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Directing The Chamber

*Pensacola Beach
Chamber
Chooses LaMar
As Executive
Director*



With her feet planted firmly in the sands of Santa Rosa Island, Maureen LaMar is ready to lead the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce as their Executive Director. LaMar, who reports to her new post this week, was raised in North Pole, Alaska, and has traded snow shoes for sandals, permanently. For more on the Chamber's new Executive Director, see page 2.

Pensacola Beach Chamber Welcomes New Executive Director

It's a long journey from the snows of North Pole, Alaska to the warm sands of Pensacola Beach. But the new Executive Director of the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce, Maureen LaMar lived in Alaska from the time she was eight-years-old until she finished her first year in college. Then, she said, "Enough is enough. I want to live in a warm place."

When she was accepted by the University of Las Vegas it didn't take long to pack her bags, bid her family goodbye, and head south.

"It was a long, long trip to Las Vegas with my dad pulling a travel trailer filled with my belongings, but what a fun town Las Vegas was. It was a great place with warm temperatures most of the time," she said.

Eventually, she found an even warmer climate in Arizona and she holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Phoenix University and a Human Resources Management certification from the same university.

Things just keep getting warmer and warmer for LaMar. She now lives with her two sons in Navarre.

Derrick, 15, is a freshman at Navarre High School and Ryan, 13, is a seventh grader at Woodlawn Beach Middle School. Both boys are avid fishermen.

"My boys are my first priority," she said. "I am always so proud of them."

"And let me tell you about our black lab, Blitz, who has been a member of our family ever since we adopted him from the Humane Society six years ago," LaMar added. "He is a ball of energy."

Formerly, LaMar was the Assistant to the Executive Director and Volunteer Manager of the Santa Rosa

Tourist Development Council. She comes to Pensacola Beach with mixed blessings from her co-workers and colleagues. They are reluctant to see her go, but happy for her in her new position as Executive Director and as Manager of the Visitor's Information Center.

Kate Wilkes, executive director of the South Santa Rosa County TDC told LaMar, "I am going to miss you, but I am thrilled that you are moving up to Executive Director of the Beach Chamber of Commerce. You will love Pensacola Beach."

And it gets warmer and warmer. "I am overwhelmed by the friendly nature of the Pensacola Beach Chamber members and Board," she said. "I am really looking forward to becoming part of that culture and becoming part of that community."

She added, "When I drive over the bridge, it is the awe factor that excites me. I know how the visitors and residents on Pensacola Beach feel. It has a vibe."

She says she can't wait to get started on her new job although she admits she will miss her friends in Navarre.

LaMar's qualifications sound as if she has been preparing to come to Pensacola Beach to become the Executive Director, all along.

Beginning with her work as an Assistant Resources Administrator for the Hilton Hotel in Tucson, Arizona through a series of promotions which were heavy in accounting while she worked in Ft. Walton Beach and Holley-By-The-Sea, she developed a versatile resume.

After she became affiliated with tourism in Navarre, her resume included her work as an administrator with the multi-faceted experience in

accounting, databases, website administration, human resource management and facility management.

"We were very fortunate to hire Maureen LaMar," said Jeff Elbert, president of the Beach Chamber. "She is a perfect match for our needs."

Jeff noted that the Chamber Board went through an arduous process to reach the final decision since more than 200 resumes were received for the job.

"We're looking forward to a banner year," Jeff said. "Our Cham-

ber, which now has 104 members, is planning a number of outstanding events and promotions. We're very excited about the path we are taking."

And this path includes a person who has already carved an impressive niche in her adopted warm state of Florida.

And what does this multi-talented lady do for fun? She has very little time left over after her demanding work with the TDC, chauffeuring her boys all over, and looking

after Blitz, but she runs and recently completed her first 5K race.

When her family members who still live in North Pole urge her to return, she says, "No thanks."

LaMar is surrounded by a warm sun and even warmer folks who are her neighbors and friends. Somehow, the new Executive Director does not see going back to the Iditarod and wearing snow shoes as a serious option.

North Pole may be a great place to visit in midsummer, but an island in the Gulf of Mexico is home.

Search For Master Planner Begins

At last. The Santa Rosa Island Authority and Portofino have finally agreed on a document which will be the first step in the implementation of the much discussed Island Beautification Plan. The Board voted unanimously at their April 8 meeting to approve the third, and now, final wording and funding of the Request for Qualifications to secure a nationally known Master Planner.

The funding calls for \$150,000 to be taken from the existing Island Beautification Fund and will not be repaid. If any additional monies are needed to secure the planner, up to \$150,000 may be allocated, but must be repaid to the fund.

"This document is an interim agreement and does not change the Portofino lease," said Board member Tammy Bohannon.

Deadline for submission by prospective planners will be at 2 p.m. on May 27.

Board member Dr. Thomas Campanella commented that there had only been one meeting to gather public input.

"The Master Planner will gather public input," Robert Rinke of Portofino said. "A good planner will include the public at the beginning, middle and the end of the planning process."

The Board also approved the hiring of Maureen LaMar as the Executive Director of the

Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Jayne Bell, SRIA Director of Administration, introduced LaMar to the Board saying, "We had over 200 applicants and LaMar's experience and skills make her perfect for this position. I was part of the Search Committee with Jeff Elbert, Karen Cook, Jim Cox and Shelley Johnson."

Beach Chamber President Jeff Elbert addressed the Board, "I am pleased to report to you that Jayne Bell and Buck Lee were so helpful in every step of the search and selection process. On behalf of the Chamber I would like to thank you for the cooperation."

Lila Cox of Pensacola Beach Advocates presented an overview of the recent survey conducted by the Advocates.

The survey, which had 247 local respondents, reflected that while they were mostly opposed to a parking garage, their feelings were that they found a parking deck with a multi-use facility much more acceptable.

"There is an interest in the future direction of the Beach," Cox said. "I urge you to take advantage of the people who know the Beach well. There are some good ideas in the survey responses. This does not mean they do not want change."

Tammy Bohannon thanked

Cox for her work and said the survey had been easy to answer.

Buck Lee filled the Board in on legal service fees which have been undergoing SRIA scrutiny for some time. Buck told the Board the amount of litigation, excluding the drowning suits, amounts to about \$21,000 annually.

"If we can hold to that amount, I think that would be good," he said.

The Board, however, did not make a decision on how to handle legal fees, but tabled the discussion for now to allow staff more time to monitor the fees.

And Buck Lee won the right to moonlight in case he wanted to work at other jobs, such as consulting or teaching, as long as it does not create a conflict of interest and is not detrimental to the Board.

Lee also announced in his report that there would be security cameras installed on the Boardwalk soon.

"It is unfortunate that we have come to this," Lee said. "But we have to do it."

He also reported that the arms at the Toll Booth will work properly by the end of this month and will respond to the transponders from a longer distance.

