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Football fans filled Sidelines on Pensacola Beach for the AFC and NFC Championship games January 18. Sometimes selecting a football team to cheer for comes by default as was the case with both of these all-around sports fans. Jaime Sarmiento, left, is a Dallas football fan during the regular season, but when his Cowboys didn't make the playoffs he adopted the Arizona Cardinals. Lydia Miller, right, joined the huge ranks of Pittsburgh Steelers fans just recently. The Cardinals and the Steelers will take the field Sunday, February 1 to battle on the gridiron and super fans on Pensacola Beach will cheer, shout and celebrate all day long. For more on this Super Story, see Page 2.

# Are You Ready To Witness The Thrill and The Agony?

Football fans are not really crazy. They just appear to be a little in left field with their face paintings, ridiculous headpieces and team jerseys. During games they never shut their mouths or stop waving game day towels. They stay with the game until the last seconds tick off the clock and a Super Bowl Champion is crowned. True fans do not fold and drift away if their favorite teams do not make the playoffs, the NFC or AFC championships, or the Super Bowl. They simply take possession of one of the teams still standing and cheer fiercely on that team's behalf. Many high profile teams have fallen this year, so the Arizona "We Don't Get No Respect" Cardinals and the Pittsburgh "We've Been Here Before" Steelers will tangle on February 1 in Tampa at Super Bowl XLIII.

The stories that will be written about these two teams would fill a big city library. The electronic media will jump on every little detail swirling around this game. The *Island Times* will stick with its past history, and that of its predecessor, *The Islander*, by offering predictions.

The late Pete McCulley, Beach resident and head coach of the San Francisco Forty-Niners at one time, was always the predictor, so to honor his memory his wife, Nettie, gives her take on the upcoming rivalry.

"Yes, I say the Arizona Cardinals will win," she says without hesitation.

Next up, Jim Amberson who has been predicting the Super Bowl outcome for three years. "I must defer to my kitchen manager at Sidelines, Jamie Vaughn. He has previously picked the winners and given the correct score. This year

he says it will be the Cardinals, 27, and the Steelers, 24."

Venerable Andy Bessone has a doll. Yes, a Steelers doll which sings "Are You Ready for Some Football?" Andy is a bigger-than-life Steelers fan and he heads the crowd in Villa Sabine, a hot bed of Steelers fans. Bill Griffith, former SRIA Board Chairman, says, "There is only one sure prediction. Steelers by 10."

Rev. Chuck Randle, pastor of the Beach Community Church, and *Island Times* columnist cast his vote for the Cardinals. "I'm rooting for the Cardinals. They originally were in Chicago, moved there from Wisconsin and then moved to St. Louis. I grew up about 25 miles from St. Louis and lived for 33 years near Chicago, so it is only natural that I should cheer for them. Thanks for asking." End of sermon.

Nuts and Bolts columnist, Candace Segar picked the Steelers since they are her husband's second favorite team. She and her husband, Ralph, lived in Pittsburg for several years which may have had some effect on their decision.

Liz Hewson, The Lizzard's Tongue said check her column.

Rick Uzdevenes, Readin the Water columnist, said, "The Steel Curtain returns. Besides that, my parents were both born in Pennsylvania. It's Steelers all the way."

Glenn Windham tells it like it is. The founder of the Capt'n Fun Runners says, "I don't care for Pittsburgh. Arizona will win by four points."

Joe Ralph Turner, Krewe of Wrecks King in 2007, has mixed emotions. He thinks Pittsburgh will win, but he wishes Arizona would because the quarterback, Kurt Warner, is an outstanding human being.

Another former Krewe of Wrecks King Jim Cunningham, says the Cardinals will squeak by in a really close game. "They will win by one point."

Jim Cox, PBA president says he is a Saints fan, but will be cheering for the Steelers. "When I was in the restaurant business, my most profitable store was in Pittsburgh. I remember the town with fondness."

Jim's wife, Lila, also active in the community, disagrees. She says the Cardinals will win and then bemoans the fact that the Saints fail to make the playoffs year after dismal year.

Tommy Grice, the Beach's own Court Jester, give the nod to the Cardinals. "It will be Arizona by more than one point. They have a great quarterback and running back."

## Safety Officials Ready For Huge Parade Crowd

The big day, February 22, for the Krewe of Wrecks Mardi Gras parade is fast approaching and it is the goal of the organizers and deputies to keep everyone safe before, during and after the procession on Via de Luna.

The members of the Association of Krewes hosted a meeting January 15 at the Santa Rosa Island Authority boardroom where the Escambia County Deputies, the Gulf Breeze Police Department, Bob West, SRIA Safety Director; Kim Duell, SRIA events coordinator; Mason Kilgore, SRIA Maintenance Director, and Matt Mooneyham, SRIA Environmental Services Director were available to discuss parade safety.

In addition to the safety officials, fifteen krewes were represented and were given instructions which they must follow to ensure the safety of the float riders as well as the thousands of spectators.

"We must keep the Casino Beach parking lot traffic flowing," Deputy Matt Baxter said. "Our number one post-parade focus is to assist traffic leaving the island."

Gary Montee, Lieutenant-in-Charge of the Beach sub station

Joanne Brooks says that as an old tennis player, her money is on the Cardinals. "Someone with fewer wins is hungrier and will play all out with no fear."

Nasty John Thomas, a diehard fan of the University of Nebraska's Big Red, believes the Big Red Arizona will win by seven because of their great quarterback.

Bobby Draper, guru of NFL football on Pensacola Beach, says he's for Arizona because, "We Saints fans love to cheer for the underdog."

Amy DePew, Queen of Coma, leaves the pick up to the universe. She says, "Go Gators."

John "JP" Caballero, who is Roy Jones, Jr's spokesperson, chooses Arizona because "on any given Sunday Kurt Warner can throw for 300 yards." He doesn't

think the Steelers can stop Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald. "They are playing hot and want to win. It will be Arizona, 31 to 27."

And Roy Jones, Jr., world famous boxer and Grand Marshal of the 2008 Pensacola Beach Christmas parade, says the Steelers will deliver a knockout punch. He noted their defense is the hardest hitting in the NFL. "If they can stop the throwing game of Arizona, they will win. It's really a toss up and will be a close game, but I'm taking Pitt. They are a well rounded team with a good quarterback, good running backs and receivers; and they have the NFL defensive player of the year."

It's crunch time. Put on your crazy hats, crank up the volume on your vocal cords and wave those towels. May the best team win.

announced that new Sheriff Dave Morgan is very hands-on and he will be on the Island on Parade Day.

Floats will begin checking in for the parade at 10 a.m. on February 22 and Via de Luna becomes congested rapidly after

the line-up begins.

Deputies asked that float riders be courteous to the residents on the Island. They are asked to take their debris to the large dumpsters, and to observe reasonable rules regarding noise as well as litter.

## Beach Road Repair Continues Unlikely To Open Before Mardi Gras

The Krewe of Wrecks Mardi Gras parade will once again roll without any access on Highway 399 from Navarre Beach. The road which has been closed since Hurricane Dennis in 2005 is now scheduled to open March 3. Parade Day is February 22.

"There is very little chance the road would be complete before the Beach Mardi Gras parade," Jerry Eubanks, Superintendent, Gulf Islands National Seashore said.

