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Dr. Mom

*Mother of the Year  
Tracey Pinkston  
Savors Every  
Moment*

Lauren Pinkston happily dances her way through each day because she has the best mom in the world. She is sitting with her mom, Dr. Tracey Pinkston, but only for a moment, because Lauren is poised to do the Bunny Hop. The four-year-old keeps her mom hopping, too. Dr. Pinkston is a full-time mom and a full-time doctor, but she savors every moment of each busy day. This energetic, talented doctor is the Island Times 2009 Mother of the Year. For more on this story, see page 2.

# Cool Doctor Mom Makes Green Cupcakes, Kayaks And Sings

## *She Prescribes Wise Motherly Advice*

Tracey E. Pinkston, J.D., M.D. All those letters behind her mother's name don't mean a whole lot to her daughter, four-year-old Lauren. To Lauren, Tracey is the "best mom in the whole world," and that says it all for the *Island Times* Mother of the Year.

Tracey did explain how she happened to have two impressive, but very different, professional degrees.

"All my life, since I was a little girl, I wanted to be a doctor," she said. "But, my dad an attorney, was determined that I would be a lawyer. So after I got my undergraduate degree, I took the law school entrance exam just to satisfy him, never dreaming I would pass."

But pass it she did and ranked in the top two percent of the applicants in the United States, so she was flooded with scholarships.

She accepted an offer from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, her hometown, and went on to get her law degree. She never used the degree and just kept hoping some day to become a doctor.

As a military wife, she began moving from place to place and when they settled in Baltimore, she had the opportunity to attend the University of Maryland at Baltimore Medical School. Then, they moved again, this time to Pensacola where Tracey completed medical school and her residency at the University of South Alabama.

And, in 2005, she and her baby daughter moved to Pensacola Beach. She began practicing medicine in Gulf Breeze. Recently, Tracey who specializes in Internal Medicine opened an expanded office in

Pensacola.

Now, her growing practice and keeping up with energetic Lauren take most of her time. However, she spends one day a month at the Good Samaritan Clinic where she offers hope and treatment to people who otherwise would probably not have medical care.

Some doctors just make you feel good. Tracey is one of those. As you leave her office, you know you have been in the presence of someone who cares about you. Really cares. Her charm and charisma spill out to her patients. She always has a bright smile, a hug, and sometimes a joke or two. Beyond that, she is one of the rare new breeds of physicians who combine holistic medicine with mainstream treatment.

"I like to combine the best of both traditional and alternative approaches," she said.

She stresses the value of wellness to her patients.

Tracey has an aura all her own as she diligently works to find the best, least invasive treatment for her patients.

Asking about her hobbies (how would she ever have time for any) brought a surprising response.

"I like to sew, make jewelry and pop up greeting cards," she responded without hesitation. "My most important hobby is my daughter."

The connection that runs between mother and daughter is generational for Tracey.

"I think about things when I was growing up with my mom, Bettie Lee Sundstrom, who is well known on the Beach. I feel so connected to

Lauren. It's like something ancient, like I have known her for a very long time. It's like it was with my mom, who was and still is my best friend."

Lauren continues to make her own mark, most likely reflecting the talents she inherited from her gifted mother. She attends Montessori School where her favorite activity comes on the day they put shaving cream in a big bowl, tint it with food coloring, and apply it to a giant sponge. She swims and dances and recently won the title of "Miss Personality" in the State of Florida Miss Sunshine Beauty Contest.

When asked if her mom was a good cook, Lauren said yes, she made green cupcakes. Then, she told of a recipe of her own, Sandburgers.

You take hamburger, mix it with sand, put it on a bun, add some catsup and eat it. Just like that. Raw. No grilling.

Weekends are for the Pinkstons. They go kayaking in the Sound and sometimes go visit their friends.

"I love the kayak," Lauren said. "I sit in the front and paddle really hard. My life jacket is pink with flowers on it."

On Sunday mornings, the two are always at the Beach Community Church where Tracey sings in the choir.

When asked if she wanted to be a lawyer or a doctor when she grew up Lauren said, "No. She wanted to be an animal rescuer and

work at an animal sanctuary."

These are her own words.

Then, she reeled off the names of her pets; Princess Muffy, Sebastian, Chicory, Toby and Tuxedo.

Tracey has one daily ritual that she has kept since before Lauren was even born, a daily reading time.

"Reading time is a special time," she said. "We do it without fail."

All *Island Times* Mothers of the Year have advice for moms. In Dr. Pinkston's case, she offers a prescription that creates a storybook relationship with your children.

"My advice to all moms out there would be to enjoy every second of it. It goes by so fast. Live in the moment," she said.

Happy Mother's Day

## **Matt Baxter Describes Preparation For Summer Beach Crowds**

Deputy Sheriff Matt Baxter was the guest speaker at the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday, April 28.

"The annual visit by the Mobile crowd is expected to be on Sunday, May 17," Baxter said. "We will have a staff of 25 deputies. Once parking is full at Ft. Pickens gate, Fort Pickens Road will close. Residents and guests will be allowed through. We will have motorcycle officers and K-9 officers patrolling Pensacola Beach Boulevard."

Baxter reminded condos and businesses that if they need added security, off duty deputies can be hired.

Baxter also told the group there would be ten extra deputies on duty during Memorial Day weekend.

"I want to thank you for the great job you are doing for us," said Chamber member Doug McAllister who lives on Ft. Pickens Road.

May will see heightened activity with Military Appreciation running the entire month.

One of the highlights will be the Beach Chamber's Military Fishing Trip for Marines, Air Force, Army, Navy and Coast Guard personnel. Retired Marine Corps Major Jim Knell is coordinating the event which is scheduled for May 21. Boogie, Inc. will play and the Hooters girls will welcome anglers on their return. Chamber members and Beach residents are encouraged to come to the Beach Marina at 2:30 p.m. to honor

the active duty military.

Jeff Elbert, president, announced that Rick Cantin, CPA, whose office is in Harbortown, is a new member of the Beach Chamber Board. Also, Paula Sunshine of Resort Realty will be the new membership chairman, replacing Chrissy Cook whose committee increased the previous membership by 25 percent.

The Chamber currently has 117 members with Florida Gulfarium and Marble Slab Creamery as new members. A ribbon cutting for Sam's Surf City will be on May 9 at 1 p.m.

Despite the dismal economic

outlook in most of the country, Beach Chamber businesses continue to report good business, and they are all looking forward to a prosperous summer.

"We had four deals working in one day," said Karen Cook, owner of Cook Realty. "Maybe, we have survived the downturn."

Robert Gleim, general manager of Bamboo Willie's, said the recent Crawfish Festival was successful in spite of some poor weather conditions. Chamber members collected tips for serving crawfish. The total was \$1150.

Announcements were made that the popular Tuesday night "Bands on the Beach" would start May 5 and run through the season.

Many events are scheduled for the summer months with Kaboom, which is a three day Fourth of July celebration, and Blue Angels heading the list.

Maureen LaMar who was attending her first meeting since her hire, told the Chamber members she was glad to be their executive director.

"I thank all of you for the warm welcome and the great reception," she said. "I am really glad to be here."

The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 26 at the Comfort Inn followed by Business After Hours at Island Realty at 5:30 p.m.



**Escambia County Deputy Sheriff Matt Baxter**

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# Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



Did you know that people from Ohio carry a buckeye in their pockets? Before too many Ohioans come down on me for inaccuracy, I will say one of my uncles was from Ohio and he carried a Buckeye in his pocket. That's all I know. I remember it was round and shiny and looked like some kind of nut. It was not very impressive, but my uncle said it brought him good luck.