The next meetings will be the Committees which will convene at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 22 at the SRIA boardroom. All meetings are open to the public.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



I used to wear high heels. But that was in another lifetime and a different culture. It was before I became a Beach bum. Dresses were still worn by many New Orleans ladies in the 60s and 70s and they had the accessories that went with them. Including high heels. Me, too.

I never wore high heels to work. I owned a swim and tennis shop. Somehow tennis shorts and dancing slippers just don't mix. But when I went to a party or even a luncheon in the French Quarter, out came the fancy shoes.

Actually, it wasn't really me wearing those shoes. It was my alter ego. My alter ego was at least five foot five inches tall, when aided just a bit by two inch heels. Of course, everyone else was also taller with their heels, but I still felt really tall. My best friend in New Orleans was a striking red head, who was six feet tall, in her stocking feet.

She and I would get all dressed up in big hats and dresses and high heels frequently when we went to lunch at Brennan's.

We created quite a sensation when we entered the restaurant together. Well, sensation may not be exactly the right word. Maybe, it was more like a comic strip. Think Mutt and Jeff. That's why all those people were smiling at us.

I did love dancing in my high heels. Men do not normally wear high heels, so I was always more at ease with my dancing partners because I was at least not looking at their belt buckle. I must say here that I never met a man over fourteen who was shorter than me. My red headed friend, on the other hand, was taller than many of her dancing partners, even her husband. But, how she loved wearing those heels.

There were very few obstacles to rule out high heels in New Orleans. Most streets had sidewalks running parallel, however some of them were treacherous since they hadn't been repaired since Creole days. Lots of them were always damp due to daily rains, and cobblestone pathways were prominent in some areas. But there was no

endless sand to trek through nor balconies made of planks with just enough room between them to catch the heels.

Falling down was simply not an option even if you did have to pick and trudge your way around a few hazards.

The picture changed dramatically when I moved to Pensacola Beach. I packed all my shoes and brought them with me. Sand and sandspurs everywhere. My street and most neighborhood streets had no sidewalks. No matter how hard I tried I never got entirely rid of the sand in my house, my car, and in my office. High heels were a high hazard and besides they looked pretty silly if I wore them on the Beach, even if they made me appear to be taller. It was a dilemma I had to face.

I decided quickly it was far better to be short on flat heels than to be silly and tall on high heels.

So my collection of pretty

shoes went to the Waterfront Mission. I kept one pair of pumps to wear on very special occasions.

I remember putting them on for the Krewe of Wrecks Champagne Breakfast, mainly so I could see over the podium when I was introducing the royalty. And I wore them on sad occasions like funerals and on happy occasions like weddings. They lasted a long time, at least as long as it took for me to give up heels forever.

Heels are supposed to be bad for your feet and even worse for your legs. That sort of warning never came on the shoe box, so I always turned my head away when anyone mentioned those dire circumstances to me.

But, now the heels are gone forever from my life. I do have lots of shoes, flip flops, topsiders, Crocs, three pairs of running shoes, slides, moccasins, slipper socks, boots and you name it. No heels. Well, if the shoe fits wear it. As long as it doesn't have heels.

I never was a stunning fash-

ion plate, or any other kind of fashion plate. How stunning can you be if you're five foot two? And you know, in your heart, you have to hover above six feet to become a runway model.

If you have every wondered where this column got its name, wonder no more. Ask yourself if there is anything better than shoes with high heels or low heels? Yes, of course, there is. No shoes at all.

Just let the magic quartz sand rise between your toes and feel the fuzzy warmth take over your entire body. Listen to the waves kissing the shore. Watch the tiny Sandpipers as they skillfully avoid walking where the water touches the sand. Even the raucous cries of hungry seagulls will be stifled as they find little fish for their lunch. Forget about heels and being tall. You are experiencing a priceless high.

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PEOPLE

BATTERUP

Pensacola Beach's Cayson McCurdy is headed to Orlando to play in the Disney Baseball Tournament during Memorial Day Weekend. He is a member of Gulf Breeze Sports Association Team of eight-year-olds who are real sluggers. Dad Todd says it should be a lot of fun for all the kids and little brother Ryland McCurdy is getting to tag along as a back up player on the team roster.

ALLAS

Lots to celebrate at the Paulus household. Briana Paulus, a sophomore at Gulf Breeze High School and a member of the Pensacola Beach Church scored straight As on her report card during the third nine weeks. Briana is also an outstanding high school athlete. Her parents, Karen and Gordon Paulus, are celebrating their wedding anniversary on April 30.

BEACHVET

Longtime Beach resident and World War II veteran Helen Cotton was aboard the Emerald Coast Honor Flight which toured Washington, D.C. during March. Mrs. Cotton, as she is fondly known on the Beach, served in the United States Coast Guard. She is also a volunteer at the Beach School whose kindergarten class raised funds to help defray the costs of the trip.

BIG BLOW OUT

Sandi Hlubek, who lives at The Verandas, was honored at an April Birthday Bash. She shared the birthday stage with daughter-in-law Cheri Hlubek, and friends Betty

Gossom, Jan Grosch and Joe Long of the contemporary jazz band, The Blenders. They danced the night away at the Gregory Street Assembly Hall.

AWESOME MOMENT

Freddy Esposito is a busy guy. He moves at a frenetic pace when booking bands for the Bimini Bar, breathing artistic life into websites for his Espo Creative clients, manning one of the surfers' favorite online forums, and playing drums professionally. He does all that so he can surf. He recounted an awesome moment last week when two beautiful dolphins arched through the air over his surfboard while a pelican skimmed the top of a wave right next to him. Freddy said it was just that kind of heart stopping moment that he lives for.

COLLEGE BOUND

Former Beach School student Ashley Spencer, who graduates from Gulf Breeze High School on June 1, has already staked out an apartment near Milton and plans to attend Pensacola Junior College according to her mother Charlotte. Ashley's dad, Tim is one of the Beach's favorite musicians.

COLE'S GOLD

G. Cole's ride has turned to gold. The ten-year-old golf cart has a new spectacular glittering paint job and some swank new accessories. Looks better than brand new. Give Cole a high five when you see him.

PROUD MOM

Island Times circulation guru Sandi Johnson jetted off to Washington State in between delivery days to join a massive birthday cel-

ebration for her daughter. There were so many people at the fortieth birthday party, Sandi had a shirt customized with rhinestone letters spelling out "Kama Sue's Mom" so there was no confusion about her identity.

MOORE BIRTHDAYS

And the birthdays just keep coming. Deanna Lambert Moore, who was raised on Pensacola Beach, returned to the Island to visit her mom, Deb Friedman, and to blow out thirty birthday candles. Deanna lives in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina with her husband and young son.

QUEEN SHUGAH CALLS

Her majesty Queen Shugah is calling all Woolly Boogers, Be's and others to attend the Keep the Hurricanes Away Bawl, Friday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at Paradise. Please bring gris-gris or a talisman to place at the Queen's feet.