The contractor is hopeful that the road will be opened sometime between February 28 and March 3.

Despite the time period of more than three years to get the repairs completed, Eubanks said

the road will not be as perfect as he originally planned.

"There will be a number of places which are merely patched. That was the trade-off for getting it done in a more timely fashion," he said.

Long terms plans include road resurfacing every six years.

Eubanks noted that the road is situated so dunes can develop on both sides of the road for protection.

"If we can survive a few more years without storms and allow nature to rebuild the dune system, it will provide more protection for the road," Eubanks said.

An official opening ceremony will be planned at a later date.

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# Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



Pennsylvania has its groundhog. Pensacola Beach has its Naugas. The Pennsylvania Groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, goes back in history for centuries, but he has only been visible in Pennsylvania for a mere 123 years. Since he is now considered to be immortal, he attributes his longevity to the sipping of the "elixir of life" at the Groundhog Picnic in the summer. Each sip adds seven extra years to his life span.

And he has a special gift. He can predict the weather from February 2 for the next six weeks simply by emerging from his hibernating hole at Gobblers Knob.

The Naugas are also approaching immortality stemming from their drinking habits. They live exclusively on hair spray.

The Naugas, an endangered species when they were discovered 15 years ago by Danah and Gwen Gibson, were surviving on the fumes of hair spray beneath Danah's Hair Studio. Environmentalist Bill Greene, can be credited for saving the last surviving den of Naugas when he convinced Danah to stop using the hides of the tiny animals to cover her salon furniture.

The Naugas, healthy and happy, made their first public appearance in 1993. On the other hand, Phil made his first public appearance in the United States in 1886 on February 2 when he emerged from Gobblers Knob to make his prediction. No one seems to recall what he reported, but he started the tradition that if the day is bright and sunny, he sees his shadow and hightails it back to finish his winter nap. The shadow portends six more weeks of winter. If the day is cloudy and dark, he will not see his shadow and spring will be arriving soon.

That's the famous legend which began as far back as the time the Roman legions brought the practice to the Teutons, and it spread throughout the European

countries with varying forms of credibility, ceremonies, different kinds of animals and scores of believers who accepted anything a bit bizarre as gospel. To this day, thousands of people swear by Phil's prediction.

As for the Pensacola Beach Naugas who exit their comfy nests in the sea oats for one day, usually in January, they spend that one day partying. They would not be so foolish as to try to predict the weather on Pensacola Beach. Who knows if it will be hot and dry or cool and wet? And does anyone really care as long as the bands are playing the queens are dancing?



Punxsutawney Phil

Just as the tiny Naugas are supported by a loyal Mardi Gras krewe, Phil has his own Inner Circle of folks who have guided him over the years to such prestigious events as his meeting with President Reagan in 1968, a conference with the Governor of Pennsylvania in 1987, and an appearance on Oprah in 1995. And, wonder of wonders, the movie Groundhog Day was released in 1993. The movie inspired crowds of more than 30,000 fans to come to Gobblers Knob in Punxsutawney just to get a glimpse of Phil.

One thing Phil did, which got the attention of the Inner Circle was his threat during the prohibition era, to impose 60 weeks of winter on the community if he was not allowed a drink. And the latest coup was in 2001 when his prediction was shown on the jumbotron in Times Square.

Groundhogs normally weigh about 20 pounds, probably never get fat because they are vegetarians. They actually do hibernate and they are immune to germs and insects. Their normal life span is 6 to 8 years, not counting Phil, who, of course, is immortal.

Phil's predictions are not made in advance by the Inner Circle.

When Phil emerges from his winter sleep, he converses with the current president of the Groundhog Club in Grounghogese (a language only understood by the president of the club). Phil's proclamation is then translated for all the world to love and or hate.

And, so the Groundhogs under Phil's tutelage, revive the centuries old English song, *If Candlemas (February 2) be fair and bright Come, Winter, have another flight.*

*If Candlemas brings clouds and rain*

*Go, Winter, and come not again.*

Obviously, the little Beach bums, the Naugas better listen up. Enough of this cushy life, guzzling ample supplies of hair spray and never showing their furry ears except on one day in January. They dance. They sing. They have fun.

Have they ever been invited

to the White House or had a movie made about them? No. If they could only predict the next six weeks of weather on Pensacola Beach, right or wrong, they would gain some kind of claim to fame. Well, they have 118 years to catch up to the international notoriety Phil now enjoys. Maybe they, too, will figure out how to make Nauga Day, a weather vane for the world.

And, if they don't. Well, the natives who host the noontime ball would probably like to hold the Naugas close to their beginnings. They would like Nauga Day to stay just the way

it is. Filled with Mardi Gras merriment. Just the way a January day on the Beach should be. Mother Nature does not control the Naugas. They control her.

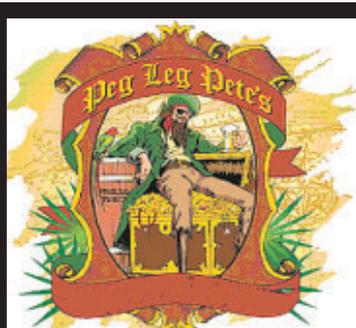
Shower Mother Nature with

Mardi Gras beads and send her to Pennsylvania for a vacation. She may be the one celebrity Phil still has not met. The Naugas will hope Mother Nature and Phil have a successful high level chat. And may both of



Nancy Nauga

them stay far away in Punxsutawney on February 22, the glorious day of the Krewe of Wrecks Mardi Gras parade. Come rain or come shine.



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# Trivia?

Sir Morrie Stumps The Crowd  
Trivia Master Scores Questions From Fans

Sir Morrie Drees, Knight of the Trivia Roundtable, knew if given a second chance, he could stump the tribe of *Island Times* trivia players. All of them. And he did. Even if a couple of player's answers were oh-so-close, they still lost on a technicality.

Morrie's question was, "If you go out on the Beach Fishing Bridge almost to the end, you will see a large round object sticking out of the water. What is it?"

Judy Le Bum L'Oignon was the first to answer. "I believe the answer you seek to the sight from the fishing bridge is the turnstile from the old Pensacola Beach drawbridge."

Nope. Wrong. Sir Morrie pointed out that the old bridge was a swing bridge, not a draw bridge, so he disqualified Judy's answer. Then, along comes Redneck Annie with her reply that it was part of the counterweight of the old draw bridge. Wrong again, for the same reason. Note: The Trivia Master is no longer offering half shirts for half right answers.

The Trivia Master received the usual amount of bizarre answers.

Shari Strain thought the answer would be "part of a swimming pool." James Womack said it was a trick question. He noted it was the bridge and not the pier. He said if you stand on the end of the fishing bridge and look out toward Navarre, you would see

one of the old bridge channel fenders that keeps boats and barges from actually striking the bridge supports in case one gets loose. No, it was not a trick question, and the Fishing Pier was not part of the question. Sorry, James. Try again.

And Dave Wheeler said he thought it would be a gun turret, superstructure of the USS Massachusetts. So ends the sampling of wild guesses.

