (based on my friends and Sistahs who have so enthusiastically, bravely and quite brazenly blazed the trail ahead of me), it is also a bit scary, reflective and a whole lotta other adjectives.

Why scary? Well, I know I might be facing an entire host of new health issues. Since I never planned to reach this decade, I certainly used every bit of my body's resources to enjoy the years as I lived them. I am not convinced that is necessarily a bad thing. I've tried not to miss a single rose while planting some roots of my own. I never planned to leave much behind anyway. Anything that could possibly benefit anyone else will be donated. Whatever's left can go to science if they want it. Maybe something can be learned that will be beneficial somehow, some way. It's the in-between that's scary because I've seen a lot of suffering. But I will continue my beauty regimen, which of course requires a certain quantity of Vodka (not to mention the fun of getting there). I will keep dancing until my legs refuse, then I will "chair dance" (something I luckily perfected in the Tiki Days when copious liquid libations kept me glued to a bar stool in its prized location of Derelict's Corner). And I am determined to continue enjoying life, which quality may depend on my beloved Body Maintenance Specialist (whose name will not be mentioned in order to protect the innocent).

Reflective? I have certainly been reflecting on the enormous amount of friends and family who have predeceased me; some beyond imagination. As each of my beloved friends and relatives have passed on to their next adventure beyond this life, I have asked, implored and shamelessly begged each one to please save me a bar stool in that Great Tiki in the Sky. That is surely gonna be one Helluva House Band.

Reflecting on my life reminds me how Blessed I have been (and still am) to have lived an extraordinary 60 years. Painful losses and life lessons, along with the best of loving, giving and caring parents, family and

friends have all brought me here to this age. All of my experiences in life have made me who I am today and I am content. I am not only happy, but also rich beyond comparison in all the important meaningful ways. Still, I wouldn't go quite so far as to say that maybe I've grown up... well, maybe a tiny bit.

One of the lovely things that come with age is the perfect vision of hindsight. So I now know just how perfectly timed my choice was to change my life and that of my daughter Mel by moving to paradise nearly 32 years ago. I've made a lot of good choices over the years by listening to and sometimes by remembering the "hindsight" knowledge of older friends and family. But few supported this decision even though I felt it in I my heart. I was young, beautiful (hindsight, remember?) and ready to follow my dream.

No one will ever be able to take away those perfect years when life was so much fun every single day and we all felt invincible. We were healthy, happy and filled this island with life and many great traditions (some of which have grown tremendously and contribute greatly to our economy). We looked after each other, our children, our homes and our community. Our society had no social boundaries and our children played together (as did we), swam in every pool on the island and eventually grew up together. Even our Beach Deputies took care of us and gave everyone the same two choices: 1) get in the front seat for a ride home or, 2) get in the back seat for a ride to jail.

In those bright sun-filled days of dancing in the sand, the tourists were drawn to the locals and went home thrilled with the stories and the unforgettable memories. It was a time of halcyon days when the property was leased and the Land Leases were honored, in addition to being legal and binding contracts until their expiration. (I still receive correspondence addressed to: Leaseholder. I keep waiting for the one addressed to: Land Owner. And I've seen the one addressed to: Taxpayer.)

Once again, as I have done many birthdays, I decided to start this one by celebrating the day before. After all, it is the young-

est I'll ever be again. Christine Hewerdine and I started the Party Parade with our first stop at The SandBar. We both still love a good band and a lot of dancing like nobody's watching!

When you start the actual day of your birth with a hang-over, you are almost guaranteed that you'll feel better as the day goes on. This is unlike starting your day feeling bad without a hang-over. That day can certainly get much worse. And since it's your Birthday, nobody minds if you have a Mimosa for breakfast. And if you're having a very special Pool Party hosted by your lovely daughter (the first party in her new home after the old one flooded), then Mimosa's are practically a requirement. You want to enjoy sharing your special day with family and friends after all. By the sixth decade, you certainly should have learned you are, not only no longer invincible, you are now considered quite "vincible." Each birthday is a gift to be treasured and celebrated.

This week's recipe should also be treasured. I'm going make it as a celebration of any fresh fish or seafood dish all summer! It's better than hush puppies. So, let's cook.....

Crawfish Cornbread

- 1 ¾ cups Cornmeal
- ¼ cup Flour (self-rising)
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 6 eggs
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- ½ cup jalapeno peppers, chopped
- 1 lb. sharp cheddar cheese (16 oz.)
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cans cream corn (14 oz.)
- 2 lbs. crawfish tails

In bowl, combine cornmeal, flour, salt and baking powder. In medium bowl, beat eggs, chopped onion and jalapeno pepper. Add cheese, oil, corn and crawfish to beaten egg mixture. Combine this mixture with cornmeal mixture and mix well. Pour into greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Bake at 375 degrees for 55 minutes or until golden brown. Serves 10 or more.

If you were born in 1954, please contact me at kathilewis@bellsouth.net for a Grand Celebration Party to honor all of us entering our Sixth Decade. Party to be announced later this year.

Enjoy, share and have a Happy Birthday America!

See ya in the kitchen.....

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SRIA Extends Trolley Routes for Beach Air Show Weekend

Madison Penico
Island Times

Parking is an eternally difficult issue during the Pensacola Beach Air Show weekend, July 11-12. Island natives will advise you to forgo the car and take the trolley, bike or walk to the site of the show. Trolley service begins at 7 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. During this time, multiple trolleys will be running along the special weekend trolley route which has been expanded to include Park East. Additionally, two busses will be added to Saturday's routes. After the end of the air show, two trolleys will run from 6 p.m. until midnight on the regular trolley route from Portofino to Park West.