Trivia

Kim LoBue has now won the trivia contest three times in a row with her correct answer to the last question. "What was the name of the organization, founded in 1980, which, a few years later became the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce?" Kim emailed the correct answer, the Pensacola Beach Business Association, first, so she wins a third shirt. And it will be the last for the little rocket scientist who will now become the first female member of the Trivia Roundtable. She will join Sir Morrie Drees, Sir Bill Greene and Sir Phil McConkey. She will be known as Countess Kim who won many shirts. She has been made a member of the Trivia Brain Trust. The Trivia Master encourages knights to continue to play the game for hugs and pride. Congratulations, Countess Kim.

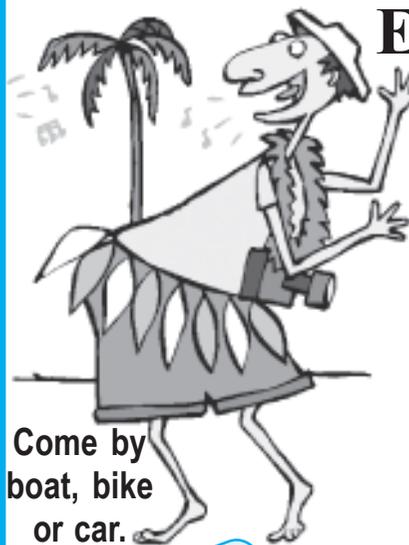
Lila Cox was the runner up this

week, but her answer was a little bit hazy anyway. She emailed that the answer was the Pensacola Beach Business Men's Club or something like that. Close, but no cigar. Lila goes into the "Try, Try Again Club."

Both Sir Morrie and Sir Bill sent in the correct answer, thereby enforcing their royal status.

Here is an easy one. Rush to your computer and be the first to email the correct answer, and you will win a coveted *Island Times* t-shirt. What was the name of the old motel which once occupied the site that is now the location of the Springhill Suites?

Rules have not changed. Send your answer to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with "trivia" in the subject line and include your name, phone number. Deadline to answer is April 28, 2009. Good luck!



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Ice Hockey Plan Melts At TDC Meeting

The concept of another ice hockey team competing in the Civic Center melted under the heated opposition of the Tourist Development Council at their April 13 meeting.

Amy LoVoy, Escambia County Management and Budget Office, updated the Council members on the shrinking income to the TDC through the bed tax collections.

"We are 3.7 percent below last year," she said. "I urge you to keep substantial reserves because you are now fourteen percent below what you budgeted in revenues at this point."

The Escambia County Commissioners are already negotiating with the hockey sponsor, according to LoVoy.

"The start up costs will be about \$250,000 to accommodate a new team. Pretty much any need associated with the Civic Center comes from the Bed Tax revenues," she said.

Commissioner Grover Robinson, who is also a TDC member, said his

objective was to shrink the subsidy to the Civic Center.

"I am not in favor of something that cannot break even," Robinson said.

TDC Chairman Denis McKinnon said, "I don't know if this is the right time for hockey. I am opposed to a hockey team."

A motion made by Council member Shirley Cronley to send a letter to the Board of County Commissioners opposing a hockey team passed unanimously.

The Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce gave the Council an update on their new marketing campaign. The information included the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Mullet Toss which is being showcased in 161 media outlets.

The Perdido Key Chamber received \$230,000 from the TDC.

Nan Harper, Council member from Pensacola Beach, commended Perdido for their unified effort in ad-

vertising the area.

"We want people to come here, return here, and perhaps some day live here," Harper said.

Commissioner Robinson was pleased to hear about the efforts of the Perdido Key Chamber and the Pensacola Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"I think we need to be selling the whole area," he said. "We need to tie it all together. I think all print should have all three logos; Pensacola, Perdido and Pensacola Beach."

The TDC welcomed new members Shirley Cronley and Larry Johnson. Other members of the Council in addition to McKinnon, Harper and Robinson are Wanda Cross, Dr. P.C. Wu, and Nancy Halford.

Grant proposal applications were distributed at the meeting with the requests due by May 1. The next meeting of the TDC will be Tuesday, June 2 at 4:30 p.m. at a location to be designated.



Escambia County Sheriff's Department Lt. Rodney Eddins is the new top cop on the Beach. He has been with the Sheriff's Office for 17 years and is a native of Gulf Breeze. Lt. Eddins' goal is to maintain a safe beach environment for everyone, so the rules will be enforced including the open container laws. He and other Beach deputies have made a commitment to assuring that Pensacola Beach is a family-friendly place. Eddins encourages citizens to have a good time, but understand and comply with the laws.

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by Kathi Lewis



May Day

I never really thought a lot about May Day before. I knew it had something to do with spring. Each year on May 1 our school would host a physical fitness day which included a May Pole with some sort of physical activity required. However, it's also celebrated in neopagan festivals (I'm not sure what that really means, but we might have one soon) and is an official holiday in many countries. In fact, during medieval times, church and state monies officially sponsored the May Day celebrations. Of course, that meant it was open to all levels of society, from the most common citizens to nobility and royalty.

I especially love the co-mingling of all levels of society and you know I get all excited about nobility and royalty. Well, I get all excited about hurricane season, too and not necessarily in a good way.

I am the Queen Shugah number-somethin-somethin' of the Woolly Booger Social Club and hurricane season is only a month away! For those not familiar with the Woolly Boogers, we host the "Kiss the Hurricane Season Goodbye Bawl."

I asked (begged) for a Shugah Conference with prior Queen Shughahs Renee Mack, Paulette Provost, Rita Love-Perry, and Judy L'Oignon. These brilliant and powerful Queens responded immediately and we've decided to jump on the May Day bandwagon and get a jump on hurricane season.

May Day Woolly Booger Bawl

We created the first official "Woolly Booger Keep the Hurricanes Away This Season Bawl" which will take place on May 1 at Paradise Bar and Grill. You do not want to miss this! Be there at 7 p.m. for Opening Ceremonies and please, please bring your own special Hoo-Doo, Voo-Doo, lucky charm, rabbit's foot, gris-gris bag or whatever talisman brings you luck. If you don't have one, make one. Really.

Queen Shugah Renee is already working her special magic and will provide entertainment by Johnny Barbato and the Lucky Dogs!

I know there are some of you

right now thinking, "I'm not a Woolly Booger." Wrong. You may be one already without knowing it. It's shaping up to be a magical evening and we can always use another holiday.

Jelly Fish Cafe

Something else you don't want to miss is the Jazzy Jellyfish Café. (I just totally love the name!) Our fine beach restaurants can relax because they're only open 3 days a year. My beautiful friend and Sister, Kim Schmitz is the Cafeteria Manager at Gulf Breeze Elementary School. Last year she told me about this really cool third grade class project that was the brainstorm of teacher, Leslie Jolly. It's called "Kid Business on a Mission" and teaches all about entrepreneurship, philanthropy, and community involvement among many other lessons. The profit will be donated to Ronald McDonald House and Nemours Children's Clinic. Kim helps the children plan and execute the menu, along with providing her own wonderful recipes.