Suddenly, everyone wants to be the Trivia Master for the Day. Really great questions are coming to the *Island Times* from some of these people. Here's one of them:

A famous NFL football player for the New York Giants who lived on the Beach during his flight training was a dignitary riding the 1989 Krewe of Wrecks parade. He will be remembered as the most versatile player when the Giants won the Super Bowl, 39-20 in 1986. In that game he contributed 50 receiving yards, 25 punt return yards, and one touchdown. This week's Trivia Master Nettie McCulley wants to know if you can name him?

Email your answers and if you are the first one with the correct response you will receive a coveted *Island Times* t-shirt.

Send your answer to [islandtimes@bellsouth.net](mailto:islandtimes@bellsouth.net) with "trivia" in the subject line and include your name, phone number. Deadline to answer is February 4.



## ICYANGLER

Marie Steele is no stranger to fishing. She has fished with the best of 'em, inshore, offshore and loves it. She went to Minnesota to visit a friend and got a taste of ice fishing. Well, let's just say the Florida girl is not hooked on ice fishing.

## SWEETHEARTS

Newlyweds Jerry and Laura Wright have not settled down to a sedate married life. They tied the knot of New Year's Eve and had a blow out reception at the Sabine Marina and Sandbar. Now they are packing in as many Mardi Gras events as possible. Look for them aboard one of the two Bananimals floats on Parade Day on the Beach.

## SADFAREWELL

Hillary Ward of Largo, Florida passed away unexpectedly on February 16. Hillary celebrated Mardi

Gras on Pensacola Beach with her sister Courtney Winstead. Courtney is a member of the Krewe of Nereids. Services were held in Largo last week.

## SNOW ANGELS

Robert Gleim, who had the luxury of wearing flip flops and shorts to oversee the Homestar Restaurant Group's businesses on the Island, took his wife Renee and daughter Faith to Detroit, Michigan for a snowy vacation. He had planned to make snow angels and snowmen with his three-year-old. He admitted Faith already knows how to build sandcastles.

## SPECIAL DELIVERY

Melanie Waite's sister, Janis Songy, arrived from South Louisiana with a car full of King Cakes. She picked up the Mardi Gras delicacies at Rouse's and brought them to all her beach friends. How sweet.

## NEW CAPTAIN

Destin's Robert Cooke, whose mom Pandora lives on Pensacola Beach, has just received his Captain's license. After years of working in the marine electronics field, he has decided to take the controls instead of manufacturing them.

## BIG WINNERS

The Krewe of Junkanoo gave away hot chili and a stack of cold cash at their Chili Cook-off January 17. Amy DePew's Aunt May and Uncle Bill were the big winners of the Fifty-Fifty prize money. A cool sum of \$235.

## ROYAL BIRTHDAYS

January-born gals are just suited to rule. Just ask Carrie Monaghan, Queen Nauga XIII, and Claire Marcey 2008 Wrecks Queen. Both are squeezing in birthdays during the busy Carnival season on Pensacola Beach.

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# SRIA, County Join Together To Solidify Plans For Core Area Improvement

A whirlwind of diverse suggestions, opposite directions, and multiple questions surfaced at the January 14 meeting of the Santa Rosa Island Authority. The meeting was primarily dedicated to the ways and means of cooperating with the Escambia County Commission on the Authority's tentative proposal to make over the core area of the island.

Larry Newsom, Escambia County Economic Development Coordinator, told the Authority that the County is very supportive in helping stimulate the economy.

"The BCC is asking that before they make a ruling on any funding avenue, they want to see a consensus of what you want to do and we find the funding mechanism for that," he said. "The toll raise and the local option sales tax could be considered."

The original concept which triggered the massive overhaul was to provide more parking on the Beach. The proposed project has expanded considerably with the County now playing a prominent role in getting to a possibly successful conclusion.

"We want to bring in a consultant and an economic advisor," Newsom said. "We need data that supports what we want to do. We want to look at a plan which solves

the problems."

The hurdles the Island Authority must jump in a relatively short time frame are many and complex.

"We need to capture the concepts that the stakeholders give us at public hearings," Board chairman Fred Gant said. "I would like to approve the concept of two public hearings."

Member Dave Pavlock questioned the use of the word "hearings" suggesting that the meetings would be considered public input work shops since there is not any plan in place.

"How in the world would we gather the stakeholders in just two public meetings and then come to a conclusion at that time?" asked Board member Tammy Bohannon.

Newsom pointed out that the County's Office of Public Information would prepare and place advertising and publicity to inform the public of the events.

Jim Waite, Baskerville-Donovan, Inc. engineer said, "We have done dozens of workshops.

We would just coordinate with the SRIA and Larry Newsom. We go into meetings in neutral and open to all ideas."

Member Dave Pavlock added, "Do we ask people to submit plans? We mean bring ideas, needs, wants, visions, and dreams. That is what we mean, no plans."

During the Visitor's Forum, Jim Cox, president of the Pensacola Beach Advocates said, "We don't have any idea of what we think we

want to become. I am afraid we are jumping into this without doing the background work that is necessary for

a proper plan to emerge. Are we looking to the future as an Upscale Beach or a Jimmy Buffet laid back type of Island?"

Prather moved to adopt the seven step plan as presented by Larry Newsom and moved through the process. The motion contained an amendment to change the time to a 60-day window of acceptance for conceptual plans. For a complete review of the Newsom Plan, see January 14 issue of *Island Times*.

Buck Lee read his State of the

Island address and noted that the King and Queen of Spain would be staying on the Island during a February visit in connection with the 450th Anniversary of the founding of Pensacola. Lee's complete statement is available at [www.myislandtimes.com](http://www.myislandtimes.com).

Bill Soltz, United States Lifesaving Association, made a second visit to the Island Authority to present Bob West, Safety Director with a commendation. "I would like to commend Bob West for his dedication," he said. "This has resulted in this being one of the best guarded beaches in the region."

He also thanked Lee, Dr. Tho-

mas Campanella, and other Board members for their support of lifesaving efforts on Pensacola Beach.

Sandy Johnston, executive director of the Pensacola Beach Chamber

of Commerce reported that the New Year's Eve fireworks presentation was a success and that the hotels had a 91 percent occupancy that night.

The next SRIA meeting will be the committees at 5 p.m. on January 28 at the Authority office.



Bob West and Bill Soltz

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Jim Cox - PBA President

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# peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis



Happy Mardi Gras dear readers. Y'all know it's my favorite season of the entire year. There's magic in the air and the whole Island glows with the excitement and magic dust. I loved fairy tales as a child and I believe this is as close as I'll ever come to living in one.

Playing dress-up in my sisters' clothes (circa 1959) was my favorite game. Now, I have my very own sparkly, shiny gowns with the wondrous additions of tiaras, rhinestones, costumes and, always, fairy dust! I love that stuff and think the world would be a better and happier place if everyone used just a little bit every day.

Imagine the peace talks between nations with everyone wearing fairy dust. It's nearly impossible to get angry with someone whose face looks shiny and happy.

And war? How could you have a war when everybody's shiny and sparkly?

We have enough dullness, and sadness and all that trial and tribulation stuff that's part of everyday life. I, for one, have had enough of being told how much money I do not have! I already know that and I'm used to it, as I have never really had much anyway. Somehow there always seems to be enough and for that I'm eternally grateful.

But imagine Congress in session with everyone wearing fairy dust. Lord, I'd probably be more interested in politics or maybe the Super Bowl (they need waayyy more shine in those uniforms). I'm just saying... a little make-believe and magic dust would enhance everyone's disposition.