If it's impossible to leave

the car behind, Park East, located just over a mile east of Portofino, caters to the event with plenty of open parking spaces. Park East will be included in Trolley routes until 6 p.m. The only catch to parking in this area is to make certain to catch the last trolley at 5:45 p.m. Otherwise, the return journey to Park East will be a long walk.

No matter the chosen method of transportation for the event, all Air Show spectators should arrive early and fully prepared for a day on the beach. That means plenty of water and plenty of sunscreen.

Complete Air Show details, schedules, pilot photos and helpful hints will appear in the July 8 edition of *Island Times*.



Friends and Beach School classmates Peyton Bunting, left, and Natalia Dadisman spent some of their summer days attending Vacation Bible School at the Beach Church. Friday, June 13 was declared "Water Day" where campers were treated to a water-slide and aquatic games. Mother Nature even got into the act providing a deluge during the activities. Peyton and Natalia will be fifth graders at the Beach School in the Fall.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS



by Jim Roberts
ECUA, Public Information Officer

Did you know...to recycle all plastic containers with the number 1 and 2 placed inside a triangle. These cover items such as plastic drinks bottles, milk bottles, shampoo bottles, detergent and washing up liquid bottles, soap dispenser bottles and shower gel bottles; as well as yogurt drink bottles. Rinse these thoroughly and remove the final contents. Wash and squash before placing in your recycling bin. For more information visit ecua.fl.gov

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The Lizzard's Tongue...

BY ELIZABETH K. HEWSON

I have officially designated myself Queen of the Kitchen Appliances. Now there is no need for a coronation parade to honor me, QUOKA; but I must share a story about my culinary kingdom. I am a kind and benevolent wielder of the greasy spoon. I try to treat each of my loyal servants to only the freshest ingredients followed by a warm soapy water rinse and a gentle wipe down with the softest of cloths. My faithful subjects display such family names as Farberware, Crock-Pot, Hamilton Beach, Emerson, Keurig, Oster, Black & Decker, Cuisinart and Sunbeam. I am even on a first name basis with a few -- Jack (LaLanne Juicer), George (Forman Grill), Jimmy (Margaritaville Blender), and Mr. Myagi (Japanese Steamer). This tragic tale, however, is about none other than the KitchenAid.

It all began when I moved back to Pensacola Beach, to a kitchen that was half the size I was used to and with none of the storage. I was forced to choose. One by one, I sent my seldom used, but much loved not so small kitchen appliances away. Meat slicer. Pasta maker. 14-cup food processor. Just to name a few. Each relocated to another Julia Childs wanna be. I could not, however, part with my brand new KitchenAid still in the box free standing mixer. So it was one of the larger kitchen appliances to make the move and has stood sentry on my countertop until just the other day.

It was a glorious morning. The kind that makes you want to serve your teenager, in my case the Kid, fresh squeezed orange juice, homemade cinnamon rolls with a side of thick, crisp bacon. So I pulled out my KitchenAid, tossed in some flour and other

roll making ingredients, and pushed the lever to 2. As she started to mix, I sauntered over to the refrigerator. Actually I walked the four steps and pulled out a bag of oranges which I had to slice in order to manually juice with a hand press that I bought while vacationing in Ensenada, Mexico before the Kid was ever born.

The next thing I know flames are shooting out of my free standing mixer and black smoke is billowing throughout the upstairs of my house. Quickly I unplugged it and placed it outside of my house. Of course, I was relieved that I didn't have to call 911 as I am never quite sure how many cars are parked at the corner of Avenida 18 and Ariola Drive and, if indeed, when it's parked in could a fire truck actually make that turn. Following the only rule of my kitchen kingdom -- never fret over spilled wine, the liquor store is just down the street -- breakfast quickly became Pillsbury Cinnamon Rolls with fresh, but not from concentrate pure Florida orange juice. No bacon. What can I say, I was distraught.

Eventually KitchenAid cooled off and I brought her back into the house. I thought maybe 2 years in kitchen appliances was like 50 years in human terms and she was just having a hot flash. I removed her mixing bowl and cleaned off the black soot the best I could. She had oil dripping down her sides. I thought maybe she just needed a rest and would be good as new in a few days. I waited patiently, even hand mixed meatballs for dinner one night. Finally, I summoned the courage to plug her in. I got nothing. She had kneaded her last dough, fluffed her last eggs. No pun intended, she was toast.

This sliced and diced me to my culinary core. It was as if the countdown timer on the

microwave was ticking off the seconds to my gastronomical reign. My kitchen kingdom would all but crumble without KitchenAid. So I called her service number, prepared to pay to have her fixed, and was immediately welcomed into the KitchenAid Kingdom of Kind-

ness. The very nice customer service agent asked me a litany of questions and within minutes she explained to me what was going to happen next. "Mrs. Hewson, in a few days, FedEx will be delivering a brand new free standing mixer to you, along with packaging and return labels

for your current product."

My new KitchenAid just arrived, so once again all are cooking for QUOKA. As she takes her stand on the counter, ready to mix it up at a moment's notice, I can only ask, "Cinnamon rolls anyone?"

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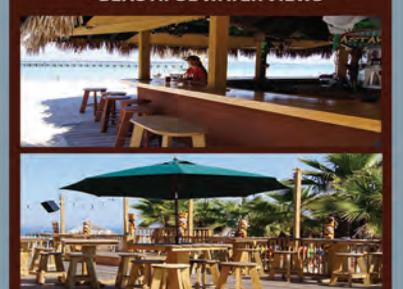
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Sunrise and Sunset with Safari-Su

By Susan Haselton-Barr



Jambo (Hello) Everybody! I could see in her eyes as she was staring at me, that she was wondering, "How old is that woman?" Standing in the queue at the Gulf Breeze Post Office proves invaluable for the casual observer. Long lines are now my new best friend. These lines provide the rare privilege to visit with people and learn more about myself than them, honestly.