The Cafe at Gulf Breeze Elementary will be open May 7, 14, 21 at 6 p.m. The May 14 feature is Chef Kim's awesome Chicken Spaghetti. Compliments to the Chef for so generously sharing her exquisite recipe with us. So, let's cook.....

Chef Kim's Chicken Spaghetti

- 1 lb. Spaghetti
- 1 lb. diced chicken (precooked)
- 2 -16 oz. jars Alfredo sauce
- 2 small jars diced pimentos
- 2 small cans diced green chilies
- ½ Cup white wine

In a saucepan combine chicken, Alfredo sauce, pimentos, chilies & wine. Simmer, stirring often for 30 minutes. Pour over cooked spaghetti. This is the simple version because Kim makes her own Alfredo sauce, using roasted red bell peppers instead of pimentos. And, of course, the wine will be omitted for obvious reasons!

Happy May Day to all, and I'll see you at the Woolly Booger Bawl. Happy Birthday to newest beach grandson, Max Loren Harris born on April 14. Max is the son of Sara Shaw and Rob Harris and brother to Ash.

Mardi Gras Krewe Offers Calendar

Can you imagine your Mardi Gras krewe's queen as Miss July? If you can, then contact the Krewe of Junkanoo to reserve space on their Pensacola Beach Mardi Gras calendar.

For a donation of \$100, your krewe can choose which month is theirs. The krewe's photo will appear on that page of the calendar. It can be of your royal court, entire krewe, float or whatever best represents your group.

The Krewe of Junkanoo wants krewes to submit information and dates for the upcoming 2010 Mardi Gras season to be included on the calendar.

"We are doing this on a first come, first served basis, so spots will fill fast," said Susi Mardis, Junkanoo calendar coordinator. "We have only 11 photo spots to fill."

These calendars will be sold for \$15 on the beach in various locations. They may also be purchased from any Krewe of Junkanoo member. Proceeds from the calendar sales will benefit the Good Samaritan Medical Clinic in Gulf Breeze.

For more information about the Mardi Gras calendar contact Jim Wiles, President, Krewe of Junkanoo, at 850-380-2981 or email him at jimnmarcia@cox.net.

Beach Citizens Group Plans Spring Fling

Pensacola Beach Advocates are hosting a Spring Fling, Friday, May 1 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Morgan Park, which is located Soundside next to Speedy John's go cart track.

"It is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, join PBA, take a look at Morgan Park and get a free copy of Plantings for your Pensacola Beach Home," said Cathy Kress, PBA membership committee member.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge.

PBA membership dues are \$30 per year.

For more information, visit www.pbadvocates.org.



Andy Harmon, sales rep with Republic National Distributors, center, shakes up his clients' taste buds at Beach Wines and Liquors Wine Tasting, Friday, April 10, with his Firefly Sweet Tea Vodka. Kailey Taruffelli, left, and Shannon Rogers, right, give the new Vodka a high score.

Wine Talk

By David Griffin,
Beach Wines and Liquors



What's The House Wine?
Just as every restaurant has a reasonably priced, relatively good house wine to offer diners, so should you in your own home. When deciding on your house wine, consider a wine that is sufficiently versatile to go with many kinds of foods. For that matter, it should not be so full bodied that it is not suitable for the summer months, not so thin that it cannot stand up to the rigors of winter cold. In fact, a good house wine should not be too crisp, tannic, oaky or spicy. It should be a good middle-of-the-road wine. Choose both a red and a white house wine, as you and your guests may prefer one or the other.
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BUSINESS BUZZ ...

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Beach resident and public relations professional Ashley Chisholm scored a major win by getting Pensacola Beach and surrounding areas in a feature story in *USA Today*. Chisholm is part of the EW Bullock Associates team who handles the publicity for both the Santa Rosa Island Authority and the Pensacola Chamber. You can enjoy the entire article by pasting this into your internet browser - http://www.usatoday.com/travel/destinations/affordableamerica/2009-04-20-9-pensacola-deals_N.htm?POE=click-refer

WINNING RELAY TEAM

Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge Relay for Life Team raised \$2,795 during the Bid on A Cure Silent Auction, April 4 at the Lodge. The silent and live auctions netted a total of \$8,550 for the American Cancer Society. The Relay for Life will be April 25-26 at the Gulf Breeze High School track.

REAL PRO

Levin Rinke Realtor Brian Tucker has been appointed to the Pensacola Young Professionals Board of Directors. Brian, who is well known for his high energy, is a Joy For The Beach choir member and a Beach Chamber volunteer.

TUNES ON TUESDAYS

The Santa Rosa Island Authority is kicking off its summer concert series Bands on the Beach, May 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Gulfside Pavilion. The free concert features Wildwood. Bring your friends and lawn chairs, but leave your pets at home.

SPRING FLING

The Pensacola Beach Advocates are hosting a Spring Fling from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on May 1 at Morgan Park. The Advocates will be giving complimentary copies of the "Plantings For Your Pensacola Beach Home," written by Dr. Jim Morgan for which the park is named. Everyone is welcome at the event. Refreshments will be served.

GROVER'S MEETING

Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson, IV, has scheduled a Town Hall Meeting on Pensacola Beach, Tuesday, June 30

from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Island Authority boardroom. Grover wants to hear from his Beach constituents on any topic they wish to discuss.

GET PRIMED

Wednesday night at Bullfeathers on the Boardwalk is for Prime Rib Lovers. Less than eleven bucks gets you a sumptuous ten ounce cut with a baked potato.



The Gulf Breeze Chamber hosted their annual Business Expo, April 3-4 at the Rec Center. Networking at the Tiki Jake's booth are (L to R): Rick Cantin, CPA; Tricia Cantin, Epoch Software; Tiki Jake's owner and Beach Chamber President Jeff Elbert; and Mary Kay Sales Director Susan Haselton-Kelley.

BYTES AND BITS

By Joe Stukey
Your Computer Pal

Q: How much will it cost to have a website built?

A: That's a question I'm asked frequently. I wish it could be a flat dollar figure because it would make things easier, but in reality it is a lot more complicated. Think of it the way you would think about which vehicle model you want to buy, considering how many options are available. Every website is different,

which makes it impossible to set a single price.

The first thing you need to ask yourself is, "What do I want my website to do for me?" Do you want it to be a personal website to showcase photos to share with your family? Maybe even a real estate website to display your listings along with your agency's listings? How about an online shopping cart to display and sell your products?