Another magical part of Mardi Gras is bead trippin' in Mobile! How can you get through Mardi Gras without it? God Bless our generous, wonderful Marilyn LeNormand who is our host each year for this unforgettable adventure! Not only does she provide lodging for the entire (almost) Krewe of Nereids, she's created this incredible outside room. It has all the comforts, including refrig-

erator, beautiful lighting, heat and gorgeous landscaping. Of course, lighting is not really necessary after we've been to Dynasty and Toomey's. After all, glowing like a light bulb does not really represent a problem, it's more of an achievement or an accomplished goal.

Congratulations to the new Nereid Royalty, King George Henshall and Queen Elaine Mitchell. Such representation makes me proud to be part of this fun-loving, all-female Krewe.

Did I mention being on the cover of the *Island Times*? "My cup runneth over....."

Meanwhile, those little furry Nauga creatures are being spotted all over the beach. Get your pajamas or your costumes ready (please, NEVER wear actual naugahyde) and don't spare the fairy dust! Nauga's are notorious for using it excessively. It may be surprising to newcomers that Naugas were once an endangered species. Judging by the growing size of the breakfast crowd, I'd say that's pretty much over. Everybody should participate in a Nauga

Breakfast at least once. I know, it's that make-believe thing again, but what fun! No, I mean, really, Naugas DO exist (as High Priestess I swear to it), it's just that sightings remain rare except for this one day. The important thing is to get your furry stuff on and always remember the following "Naugisms."

#### MOST IMPORTANT NAUGISMS

- You can survive on Hairspray.
- There's something wonderful in a day of mischief & merriment.
- You can exist on fairy dust, if hairspray is inaccessible.
- Shiny stuff makes everybody happy.
- There's never enough confetti.
- Every day is better if you dance.
- Sharing is not an option, it's a requirement.
- Take time to smell the naugahyde.
- Life is a Naugarade.

See you at the Nauga Breakfast, January 31 at The Dock my friends! Please share the fairy dust and enhance someone's life today and every day.

## Krewe Seeks Island Man

Hey, Mon. Pensacola Beach's Krewe of Junkanoo is going back to their Bahamian roots. They are searching for a real native type guy at their Island Man Contest, Saturday, January 31. The contest which will begin at 4 p.m. at the Sandshaker is open to any fellow who thinks he deserves the title of "Island Man."

According to Junkanoo member Amy Depew, this person will get an authentic Beach Mardi Gras experience.

"The winner of the Island Man Contest will be a celebrity aboard the Junkanoo float in the Krewe of Wrecks Mardi Gras parade. He will ride with us and experience the magic of Mardi Gras," she said.

This is the inaugural Island Man Contest so there are no real rules by which the entrants must abide. There is no fee to enter.

"The Brewskis are having their Beach Babe Contest about 2 p.m. at the Shaker, so we will follow with our Island Man Contest," said DePew.

For more information, email amyd13@bellsouth.net.

## Wine Talk

By David Griffin,

Beach Wines and Liquors



America's Most Popular Red Wine  
You might think that America's most popular red wine has a clearly discernable style but the fact is that Merlot ranges from light to richly complex. This grape does well in cool climates and is planted worldwide. In France, Merlot from Bordeaux (Pomerol and St. Emilion) can achieve greatness when blended with the Cabernet Franc grape. In the Languedoc region of southwest France, Merlot wines taste of ripe fruit and provide better value. In this country, the Merlots from the Napa Valley and Sonoma County range from light and easy to rich and tannic. Washington State Merlots are intensely fruity and acidic. Those from Australia are fruity, flavorful and good values. Argentina and Chilean Merlots are bright, supple and great values.

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Your ticket to the hours-long party will get you a full breakfast, Nauga ears, party favors, cham-

pagne, dancing to Dunnotar, participation in the drawings and silent auction, and a chance to mingle with all the Nauga queens including the 2009 royal person who will be crowned in the usual elaborate ceremony, presented by the Naugas.

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artist Mousie who will be drawing caricatures.

"It's seems only fitting that Mousie be our Naug-artist," said Danah Gibson, Queen Nauga I. "It is going to be a banner day for the Naugas."

There are no advance ticket sales or reservations. Just appear at The Dock at 10 a.m.

# Nereids Host A Real Masquerade Ball

The Mystic Krewe of Nereids will present their Mystical Masquerade Ball on Saturday, February 7 at Bamboo Willie's on the Boardwalk. The festivities begin at 8 p.m. and masking is mandatory. Unmasking will take place at nine o'clock and prizes for the best masks will be awarded.

"Masking is a great Mardi Gras tradition," Bonnie McDonald said. "Everyone should be looking for just the right mask to wear."

Music for the Ball will be provided by Cadillac Attack and Boogie, Inc. Tickets are \$25 per person which includes a midnight buffet which will be served at Hooters. The Nereids new royalty will be presented at 9:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at Studio 98 in Navarre, from any Krewe member or at the door. Or call 850-438-1660.



The Mystic Krewe of Nereids crowned George Henshall as King Nerus XIX and Elaine Mitchell as Queen Doris XIX during a regal ceremony at the krewe's King Kake Party January 10 at Paradise Bar and Grill. The royalty will reign over all the krewe's parties, and be formally presented at the Masquerade Ball on February 7 at Bamboo Willie's.



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Jan 31	Nauga Champagne Breakfast	The Dock	10 AM	Open	Ticket
Jan 31	Krewe of Brews Beach Babe Contest	Sandshaker	2 PM	Open	Free
Jan 31	Junkanoo Island Man Contest	Sandshaker	4 PM	Open	Free
Feb 1	Tiara Party	Elk's Lodge	2 PM	Open	Free
Feb 7	Nereids Mystical Masquerade Ball	Bamboo Willies	7 PM	Open	Ticket
Feb 7	Krewe of Brews Black Tie Ball	Elk's Lodge	7:30 PM	Open	Ticket
Feb 14	Krewe of Kids Parade	Tiki Island	10 AM	Open	Free
Feb 14	Krewe of Wrecks Ball	The Dock	8 PM	Krewe	Ticket
Feb 14	Bananimals Ball	Quality Inn	8 PM	Open	Ticket
Feb 16	KOW Queen's Dinner	Flounder's	7 PM	Krewe	Ticket
Feb 16	KOW King's Supper	Elk's Lodge	7 PM	Krewe	Ticket
Feb 21	Krewe of Brews Queen's Breakfast	Flounder's	9 AM	Krewe	Ticket
Feb 21	KOW Champagne Breakfast	Crab's	10 AM	Krewe	Ticket
Feb 22	Wrecks Mardi Gras Parade	Via de Luna	2 PM	Open	Free
Feb 23	Red Beans and Rice Luncheon	Casino Beach	11 AM	Open	Free
Feb 23	Lundy Gras Party	Paradise Bar	6 PM	Open	Free
Feb 24	Krewe of Coma	Sandshaker	6 PM	Open	Free
Feb 24	Shoobox Float Competition	Paradise Bar	7:30	Open	Free



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# The School Bell Rings

## What's The Buzz

The preliminary round of the school level National Geographic Bee was held at Gulf Breeze Middle School Friday, January 9, in the library. Beach residents Jett Crowdis and Stephanie Moraes were joined by the following classmates: Cassie Andrews, Matt Babikow, Tommy Bixler, Nick Bookout, Scott Brodie, Anna Caldwell, Callie Craighead, Nathan Davis, Preston DeMaria, Dustin Dewey, Mark Duntz, Sierra Gardner, Raleigh Hooks, Brittany Jackson, Aspen Lee, Cole Nitterauer, Hailey Philips, Maggie Player, Justin Shoemaker, Nick Staviski, Ryan Stersic, Caroline Sullivan, Berk Taneja, Alex Thompson, Gillian Werner, and Aaron Zanca.