My uncle's buckeye was my first encounter with voodoo. After living in New Orleans for a quarter of a century I soon learned that voodoo is everywhere. It takes many forms and shapes and sounds. Voodoo used to hang around the City like a giant protective cover. Whatever happened to it during Katrina?

I remember seeing those little voodoo dolls in the French Quarter. They were stuck full of pins and you gave them to the person you had a grudge against. They were thought to bring bad luck to the recipient. I never pursued the path of one, and, oh forbid, I never received one, so I don't know if they are effective or not. I know most Orleanians indulged in some

sort of magic one way or another.

When my children were young competitive swimmers, they knew all about good luck charms. They worked hard at swim practice all week long in the hope they would win a gold medal in the next swim meet. But, they never left home without their talismans. Liz was very small when she first started swimming. She always took a doll named Drowsy with her to meets. She had cut the doll's hair, and chewed her pink and white polka dot pajamas to a disreputable raggedy look. One weekend, we were on our way to a meet when Liz discovered she did not have Drowsy with her. We turned around, went back home to get Drowsy, and added eighty miles to our trip. But Drowsy was worth it. She sprinkled all kinds of magic on Liz. She didn't ever win a race when she was three or four, but she always emerged cheerfully and hugged Drowsy as if she had. There was something surreal about that doll. Candy, who saves everything, still has Drowsy in safe keeping, in case Liz ever decides to swim in another meet.

Shelley's good luck came from

a small ordinary piece of fur, about two inches long, affectionately known as "Snakie." Shelley packed Snakie in its own little house, and took it to every meet where she usually won a first place in at least one race.

On one Black Friday, we forgot Snakie, but we were almost to Baton Rouge, our destination, and there was not time to go back and get the good luck charm. We told the downcast Shelley that Snakie would be rooting for her at home.

What happened to Shelley that day is more than I really want to recount. However, I will. First, she committed an unforgiveable sin of disqualifying her relay team by entering the water before the previous swimmer touched. One and only time she ever did that. We hardly got the tears wiped away when she fell and hurt her knee which kept bleeding. Finally, it stopped bleeding and she was playing Go Fish with some friends when a bee sought her out and stung her arm. Her coach, a native

Orleanian, who probably believed in voodoo put tobacco on the sting. The pain left, but the lump on her arm stayed. And finally, some of her peers, eight-year-old boys were swinging some weeds around like swords. One caught Shelley's other arm, which turned red and began to swell. Obviously, she was allergic to the boys' "weed swords." Did all of that happen because we forgot Snakie, or was it just coincidence? We never knew, but we never left home again for a swim meet without taking Snakie with us.

Such is the power of voodoo.

Now, we are on the brink of hurricane season. A Russian roulette way of life for residents of the Gulf Coast. Can the Woolly Boogers really ward the storm demons off at their ritualistic pre-Bawl? Since the hurricanes have not touched us for a few years, can the Woolly Boogers reinforce their magic by instituting a pre-Bawl? Toward that end, Queen Shugah issued a Royal Decree that

all guests would bring good luck charms to the Bawl.

I didn't go to the Bawl, but I was so paranoid that I sent a hurricane catcher (a dream catcher from the Lakota Indians) to be added to their "Keep the Hurricanes Away Shrine." I feel very good about this sacrificial party. I feel almost certain that the collection of charms is a stronger force than the hurricanes. None will cross our path this year.

That doesn't mean that you should not stock your hurricane supplies. I'll tell you what I do with my hurricane supply of foods. At the end of the season, I give them all to the Waterfront Mission. It's a little way to say thank you to the Hurricanes Gods.

Here's to luck. Let's hope the Irish fairies are dancing their tiny rings around Pensacola Beach right now, and they keep right on dancing through November 30. Get out your rabbits feet, your four leaf clovers and your "Snakie" if you happen to have one.

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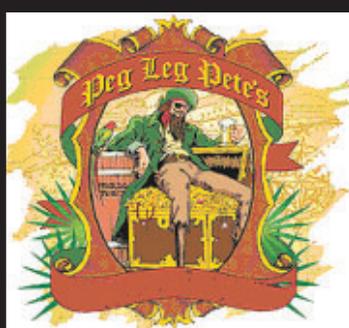
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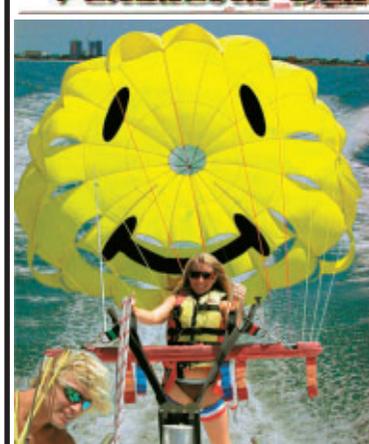
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# PEOPLE

# Trivia

## IN TIME FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Little Daniel Johnson decided to make himself an Earth Day baby instead of a Mother's Day baby according to his proud grandmother Sandi Johnson who lives at Portofino. Sandi and her husband, Johnny, drove to Orlando April 22 to greet their new grandson who weighed just over six pounds at his early arrival.

## PADDLING AROUND

Longtime Beach surf guru Mark Anderson was part of the team who paddled surf boards, kayaks and rode jet skis to give support to the triathletes during the swim portion of the Pensacola Beach Triathlon, April 26 in Santa Rosa Sound. Mark is preparing to return to Los Cedros, Nicaragua in Central America in June as part of the Surfers on Mission group. This is an ongoing outreach of Christian surfers to help the orphans.

## IN THE SWIM

Lexi McNamara, 11, is already an accomplished competitive swimmer. She is taking a well earned break from the grueling workouts at The Club to relax this summer. Lexi reports that her times ranked her among the best in the Southeastern United States. Perhaps we have an

## Trolleys Roll On Beach Routes

The colorful trolleys will roll on their Pensacola Beach routes beginning Friday, May 15 at 6 p.m. The free ride will continue every weekend through Labor Day.

Trolleys leave every 30 minutes from Portofino Boardwalk and run

Olympian blossoming right here on the Beach.

## HOT STUFF

Pensacola Beach residents, Steve and Tricia Smith, have just returned from a long weekend in "Hot-Lanta." They traveled to see the Denis Leary Rescue Me Comedy Tour. Actor and comedian Leary organized the Leary Firefighters Foundation which supports Firefighter training nationwide. Steve and Tricia said check it out at [www.learyfirefighters.org](http://www.learyfirefighters.org)

## HOOP SHOOTER

Paul Spraggins, who is completing his freshman year at Gulf Breeze High School is tearing up the basketball courts. He played on the freshman team and will continue to play all summer on an AAU team.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Villa Sabine residents Andy and Mary Bessone get to party in style at the end of April. They celebrate birthdays just one week apart. The birthday couple were joined by Bill and Pat Griffith and Jim and Lila Cox at Bullfeathers for a celebration brunch.

## SCARE ME

Since Mardi Gras is over Melanie Waite has found another costume to wear. She will be a tour

west to Fort Pickens Gate and east to Portofino Resort.

Hours of operation are Friday, 6 p.m. until midnight; Saturday, noon until midnight and Sunday, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, call 850-595-3228.

guide May 22 at 7:30 p.m. during the Tour-iffic Summer Ghost Tours in Pensacola. Tickets are available inside the Pensacola Historical Museum, 115 East Zaragoza St. the night of the tour. Boo!

## WEDDING BELLS

Portofino resident Morgan Ray announced that she is hearing bells, wedding bells, that is. Morgan, daughter of Beach residents Marta and Ricky Ray, is engaged to Glenn Shane. The couple's wedding date is set for May 29, 2010 in Old Christ Church.

## SEEING RED

If you see a red blur zipping along the Island avenues, you will know that Susan Newkirk is on her way to work on her new red scooter. The long time Beach resident who sails and runs competitively is used to going fast. She loves this new mode of transportation.