After you know the purpose of your website, surf the web to find, at the minimum, three websites that you like. Write down the name of the site and what you like about it. Try to choose at least one website

that you like because of its functionality, one website with a layout you like, and one website with colors and graphics you like.

Next, contact a local web development company, tell them about your research, and ask them for a written quote with detailed pricing and a timeline. To save some time, visit sunshine technologies.com (a local company that does a great job). I'm sure they will have a few more questions to ask. Then they should provide you with a written quote, within a couple of business days, for free. You should never pay for an estimate. For questions, contact Joe at joe@ycpals.com or 206-3156.



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The School Bell Rings

Registration Day

Pensacola Beach Elementary School will host Kindergarten registration Wednesday, May 20 at 10 a.m. Children must be five-years-old before September 1. Please bring the following documents to registration:

- Original birth certificate or certified copy
- Florida certificate of immunization (blue card)
- Proof of physical within the past calendar year
- Social Security Card
- Two forms of proof of residency

Parents will fill out necessary paper work in the multi-purpose room and the upcoming Kindergartners will participate in a short activity with a "buddy" in the classroom. Jennifer Neal is the kindergarten teacher.

High Scores

The following Pensacola Beach residents who attend Gulf Breeze High School were named to the All A Honor Roll: Michelle Albert, Jennifer Dolfie, Elle Wade and John Baldwin. Those named to the A-B Honor Roll are: Wade Boggs, Lauren McDonald, Omari Kali-Baines, Marc Sessa, George Weisnicht, Constantine Anastopoulo, Shelby Hobbs, Cassandra Lane, Michelle Moraes, Caroline Waghalter, Ciara Wheeler, and Nicole Sakry.

Tally Fun

Susan McLeod's fourth graders at the Beach School loaded onto the bus before daybreak on a stormy April 2 morning and headed to Tal-

lahassee. The class was introduced to Governor Charlie Crist, Representative Dave Murzin, Senator Don Gaetz and Senate President Jeff Atwater. The students said it was the "best field trip ever!"

Optimism Runs High

Sixty students in third, fourth and fifth grade at the Beach School competed in the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club Oratorical Competition on Monday, April 6. The following students were chosen to compete Tuesday, April 7 at Hunt Hall in the finals: Third Grade: Macy Mateer, Abby Jacobs and Zosia Uszok. Fourth Grade: Starfish Holk, Reddon McLaurine and Kylie Finkbone. Fifth Grade: Lia Lampone, Lexi McNamara and Trey Wright.

Judges Joyce Daniels, Shirlaura Bremer, Lorrie Woollard and Mary Ann Wolcott graded students based on poise, content of speech and overall efficiency. Macy Mateer was the winner. Abby Jacobs was the runner-up and Kylie Finkbone earned third place.

The PBOC also sponsors the "Just Say No to Drugs" poster contest and Bike Safety Rodeo at the School.

Dates to Remember

Pensacola Beach Elementary and Gulf Breeze Schools will have a holiday on Monday, May 25 to observe Memorial Day. The last day of classes for seniors is May 29 prior to their June 1 graduation day. All other students will look forward to June 4 as the last day of school before summer break.



Finalists in the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club Oratorical Contest were honored with a cake and punch reception, April 7 at Hunt Hall. Finalists are (L to R): Kylie Finkbone, Abby Jacobs, Macy Mateer, Starfish Holk, Lexi McNamara, Zosia Uszok, Trey Wright, Reddon McLaurine and Lia Lampone.

Judges conferred for what seemed like a long time to these Pensacola Beach Elementary School students before announcing the top three finishers in the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club Oratorical Competition April 7. Fourth grader Kylie Finkbone, left, earned third place; Abby Jacobs, center, was awarded second place; and the winner was Macy Mateer.



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Florida State Senators Jeff Atwater, left, and Don Gaetz, right, greet Pensacola Beach School fourth grader Kylie Finkbone, April 2 in their Chambers in Tallahassee.



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Jimmy Parker of Pointe South, left, and Towana Rudd with Surety Land Title, right, assist safety and security consultant Andrew Wooten in demonstrating techniques to ward off attackers. Wooten, who is from Jacksonville, gave a high energy, hands-on presentation at the Women's Council of Realtors luncheon, March 11 at New World Landing. He offered safety tips in home security; followed by a demonstration tailored to increase the safety of Realtors while showing properties.



Pair of Presidents - Nan Harper of Island Realty, left, will be the 2010 President of the Florida Women's Council of Realtors. Marie Avery, right, currently Florida WCR president, was the keynote speaker at the Top Gun Awards. Harper will host a Realtor retreat on Pensacola Beach during October for over one hundred real estate professionals.



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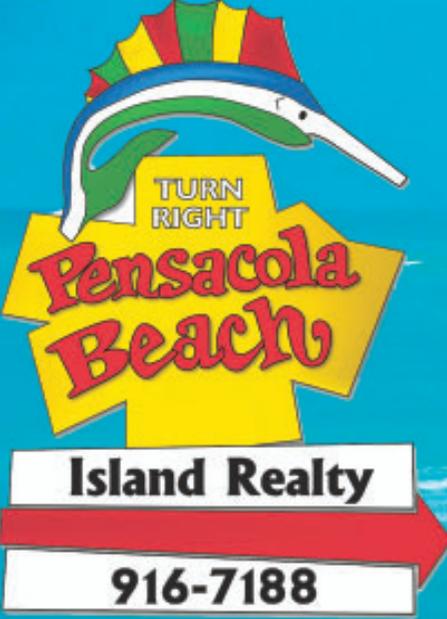


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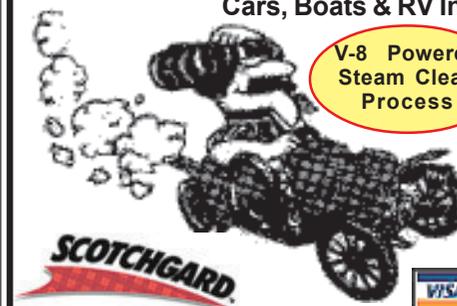
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The LIZZARD'S TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



And in this corner...

It's been a little over two weeks since our family cat, Sparky, found herself on the losing side of a cat fight. After a quick, but rather expensive, visit to our local vet, she seemed to be on the mend. In fact, in less than 72 hours she was back to her finicky feline self and the pecking order in the family had returned to normal: Sparky, because the world revolves around her; the Colonel, because she allows him to live in the world which revolves around her; the Kid, who would like to be in her same galaxy; and me, the one who tells her on a daily basis "Catpernicus meowed and hissed, the world doesn't revolve around you." And like the rest of the family, she doesn't appreciate my cat humor either.

So when she started limping again, I wasn't sure if it was a ploy for more baked salmon or if she was truly still hurt. I couldn't imagine our vet had overlooked anything at that first 15 minute visit. Three different injections, a stack of paperwork for me to read and sign, and one boat payment later, I thought for sure Sparky was healed. I was even ready to get a witness and an Amen. Ah, but not so fast.