The finals were held on January 20. Nick Bookout earned first place. Justin Shoemaker, second and Callie Craighead, third place. The Geography Bee is coordinated by JoAnn Considine. Retired Gulf Breeze teacher Melanie Waite served as a judge.

## A Life In The Day

Susan Goff's fourth graders at Pensacola Beach Elementary School wrote letters to soldiers stationed overseas. They shared their daily regime and the soldiers responded with details about their life. Parker Baynes notes that he writes in his journal, goes to PE, Science, Computer Lab and lunch;

followed by math and reading in the afternoons as part of an ordinary day.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Terry Thomas whose son is PBES third grader Jacob Thomas, replied to Parker Baynes' letter.

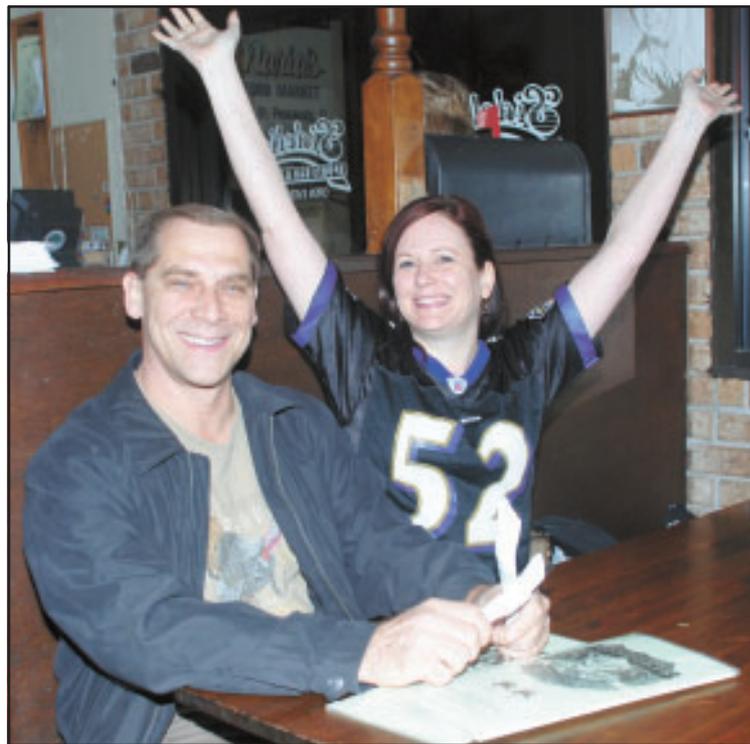
"I spend the majority of my day training soldiers, sailors and airmen on how to recognize explosive devices that could injure them or the Iraqi people. We will train until lunch time and then we go to the Chow Hall. Chow Halls are just like school cafeterias. At 1300 we meet back in the training area and we train until the sun goes down. Sometimes, if the soldiers' request additional training, we will train them at night. I have trained 80,000 soldiers."

## One Hundred Days

January 30 marks the one-hundredth day of school at Pensacola Beach Elementary. The kindergarten class will celebrate, according to their teacher Jennifer Neal, by bringing 100 of something to class that day. "In the past, we have had one hundred pieces of candy, pennies, and even raindrops come to our celebration," she said.

## Book Buddies

Joy McLaurine's third grade class will be accepting donations of new and used books to share with the children in foster care in Escambia County. Bring books to PBES by February 13. McLaurine commented that is a good way to celebrate Valentine's Day, too.



Baltimore Ravens fans were on the endangered species list at Sidelines during the playoff game against the Steelers, January 18. Willis Dawkins, left, and Sloan Scott from Gulf Breeze came to cheer for their team. Sloan, a native of Baltimore, said she was a Colts fan for 16 years and now has embraced the Ravens. Well, maybe next season, they will go all the way.

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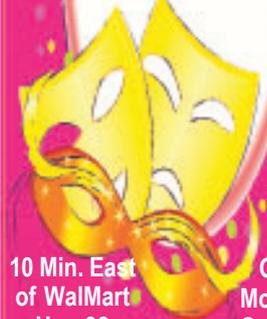
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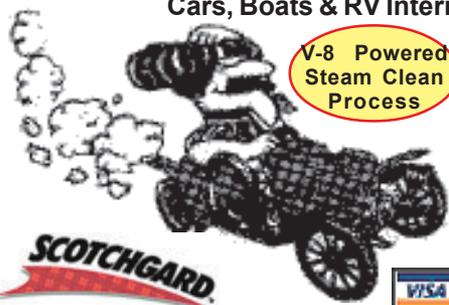
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# A Cross in the Sand

By Dr. Chuck Randle  
Pastor  
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It really doesn't matter if we are Democrats, Republicans or Independents, I think most of us would agree that we have witnessed a historic event this past Tuesday when President Obama was inaugurated as the 44th president of our Nation, the first African American to become our Commander in Chief.

The thing that is amazing to some in various parts of our world is that the transition from one president to another is peaceful and generally civil, at least it is not a military coup. The transition is one that brings a sense of pride to most Americans. The transfer of power from one person to another often brings a tear to the eye. The protocol surrounding the event is designed to make it efficient, peaceful, and dramatic. The respect given to the departing President is a scenario that many of us find refreshing.

I've never been involved in politics, in fact, if I were to rate my political savvy on a scale of 1 to 10, I would have to take a minus 5, however, I can't help but feel that if the sentiments, respect, appreciation, civility and hopefulness, as expressed on Inauguration Day could be stretched throughout the presidential term, we would experi-

ence a different atmosphere evident at all levels of our political, economic, and social lives. How refreshing that would be, but probably a little impractical because the

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nature of a two-party political system is to create opposition with the other party, but still .....it is an ideal that some of us hold as a goal to never give up.

Tickets are \$20 per person and must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. Contacts to purchase tickets are Nancy Crane, 934-8990; Lynda Knell, 934-9008; Dolores Gelfand, 916-4599; and Carol Stark, 934-5836.



Hundreds of surfers gathered at Bamboo Willie's January 12 to celebrate at the Surfer's Memorial. The event, which is a fundraiser, honors local surfers who have passed away. Craig Barrows, left, gets a hug from longtime beach gal JJ Waters. The Surfer's Memorial makes an annual donation to Pensacola Beach Elementary School.



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The competition heated up January 17 at the Shaker as chefs presented their best recipes at the Krewe of Junkanoo Chili Cook-Off. First place winners were Pensacolians David Dobartz, Harold Grosskof, Jay Cowich, Monroe Watley and Kim and Steve Joiner.



Junkanoos Megan McIver, left, and CJ MacLean, cooked up a White Chili that earned rave reviews and second place at the January 17 Chili Cook-Off.