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# Requests For Slides Multiply On SRIA Committee Agenda

How many waterslides does Pensacola Beach need? Recently, the Santa Rosa Island Authority approved a waterslide and related amenities to be installed at the Soundside Market. Tiki Island Golf and Games has the concession up and running. The SRIA also gave conceptual approval to a waterslide to be placed at Portofino, but the leaseholders in the plush development squelched the idea of having a waterslide open to the public at their front door.

At the April 22 Development and Leasing Committee meeting, Beverly Boswell, co-owner of the Sandshaker, brought a request to install a waterslide west of the alcohol free zone on Casino Beach.

And, according to Portofino developer Robert Rinke, Marilyn Hess of American Fidelity, has shown an interest in placing a waterslide at the former location of the Bank of the South.

In discussion that followed the proposed waterslide on Casino

Beach, the placing of a business on public property apparently requires a Request for Proposals to be sent out.

"I think we are doing this backwards," said Board member Dave Pavlock. "This sets a precedent. An RFP needs to go out before the commercial use of the property owned by the people of Escambia County can be granted. Renting space without going out for bids is not correct."

Dr. Thomas Campanella agreed. "I think interfering with any public beach, for us to even consider it, is a no vote from me."

Terri McKamey, general manager of the Tiki Island properties, told the Board that everyone wanted a waterslide now that they have one.

"I spent the winter months for two years in negotiation and research," she said. "We have spent time and hundreds of thousands of dollars. We were told by your staff that we could not place the slide on the Gulf, so we looked for soundfront prop-

erty.

Ed Guernsey, made a motion to reject the Sandshaker's request, but will consider alternatives at the May 6 board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The Administrative Committee authorized Baskerville Donovan to seek transportation planning professionals to complete a study as a part of the changes under consideration for the core area.

Buck Lee, executive director, explained the timeliness of engaging a planner to study traffic this summer.

"If we went out for bid right now, we could hire a traffic engineer and have him onboard before our summer season," Lee said. "The Beautification Fund would pay for this and it was already agreed upon as part of the Master Plan."

Mike Langston of Baskerville Donovan told the Board that the transportation planning and study is a specialty unto itself.

"They study the people and cars

that are here," he said. "They look at the internal circulation of traffic, too. It's not just getting the numbers. They solve the problems and bring ideas on how to move people around the island."

Doug McAllister, owner of Fun Coast Promotions, was met with a barrage of questions from Board members when he requested a sublease at the Gulf Pier to host a Teen Dance every Friday night at the snack bar area from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. The alcohol free event would be under adult supervision. Dave Pavlock wanted to know how loud the music would be and Fred Gant wanted to know if there would be a lifeguard on duty. Vernon Prather said he would approve it for one year only, referring to the problems with teenagers on the Beach.

McAllister said, "There will be four adult staff members and an off-duty deputy at the party along with a deputy in the parking lot. The area is not over water, so a lifeguard is not necessary."

McAllister told the board that the

DJ would be situated so the sound of the music would go toward the water. The cost of the dance would be \$15 per person and proper attire would be required. The event will be open to ages 13 to 18-years-old.

Board member Fred Gant voted no on the request while Dave Pavlock and Tammy Bohannon voted yes. The item will go to the Full Board for further discussion.

Dottie Ford, Director of Finance, brought her usual good news, saying the Island Authority was up \$7,000 at the end of February.

Also, the workshop schedule to create next year's budget was approved. The workshops are set for July 22, August 12 and August 26 at the SRIA boardroom. The SRIA will adopt the budget on August 26 before sending it to the County on August 27. The Board of County Commissioners will consider the budget on September 17.

The next meeting of the Authority will be on Wednesday, May 6 at 5 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

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## peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis



The newest Mother I know is Sara Shaw, daughter of my dear friend the late Debra Shaw, and my beach daughter. The Sisters of the Beach have always claimed each other's children as theirs. It has nothing to do with bloodlines and everything to do with heart. Although y'all should know by now that the SOB's are all about heart, but sometimes it bears repeating.

New baby Max is the very definition of heart! Max Lorne Harris arrived on a beautiful sunshiny day, the first after many days of deluge. That baby boy is going to bring a lot of sunshine in the lives of many, many people.

And our la petite Sister Sara is a wonderful mother. It's evident in big brother, Ash, 3, who is more than happy to have a little brother. Ash has made it his mission to watch over Max and even holds his hand and comforts him during diaper changes. We're all proud of our big boy Ash. Even though it's Mother's Day, I have to say Dad Rob eagerly embraces the parenting role, also.

So, my sweet, beautiful, and so quickly all grown up Sara, my wish for you is that this Mother's Day will be filled with happiness, love.

You may not be very happy if you did not attend the Wooly (correct spelling, by the way) Booger "Keep the Hurricanes Away this Season" Bawl. If you did not actively seek and try to help promote protection from hurricanes, then don't be blaming Queen Shugah Number Somehin' Somethin' or the other Wooly Boogers, if we have a storm.

Oh, yeah did I forget to tell you that royalty runs in my family? Well, silly me, of course it's in my genes! During our recent trip to visit my sister, Gail and her husband Rod in Georgia, Gail told me she was tracing our ancestry. She didn't get very far on our Daddy's side, but Mother's went way back. She found an ancestor who married a Prince in Spain. And that made her a Princess. Lord, you know I love it!

I told Gail that, of course there's royalty in our lineage. I knew that

when the first tiara was set upon my head. It felt so natural and comfortable. C'mon - y'all know I'm laughing!

Gail, like all women, wears many hats and is good at a lot of things, but one of her best is her talent for cooking. She makes the best Pound Cake ever eaten and makes venison delicious to even the most die-hard non-venison appetites.

She'll be down to visit next week and we have tickets for the newly renovated Saenger Theatre to see Loretta Lynn. Maaannn, I can hardly wait! In the meantime, I hope someone cooks (and invites us to eat) this fabulous recipe she's sharing. Here's to my sweet, wonderful, supporting, sharing and always there sister, Gail. I hope you'll always know and if I've ever forgotten to tell you how much I love you - I do and it's lots!

So, let's cook.....

### Gail's Easy Lasagna

3 lbs. ground beef or chuck  
½ Cup onion, very finely chopped  
2 tsp. garlic powder  
1 - lg. Jar spaghetti sauce  
1 - 12 oz. carton cottage cheese  
1 ½ Cups grated Parmesan cheese  
1 ½ Cups grated Mozzarella cheese  
1 Pkg. Cooked lasagna noodles

Brown ground beef with onion and garlic powder until cooked well. Drain, return to pan and add spaghetti sauce and cottage cheese, stirring until heated and blended. In large baking pan, line bottom with cooked noodles (Gail uses 3 for each layer). Top with meat sauce and then layer cheeses. Continue layers ending with cheese. Bake at 400-450 degrees until lightly browned and bubbly. Approximately 45 minutes.

Happy Mother's Day to all my friends and sisters! Happy Birthday to my husband Bill on May 8. We'll be looking for good karma and good luck in Biloxi!

Enjoy the pasta and don't forget to share.

See ya in the kitchen



**FINE ORATORS - Lia Lampone and Kylie Finkbone (seated, center) were classroom winners and represented the Beach School at the Tropicana 4-H Public Speaking Contest, April 27 in Pensacola. They are surrounded by schoolmates and runners-up (front row, L to R): Payton Goff, Amelia Johnson, Lampone, Finkbone, and Jamie Seabrooke. Middle row (L to R): Emily Chaney, Marley Taylor, Mary Elliott, Reddon McLaurine and Lexi McNamara. Back row (L to R): Daniel Green, Benton Byrd, Parker Baynes and Trey Wright.**

## How About A High Five?

This issue of *Island Times* marks the beginning of the fifth year of publication of the Beach newspaper. In our very first edition, we made promises to our readers which we think we have kept. We said we would put a smile on the face of the Island with entertainment from columnists and photos. Done.