The next thing I know The Colonel starts commenting how she

can't put any weight on her back leg. The Kid starts to notice that she has to dig her front claws into the suede chair covers, leaving small tears in the fabric, in order to jump up on them. I happily carry her upstairs to her Diva Digs because I think it actually gives us a split second to bond. She bites me in appreciation. Things are definitely looking up between the two of us.

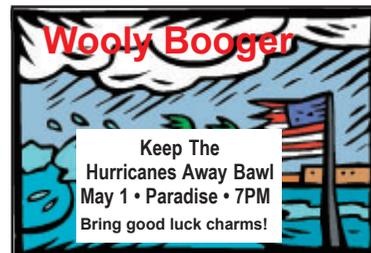
As the responsible pet owner, it fell upon me to return to the vet with her for a follow-up visit. You could say this time I was going in there like a Remora on a shark - no letting go until every piece of Sparky's fur and anatomy was examined. Well, Sparky's tail may have been between her two legs, but mine wasn't and it was a good thing. Once again the vet tried to tell me that her hip and leg were fine and the x-ray confirmed his findings. Call it a mother's intuition or more realistically the fact I wasn't making another boat payment for this guy until I had a reason why in the near future we would no longer be calling our cat Sparky, but Gimpy. I wasn't shoving her in her "Kate I've Been Spaded" carrier until I had an answer.

Then it dawned on me. Just like the time The Kid broke his arm and the emergency room doctor insisted

nothing was wrong based on the x-rays he ordered. So I actually asked him to humor me and x-ray The Kid's humerus and sure enough we found the break. Unfortunately, the only idea that popped into my mind for this situation was the joke about "he shot my Pa" and it didn't seem appropriate, so I just asked the vet if he could x-ray her paw because her toes looked a little crooked. After wrapping the cat up in a towel like a burrito, the vet tech pulled out Sparky's right paw and waved a wand over it. Like magic the photos appeared on the computer screen and sure enough she had not one, but two broken toes.

One injection, more paperwork to read and sign, and a boat payment later Gimpy and I were on our way home. Turns out for cats, there is not a thing you can do for broken toes. You can't even tape them together. I guess she won't be getting a pawdicure anytime soon.

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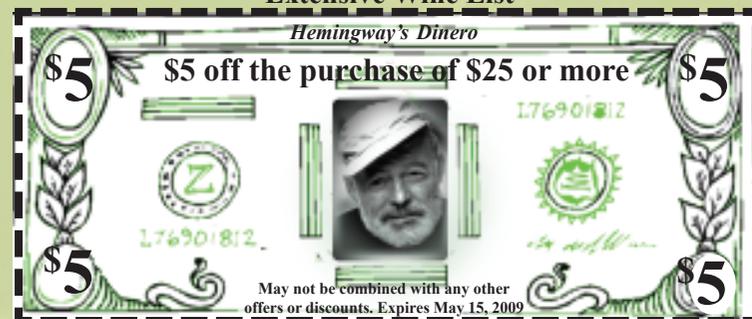
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Alissa Kuemmeth wore her pink Easter boots to hunt eggs at the Beach Church Egg Hunt, April 11. She was on the Beach visiting her grandad, John Pinzino.



Jack Treesh comes from a long line of beach family. His grandmom, Jureda Lambert helped him fill his Bunny Basket with lots of eggs at the Beach Church Egg Hunt April 11.



Beach resident Billy Martin is at the Beach Church Easter Egg Hunt, April 11, with his grandsons; one-year-old Drew, left, and four-year-old Ethan Harrison, right.

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Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candy Segar

My nephew, McFlye, is a futuristic thinker! I ponder his thoughts and one in particular blew my mind. He was talking about creating a device that would pick up the sun's light and beam it back to Earth to use as energy. We were discussing alternative energy sources, and this was his solution.

Well guess what? PG & E (Pacific Gas and Electric) utility in San Francisco is planning on purchasing solar power from the Solarem Corporation. Solarem plans on building a space-based solar power system that could safely beam back energy to Earth, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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best for Earth's atmosphere. A rectifying antenna array on Earth would receive the microwave beam. The receiving station would convert the microwave energy into electricity. This power would go directly into the grid.

The designated date for delivery of this solar power transmission is scheduled for 2016. The members of Solarem consists of ten engineers and scientists. Their plans are to employ 100 more individuals in the near future. Each member of Solarem brings with them 20 years experience in the aerospace industry. This experience includes Hughes Aircraft Company, the U.S Air Force and Boeing Satellite Systems. It would take four to five heavy-lift launches to put all the equipment for the power-generating facility into orbit. This could be the solution to pollution free energy.

And just think an eleven-year-old was thinking about developing this same technology and that gives me hope!



Pensacola Beach's Dr. Richard Jacobs snapped this photo from his position as the courtside chiropractor at the AVP professional volleyball tournament, March 9 in Panama City Beach. The player who is towering above the net is Phil Dalhausser. Dalhausser was a Beach volleyball gold medalist in the Beijing Olympics. The tour travels to California, Texas and the East Coast during the next three months.

A Cross in the Sand

By
Dr. Chuck Randle, Pastor
Pensacola Beach Community Church

My wife and I are the proud great-grandparents of two children - one nearly seven years old, and the other nearly four. Their world consists of their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, and is limited to family, school, play, and television. They don't understand much about the world (although they are learning), and interpret everything from their limited perspective. They will soon begin to comprehend that knowledge and experiences are limitless. At least, I hope they will.

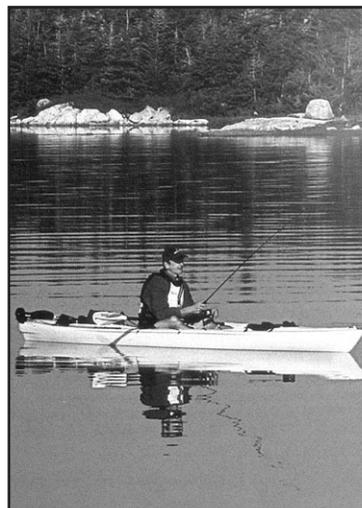
Our world becomes very small and parochial if we believe there is nothing beyond our understanding. My wife's cousin was a senior

scientist on the Hubble Telescope Project. His pre-teen years were spent building telescopes and locating stars. The Orion Nebula was one of the first objects he saw. His main field became "Observational Astrophysics of Gaseous Nebulae" and wrote a book, "The Orion Nebula: Where Stars Are Born."

Bob knew that his, and everyone's information about gaseous nebulae, were limited and inadequate. The more he studied, the more he uncovered many of the secrets of the universe. I think sometimes we make great mistakes by thinking we have all the information that is necessary, and make decisions

on that, rather than realizing there is so much beyond our knowledge and comprehension.