Turning to the cute younger woman, I told her I am "of so-

cial security age." Laughing out loud because it's true. Of course, there is a broad age range for collecting those wonderful "monies" as my granddaughter calls them. So I let my line-mate do the math.

Declaring my life is just beginning, I realize I have decades ahead and decades have passed. Surveying the variety of humans standing in the lobby, it became apparent that remarkable wisdom comes from this

unusual and unique assortment of individuals. I am, of course, referring to our local paradise residents.

Drawn to this area for a variety of reasons, but seem to live slightly outside of the box when compared to societal norms. So I am not out of step while marching to my own drummer. Like my best childhood lovey, this community brings me comfort.

I saw a very well dressed young woman disparagingly scoffing at a young mother in line. She had two young children in tow and was desperately trying to maintain order. The rebellious young boys were having none of proper Post Office etiquette. I looked at the well coiffed woman and thought to myself, just wait until you have children of your own. You will put up a blanket apology to the Universe. I know I have.

I made a decision as I exited the Post Office. I am going to invite friends over more often for dinner, even though the house is not clean, the carpet is stained, the sofa has a blanket covering the faded cushions and windows have years of dirt on them. I am so excited for the new discoveries the next decades will bring. What magic and joy will come your way?

Make lines your new best friend. You never know what you will learn about yourself. Quaharini (Until we meet again.)

NATURE NOTES

By Rick O'Connor

Florida Sea Grant, University of Florida / IFAS Escambia County



The Invasion Of Another Alien Invader... Beach Vitex

Florida is no stranger to exotic plants and animals, thousands are brought here every year. However some of these have caused problems for the local environment and sometimes... the local economy.

Beach Vitex (*Vitex rotundifolia*) is native to the western Pacific shore. It was brought to North and South Carolina in the 1980s to restore dunes after heavy hurricane seasons. The plant is low growing, extends long runner (rhizomes) along the surface of the sand, and produces a purple flower. The planting extended over much of the Carolina coast and then problems began to occur.

One, the plant is quite aggressive. It extends its rhizomes in all directions and even across sidewalks. It releases chemicals that inhibit its competition, in this case native sea oats and panic grasses. This results in thick monocultures of the plant.

Two, the plant is growing over primary dunes forming a barrier to nesting sea turtles and, with the aggressive growth, overgrowing incubating nests trapping turtle hatchlings within.

Third, studies from Clemson University, have shown that it does not restore dunes as well as the native plants. Unlike sea oats and panic grass, which have

a fibrous net-like root system good for trapping wind-blown sand, vitex extends above ground rhizomes from a taproot system.

The plant has become such a problem in the Carolina's that a state task force has been developed to remove it. It has spread north to Virginia and south to the Daytona Beach area. It has been found in south Alabama and in Escambia County - on Santa Rosa Island. I have logged 22 locations on Pensacola Beach, most of it small single plants or small groups of plants. [See photo, top of this page]

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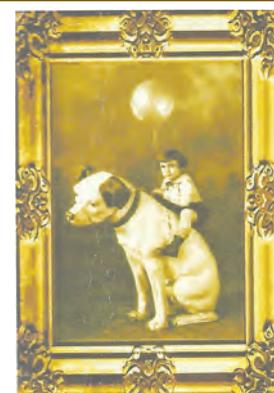


WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE - Non-native to Pensacola Beach, Beach Vitex (*Vitex rotundifolia*) is native to the western Pacific shore. Do you have this growing in your yard? If so, contact Sea Grant Agent Rick O'Connor at 850-595-0012 or email roc1@ufl.edu for instructions and help in eradicating this aggressive plant.

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Turtle Trax



By DJ Zemenick

The sea turtles have finally arrived to nest! We had two nests toward the end of May, but they were 9 days apart and in different patrol areas. In patroller time that seems like FOREVER, especially at the beginning of the season.

Our true red-letter day came on June 5 when three nests were discovered. One week later we had another three-nest day which means there's a good probability the nests were laid by six different turtles. According to sites like Sea Turtle Conservancy and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation, sea turtles return to nest every 2 - 4 years, depending on the species, and in that season they will lay 3 - 6 nests approximately 12 - 14 days apart. When I first became involved with the monitoring program, patrollers expected to see Green sea turtles coming in to nest every three years. Now we are seeing Green nests just about every year, a positive sign of an upswing.

There is a possibility that two of our nests are those of Kemp's Ridleys. They are the smallest and most critically endangered of all the marine sea turtles. You may have seen photos from the late 1940's where thousands of sea turtles were coming ashore to nest at the same time on a beach in Mexico. This phenomenon is called an "arribada" and you can see stunning photos of one if you Google the term.

Unfortunately, in the decades that followed, Kemp's Ridleys

were taken almost to the point of extinction. In 1947, scientists and biologists closely studied an amateur video of an arribada taken on the beach of Rancho Neuvo, Mexico. It stunned the world to see a mass of what was estimated to be approximately 42,000 Kemp's Ridleys coming ashore to nest that day. It is incredibly sad to note that between 1980 and 1990 the number of Kemp's Ridleys coming ashore in an arribada had dwindled to only 200.