We also made a commitment to report the hard news from the Santa Rosa Island Authority and Board of County Commissioners. Done.

We promised that we would not clutter our paper with tragedies and accidents and human misery. Done.

We now send big hugs to our advertisers who keep us afloat and to our readers for their wonderful positive response to our newspaper and our philosophy. We are humbly grateful for your emails and comments.

We feel so very fortunate to be the voice of such an outstanding community. We also hope we reflect your goodness and values in our paper.

Perhaps, however, in spite of our meticulous attention to detail, we may be missing something. Is there something you would like to read which we are not covering? Let us know. We are here to accommodate and serve the highest purpose of our readers. We think that's what a good newspaper does.

And that is why some newspapers thrive and succeed while others

crumble and fail.

In our fifth year, we will keep all our promises, add a few challenges and issues, and conduct ourselves responsibly for the betterment of the Beach. Covering the lighter side of Island living will always be a priority in this newspaper. We believe in fun. We love to see the smile on the face of the Island. Cheers.

## Wine Talk



By David Griffin,  
Beach Wines and Liquors

### TasteAftertaste

One of the factors to consider when evaluating a wine is the length of its aftertaste or "finish." Finish refers to the amount of time that the flavor of the wine lingers in your nose and mouth after you have swallowed it. If a wine is of fine quality, it can linger for 30 to 60 seconds or more. Indeed, some of the truly great wines scarcely seem to diminish until they are overwhelmed by a bite of cheese. Conversely, a "short" wine will be nothing more than a memory after it is swallowed. Such may be the case with dilute wines. As with people, the wine that makes the longest impression is bound to be the most memorable.

Hint: When you swirl a wine in your glass, check to see how long it lingers on the side of the bowl. This is an indication of the wine's "legs."

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## STRAIGHTEN UP

The newest teacher in town is Studio 98's Sharon Mattair who is has been certified as an instructor after completing a series of seven courses with the manufacturers of Keratin Complex. She will be traveling across Northwest Florida hosting classes for hair care professionals, but don't worry, she will still be available for appointments five days per week in her Navarre salon.

## BANKER BIKER

The purple motorcycle parked snugly in the Bank of the South parking lot belongs to new teller Jon Rhoades. Jon, who was formerly a Gulf Breeze Police Officer, has stories to tell about riding the open road. Stop in and say hi.

## KIDS GO BIG TIME

Santa Rosa Kid's House has hit the big time. Karen Cook Cowen, who is one of the founders, reported that the Crime Prevention Unit at the Kid's House was featured on the April 20 edition of Oprah. If you missed the television show, you can be part of the action at the Battle of the Bands Contest, Saturday, May

23 at Sabine Sandbar. The Krewe of Bananimals along with the Sabine Sandbar and Real EZ Charters will host the contest from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Winning band gets the grand prize of \$1,000 and the runner-up's prize is \$500. For more information or to apply, please call the Sandbar at 934-3141 and ask for Tim Morgan.

## DIRTY DOGS

The Humane Society of Pensacola will clean up your pooch at the Doggie Bathe-In scheduled for Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Humane Society, 5 North Q Street in Pensacola. Barbara Grace, who managed The Clarion on the Beach, is the Board Chairman and invites all her friends, furry and not, for some good clean fun.

## CHAMBER CHALLENGE

Gulf Breeze Chamber exec Meg Peltier has thrown down the gauntlet and says it's time to get pumped up to compete in the first ever 1/2 Full Cup Corporate Challenge, Friday, June 26 at The Club in Gulf Breeze. Teams and specta-

tors are welcome. Gather your seven fittest friends and sign up by calling 850-932-7888.

## FOLLOW THEIR FOOTSTEPS

After the King and Queen of Spain visited the area, a Royal Tour brochure was created so regular folks can retrace the steps of the royal visit. Stops on the Royal Tour of Pensacola include the Pensacola Beach, the Galvez monument at Fort George, Plaza de Luna and Plaza Ferdinand, the T.T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum, Pensacola Historic Village and the National Naval Aviation Museum. The brochure includes a map and fun facts. Pick one up at the Pensacola Beach Visitor's Information Center.

## ELKS RELAY TEAM ROCKS

The Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge team earned second place for their participation in the team fundraising category at the Relay for Life. Thirty relay teams raised a total of \$51,005 for the American Cancer Society during the 18-hour long event hosted at Gulf Breeze High School on April 25.

## BYTES AND BITS By Joe Stukey Your Computer Pal

Q: "Why is my computer's fan so loud?"

A: It is possible that the fan's bearings are worn and are causing the fan blades to be out of balance. That problem usually causes the fan to vibrate, making it rattle. If you hear that kind of sound, replace the fan. Most fans can be replaced easily and are not expensive.

A more likely culprit is a blockage caused by dust. The Central Processing Unit (CPU) is the brain of the computer. Like humans, the more it works, the hotter it gets. There is a fan sitting on top of it to keep it cool. When you ask the computer to do more work, the computer tells the CPU fan to go faster because it senses the heat being created by all that work.

When dust particles collect on top of the CPU, the fan cannot do its job effectively. When dust com-

pletely blocks air flow to the CPU, the computer overheats and shuts down. The loud noise that you hear from the fan is caused when the CPU tells the fan to go faster and faster because the heat is becoming excessive. The very high speed of the fan creates a noise that sounds like a high-pitched whine.

As I mentioned in an earlier ar-

ticle, removing dust from inside your computer should be a part of your routine maintenance. Cleaning dust from the top of the CPU may require some disassembly (maybe 4 screws) in order to remove the fan so you can get to the top of the CPU. Make sure your computer is unplugged! For questions, contact Joe at joe@ycpals.com or 206-3156.



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# Tiki Island Gives School One Thousand Dollars

Tiki Island Golf and Games gears many of its activities to the students at the Pensacola Beach Elementary School, and at the April 27 meeting of the School's board, the announcement came that Chic Demareau, owner, and Terri McKamey, general manager, had presented the School with a check for \$1000. Tiki Island opened the new waterslide to the kids, teachers and staff for one hour at no charge last week. They also have made donations to the Beach Brigade program and sponsored a booth at the Fall Festival.

A major issue on the Monday night agenda was the school lunch program. Lunches have been prepared at Gulf Breeze High School and Principal Jeff Castleberry drives daily across the bridge to pick up the lunches for the Beach School students. Gulf Breeze High School is discontinuing this service. The Board voted not to seek another vendor, so beginning next year, the students will have to bring their own lunches.

Patrick Lanza, board treasurer, said the lunch program has been a

loss, but wonders about children who come to school without their lunch.

Castleberry assured him that the staff keeps peanut butter and jelly and other lunch materials.

"We take care of our kids," he said. "We have never let a student go without lunch."

Escambia County also offered to take over the transportation for all Charter Schools. The board felt secure with their own bus, so they can determine their own hours of operation and schedule field trips.

"I believe we should maintain control of the bus," Castleberry said. "That way we can go when we want and how we want. We control it."

The Board voted unanimously to maintain the bus system the way it is.

Joy McLaurine, third grade teacher, reported that third grader Macy Mateer, competed in Panama City as the Beach representative of the Optimist Oratorical Competition. She was recognized as the youngest student participating. The next closest person to her age was a seventh grader. Although she did not

place, all the judges congratulated her on her speech.

Honors have been coming to fifth graders including Jace Amberson who was named the Student of the Year. He accepted his award at the Escambia County awards ceremony held at N. B. Cook Elementary on April 23.