Zeus chefs - Terry Godwin, left, and Beach deputy Matt Baxter served chili with a side of Mardi Gras beads. They won third place in the Chili Cook-Off.

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# BUSINESS BUZZ .....

## NEW NEWSIE

Sandi Johnson has joined the *Island Times* circulation department. Chuck L'Oignon is hanging up his newspaper delivery hat. After working tirelessly for three years at *Island Times*, Chuck will concentrate on fishing and his American Legion duties.

## SNIP SNIP

Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon cutting ceremony at Southern Resort Vacation Rentals Thursday, January 29 at 4 p.m. The office is located in the Via de Luna Shopping Center at 33 Via de Luna.

## BEST BEACH

TripAdvisor®, the world's largest travel community, recently named Pensacola among the "Best Family Friendly Vacations" in the United States and Canada. They also selected Pensacola Beach as one of the top 10 U.S. beaches in 2008 along with other notable beaches such as South Beach, Oahu and San Diego beaches.

## SLIP SLIDING AWAY

Tiki Island General Manager Terri McKamey is on the agenda at the January 28 Santa Rosa Island Authority meeting requesting approval of a giant waterslide soundside at 5 Via de Luna. This is part of their kid-friendly business plan. If approved, site preparations would start February 25.

## ROYAL SALUTE

Maria Davis, Spanish Vice Consul, who was instrumental in lobbying for the Spanish King and Queen's visit to Pensacola, has been awarded the Community Medallion by Pensacola Mayor John

Fogg. In celebration of that visit, the Beach Chamber is coordinating a Royal Salute as the motorcade leaves the island on February 19. Participants will be asked to line Pensacola Beach Boulevard to wave to the royal couple.

## VICTORY GARDENS

Morrie Drees and Warren Poole both have had prolific gardens on Pensacola Beach. If you want to learn to grow your own veggies, sign up for the Escambia County Extension office class on Saturday, March 21. The cost is \$5 for the two hour class which begins at 10 a.m. at the Escambia County Extension office, 3740 Stefani Road. Pre-registration is required by calling Beth Bolles at 475-5230 or email [bbolles@ufl.edu](mailto:bbolles@ufl.edu).

## SAVE SHOE BOXES

Renee Mack will not let Mardi Gras 2009 slip into oblivion without one last party, so she will host the second annual Shoe Box Float Competition on Fat Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Paradise Bar and Grill. Last year dozens of float builders brought glittering creations to the event. Start planning now. Competition is fierce.

## REAL BUSINESS

Beach Realtors are cautiously optimistic as the first month of 2009 draws to a close. Jeremy Johnson, Linda Taylor, and Fred Simmons all agree that this is still an island paradise which is worth investing in. Check out the December 2008 issue of *Florida Travel and Life's* article "The Secret Beach." The good news is that a dozen firms including Levin Rinke Resort Realty have closed sales on the island in the last month.

## Beach Chamber Goes Irish On The Island

Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce Events Committee Chairman Nan Harper has gathered Irish lads and lasses to plan a five-day "Go Irish on the Island" celebration March 13-17 on Pensacola Beach.

Beach Chamber businesses are hosting dozens of parties and events which include a Leprechaun Hunt for kids, Guinness Pour A Proper Pint competition for bartenders, and the traditional St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl.

The St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl which is named after its founder the late Paddy Blake was an annual event put on by the Society of Leprechauns. The Society asked the Chamber to coordinate the Crawl for 2009.

"It had gotten to be too much work for me," said Shirley Blake, Paddy's widow. "The Chamber can ensure that the Pub Crawl continues and that Hospice will benefit from the t-shirts sales."

A complete schedule of events will be available in the next edition of *Island Times*.

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## BYTES AND BITS

By Joe Stukey, Your Computer Pal

Q: "What is Microsoft Windows 7?"

A: That is what Microsoft is calling the operating system software that will replace Windows Vista. Microsoft released the software to the public for preliminary testing last week. The company is allowing the software to be tested by the first 2.5 million people who download it. If you download it, don't expect to get technical support from Microsoft.

Keep in mind that the testing period is scheduled to end in August of this year. After that time, you will need to re-install your original Windows program. The final version of Windows 7 will be

released in 2010, most likely with a new name. It is said to be more compatible with your hardware and software than Vista was when it was released.

There are several new features in Windows 7. One of those is "touch-screen" technology. Computer users will be able to interact with the screen by touching it to perform tasks such as watching live television, recording television shows, and searching for computer files. It also starts up faster and allows equipment such as cameras and printers to be more easily managed.

For questions, contact Joe at [joe@ycpals.com](mailto:joe@ycpals.com) or 206-3156.

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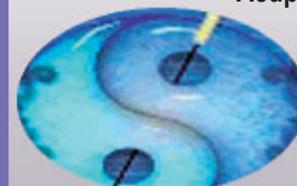
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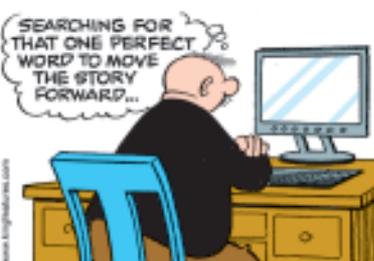
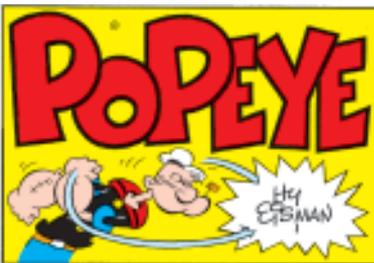
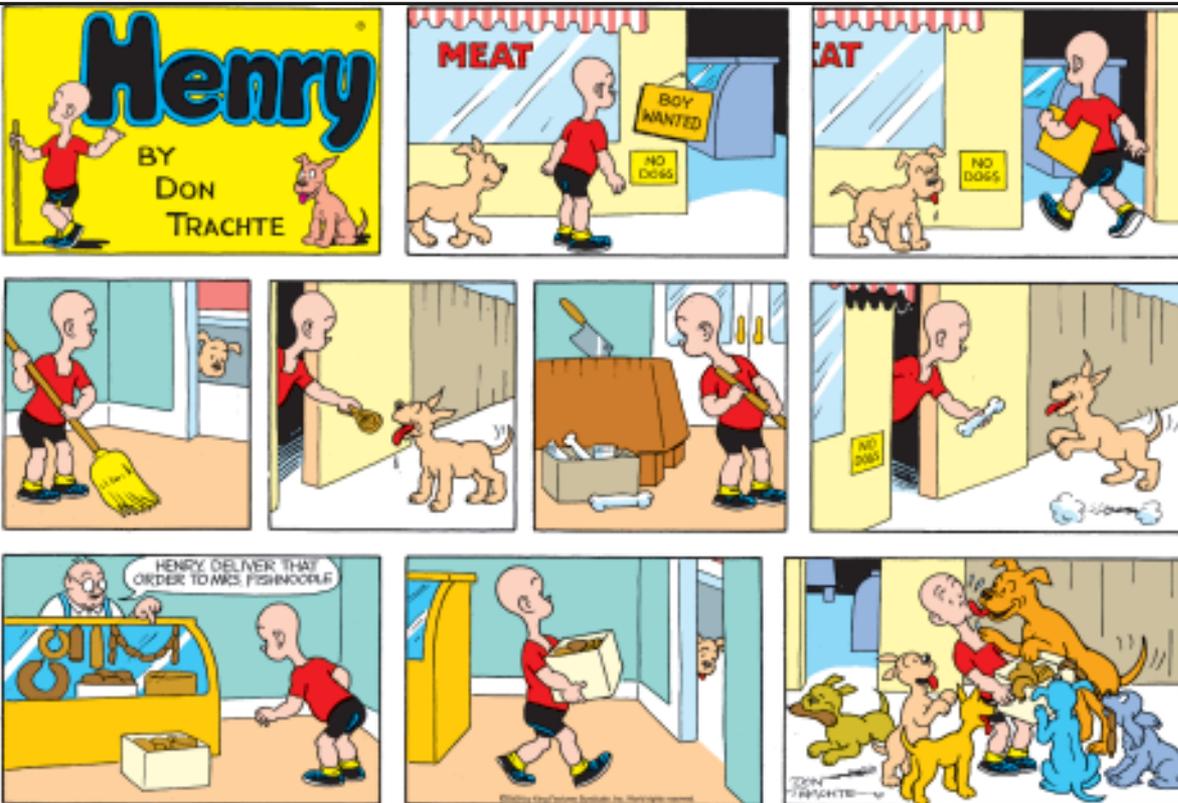
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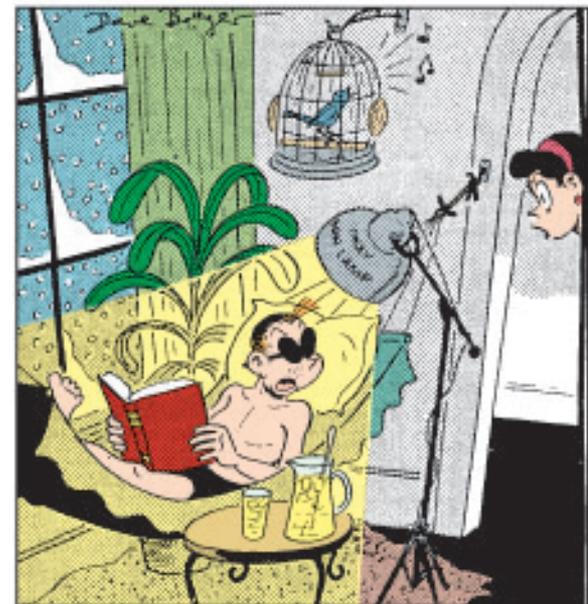