My great-grandchildren live in such small worlds, whereas Bob's world is beyond the imagination of most of us - a world that keeps growing because we keep learning more about it. Bob wrote, "There are some mornings that I can't wait to get in to the office to find out what lies around the next corner." He knows that reaching one corner will lead to an ever-increasing number of corners. How wonderful it is when we come to the realization that we cannot in our lifetime know all there is to learn.



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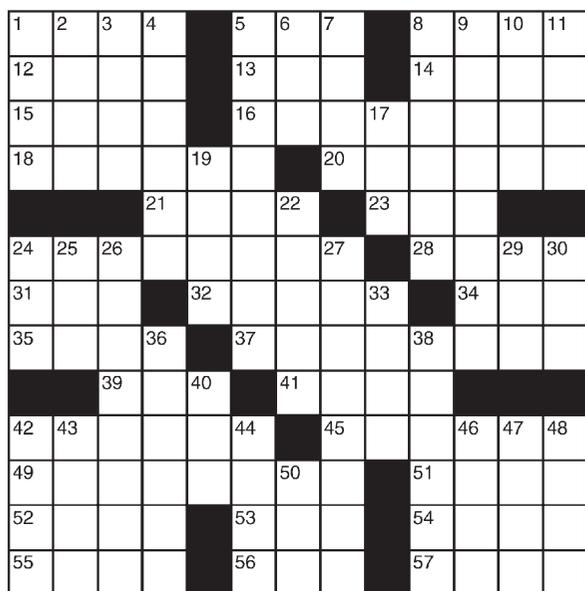
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28 Philosopher Immanuel
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39 Pitch
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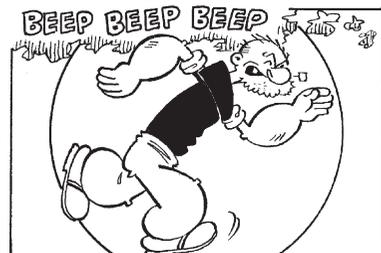
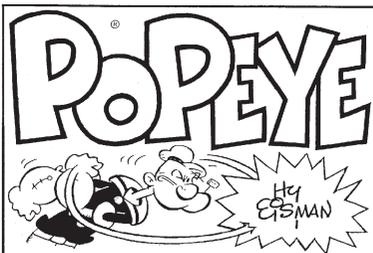
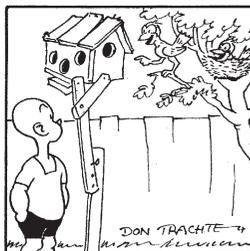
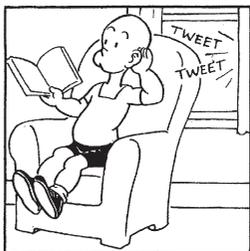
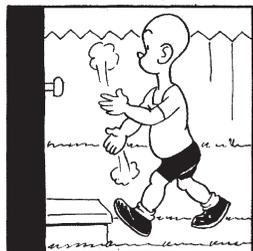
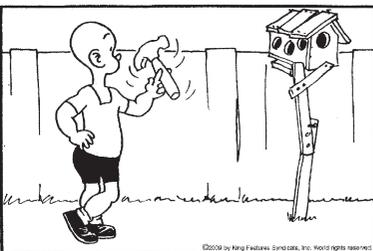
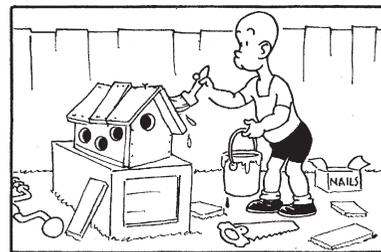
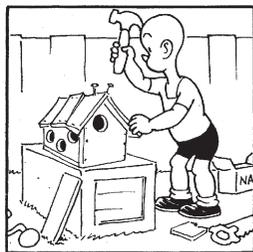
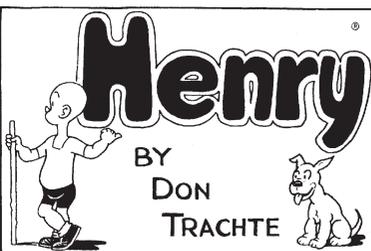
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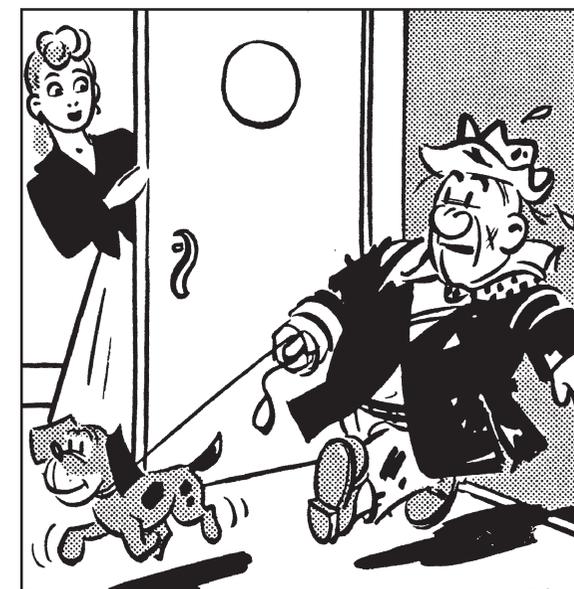


MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



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Bimini Bar hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for grown-ups. Tara Kamm of Gulf Breeze, left, and Valerie Hill were the first to find the hidden treasures. Each egg had a ticket for a free Bimini Juice or drink of your choice. The Bimini Bar is located Soundside beneath Hemingway's.



Pensacola Beach Mardi Gras krewe members showed strong support for the Krewe of Junkanoo's Easter Bonnet Contest, April 11 at the Sandshaker. On the dance floor Charlotte Spencer, Krewe of Nereids, and Jeff Goudey, Krewe of Wrecks, do the Bunny Hop while Junkanoo Mike Weaver is in the background in his Easter frock and winning Easter bonnet.

Poker Attracts Rock Stars, International Travelers

Winning is a Scher thing for Justin Scher who makes his way to the top of the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun standings as often as he can. He outlasted a field of 17 players on April 2 at Paddy O'Leary's. He filled a straight to rob Ryan Schnippert of Jacksonville, Florida of all but two chips. In a show of Beach hospitality he gave his winner's t-shirt to the runner-up to take back to Jax. The tables had many notable players including Paddy's Bartender Christy and hubby Michael Sullivan who played their first tournament. Also in the house was recording artist Nicole Hart who joined the poker tables on a day off from traveling the country playing with her band, Nicole Hart & The NRG Band.

On Saturday, April 4 Billie Urquhart beat Justin Scher in the final round spoiling Justin's bid for three wins in a row.

Twenty players from all over the world battled on April 5, but Billie Urquhart made it to the top. Todd Lentini survived five women at the final table before his luck ran out. Visitors from Norway and England had the time of their lives playing poker on Pensacola Beach.