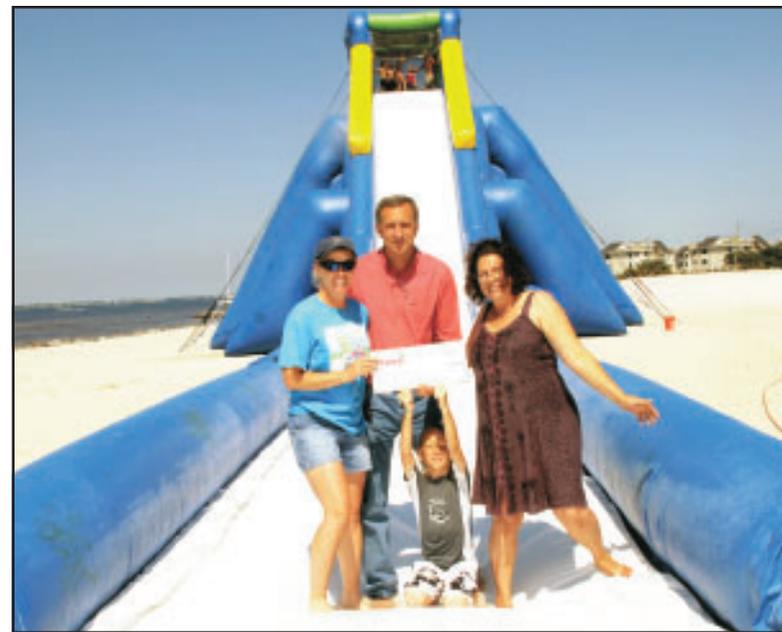
Lia Lampone, fifth grade, was named Pensacola Beach School's Shining Star. Each school has one student who receives this award.

Sunshine Math Competition will be May 9 at Tate High School. Reed Dunne will coach the third and fourth grade team and Leanne Lampone will coach the fifth grade team. All teachers, parents, and coaches have to leave during the competition according to Dunne.

"It's barely controlled chaos," he said. "But the kids love it."

Beach residents are reminded that it's Sea Oat planting time and the School is conducting its sale of the protective vegetation. Call Fran McCurdy to place an order at 850-501-4787.

The next meeting will be May 18 at 6 p.m. at the Beach School.



Pensacola Beach Elementary student Joseph Urquhart, kneeling, slid down the giant Tiki Slide, April 24 to officially deliver Tiki Island's \$1000 donation to Beach School Principal Jeff Castleberry (center, standing). Teacher Ginny Baynes, left, and Tiki Island General Manager Terri McKamey, right, joined the fun at the Soundside donation ceremony.



## The School Bell Rings

### Kindergarten Kick Off

Jennifer Neal announced that the date to sign up

for kindergarten at the Beach School has changed to Monday, May 18 from the previously scheduled May 20. The registration begins at 10 a.m. Parents will fill out the necessary forms in the multi-purpose room while students will have time to complete a craft project with a "buddy." Please bring birth certificate, shot record, social security card, proof of physical and proof of residency.

### Spraggins Graduates

Beach resident Sandy Spraggins will graduate from Catholic High School in Pensacola on May 16. Sandy, who performs with the Dancingly Yours dance troupe, will attend the University of West Florida next fall.

### Big Movie

The entire student body at the Beach School attended the worldwide opening of the Disney movie, Nature Earth, on April 22 as part of the spring field trip schedule. Students all over the United States

viewed the premier on the same day.

### Student of the Year

Pensacola Beach Elementary School fifth grader Jace Amberson was named the Student of the Year. Jace is the son of Kristin and Scott Amberson.

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## Pensacola Beach Real Estate

### Real Estate Sales Numbers Look Up

Pensacola Beach real estate is selling; and island Realtors are looking forward to a bright summer.

Karen Cook of Cook Realty announced at last week's Pensacola Beach Chamber meeting that she sees indicators that signal an improvement.

"We had four deals working in one day," Cook said. "I think we may have survived the worst of it."

Resort Realty is reporting over \$20 million in sold transactions for the year-to-date.

The following are sales on Pensacola Beach totalling \$11,823,901 over the last sixty days:

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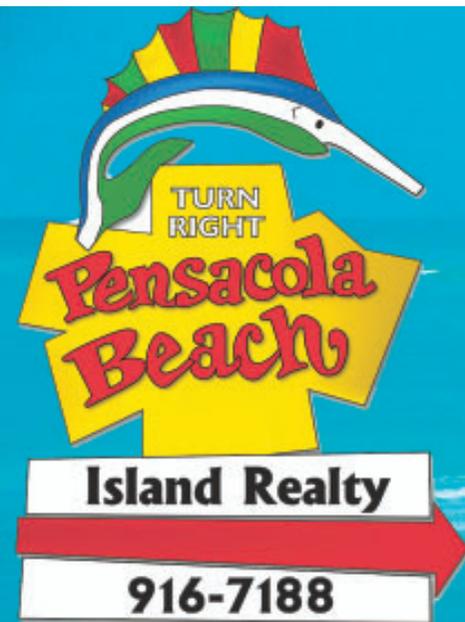
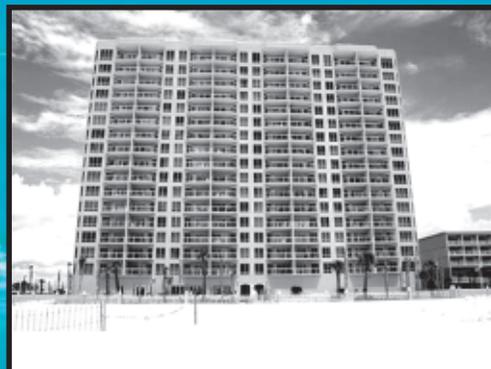


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### OF NOTE

Susanna Madden, former Florida State President of the Women's Council of Realtors sends a hello to all her friends on Pensacola Beach. She adds that Pensacola Beach has its own fun personality and is sorry she missed the Sandshaker's Peli-Wacker dedication. Madden is the Florida Association of Realtors' Realtor of the Year, and has been Realtor of the Year in her Tampa association six times.

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# It Was A Good Year For The Wrecks

It was a very good year for the Krewe of Wrecks, the mother krewe of Mardi Gras on the Island. According to a review released last week by the treasurer, Melanie Waite, the Krewe not only financed its many projects, but gave generously to a number of civic organizations.

"As a non-profit entity, the Wrecks have made a number of charitable donations during the season," Waite said.

Recipients included American Legion Post 379, Thanksgiving turkeys for veterans, Manna Food Bank, Elk's Camp, Elk's Club Line of Credit, Covenant Hospice, the Good Samaritan Clinic, and Pensacola Beach Woman's Club furnishings for the club house fund. In addition members brought food for the Manna Food Bank at Christmas and toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Donations ranged from \$25 to \$1000.

"We served free red beans and rice to all who chose to participate in the luncheon during Mardi Gras," Waite said.

Waite also announced the retirement of Wrecks official photographer Bill Meilner who was replaced by DJ Zemenick this year. Her

Mardi Gras photos are on display at the Sabine Sandbar. They can also be viewed and ordered from [www.barrierislandgirl.com](http://www.barrierislandgirl.com).

Tickets for the Fiesta Ball are on sale for \$25 now. It will be at the Hadji Shrine Temple on June 10. A trolley will be available from the Beach at an extra charge. Call Jeff Goudey, Running Around Wreck, to reserve tickets at 932-5084.

"This ball is a lot of fun," Waite said. "It honors all royalty of the area's Mardi Gras krewes."

Beach businesses have commended the Wrecks and all the other Beach krewes for their four-month long winter stimulus.

"We are grateful for all the business these people have brought to us," Beverly Boswell, co-owner of the Sandshaker said.