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## MISTER BREGER

By Dave Breger



"Well, if we can't afford to go south on my vacation..."

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



**Knock Knock!**

Who's there?

Dwayne.

Dwayne who?

Dwayne the bathtub -- I'm dwoining!

## Enter Your Pet's Photo in the Nauga Dawga & Purrfect Kitty Contest

- Bring your dog's or cat's photo (4 x 6 or smaller), Nauga Breakfast, Jan 31 at The Dock
- Photos accepted through 11 a.m. January 31. • \$5 entry fee benefits the Humane Society
- Photo will be displayed on the Waggin' Braggin or Pretty Kitty Board
- Winners announced around noon, Jan 31.

The Krewe of Nauga will be accepting donations of blankets and bedding for the Humane Society. Items may be dropped off at the Nauga Breakfast.



## The LIZZARD'S TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



As a tried and true New Orleans Saints fan, picking a team to cheer for in postseason can be quite tricky. An ardent football fanatic that I once worked with tried to tell me that first I had to get behind the team that won in the Saints' division and then for the big day I was stuck with the NFC team. "Stick to your division and conference," he would tell me. Before the expansion teams, that usually meant cheering for San Francisco or Atlanta. Yuck!

Then I became the person who claimed I only watch the Super Bowl for the commercials and halftime entertainment. I realize now that my so called disinterest was a flimsy sham at best and really did nothing to hide my embarrassment that once again the extremely talented Saints already had January vacations planned when the game clock ticked off its final seconds of regular season play. Then I realized as a military wife, that though my allegiance would always be to the Saints, my choice of teams to spur on to a Super Bowl victory were only limited to the few states of which my husband and I have not been legal residents. Some may call this being fickle or traitorous, I call it practical. Plus I read in the newspaper that many big companies are cutting back on their multi-million dollar Super Bowl ads in both production and time slots because of the downturn in the economy.

So, of the 12 teams vying for the 2009 Super Bowl trophy, my family has resided in almost half of the states for some amount of time. My husband has only been a resident of two states – Pennsylvania and Florida. He actually lived in Miami while attending college and was raised in Philadelphia. That put a check in the box for the Eagles and Dolphins. My son was born in what San Diegans call "North County," spent three years in North Carolina and is now living a couple hours southeast of Baltimore. That gives us cheering rights to the Chargers, the Panthers and the Ravens. And finally hon-

oring my former colleague's theory of stick to your division and conference, I added Atlanta to the list as well.

Wildcard weekend, I was ecstatic. San Diego, Baltimore and Philadelphia all advanced while the Falcons played like the Saints. Can't win 'em all. Then there was week two. I had a team to cheer for in each game and in both conferences. Chargers vs. Steelers. Ravens and the Titans. Panthers vs. Cardinals. Eagles and the Giants. This was great. I was thoroughly enjoying postseason play. Then, San Diego and North Carolina both headed to the locker room in defeat, while Baltimore and Philly won. I couldn't believe it, week three of postseason play and I still had teams to cheer for. Then the division championships came and went. And yes, I couldn't even make it past the 50 yard line. In the AFC, the Steelers whooped up on the Ravens; and in the NFC, the Cardinals sent the Eagles back to Philadelphia for soft pretzels and cheese steaks. Once again, I was a girl without a team in the Super Bowl.

But this year, I am decidedly picking a team. I am, however, not using any special formula except to say if you can't cheer for a Saint, might as well get behind a "Cardinal." And that logic, my friends, comes from being a Pensacola Catholic Crusader! Until next time...

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## Intuitive Medium Presents Program In Gulf Breeze

The February program of Unlimited Horizons is "Messages from the Other Side with Sharon Renae" and will be Sunday, February 8, from 2:30 to 5:30 at the Gulf Breeze Recreation Center, 800 Shoreline Dr., Gulf Breeze. A \$7.00 donation will be requested.

Sharon Renae is an intuitive medium, published author, minister, spiritual counselor, and motivational speaker. Sharon has a passion for humor, and a zest to express and live life boldly.

Renae has been doing intuitive readings on a professional level for over twenty years. In the last ten years she has done more than 14,000 readings, including international and celebrity clientele. Known as the "barefoot psychic," her public forums have held over two hundred in attendance.

Renae has been featured in local and national publications and television.

To more information: [www.unlimited-horizons.org](http://www.unlimited-horizons.org).

## Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candy Segar

As we research ways to power our Earthly lifestyles, we may have out-of-this-world sources for energy. Gamma rays travel 6000 light years to reach Earth. Seems kind of far, doesn't it? Let's start with some basics. What is a light year? A light year is a unit of distance. It is how far light can travel in one year, 590,302,600,000,000 miles. To gain some perspective on this distance think about these facts:

- The crab supernova is approximately 4000 light years away.
- The Milky Way Galaxy is approximately 150,000 light years across.
- The Andromeda Galaxy is approximately 2.3 million light years away.

