

Opinion

New Orleans Jazz Fest shows survival spirit

New Orleans residents and visitors alike jammed the old race course in New Orleans for the town's 37th annual Jazz Fest.

Jimmy Buffet opened with "City of New Orleans," and people cried.

Fats Domino, whose house in the Lower 9th Ward was swept away by the flood, was the scheduled headliner, but wound up in the hospital. Lionel Richie took his place.

The 78-year-old Domino, a legendary figure in the music business, surprised the crowd by showing up during the show to thank them.

The infield at the New Orleans Fair Grounds Race Course was packed, but the weather was as cool, they said, as the show.

As they did after Mardi Gras, some will criticize New Orleans for putting on such a party. Less than nine months ago, the fair grounds had been under five feet of water. Many New Orleans performers, like Domino, like the 9th Ward, lost everything.

But New Orleans people know better than to listen to the do-gooders and goody-twoshoes.

It's impossible to imagine the city without its parties, its music and its food.

New Orleans people know that their city is going to survive. They have plenty of support.

There are many decisions to be made, many rules to be written. Some say redevelopment and government aid are months behind. New Orleans people know, in the end, they'll have to do it themselves anyway.

They'll have to make the decisions and build the houses, the schools and hospitals they need.

They will.

They've proved time and time again that they know how to survive.

Festivals and folderol? Sure.

Every city has its character, New Orleans more than most. It's the city of jazz, Cajun food and easy living. It's unique in American lore. It's not going to change just because outsiders tut-tut its excesses.

Nationally known performers like Buffet and scores of New Orleans musicians flocked to town to show their support at the festival.

"This has been a Jazz Fest like no other," one woman said. "So many artists have come down for us. They're trying to inspire us to restore and rebuild New Orleans, both musically and emotionally."

No one outside New Orleans could have said it better.

— Steve Haynes

Hangin' With Marge

A few weeks ago I wrote about my swimming pool becoming a sauna, but I do want those of you who have ask me about it to know that it wasn't like the REAL sauna I did go to one time.

I was up in one of those small mountain towns and they had a private sauna that both husband and wife could go to.

Now I was raised with a mother who always told me that you didn't go into places that didn't have large windows and good lighting, but I talked myself into the fact that this would be alright as long as there were two of us.

One look at the green colored water and I hesitated to get in, but

not wanting to be a pessimist, I crawled in. At first it didn't feel too bad but in about five minutes I was ready to get out and see if I couldn't cool off some. The room did have a 2-inch outside vent that the cold mountain air came in, if you stood in just the right spot.

After standing there for a good 10 minutes, I thought I needed to get back in, after all we had paid for 45 minutes and I wasn't about to waste the last 30. I looked at it like I do when I am in a restaurant — I paid for the whole plateful so I shouldn't waste it.

When I tried to get back in, the water felt like it was scalding hot. I decided to put my clothes on and

By
Margaret
Bucholtz



give it up. However, my body had started to swell and I not only had trouble trying to lean over to get my jeans on, but they just didn't fit. I thought maybe I could just get my top on, but I could only get it over my head and try as I might, it didn't slide on either. I was hyper-ventilating and in a panic, so I put my swimsuit back on and walked out of the sauna.

It didn't matter what the people thought as walked by them while they were eating in the restaurant. I was just glad to get outside and breathe again.

Casey's Comments

A couple years ago I was working for a farmer a few miles north of McDonald. As we were walking across the yard outside his shop he pointed out a mother killdeer. The two of us were getting close to her nest and she was diverting our attention by pretending to be injured.

The mother bird let one wing go limp, turned around in circles on the ground and moved in the opposite direction from her young.

That got me to think of the sacrifices mothers make, both in the animal kingdom and as human beings. Many mothers juggle busy sched-

By
Casey
McCormick



ules to fulfill their role as a provider. Whether it is working in or out of the house, organizing and shuttling kids around or attending programs or sports events, most mothers are constantly putting themselves after the needs of others.

There is nothing as strong as a mother's love. When children succeed and fail, no one shares the experience with them like a mother.

I'm sure you know someone like this. It may be your mother, grandmother or just a good friend. Remember them this Sunday. And if she is far away, be sure to send her a card and call. She deserves it!

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All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