Krewe of Wrecks fees will not go up for the coming year's celebration.

"All fees will remain the same," Waite said. "It will be thirty dollars for membership and thirty dollars for each event you wish to attend."

Parade entry fees will be determined at a later date.

If you would like more information or want to join the Krewe of Wrecks, call Melanie Waite at 904-7896 or email her at [melanie7896@bellsouth.net](mailto:melanie7896@bellsouth.net).



Sally and Cliff Taylor came dressed as Spanish royalty at the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club's Conquistador Gala, April 21 at Flounder's. The event benefitted the Beach School and other Optimist charities.

## Hikers Hoof It On Beach Trail

The Florida Trail Association will host two events on Pensacola Beach in May. Hikers should lace up their boots to hike The Dunes Trail, Saturday, May 9. Meet at the parking lot across from Portofino at 9 a.m. The second hike will be on Sunday, May 17 at 3 p.m. with the same starting point. There is no cost to hike.

Hikers should dress appropriately with a day pack, sufficient water, sun protection to include a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, and comfortable sturdy closed-toe shoes or boots with socks.

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# The LIZZARD'S TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



Last week the Kid and I went to see the movie "Earth." After sharing a bag of Swedish fish, an extra large Sprite and faux buttered popcorn, I realized it wouldn't be too long until someone else would be sitting in the theater with him enjoying overpriced junk food and sitting through the credits reciting favorite character, favorite scene. As we walked across the crowded parking lot, his hand in mind, the Kid made note that in the movie, it was the moms who really took care of the young. Which made me think, maybe I should watch some more movies about nature and become a better human mom to Sparky, our cat. So I did.

I stayed up way too late one night to watch some documentary on the National Geographic channel about cats and how it is in their instincts to hunt. So without reservations, I have been letting Sparky out for as much time as she needs to fulfill her huntress desires. Our yard is filled with birds and wild rabbits — a veritable smorgasbord of creatures great and small to pounce upon without notice. And unnoticed they go. Sparky prefers to hunt inside and her prey is always the same two things: a fake rubber roach that came in a gag birthday card to the Colonel ten years ago and a fake pair of teeth

made in China probably contaminated with lead paint.

Another idea I took away the movie "Earth" was that the mother didn't coddle her young. There was a scene where a baby elephant was tired and attempted to stop walking, but the mother kept nudging him to continue. Now Sparky has to limp her way up the stairs and claw her way up onto the bed. I no longer carry her and gently place her on a pillow. It takes her a little longer to make her way to the master bedroom, but I think she secretly enjoys the challenge and the thrill of a making little rips in my down comforter. Every morning I wake up to another feather on the floor.

The last parenting tip I learned was never interfere. So the other night when the Colonel and the Kid were in the garage doing manly things and I was in the library reading a book, I nonchalantly walked downstairs and got them both to follow me into the dining room. The sliding glass door was open, but the screen door was closed. Sparky's nemesis, Thug Cat who roams the hood with nothing but his Cheshire grin, had showed up. She was using some kind of cat language that in reality should never be uttered in front of a mom, but I wasn't about to interfere. The Colonel immedi-

ately started searching for his spray bottle with vinegar and the Kid kept begging me to let him shut the sliding glass door. I wanted to do something — either remove Sparky from the potentially dangerous situation or cheer her on with each deeper and more guttural growl -- so I did the latter. Eventually, after what seemed to be an eternity, Sparky had had enough and she lunged at Thug Cat who responded in kind. There is nothing like two screaming felines being held apart by a flimsy screen door and hanging on to it for dear life with completed embedded claws to make the family refereesed claws throw down the yellow flag on interference. In the end, the Colonel had to squirt water on Thug Cat to get him down. I put on oven mitts and removed Sparky. She hissed at me. Then the Kid not only shut and locked the sliding glass door, but engaged the security bar as well.

And true to form, just in time for Mother's Day, the balance is completely restored in my household. Sparky views the Colonel as her savior, the Kid as her protectorate and me, the Human Lady, who dutifully feeds her wet food at 5:15 every morning and cleans her litter box daily as nothing but hired help she would like to fire. Hmmm. Until next time...

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# Letters

## PBYC Charity Race Success

Thanks for the terrific article on the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club's charity regatta, the Preemie Cup, and for helping us remind everyone of this important event. With your help, word got out, people came, and we had a fabulous time raising money for the babies!

The weekend's weather brought terrific wind, making our regatta a real challenge, but we had a large turn-out - 46 registered entrants, divided among the classes. PBYC's regatta was blessed with countless volunteers who helped with everything from registration and trophies to getting boats into the water and grilling hot dogs. Money was raised through registrations, individual donations and raffle prizes donated by members and non-members. Our Perpetual Preemie Award this year went to Sailor Ron Bray, for the largest individual donation.

The regatta raised more than \$3,000 for the NICU at Sacred Heart's Children's Hospital. The Fish House Silent Auction held in conjunction with our regatta netted more than \$7,000, with sponsors' and individuals' donations totaling more than \$15,000. An early estimate of funds raised from both events totals \$25,000.

Linda Kraft, PBYC

## Triathlon Registration Opens

Registration is opened Santa Rosa Island Triathlon (SRITRI). The event, which sold out last year, will be held on October 3 at Pensacola Beach and will include a 600 yard swim, an 18 mile bike and a 3.1 mile run. Registration is available at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or an entry form can downloaded from [www.sritri.org](http://www.sritri.org). I am happy to answer questions. Please contact me at 850-380-0741 or [charlesgheen@gmail.com](mailto:charlesgheen@gmail.com)

See you at the SRI TRI, Charles Gheen Race Director

# Sow Some Oats For Sandpipers

The Sea Oats for Sandpipers fundraiser has grown into an annual native plant sale that benefits the students at Pensacola Beach Elementary School.

"It's time to place your order and green up the Beach. The benefits are plentiful from this sale," said Fran McCurdy, the sale's coordinator. "You will be replanting the Island, protecting the Beach from erosion and creating habitats for Beach creatures. All this and helping the kids at the school."

The sea oats are one dollar each with a minimum order of \$25 and

planting directions are included with each order. Other native plants can be purchased. The deadline to place orders is Monday, May 11 and plants will be available for pick up at the Beach School, Thursday, May 14 from 5 to 6 p.m. Delivery is available for a nominal charge. Specially designed Hydration Gel and Root Enhancer are also available to purchase.

Orders may be placed by filling out the order form available at the School Office or by calling McCurdy at 850-501-4787.



Bamboo Willie's supported the Beach Chamber volunteers with professional Mudbug servers at the Crawfish Festival April 17-19. Serving up the spicy delicacies are (L to R): Kevin Skelton, Nate Morgan and Bill Guistio.

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## Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candy Segar

What is known as a "celt," "celtic stone," "rebellious celt," "rattlerock," "spin bar," "wobble stone," or an "anagyre"? If you guessed a rattleback, you are correct. What is a rattleback? It is a semi-ellipsoidal top which spins in both directions, but this is the catch, it prefers to spin in just one direction. It is really interesting. I bought one and spun it clockwise, and it didn't like that. It spun a couple of times in the clockwise direction, then completely stopped, and spun itself in a counter clockwise direction.

Where did these rattlebacks come from? Well, mine came from Amazon.com - just a little 21st Century humor folks. Actually archeologists discovered them in two separate places in the 19th century; England and Egypt. These "celts" from ancient times demonstrated the same odd behavior. The archeologists were not looking for these at all; they were looking for axe and adze heads (axe-like tool for dressing wood). It has been something written about by scientists and engineers over the last two centuries.