The closest large nesting site of this species in the United States is now on South Padre Island where they are carefully monitored. A few Kemp's Ridleys nest along the Gulf Coast, the Atlantic Coast of Florida, and as far north as the Carolinas, but about 95 percent of them continue to nest in Mexico. While they seem to be recovering very slowly, Kemp's Ridleys are still listed as Critically Endangered. We are reminded of this each time one of their nests fails to hatch because a follow-up assessment can show that the eggs were not fertilized. But when there is a successful Kemp's Ridley hatch here on our island, we are so happy to think we made a tiny difference in their survival by carefully monitoring them while they are in our care.

On another note, now that summer vacations are back in full swing, we are seeing the same problem of tents, chairs and other beach paraphernalia left out

on the beach overnight, as well as "hole hazards" as I call them. Tents, their anchor lines, and stacks of chairs can trap or injure a sea turtle that has come ashore to nest. Large holes that people dig on the beach cause similar problems. If holes were filled back in before leaving the beach it would not be a concern, but most people do not and as a result the sand pits left overnight become a hazard for sea turtles coming in to nest. It's also dangerous for people who are walking on the beach at night, and even for a sea turtle patroller the next morning if we hit one with our UTV and it flips on us. Each incident could have serious consequences. Remember that a sea turtle can crawl straight ahead or manage to turn around awkwardly, but they are unable to use their flippers to back out of a hole. Within a few hours they would die of dehydration. It's too awful to imagine, but it happens.

Please help us by clearing your gear off the beach at night and fill in deep holes to make our beach a safer place for us all. Until next time, Lights Out!

Nest Update for Pensacola Beach and Gulf Islands National Seashore as of June 18, 2014:

- Perdido Key - GINS 4
- Pensacola Beach 3
- Ft. Pickens - GINS 4
- Santa Rosa - GINS 5

Park Invites Kids To Biking, Hiking And Wild Snapping Event

Hey Kids! Spend a few hours with a Gulf Islands National Seashore Park Ranger and experience the park like a Junior Scientist. The Biking, Hiking and Wild Snapping event will be Monday, July 21 from 10 a.m. until noon. It is open to ages 9-11 years old and reservations are required.

Bring your bicycle and helmet and meet at Battery Worth picnic pavilion to experience the story of Gulf Islands National Seashore through outdoor exploration and hands-on science activities. These programs will help a young explorer make connections to biology, history and fun.

"Bring your camera for some wild-snapping and help park scientists photo document animals, plants and landscapes at Gulf Islands," said Ranger Beckie Mims. "There is no charge for the event but there is an \$8 entrance fee to Fort Pickens."

Attendees will need to make a reservation and bring a bicycle and helmet (required) small backpack, small camera, water and lunch.

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Calendar

JUNE

24: Pensacola Beach Chamber Member Meeting at Drowsy Poet @ Innerlight. 8:30 a.m. Business After Hours at Crab's, 5:30 pm. Guess passes, 850-932-1500.
25: World Series of Baseball Opening Ceremonies, Gulfside Pavilion, 4 pm
25: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna, Open to the Public. www.sria-fla.com
27: Star Gaze Fort Pickens, Dusk. Free but \$8 entrance to Fort. Also, June 28. Weather Permitting.
27: Florida Beach Bar Award Presentation, Sandshaker, 10 p.m.
28: Mere Mortals triathlon training group. 6 a.m. trigulfcoast.org
29: Florida Beach Bar Award Presentation, Paradise Bar and Grill, 4 p.m.
29: Country Sunday, Boardwalk, 4 p.m.
30: Junior Ranger Camp, Fort Pickens
JULY
1: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm www.visitpensacolabeach.com
4: Star Gaze, dusk, Gulfside Pavilion.

Also July 5. Weather Permitting
4: Happy Birthday America. Fireworks, Soundfront, 8:30 p.m. See page 2 for more holiday events
6: Mere Mortals triathlon training group. 6 a.m. trigulfcoast.org
7: Junior Rangers Camp, 9-11 Ft. Pickens. nps.gov/guis
8: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm www.visitpensacolabeach.com
9: Blue Angel Circle and Arrival Maneuvers.
9: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna, Open to the Public. www.sria-fla.com
10: Blue Angels Practice, 2 p.m.
11: Pensacola Beach Air Show Dress Rehearsal. Noon
12: Pensacola Beach Air Show. Noon
13: Country Sunday Boardwalk, 4 pm
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- 5 Bottom line?
- 8 Bedouin
- 12 Exist
- 13 Exploit
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| | 21 Listener | 41 See 19-Down |
| | 24 Bankroll | 42 Pack away |
| | 25 Midafternoon, in a way | 43 Greek vowel |
| | 26 Disapprovers' demonstrations | 44 Cathedral feature |
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King Crossword

Answers

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Seeing Stars... this week's horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Get your facts together and become familiar with them before you have to face up to that interview. The better prepared you are, the easier it will be to make that important impression.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New information might warrant changing your mind about a recently made decision. Never mind the temporary confusion it might cause. Acting on the truth is always preferable.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a loving atmosphere for those you care for could pay off in many ways. Expect to hear some unexpected but very welcome news that can make a big difference in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Stepping away from an old and seemingly insoluble problem might be helpful. Use the time to take a new look at the situation and perhaps work out a new method of dealing with it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're still in a favorable goal-

setting mode. However, you might need to be a little more realistic about some of your aims. Best to reach for what is currently doable. The rest will follow.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A setback is never easy to deal with. But it could be a boon in disguise. Recheck your proposal, and strengthen the weak spots. Seek advice from someone who has "been there and done that."