The Colonel, Phil Tracy, was the leader of the pack on April 7. Toots

Humphrey was second and Kristin Larmier was third.

The ladies were back in the winner's circle on April 8 when Kim Duell took down Phil Tracy in a final showdown that lasted 30 minutes. Kristin Larmier emerged as the winner of an all-women's final showdown at Paddy's on April 9. Billie Urquhart finished as the runner-up.

A field of eighteen players battled until after midnight on April 12. Diamond Donnie Beall was the last player standing. Phil Tracy was second.

Phil Tracy came away a winner ahead of Josh Nichols in the final and jumped into the lead in the Player of the Month race on April 14.

Father Sean Knox outplayed de-

fending champ Kim Duell hitting Trip Jacks on the river topping Kim's Two Aces. The Padre claimed the Wednesday, April 15 title.

Sandshaker

Poker at the Sandshaker is played on Monday nights at 7 p.m. New to the group are Larry and Ana Paz who live in Villa Sabine. Larry was the winner of the April 6 tourney. Phil Tracy was the runner-up.

Diamond Donnie Beall is collecting first place titles, so he added his second win in as many nights on April 13 taking out Justin Scher in the final.

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun is open to anyone with a basic knowledge of the game. For information, call the poker hotline at 324-2667.

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 By Tracey Pinkston, J.D., M.D.

Recently, I was on the receiving end of the medical system. It was the veterinary medical system and I was not actually the patient, but the feeling was very personal. My puppy had become ill and I spent two weeks going to the vet daily for the dog to have treatments and caring for him at home at night. During that time, I thought what a frightening experience it would have been if I had not known exactly what was going on. Then I realized that most patients don't have the luxury of knowing exactly what is going on with their medical care and may feel confused or worried about what is happening to them. I decided that I would give you some pointers for dealing with your doctor.

First and foremost, make sure the doctor explains everything to you in terms that you understand. A person is not stupid or uninformed if they do not understand "doctor speak." If your doctor will not explain something to you in your terms or makes you feel bad for asking for a better or different explanation, then it's time to find a new doctor. Also, do not take everything said by your doctor as "gospel." If you think something is not right for you, challenge him or her about why he feels the recommended therapy or medication is the best thing for you. If he cannot, then see number one above! Remember that you know your body better than anyone else! Do not fall victim to thoughts of doing whatever the doctor says just because "she's the doctor." Also, always get details about any treatments or medications--risks, benefits, side effects, long term goals. Speak up and do not be afraid.

This is an era where paternalism in medicine is gone. Well, it may not be gone, but it should be. Patients and doctors must be partners in medical care. If you feel you are in a paternalistic relationship with your doctor, then make yourself into a partner. You can do this by asking more questions and challenging your doctor for explanations

of alternative therapies or medications that may be available. If your questions are falling on deaf ears and your doctor expects you to do what he says because he's the doctor, then maybe it's time to find a new one who will be your healthcare partner.

It may also be helpful to ask for written instructions following each visit. It may be difficult to remember everything said at a doctor's appointment--what medications to stop, what new ones to start, and how to change the number of pills taken, or which new vitamins and supplements to shop for, or when to go to the lab or schedule a test can all be put on a checklist for you to take home. If your doctor doesn't give you a checklist like that, then you can take notes during the visit. One patient I have seen even tape records appointments so she can refer back to exactly what was said. Your doctor may not like that, but it is certainly a way to document what happened at the appointment! Generally, such extreme measures are not needed and may make your doctor hesitant to say anything, but your written notes, or an instruction list from the doctor can be very helpful.

These are just a few examples of things you can do to become more of a partner in your healthcare experience. The bottom line is to make sure you are a partner and that you do understand everything that is going on with you and treatments you are receiving, so that nothing is mysterious or confusing or frightening (except probably the bill!)

Keep Reading - Please always consult your doctor before starting or stopping any medication or nutritional supplement.

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This fearless foursome tackled the April 4 Run For Their Lives 5K course on Pensacola Beach with vigor. The race was sponsored by Lakeview Center and Baptist Hospital to benefit victims of sexual violence. The moms who took turns pulling the wagoners are (L to R): Carol Robey and Jennifer Ladnier. Passengers are (L to R): Laine Robey, 14 months; and Brayden Ladnier, 16 months-old.

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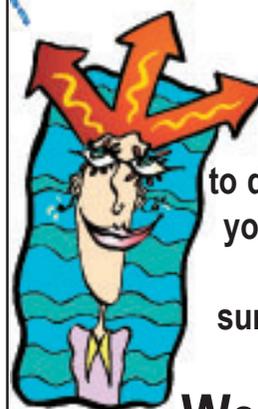


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readin' the water

by Saltwater Rick

Action in the local system is heating up with the weather and the Ling are showing up as always with some very large ones being taken by the boats cruising the coast.

Specks and Redfish continue to give inshore anglers a lot of fun. Mike Holcomb reports hooking up on a Monster Bull Red while night fishing around the Beach Bridge with Andy Olsen on April 8. Mike says, while fishing with live shrimp something took a large bait shrimp

the minute it hit the water and after a 45 minute back and forth battle with 10 pound test and an ultra light rod and reel with Andy at the helm, they landed the 25 pounder. After a picture or two, they released it back to make more of the same for next year.

Pompano are all over the Beach and if you get some sandfleas and long pole you'll end up with the tastiest dinner this Island can produce. Do yourself a favor and go Fishin'.



COBIA FEVER - Matt Murphy hoists this 72 pound Cobia caught Saturday, April 11 while fishing aboard the Gail Force off Pensacola Beach. The bait was live eels.

Beach Fish Hatchery Born In The Sixites

Used For Pompano

Morrie Drees, who is the *Island Times* resident trivia buff, responded to our plea for more information about a Fish Hatchery located on the eastern end of Pensacola Beach. Drees, who is a retired United States Navy Commander, lived on the Beach until Hurricane Ivan destroyed his home.

Morrie writes:

Kathy Harris' father poured some of the concrete for the fish hatchery which was owned by Dr. Sam Monroe. Dr. Monroe was a past president of the World Mariculture Society and farmed the sea in Pensacola and Key West for several years, working with oysters and pompano.

The hatchery was built in the 1960's to raise Pompano and for various reasons failed. Some say that Pompano required more salinity than was available at Range Point due to freshwater springs in the vicinity. The ponds were only waist deep and they got too warm in the summer. Anyhow I would conclude that they failed because of environmental reasons.

This is all I have been able to piece together. I hope it helps.



Bill Lipscomb of Navarre, left, and Bob Hoard from Fort Walton Beach, weighed in their two best fish on April 4 at Paradise Bar and Grill during the Emerald Coast Redfish Club Tournament. For all their efforts, the team could not overtake Chad Skeeles and George Johnson, who won first place.

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