How does it work? There are two types of designs for the

rattleback. One type has an asymmetrical base where its rolling axis is skewed. The second type has a symmetrical base with off-set weighting at the ends. The instabilities are created from the rolling on the main axis and the pitching on the crosswise axis. I still wonder why it stops and then reverses its direction. I cannot find information on that aspect.

I must tell you something equally weird. I took mine into work and wanted to show it to my friend who is a civil engineer. He and I enjoy space, astronomy, topography, and, on occasion, we talk; and we have show-and-tell. Well, I bring over my red rattleback, which I am so proud of and lo and behold he bends down to his desk drawer and pulls a green one out. I thought that was so cool! It just gave me such joy! He not only knew what a rattleback was, but he owned one. So if any *Island Times* readers have a rattleback, please let me know. You can email [islandtimes@bellsouth.net](mailto:islandtimes@bellsouth.net) with rattleback in the subject line.

I will be spinning in different directions until I hear from you.



Pensacola Beach Woman's Club toasted BJ Gyoerkoes' birthday at their April membership luncheon at Hunt Hall. The Woman's Club will have their annual election of officers and a pot luck luncheon on May 21 at Hunt Hall.

## A Cross in the Sand

By  
Dr. Chuck Randle, Pastor  
Pensacola Beach Community Church

As I was thinking of the beginning of the month of May, I got to thinking of the reason for naming it May. That took me further to thinking of "mayday" - the distress signal used by those in the air and on the sea. On the Internet, Google brought up "Info Please" which indicated that "mayday" was chosen because it approximates the French term "m'aider", which means "come help me!" The International Radiotelegraphic Convention at London in 1912, selected "SOS" because it was easy to transmit in Morse code: three dots, three dashes, three dots. Those dots and dashes are clear signals that there is a problem.

As individuals, we often give out clear signals that we have a problem. Sometimes when we change our pattern, it indicates attention is called for. We get accustomed to a routine established by another, and when that changes, we are alerted. For example, perhaps we have known that person as even-tempered, not easily agitated, and all of a sudden, they are on edge and respond in ways out of character. The problem we may discover, is some great stress that has invaded that person's tranquillity, such as, an illness or the illness of a loved one; the security we once enjoyed has been taken away, etc. When our friends begin to act differently, we

may have the tendency to move away from them, to become aloof because we don't understand. However, it is just at those times that our concern and attention are needed. It is at those times that we may be called upon to take a risk in order to help through a difficult time. The "mayday", the "SOS" signals may be there - and our sensitive re-

sponse may mean all the difference.

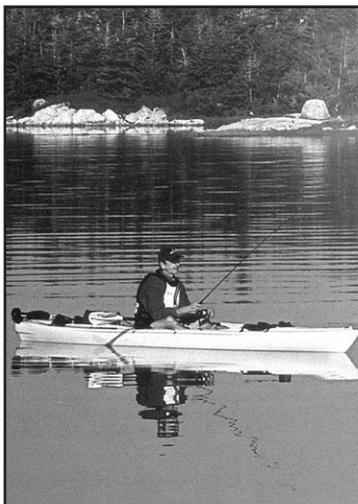
The origin of the naming of this month as May? Not all agree, however, the generally accepted reason is that it was named for MAIA, the Roman goddess of spring and growth. Whatever its origin may be, let's enjoy it, and be aware of the signals from others that they need a little attention.



Premier Island Management Group celebrated Earth Day, April 21 at Portofino by organizing a property-wide clean up day. Ryan O'Keeley, left, and Adam Horton with Portofino Island Adventure Beach department high five each other for a job well done.

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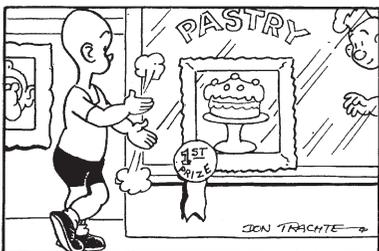
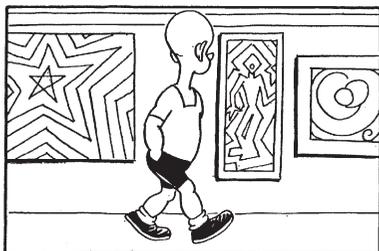
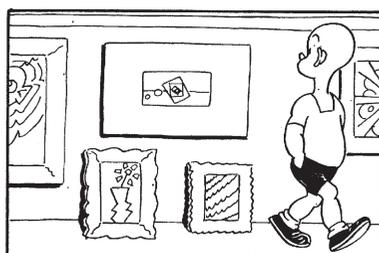
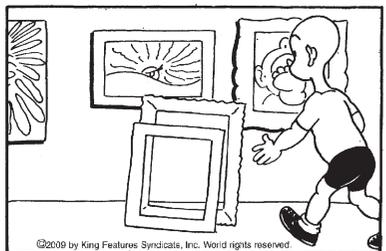
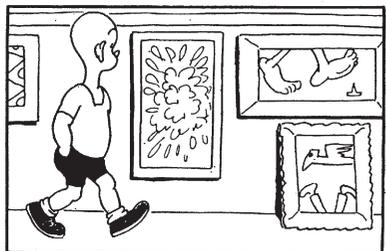
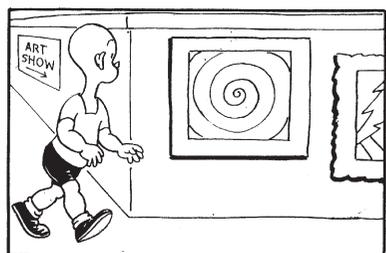
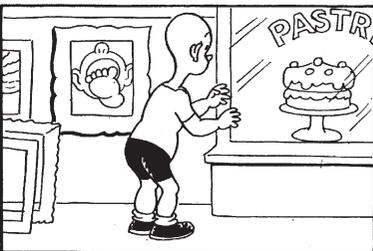
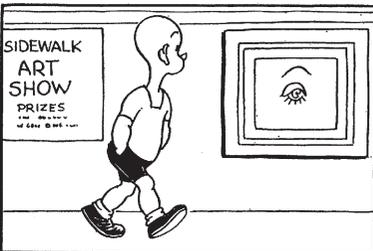
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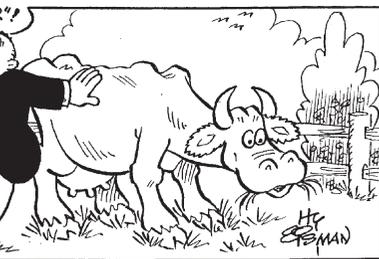
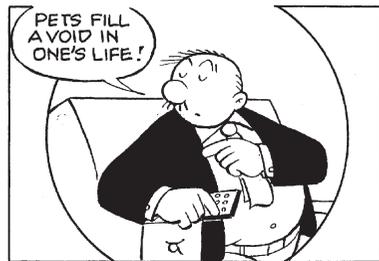
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# Texas Hold 'Em Hot Players Battle For Top Spots

History repeats itself at the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun poker tables as top players battle for the weekly wins. Big Todd Lentini outplayed Eric Weatherford at Paddy O'Leary's on April 16 and April 21 to sit in the winner's circle. Eric earned his third runner-up crown on April 19 at Paddy's when Billie Urquhart claimed the win. Mike Willet finished in third place.

In other action at Paddy's Phil Tracy took all the chips on April 22 leaving Larry Paz in second place.

Kristin Larmier kicked it into gear on April 23 and cleared off the final table before besting Billie Urquhart in the showdown.

Phil Tracy was back at the top of his game April 26 when he beat Diamond Donnie Beall in a 25 minute final showdown that ended

with the blinds at \$300K and \$600K in 4FUN chips. Beall held one hand of four fours which earned him a \$20 tab.

Toots Humphrey played her cards just right to take the win on April 28 over Miquel Thompson in the final. Toots took home a Rasta looking Willett Wall Wolf as her trophy.

