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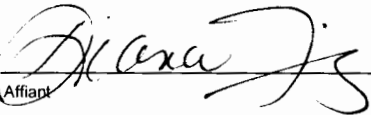
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Murderous ants may be in your midst



Southern Perspective
Linda Barry
Guest columnist

This won't be a festive column despite the season. I usually try to foster joy and goodwill with my words right about now, and the subject of ants which line their nests with the heads of their enemies is exactly the opposite of that holiday spirit. Sure, I could've saved it until after the new year, but it's filling my brain space right now, so here it goes.

To set the stage, *Formica archboldi* is a species of ant which resides in upper Florida, Georgia and Alabama. Its natural enemy is the trap jaw ant, that being its *come-on* name. *F. archboldi* doesn't seem to have a common name, so we're stuck with that one until someone of the scientific sort decides to give it one. The "archboldi" part comes from the fact that researchers at the Archbold Biological Station in Highlands County in Florida originally described the species.

Scientists have known about the dismembered trap jaw body parts in *F. archboldi* nests for years, but they wondered if the nests originally belonged to trap jaw ants since body parts of naturally deceased ants lying around colonies is common. This theory just got nixed.

The other possibility was that *F. archboldi* ants are prey specialists, but those are rather rare in the insect world. Ants especially are considered general

ists when it comes to food. Also, the two species of trap jaw ants in question have spring-loaded mandibles that can strike about 40 times per second. They command insect respect.

Adrian Smith of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and North Carolina State University recently released results of his study on such, and it squashes that logic. It has video of *F. archboldi* ants immobilizing trap jaw ants outside of the colony with shots of formic acid spray and then dragging

them inside to do the dirty work.

The words "colicet" and "decorate" have been used in articles discussing this phenomenon. I find this fascinating, because both words imply an abstract thought process and are usually even associated with art. Do ants have abstract thought processes? I don't know, but why else would this habit have evolved? Maybe once upon a time, there was an actual biological reason for it, and now they still do it even though it's unnecessary. Or maybe, just maybe,

they simply don't like the taste of trap jaw ant heads. I would get it. Heads of any kind aren't on my to-eat list either.

Someone with more insect experience than me will eventually figure it out. Until then, I'll be eyeballing the ant hills in my yard a little more closely. I'll be wondering, "What's going on down there?"

Then again, maybe not. I'm not sure I want to know.

Southern gal Linda Barry is a free lance columnist for the News Journal.



A *Formica archboldi* ant, which is native to Florida, is pictured with the remains of trap jaw ants. COURTESY OF ADRIAN SMITH

Asmar

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which is centered in the paradise called Pensacola Beach.

A Jacksonville native, Asmar is married to her college sweetheart Joel, a Pensacola native. They met while they were students at Florida State University and have been together since she was 17. Upon graduation, she interned at Baptist Hospital, where she was subsequently hired permanently and made Pensacola her new home.

Asmar went on to earn her master's degree at the University of West Florida.

Moti and Joel have twin 9-year-olds who attend Pensacola Beach Elementary School. She has worked at the Lewis-Beor Co. for 23 years, where she serves as human resources director.

Asmar has invested time in numerous area charities including the Early Learning Coalition, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Catholic Charities and United Way, among others.

A self-described optimist and morning person, she kicks-starts her overflowing days by watching the sun rise.

"I love to ride my bike," said Asmar, who has triathlons, ironmen and marathons under her belt. So that's often what she's doing as the sun breaches the horizon to announce a new day. If not on her bike, daybreak finds her running, swimming or attending boot camp.

"Like getting up early, getting outside to exercise to get fit and get ahead of the game. It gives me a mental edge so I'm ready to face anything else the day might bring."

"As a family we enjoy traveling, outdoor activities mostly on the water, such as fishing and snorkeling. And biking!" she added, noting that her children now follow in her footsteps and have completed kids' triathlons.

Just as her kids have adopted their

mom's active lifestyle, Asmar said IMPACT is a household name, so her worlds often merge.

"My kids point out IMPACT logos all around town. Seems like every field trip they go on, we have provided a grant. First City Arts, MESS Hall, Roy Hyatt Center, Pensacola Little Theatre, MANNA, Rotary Playground at Maritime Park — you name it!"

Keeping a good thing going

IMPACT's accomplishment is a living, breathing embodiment of Asmar's definition of confidence.

"Confidence to me is mostly about desire. It's not necessarily knowing that you're going to succeed or feeling like you have the right talent or tools, but more about the drive to experience something new, challenge limits, try to achieve something meaningful and just to take a chance," said Asmar.

That pioneering spirit is the hallmark of IMPACT 100.

"We have the most passionate, intelligent and energetic women I've ever been associated with. I've met lifelong friends based on our common interest of working to improve the lives of others. I'm lucky to follow in the footsteps of legends like Debbie Ritchie and Belle Bear, who founded our Impact 100."

"My goal has been to keep a good thing going with minor enhancements and tweaks as necessary, but primarily to maintain our core values and our mission. It's always our goal to grow membership because that means we can give back more to the community," said Asmar.

In fact, in mid-October, IMPACT 100 members awarded 11 grants of more than \$100,000 for nonprofit projects throughout Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. Total impact this year: \$1,033,000.

History at risk of fading away has been preserved, medical clinics now have needed life-saving equipment, in-

ner city kids are learning to play instruments they wouldn't have had other wise, at risk teens are receiving job training, children have playgrounds where there was only dirt. And the list goes on and on with no end in sight of

how the organization, and leaders like Asmar, will transform Northwest Florida.

Allison McCrory is a freelance writer for the News Journal and Killa magazine.

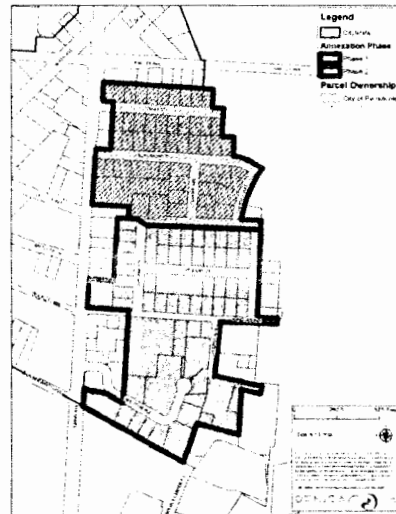
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Please be advised that Proposed Ordinance No. 25-18 was presented to the City Council of the City of Pensacola for first reading on Thursday, November 8, 2018 and will be presented for final reading and adoption on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers on the First Floor of City Hall, 222 West Main Street, Pensacola, Florida.

The title of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

P.O. #25-18:

AN ORDINANCE INCORPORATING AND ANNEXING A CERTAIN AREA CONTIGUOUS AND ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF PENSACOLA INTO THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, AND DECLARING SAID AREA TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA; REPEALING CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Campus Heights Phase II - Airport Commerce Park)



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