II Timothy 3:16



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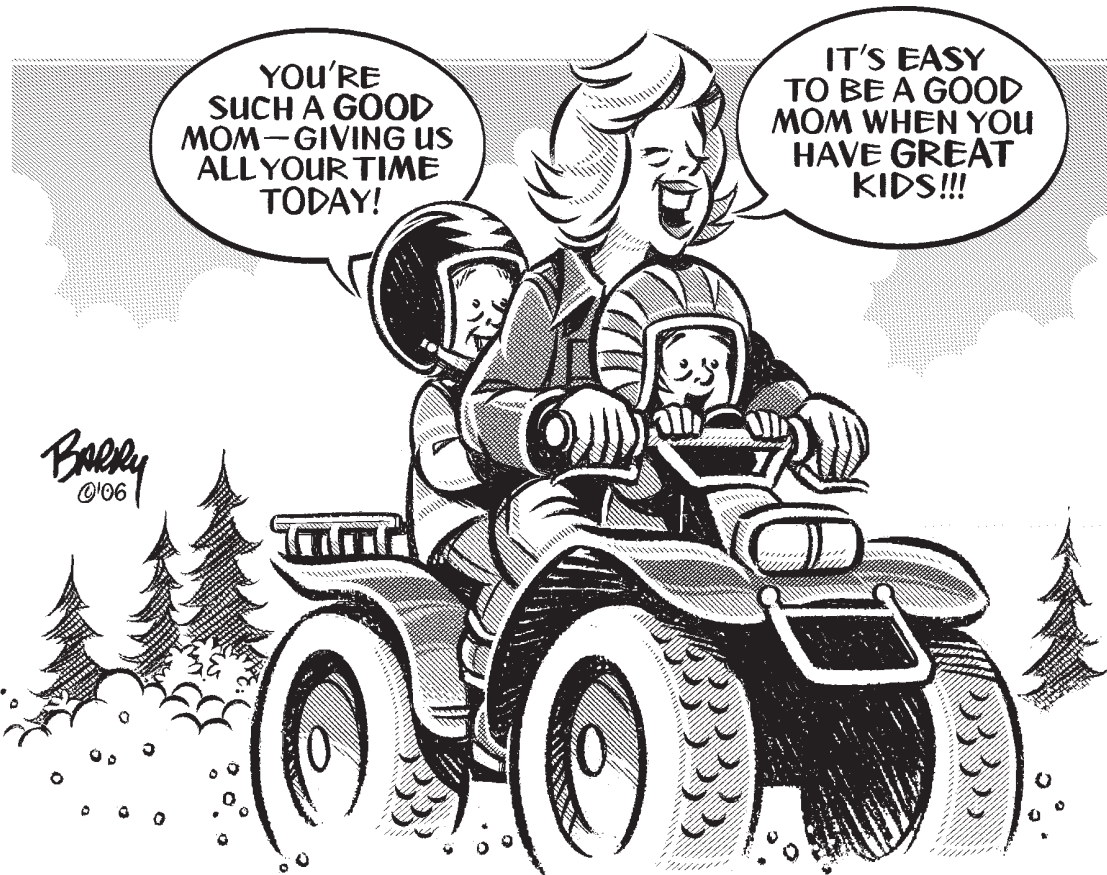


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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Illegal immigrants are hurting us

Letter to the Editor:

Our government and others who think that the illegal immigrants are assimilating and not trying to change this country have once again been proven wrong. I'm referring to last Monday's demonstrations and rallies against immigration control plus the previous week's Spanish "Star Spangled Banner."

I didn't realize Mexico helped the original colonists win the war for independence. I must have been out sick the week they taught that in history class.

Another example that proves immigrants are changing America is the fact that a lot of businesses in quite a few states are refusing to hire English-speaking Americans if they cannot speak Spanish. I'm not talking about an English-speaking American looking for a job in

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Mexico, Panama, South America or Puerto Rico — I'm talking about an American looking for a job in the United States of America.

If the above example does not convince you that immigrants are changing our country, the following picture definitely will, unless, of course, you've recently had a lobotomy. For those of you who do not know what a lobotomy is, it is an operation where they surgically destroy part of your brain. Most politicians have this procedure done, along with having their egos and wallets enlarged! A perfect example of this procedure having been done is our very own "King George II."

Marlin Burr
St. Francis



This is not "Assimilation"
This is "Invasion"

Recognize your teachers

Teachers are arguably among some of the most important people in a child's life. That's why communities including the St. Francis community, will celebrate and recognize educators during Teacher Appreciation Week — May 7-13.

"We are taking this special week to honor our teachers who lend their passion and skills to educating our children," said Jo Rogers, president of the St. Francis PTA.

The National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) took Eleanor Roosevelt's idea of National Teacher Day, established in 1953, and dedicated a whole week to celebrate the accomplishments of educators.

"Every young mind needs a spark to light the way to a brighter future

through learning," said Larry Gabel, grade school principal. "Teachers are that spark."

The entire school staff contributes to the experience of the child's education. This includes librarians, administrative personnel and principals.

Parents and kids can show their appreciation in several ways. Here are some ideas:

- Put it in a letter. Everyone likes to get mail. Parents and children can send e-mail messages of gratitude or have the children design and draw their own cards to present to teachers or staff members.
- Make a donation. Teachers always appreciate contributions of classroom materials such as poster board, stickers, chalk, stamps,

books and other supplies.

- Create a wall of fame. Post quotes from students and parents about school staff and take pictures to go along with the captions. Then create a board that can be hung in the hallway or in a classroom for all to enjoy.

- Buy a book. Ask a teacher or staff member to name a favorite book and buy a copy for the classroom or school library. Include in each book a bookplate with the name of the teacher or staff member who chose the book.

- Help them relax. Hire a massage therapist to give 15-minute head, neck and shoulder massages to the teachers and staff in the teachers' lounge.

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