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Sailing Into Summer



Captain Kirk To The Rescue - Kirk Newkirk (second from right) hoists up the sail on the Junior Sailing Program boat which will launch from the shores of Santa Rosa Sound this summer. Pensacola Beach Yacht Club hosts the summer children's program, but lost all their small boats during Hurricane Ivan. Key Sailing, which is owned by Newkirk, will supply the boats to get the kids on the water. Summer sailors include (L to R): Kat Denton, Jake Smith, and Alex Thompson. For more on this story, see Page 2.

Sailing, Sailing Over Santa Rosa Sound

Junior sailors will once again be out on the water, in the Sound during a week of intensive work, testing, learning, having fun and yes, sailing. Pensacola Beach Yacht Club, sponsors of the sailing camp, has many years of Junior Sailing in its history, but it was all destroyed when Ivan completely depleted its fleet of small boats.

This summer, Kirk Newkirk will come to their rescue, providing boats and beach at Key Sailing from July 27-31.

Kids who want to attend the sailing camp must be seven-years-old, know how to swim, have a flotation device, hat, sunscreen, towel, water bottle, and bring their own lunch. Gatorade and snacks will be provided daily. Camp will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A United States Certified sailing instructor will be conducting the week's activities and will be assisted by many seasoned Yacht Club members. PBYC fleet captain Dave Oerting, who is a Junior Sailing instructor and winning skipper, will be joined by Margo Partain and Multihull National trainer Linda Thompson, as a volunteer.

Classroom instruction will take place at the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club and all sailing instruction will be at Key Sailing. Classes include basic concepts of sailing and water safety. On the water, students will learn boat rigging, sailing techniques and capsized boat drills. Rules of the water and knot tying will be taught both on and off the water.

If it rains, the staff is prepared to continue the sailing classes at the Yacht Club. The students will see sailing movies and play games until the sun comes out.

Many members of the Beach Yacht Club got their start in a junior sailing program, including Derek Riddle and Doug Bray who are now both sailing instructors. Also, David Johnson, Fleet Captain and Rick Zern, local rigging and sailing expert.

Susan Newkirk was the original member of the Yacht Club who was instrumental in promoting Junior Sailing. The program was revived in 1999 by Dave Oerting and other volunteers.

Twenty young sailors will be

accepted for this year's camp. Sailing experience will be geared to the camper's ability.

The cost for the session is \$200 which includes sailing and basic boating instruction, "Learn to Sail" manuals, t-shirt and certification of completion.

For more information email Anne Geisel, PBYC Junior Sailing coordinator at annegeisel@aol.com or go to the Yacht Club website at pensacolabeach-yc.org. Click on Junior Sailing for further instruc-

tions.

The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club which is known as the "Best Little Yacht Club on the Gulf Coast," hosts many activities in addition to the Junior Sailing program. They sponsor a number of regattas, with their famous all-female race, Race for the Roses coming up later this summer. This popular race has shown dramatic growth since it was first started. It is the only Gulf Coast race where men are not allowed to board the boat during the competition.

The PBYC is located next to the

Sabine Sandbar on Pensacola Beach Blvd. The Club maintains a full bar and hosts a number of social events each month. The members are active in community activities and always enter a float in the Krewe of Wrecks Mardi Gras parade.

The Yacht Club sponsors events which benefit charities such as the Preemie Cup with proceeds going to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Sacred Heart Hospital.

For more information regarding memberships, email club@pensacolabeach-yc.org.

Buck Lee Earns Very Satisfactory Rating

Buck Lee, executive director of the Santa Rosa Island Authority received a "very satisfactory" rating from Fred Gant, Board chairman. In reading the report at their May 6 meeting, Jayne Bell, SRIA director of administration, said the report revealed that Lee's performance was "very satisfactory" to "excellent."

"Thank you for your leadership and guidance of the SRIA," Gant said congratulating Lee.