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Coming up with a new way of handling a tedious job-regulated chore could lead to more than just a congratulatory memo once the word reaches the "right people." Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What you might call determination someone else might regard as stubbornness. Look for ways to reach a compromise that won't require a major shift of views on your part.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're still in a vulnerable mode vis-a-vis

"offers" that sound too good to be true. So continue to be skeptical about anything that can't be backed up with provable facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Thrift is still dominant this week. What you don't spend on what you don't need will be available for you to draw on should a possible (albeit temporary) money crunch hit.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Staying close to home early in the week allows for some introspection about your social life. Sort out your feelings before rejoining your fun-time fellows on the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It can be a bit daunting as well as exciting to find yourself finally taking action on a long-delayed move for a change. It helps to stay with it when others rally to support you.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of home and family provide you with the emotional support you need to find success in the outside world.

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JULY CALENDAR

July 1 8pm Dave & Joe	July 16 8pm Brooks Hubbert
July 2 9pm Dusty Sanderson Band	July 17 8pm High Horse
July 3 9pm Hip Kitty	July 18 3pm Two Amigo's
July 4 3pm Timberhawk	9pm Bad Habits
9pm Hip Kitty, Fireworks	July 19 3pm Chronic Jester
July 5 Noon Nick & the Ovorols	9pm Bad Habits
5pm Sophie's Bikini Contest	July 20 2pm Hotel Oscar
9pm Hip Kitty	8pm Vibe Irie
July 6 2pm Fatty Waters	July 21 8pm Dave & Joe
8pm Gypsy Riot	July 22 8pm True Blue Band
July 7 8pm Two Amigo's	July 23 8pm Brooks Hubbert
July 8 8pm John and Brittany Neff	July 24 8pm Dusty Sanderson
July 9 8pm Timberhawk	July 25 3pm John Hart Duo
July 10 8pm Chris Martin Band	9pm Heritage
July 11 BLUE ANGELS PRACTICE AIR SHOW	July 26 Noon John Hart Band
3pm Nick & the Ovorols	4pm Sophie's Fashion Show
9pm Mo Jiles	5pm Bikini Contest
July 12 2pm BLUE ANGELS AIR SHOW	9pm Heritage
3pm Hotel Oscar	July 27 2pm Fatty Waters
9pm Mo Jiles	8pm Buck Lee Band
July 13 2pm Timberhawk	July 28 8pm Tim Spencer
8pm Buck Lee Band	July 29 8pm Nick & the Ovorols
July 14 8pm Dave & Joe	July 30 8pm Three Bean Soup
July 15 8pm Three Bean Soup	July 31 8pm Michael Vincent Band

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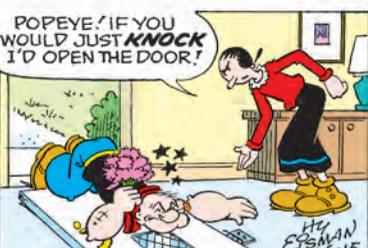
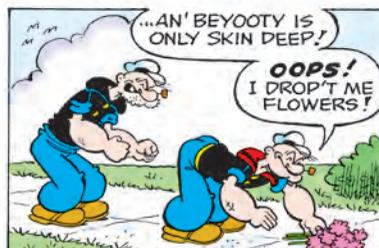
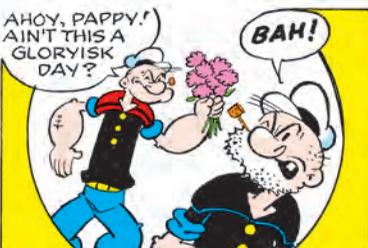
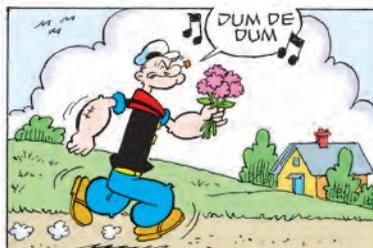
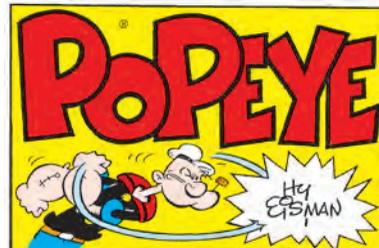
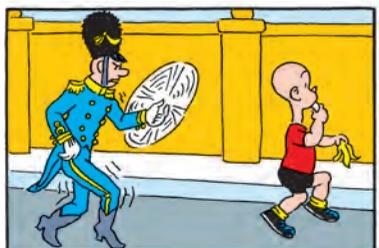
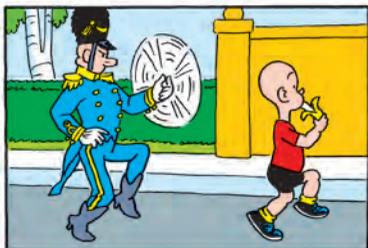
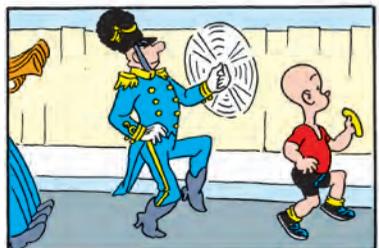
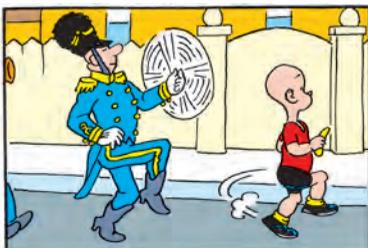
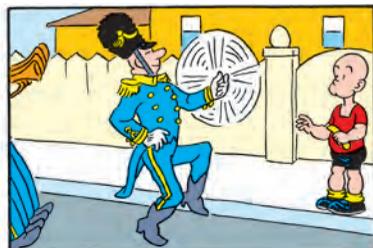
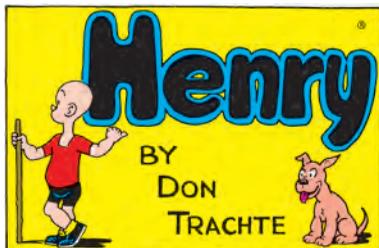
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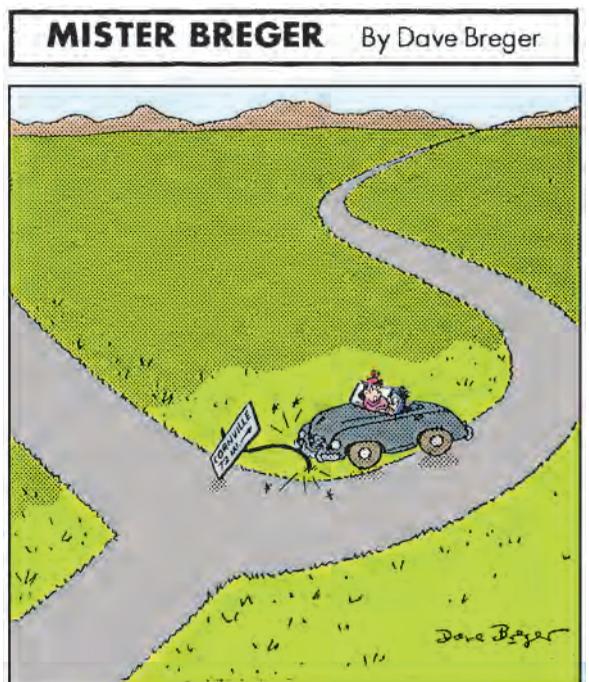
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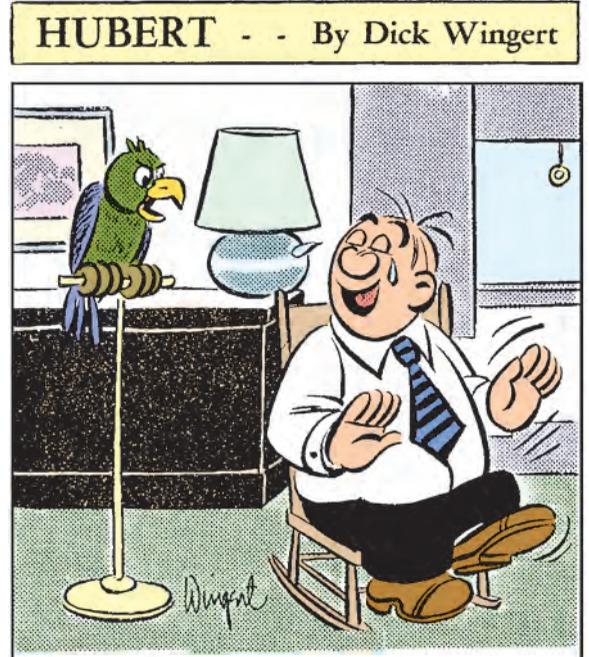


Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



"Great! All day we've been looking for this sign, and NOW we don't know which way it pointed!"



"I don't get it—tell it again."

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



BYTES & BITS

By Joe Stukey,
Your Computer Pal

Q: "Does The iPad's Siri Give Good Directions?"

A: The Siri Program, Apple's voice interface on the iPad and the iPhone, is able to take voice commands for various tasks. One of its most interesting features is that it can give you directions to any address that you ask about.

The iPad has become a valuable tool for me when I plan to drive to any location. Rather than programming a GPS, I simply hold down the menu button on the iPad for a couple of seconds to activate Siri. When Siri asks me how she can help me (my Siri is female), I simply ask her to take me to an address. After she locates the address, she begins to give me verbal directions. This keeps me from having touch the screen or look at the screen while driving. The iPad sits in the seat next to me while I drive. Siri also

puts a dynamic road map on the screen, but you should remember not to look at it while your vehicle is moving.

I have found her to be very accurate most of the time. Sometimes she has trouble understanding the address that I am giving her, and she may interpret it phonetically. For example, if I ask about Elodie Lane, she might look for L-O-D Lane. But, by repeating it carefully, I have always been able to help Siri understand the street address.

There was a glitch in one route that Siri gave me. Last week I planned to go to Big Lagoon State Park, but had missed my turn. I was close, within a half-mile, so I asked Siri to take me there. She calculated a route and then told me to turn into a neighborhood, which couldn't be the correct route. After going

through the neighborhood, following her directions, I was at the end of a road with marsh grass in front of me. On the other side of the marsh was the state park. Siri ended by saying "and you will have to walk the rest of the way." Funny how she knew that. I drove back to the main highway and found the correct turn.

Once you are at your destination, just press the menu button again and say "Cancel Navigation." Siri then confirms that she has done that. You can do the same navigation tasks with a GPS, but Siri is much more entertaining.

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.

A teacher with a brand new perm arrived at a PTA meeting to greet a student and his dad. The student informed his dad that his teacher "had forgotten to brush her hair." (submitted by Debbie Parker)

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Engineering Firm To Present Improvement Draft To SRIA

Baskerville Donovan Engineer Mike Langston will present a draft and review of potential projects to the Santa Rosa Island Authority at the June 25 Committee Meetings. The issues included in the report will be public access to facilities, stormwater and drainage, transportation elements, roadways, parking and compliance with

current codes.

The engineering firm, which is under contract with the SRIA, was tasked with developing a program for continued review and implementation to address needs on Pensacola Beach.

The meeting begins at 5 p.m. at #1 Via de Luna and is open to the public. The agenda is available online at www.sria-fla.com.