What is a gamma ray burst? Gamma ray bursts are short-lived bursts of gamma ray photons. This is the most energetic form of light. Now these gamma ray bursts can be broken down into two categories. These are long duration bursts lasting more than two seconds and short duration bursts lasting less than two seconds. As scientists are researching this phenomenon a

rather strange explanation about these bursts has emerged. It appears that the long and short gamma ray bursts may be the result of fundamentally different properties. Scientists have had better luck in explaining the long duration bursts. Some of these longer gamma ray bursts happened when the Universe was only a few billion years old. (Now imagine only being a few billion years old. Or maybe the Universe has had no beginning and no end and has just been re-creating itself - a topic for later.)

Think about this. Wouldn't it be great if we could tap into this energy supply from the Universe and use it for space travel? Imagine how great it would be to take the Gamma Ray Coupe out and travel to other planets with no problem of refueling and not worrying about carrying extra fuel. It would revolutionize space travel. If you want to know why I used the original figure of 6000 light years, well you will have to write to [IslandTimes@bellsouth.net](mailto:IslandTimes@bellsouth.net) to find out.

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Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun fever is sweeping across the Island and it seems more and more people are catching it. "We have had crowded tables and new players joining the ranks," said poker promoter Rick Uzdevenes.

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun will host a special tournament Saturday, January 31 at Paddy's at 4 p.m. One hundred percent of all monies will be donated to MS. One of our

## Locals Brave Cold Temps At Beach Run

Competitors braved the cold to post fast times in the Pensacola Beach Run, January 17. Winners in the Women's Half Marathon in their age groups included Morgan Tibbs, Linda Fogel and Dawn Kane. Beach girls Pam Lane and Alice Bohannon finished in fine form. Ron Young, 28, from Gulf Breeze lead the pack in the Men's 25-59 Half Marathon. Beach businessmen Robert Rinke, Dave Bohannon and Andrew Rothfeder earned spots in the top twelve in their age groups.

In the 10K distance Susan Hoover, Lisa Jacobi, Madison Lee and Betty Frydrychowicz won in their age groups. Cecilia McAdams, Ginny Baynes and Debra Foley handled the 6.4 miles with ease.

The men's 10K found 11-year-old Joshua Gaut out in front with a 56:55 in the young men's division. Ronnie Tibbs, 48; and Drake Shepherd, 53 took top honors in their age group. Glenn Windham turned in a fifth place finish in the Men's 60-64.

Jean Luke won the Women's 5K in her age division, as did twenty-two-year old Cecily Welsh. Patsy Melin's time of 27:40 earned her second place.

Krewer of Wrecks member Dave Kessler hoofed his way to the winner's circle in the 5K in the men's 70-74 age bracket.

Nine hundred thirteen entrants competed in 5K, 10K and Half marathon distances.

very own, Justin Scher has set a goal of earning \$500 for the MS Walk, a national event to raise money to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis.

"I do this every year with my sister. This is a very important cause for not only me, but for my whole family, because in 2005 my little sister was diagnosed with MS," he said.

Monday night football has ended but the Monday night poker tables at The Sandshaker are a hot place to be seen. On January 12 Jerry Limle took Casey Bussa in the final. Trace Lewis made short work of the final table cleaning out everyone in five hands on January 19. Casey Bussa was second, again.

At Paddy O'Leary's in downtown Pensacola Beach, poker is played four days per week. James Elvis Presley is named after the King of Rock and Roll so it was only fitting for him to hit three kings on the final hand to claim the win on January 8. JMac and Tiki Terri McKamey were runners-up. Michael Dupeire had all the right cards on January 11 to outlast Phil Tracy for the win.

Richard Butler closed access



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to the winner's circle with the final winning hand on January 13. Todd Lentini played his way to second place. Just two nights later, Butler made a run for another win, but Phil Tracy took the top spot, followed by John Redman. Butler ended up in third with Justin Scher in fourth.

Saturday afternoon belonged to Tiki Terri McKamey. She was the best player of the seventeen who signed in to play on January 17. Four hours later, she had the win and a new "miniature Porsche."

Josh Nichols inched his way to the win on January 19 as he hit on a small stack time after time, then cleaned out defending champ Miguel Dupeire in the final. This was Josh's first win in many a try.

Lady Luck sat on Billie Urquhart's shoulder as she was victorious over 18 players on January 20. Justin Scher and TC Curtis were runner's up. Billie was awarded a bicycle for being the Top Female Player of the Year. Phil Tracy went home wearing the Player of the Year's bracelet.

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## readin' the water

by Saltwater Rick

It's Pompano season on the Island and those tasty little critters are showing themselves in our beautiful Gulf waters. February first starts the Pompano Tourney at Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle, so be sure you're signed up just in case you land a thick one.

Sandfleas are the top bait for making sure they take a look at your offering as they comb the area in search of dinner. A nice piece of Shrimp will also do the trick.

## Trail Association Hosts Hoofers on the Island

Lace up your hiking boots and join the Florida Trail Association at The Dunes Trail Hike, Friday, February 13 at 9 a.m. Hikers should meet at the Gulfside parking lot across from Portofino. The distance is set for two and a half miles and a vehicle is stationed at that point for those who wish to be transported back.

If you're into jiggging, a Conner jig with a pink tail is my choice, although there are as many opinions on jigs as there are fisherpersons using them. Tipping them with a piece of cutbait or Shrimp is always a good idea.

We have miles of the greatest beaches on the planet to fish from, so get yourself a nice long pole, a chair and a cooler full of whatever makes you happy and do yourself a favor and go fishin'. Happy New Year!

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### ACROSS

- 1 Shock partner  
4 Perjurers  
9 "Mayday!"  
12 That woman  
13 Bother  
14 Choose  
15 Egocentric's problem  
17 Meadow  
18 Vegas-based TV series  
19 Receding  
21 With face hidden  
24 Kind  
25 Yoko of music  
26 Atl. state  
28 Dog walker's tether  
31 Ridge raised by a heavy blow  
33 Sinbad's bird  
35 Use a paper towel  
36 Marble cake pattern  
38 Tie up the phone  
40 U.K. fliers  
41 Pool hall supply  
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45 Church VIP  
47 Brazilian resort city  
48 Detonate  
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- 54 Tokyo's old name  
55 Reserved or preserved  
56 Swiss canton  
57 Apiece  
58 Actress  
59 Quaint stopover
- 6 Blackbird  
7 "— are red ..."  
8 Logo  
9 Card game for one  
10 Admitting customers  
11 Male deer  
16 "Eewww!"  
20 Make tea  
21 Cuts the grass  
22 From the beginning  
23 Lawyer in London  
27 Journal
- 29 Bridge  
30 Weight  
32 Verifiable  
34 Whim  
37 Landlord  
39 Hot-water heater  
42 Unemotional  
44 Also  
45 Get ready, for short  
46 Took the bus  
50 Cover  
51 On the — vive  
52 Samovar  
53 Yang counterpart

### DOWN

- 1 Donkey  
2 Personal question?  
3 Moray  
4 Expired, as a subscription  
5 Loop

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## King Crossword

Answers

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