"All the positive things would not be possible without the staff," Lee responded. "Any organization is as strong as its weakest link and we are strong. If I look good, it is because of them."

The Board gave their approval with some reservations to the request by Fun Coast Promotions to host Friday Night Teen Dances at the Gulf Pier.

Doug McAllister, Fun Coast owner, told the board that the dances would be alcohol free and the age limit is 13 to 17-year-olds.

The board gave the authority

to Buck Lee to suspend the dances if they are interfering with public safety. Doug McAllister said they would abide by the rules established by the Authority.

"I think this is great," Board member Dave Pavlock commented. "A positive move on the part of the risk takers. I look forward to it being busy."

A request to place the Plunge Hippo Waterslide at the former site of the Bank of the South was moved to a special board meeting before the May 27 meeting. A number of safety concerns were brought to the attention of Board members by audience members including by Dr. Lila Cox, who said, "This is all on private leasehold property, but slow down and look at the safety considerations. You spend a lot of time improving public safety with our lifeguards, and I would hate to have a child run over crossing this dangerous stretch of Ft. Pickens Road."

Buck Lee added that placing a slide there would interfere with Air Show safety since helicopters were always allowed to use that space by American Fidelity, the leaseholder of the property.

The discussion regarding the matter of hiring a traffic engineer to study the traffic in the core area was initiated by board member Dr. Thomas Campanella who said he thought it was not necessary.

"This study will have to deal with the nuts and bolts, who parks where, that kind of study," Dr.

Campanella said. "It's not as important as getting people out here. We need to look at how to bring people to the Beach."

Campanella also pointed out that the payment for the planners comes from the Island Beautification Fund which is SRIA monies, not Portofino's money.

A motion to move the item to the May 27 meeting was approved five to one with Campanella voting against.

Ed Schroeder, chairman of the Pensacola Convention and Visitor's Bureau told the SRIA that total lodging nights were higher in the Pensacola Bay Area than they were in other counties to the east and west.

Maureen LaMar, Beach Chamber executive director and Visitor's Center manager, reported that numbers were exceeding those of 2008 including during April when 2851 tourists came to the VIC which is a 26 percent increase. LaMar reported that 231 visitor's guides had been

mailed out and that in the first two weeks that the guide was placed online that 1032 people viewed it.

When all these visitors arrive on Pensacola Beach, they will easily be able to find Casino Beach. SRIA employee Paul Harvey will make the sign which will identify the popular public beach.

Other business:

■ Safety cameras will be installed on the Boardwalk by the end of May

■ The Palace litigation has resulted in their owing about \$6000 in lease fees and \$12,000 in liquidated damages

■ Noel Faddis relinquished his lease option on the former Circle K property on Via de Luna. Lease reverts to the SRIA.

■ Tiki Island Soundside received approval for an airbrush tattoo concession for one year.

The next Island Authority meeting is scheduled for May 27. The session will begin at 5 p.m. at the Authority office.

Free Summer Trolley Service Resumes

The colorful Beach trolleys are back. Offering free transportation from 6 p.m. until midnight on Fridays, noon until midnight on Saturdays and 5 to 10 p.m. on Sundays.

The routes are from Ft. Pickens Gate Park on the west end to Portofino on the east end. Trolleys will make a loop through the

Casino and Quietwater parking lots. They will stop at each marked trolley stop approximately every 30 minutes. Routes and schedules are subject to change due to extreme traffic congestion.

For additional information, please contact Bob West, Director of Public Safety, Santa Rosa Island Authority at 850-554-4296.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



Once you retire you're stuck with the word "retired." It shows up everywhere, on all your documents, insurance policies, IRS forms, everything. I'm always tempted to write, "no longer working" or "hiding in a secluded place," or even "no longer in use." Sometimes I visualize how the computer would react to this information. Probably, I would find myself with no bank accounts and no credit cards. What a bummer.