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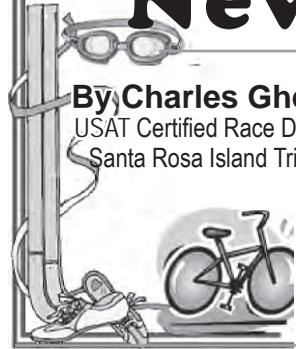
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By Charles Gheen
USAT Certified Race Director
Santa Rosa Island Triathlon

You Don't Have To Run

Yesterday, I went to the Laundromat because, well, sometimes you just have to. I went to wash four pairs of running shoes in a front-end loading machine since my conventional washer doesn't do a good job on them. I was still dressed in athletic gear from going to the gym and an older woman said, "well, you must be a runner" and I acknowledged that I do run, albeit slowly.

"I wish I could run" she said, "but I can only walk."

The truth is none of us really have to, or need to, run. We all just need to stay in motion, the more intense the motion, the better. Motion is good for us,

Lady Skippers Ready Their Crews For All Female Race

Early registration is now open for the 2014 Race for the Roses Regatta & Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) Women's PHRF Championship, held August 2 and 3 at Pensacola Beach Yacht Club.

The Race for the Roses is open to all boats with a valid GYA PHRF rating and will be held August 2. Entry fees are \$50 per boat. The GYA regatta, held August 3, is open to all spinnaker boats with a valid GYA PHRF rating. Registration to sail both events is \$75. There will also be a women's Hobie Wave regatta on August 3 with an entry fee of \$40.

For entry forms or more information, visit www.pensacolabeach-yc.org. An early bird discount of \$10 per boat will be given to all who register by July 25. Check-in and late registration will be held at 5 p.m., August 1 at Pensacola Beach Yacht Club followed by a skippers' meeting.

Proceeds from the events help support women's sailing and the Escambia-Santa Rosa Special Olympics sailing team.

motion will keep us limber and motion will keep us "young." If you're walking that's fine. If you're swimming, biking, paddle boarding, surfing, doing yoga, pilates, yard work or some other type of aerobic activity, it's all good. Just stay in motion. Sitting is your enemy. The more you sit, the harder it is to get up and get in motion. You want to slow down your aging? Stop sitting!

People ask me, often, how to get started exercising, how to get in shape, how to take up running or triathlon, how to lose weight, how to get motivated? The brutal truth is it's easy – you decide that you want to change what you're doing. You decide that you're not going to accept your norm any longer. You decide you are not going to settle for your current level of activity any longer. You decide you're going to raise your standards. And then you take the hardest step in running (or walking, etc.).....that first step out the back door.

Do you need discipline? Do you need motivation? Do you need support? Yes, yes and yes, but you can do it. You can do it for yourself. You really can.

This year the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Florida will again hold its Firecracker 5K race in downtown Pensacola. Usually held around the Fourth of July, it will be on June 28 this year at 7:30 a.m. It's usually the hottest road race of the year and I'll be volunteering at one of the water stops to ensure our runners and walkers stay hydrated. More information is available at <http://www.rmhc-nwfl.org/>.

The Bushwacker 5K, pre-

sented by the Capt'n Fun Runners (CFRs), is a signature Pensacola Beach event annually for runners and walkers. It features a great course from Gulf Breeze across the Bob Sikes Bridge that ends in the Pensacola Beach Visitors Center parking lot. Over the years the CFRs have raised lots of money for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida through this race. It's on August 2, starting at 7:30 a.m. and registration is now open. The race details can be found at www.bbbsnwfl.org. As a long-time member of this great group, I'll be volunteering on the race course and I certainly hope to see you there!

The Sandestin Triathlon is coming up on August 23 at the Sandestin Resort in Destin. This is one of the longer "sprint" triathlons and one of the harder ones because it's always very hot and humid. You swim a half-mile, bike 20 miles and then run four miles. I have run this race a few times and I'm impressed with the job the organizers do in putting it on. You can find all the details and register at www.sandestintriathlon.com.

Don't forget the Don McCloskey Seafood Festival 5K is on September 27. It promises to, once again, be a classic downtown road race. This is one of the Pensacola Runners Association's largest races and features a fast, flat run/walk course and a great post-race celebration at Seville Quarter. This is a "don't miss" event for your fall race calendar and you'll want to be a part of the action. Registration information is available at www.pensacolarunners.com.

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BE OUR GUEST

Pensacola Beach Chamber President Nicole Stacey reminds Beach residents that the Visitor's Center is open seven days per week at 9 a.m. If you have house guests or visitors, please bring them to the Center for an official welcome. The Center offers maps, brochures and details on events.

BAND VISIT

After JP Soars played their gig at Paradise in June, they popped in to see the music gurus at Reynaulds Music Store in Pensacola. The band was pleasantly surprised by the big selection of antiques and objects d'art.

CROSSWALK WONDER

Jenny Schaller Leidner is a concerned citizen and wants to ensure the safety of pedestrians on Pensacola Beach. To that end she has created an online campaign to gain support and encourage Escambia County to enhance the safety of island crosswalks. Her Facebook page is Improve Pensacola Beach Crosswalks. Good work, Jenny.

TOP SPOT

Congrats to the staff and management at the Saenger Theatre for having the highest gross box office sales in the state of Florida. The industry publication

Venues Today announced the list with the Pensacola theatre topping out at \$2.5 million for the year.

NEW POST

If you have been to Castaways and noticed a familiar face, it's Buck Lee, Jr. He's the new manager handling band bookings and entertainment.

HILL'S REPORT

State Representative Mike Hill returned from Tallahassee with a long list of accomplishments. His letter highlighting the session is available online at myislandtimes.com. You can email the Legislator at Mike.Hill@myfloridahouse.gov

YOU'RE INVITED

Massage Envy is hosting a Grand Opening Celebration Wednesday, June 25 from 5:30-7 p.m. at their new location across from the Andrews Institute. Enjoy massages, prizes, food and drink.