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun games are played on Monday nights at the Sandshaker. Mike "Hokie" Holcomb went all the way claiming the Monday night title April 20. Scott Miller was the runner up. On his way to second place, Miller hit the rarest of rare hands, a Royal Flush in spades on the flop! Scott slow bet the hand and kept a couple of players in; and then rolled over the Ace and Jack of Spades to go with the King, Queen and Ten of Spades that were on the board. Scott

won a brand new 4FUN t-shirt.

Diamond Donnie Beall claimed his third win of the month on April 27 at the Shaker. Kim Duell battled hard with a come from behind charge, but he tripped up 2s on the final hand to claim the win.



The newest poker player, Vincent "Skate Jr." Chellberg with his dad, Jimmy Skateboard Chellberg.

## From the Chip Stack

There is a new addition to the poker family, Vincent Elliot Chellberg who was born on April 6 at 5:13 p.m. He is seven pounds of

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## Independence Weekend Brings Military Heroes To Beach Flags, Cheering Crowds To Greet Vets

Pensacola Beach residents can show their support of the military by waving American flags and cheering for cyclists as they make their way across Pensacola Beach, Saturday, May 16.

Severely wounded American heroes injured on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan will be challenged, honored and cheered during EscaRosa Independence Weekend from May 14-17. A series of special events including a seminar led by a panel of wounded veterans, a bicycle ride, family-fun 5k walk/run and a benefit concert by wounded Marine and rising country music star Stephen Cochran are a few activities meant to inspire and salute wounded veterans.

The public is invited to "join our heroes" and participate in the Wounded Warrior Bicycle Rally by registering to ride with vets on a 25-mile course beginning at Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Pensacola. The course will wind along Bayfront Parkway, cross the Three-mile Bridge and proceed through Gulf Breeze to the Bob

Sikes Bridge, along Via de Luna Drive on Pensacola Beach to Park East, then back to Veterans Memorial Park.

Non-riders are encouraged to attend and cheer for wounded vets participating in the ride, which begins at 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, or to participate in the Family-Fun 5K Walk/Run, which will begin at 8 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park. Registration \$30. Registration links are available for all three events online at EscaRosaIndependenceWeekend.com.

A post-ride benefit concert by Stephen Cochran begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, at the Seville Quarter entertainment complex.

"Rallying the public to support these wounded warriors who volunteered to serve and protect our country is an extremely emotional and rewarding effort," said Steven D. Danyluk, Independence Fund founder. "This event will serve several purposes: to show vets our gratitude, to challenge and assist them in gaining independence, and to serve as a role model for communities

across the country so they may do the same."

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### May 15

- 9 a.m. Combat Casualty Evacuation Seminar: NAS Whiting Field Sikes Hall  
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- 1 p.m. Seminar - Wounded Vets & book authors: NAS Mustin Beach Officers Club  
Moderated by WEAR-TV's Sue Straughn
- 5 p.m. Gallery Night...A Red, White & Blue Salute: Downtown Pensacola

### May 16

- 7 a.m. Independence Bike Ride: Veterans Memorial Park
- 8 a.m. Independence 5K Family-Fun Walk/Run: Veterans Memorial Park
- 9:15 a.m. Independence Motorcycle Ride: Veterans Memorial Park
- 7 p.m. Stephen Cochran Benefit Concert: Seville Quarter

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# Comfort & Joy

by Pandora de Balthazar

Since Christmas, our beach house has been the scene of many memorable gatherings; and we look forward to the upcoming Mother's Day, the Fourth of July, Blue Angels weekend and the practice days beforehand, not to mention the numerous birthday weekends are all combined to keep the house full of happy laughter and sounds of joy.

I am thrilled; ecstatic, actually that all together counting our children, children's children, close friends, and adopted family we are an even dozen for most meals, and we often sleep 9 to 10.

Recently, my children asked what I wanted for my birthday. My answer was a 14-day house party from June 30 through July 13.

Sound like a vacation to you? Well, to me, it's the greatest blessing on Earth. After all, I am an only child, with no living parents nor relatives except my son, Robert, and his growing family of four. My two grand daughters and their delightful mom Meagen, bring sunshine into my life with giggles and antics.

Then, add John's two children, and even a normal weekend is a Kid Fest with eight for dinner. This makes me think about some ways to make house parties easier, more fun for everyone, and advise on how to be a great guest.

First, if you are the guest, whether for the day, or for the week, remember:

Never arrive empty handed, leave the dinner table without clearing your plate and that of another, always offering to do more.

Never leave wet clothing or towels on the floor, bed or closet, or in fact, anywhere.

Never expect your host or hostess to stock specialty foods or dietary needs personal to you, or outside their normal range. (Take your own with you, and enough to share.)

Never go out to dinner with your host and hostess without offering to pay your own way, and even theirs, if you can afford it. (Having a clear financial understanding

upfront is very important, and will insure you get invited back.)

Remember the golden rule, and do unto others as you would wish to be treated in your own home.

So at my home, you are treated like family...a big and growing family who eats together, too. I set the table for all meals, keeping to my recycling ways of no paper napkins. Together, we cook, clean, tease, laugh, cry (only when absolutely necessary), and love each moment we are together.

Now, you have a few tips on how to be a good beach house guest and next time I'll clue you in on how to be the perfect dinner guest with some new ideas on hostess gifts, assisting the chef and becoming part of the family experience.

So, join in the beach fun, and think about ways to make your own house parties, include your neighbors and make them into family.

But, for now, I am busy planning the two week Birthday House Party. My new motto is the more the merrier.



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# readin' the water

by Saltwater Rick

It's springtime and the waters are bountiful as all of God's creatures are doing their thing and the catch of the day is Ling. The Gulf waters are filled with anglers trying for the elusive Cobia or Ling. At Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle the leaderboards change daily as bragging rights and big prizes are up for grabs in the annual tournament.

As of April 27, Gary Wells was in first place in the Cobia Division with a 57.60 pounder and Derrick Wall has a 49.20 pound Cobia claiming second.

As for the Pompano, Jason Martin is in the lead with a 5.27 pound pan full of dinner fit for a king and James Thean caught himself a 4.69 pounder holding second place.

Patsy Thomas is the Lady Angler leader with a nice 4.14 pound Pomp on the boards. In the Junior division Will Cross holds the lead with a 3.79 pounder.

Sheepshead seem to be everywhere around the bridges and, man, they are a tasty treat. Specks and Redfish are in the mood, go catch 'em.

In the last edition, I gave props to the wrong Andy. I should have given the credit to Andy O'Brien, who is the mate aboard Capt. Mike Holcomb's boat. Hope they continue to have good luck fishing.

Also, I encourage you to support the Chamber's Military Fishing Trip by coming out to see what the military anglers bring dockside on May 21 at 2:30 p.m. at the Beach Marina. The Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Coasties should haul in a good catch. Show them you care and stop by to thank them for their service.

Do yourself a favor and Go Fishin and take your Mom. Happy Mother's Day to my Mom. I Love You!



Two hundred athletes competed in the Pensacola Beach Triathlon, Sunday, April 26. (Left) Completing the bike leg is Eric Roy who was the first place finisher. (Right) Portofino developer Andrew Rothfeder races to the finish line.



Eamon Keleher, center, runs along the bike path on Santa Rosa Island, April 19 during his fundraising trek from McGuire's in Destin to McGuire's in Pensacola. Accompanying him on his journey are Cherie Epstien, left, and J.W. Novotny. Keleher completed his run raising \$3000 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida.

## Marine Science Camp Set For Summer

The University of West Florida will host two Marine Science Summer Camp sessions at Pensacola Beach Elementary School beginning Monday, June 22 and Monday, June 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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