BLUE SKIES

The Red, White and Blues Week on Pensacola Beach begins with the Blue Angels Circle and Arrival Maneuvers, Wednesday, July 9. It's followed by daily practices and dress rehearsals up to the Air Show Day, July 12. Look for all the details in the upcoming edition of *Island Times*, July 8.



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Enjoy a weekend of fishing with your family and friends June 28-29 at the twenty-fourth annual Sertoma Family Fishing Rodeo at Gulf Breeze South Shoreline Park.

Anglers will be weighing in beginning at 1 p.m. daily hoping to capture the top spot in one of sixteen fish categories. New this year is a Lion Fish category, so spear fishermen are encouraged to enter.

The youth fishing scene is always hot. There are 13 categories for anglers aged 14 and younger.

"We are having a youth Fishing Educational Program for our Junior Anglers presented by Fish Florida," said Wil Pergande, event committee. "This is a very educational experience and will include a rod with a reel and fishing box on completion of the course. This is a great opportunity for our local youth interested in learning how to fish correctly and catch that Big One."

Awards include the coveted Skip Tanner hand hammered replica fish trophies for first place and Custom Coin Medallions for second and third place with cash. Merchandise gift awards can be earned for top men's divisions and for the Lady Angler. Cash awards are being given for the

top three Lion Fish anglers.

The leader board will be online at www.familyfishingrodeo.com and updated from 1-5 p.m. each day.

There's plenty of refreshments. Fried fish Plates will sell for \$5. There will be free hot dogs and hamburgers for all entrants. Soft drinks are also available for sale.

There is a Silent Auction with items totaling over \$6,000 in value. Items include overnight and two night stays in New Orleans, Biloxi and Pensacola Beach, four night stays at resort hotels, merchandise baskets, dinner certificates for many local restaurants, merchandise and services certificates.

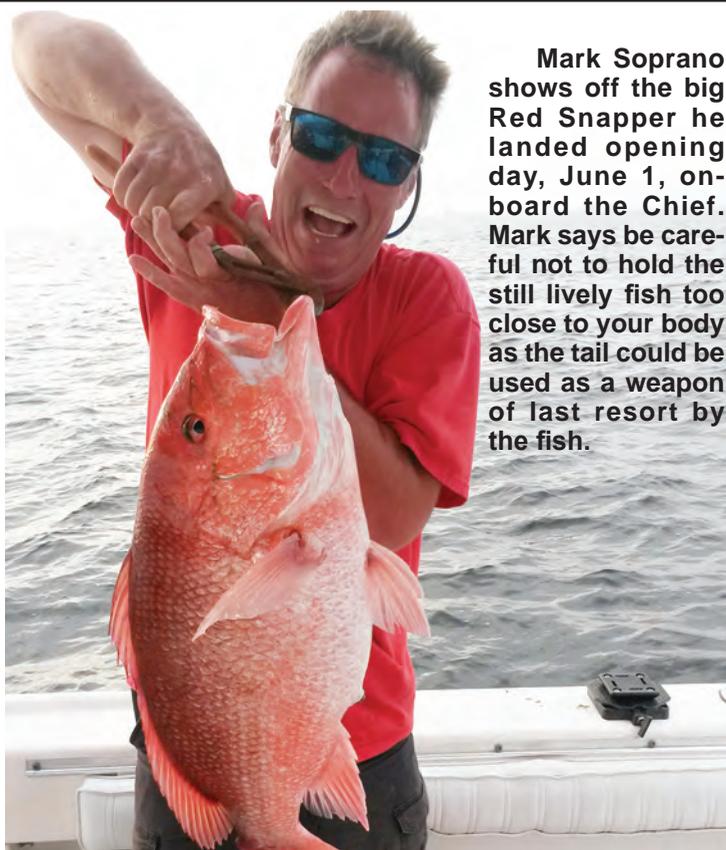
If you feel lucky, there will also be a Raffle with premium

gifts and certificates. All the details of the Silent Auction and Raffle items are listed on the Rodeo website. If you are looking for unusual marine art, the vendors area includes ten our local artists exhibiting at the Rodeo site.

All proceeds of the Rodeo go to the support of many local youth projects and the youth services agencies in Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties.

The entry tickets at Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle, Hotspots Bait and Tackle, Pensacola Beach Fishing Pier, online at www.familyfishingrodeo.com.

All the details of the Rodeo, including schedules, Rodeo Program, Score Board, and about Sertoma can be found on familyfishingrodeo.com.



Mark Soprano shows off the big Red Snapper he landed opening day, June 1, on-board the Chief. Mark says be careful not to hold the still lively fish too close to your body as the tail could be used as a weapon of last resort by the fish.

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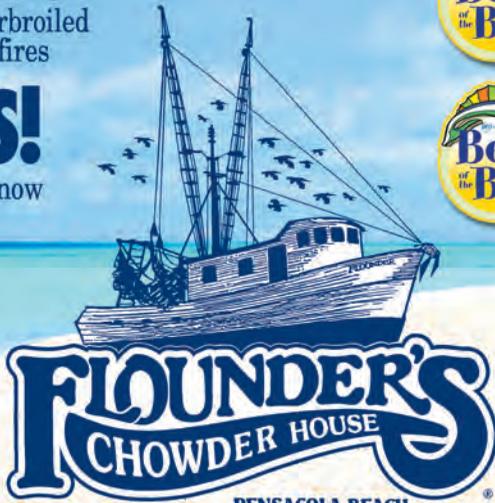
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