So, I have to face it. I'm retired. It says so and has been written on all my important documents (all three of them) since 1995.

I am really doubly retired because I am married to a man who also has to fill in the word "retired" when the question asks for occupation. He could write, "busy all day long" or "running errands for Jane" or "cleaning the pool" or "planting tomatoes." Wouldn't the computers do a back flip over those occupations?

When Frank and I stopped working fourteen years ago, the only thing that changed was that we were doing fun things instead of running our businesses. We were traveling all over the United States by land, sea and air. We often went to Biloxi to test our skills at the gaming tables. (The Casinos always

seemed to outsmart us.) We enjoyed beach life to the fullest, mostly by going to Bobby D's Beach Bar.

It was all fun and games until little incidents kept disrupting our lives. It was all stuff that slowed us down. We discovered aches and pains.

What does Frank, who no longer works do, all day? Well, he makes a long list every night, and then carries it all out the next morning. He enjoys driving, seeing his friends, visiting his son and daughter-in-law, and as you know if you read this column regularly, his is also the shopper, chief cook and bottle washer.

The afternoons stretch lazily in front of us. Fortunately, we both like to read. We read the *Island Times*, the *News Journal* as boring as it is, *USA Today*, Time, Fortune, Messing About In Boats, All About Boats, Yachting, Sports Illustrated, Body and Soul, Bottom Line and Forbes. We read books about boats and boat trips. On warm days we sit on our balcony and watch the birds who come to our feeder. We are also absorbing Vitamin D, and getting a tan.

Somehow, I discovered a gap in our day about a half hour before

the five o'clock news. I tried to fill it with chess and Scrabble. No, he who is not working is also not playing board games.

I had pretty much decided to fill that empty space with yoga by myself. Just some chair exercises to take up the time. Eventually, I asked Frank to join me.

"Would you like to do some exercises," I asked, tentatively.

"Sure," Frank responded affably.

"These would be yoga chair exercises. No pretzel positions," I added hastily.

He fell silent. Then he spoke after a few minutes of contemplation. "Okay, I'll do it if you promise not to chant."

Getting him to do yoga was a lot easier than I had expected. All I had to do or not do was chant.

"First, we will do Breath of Fire for two minutes," I said.

"What," he asked.

"You can't back out on me now. You said you would do the exercises if I didn't chant."

"All I asked is what is Breath of Fire," he said.

After I explained the technique to him and spelled out the wonderful benefits of the exercise, he immediately caught on and held the two minutes in the very first session.

We went on to Reach for the Sky, Neck Curls, Waist Curls, Toe Lifts, Back and Forth Hands, and Deep Breathing.

Then, I added something macho, weight resistance. I had some three pound weights and we did a couple of exercises. He announced that he would go to the store and get some heavier weights for himself. He was totally hooked.

So we filled in the gap before the five o'clock news with a mixture of yoga and weight resistance training.

The yoga was all done without chanting, building a shrine, or burning a candle. Except I would chant under my breath. Nothing audible. I had to be sneaky.

So between writing (Jane) and tracking the weather on the com-

puter (Frank) and NFL and collegiate football (Frank and Jane) we have the gaps pretty well covered.

Who would have ever thought a manly guy like Frank would actually admit he liked doing yoga?

Who knows? Maybe, the day will come when I will see a candle burning brightly on the table between us and a small shrine will be resting protectively nearby. And, perhaps, I will hear a very low rendition of "Ong Namu Guru Dev Namu." Frank will have come full circle.

And if that day never comes, I am still happy with the hodge podge yoga. It quite effectively fills the gap just before the five o'clock news.

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PEOPLE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARY

The Drees Clan is throwing a happy seventieth birthday for their mom, Mary, at The Islander Lounge on Saturday, May 23, from 11 to 3 p.m. Everybody is invited according to Jayne Redmond, who is the party director. She says the SOBs are bringing finger foods and there will be a huge cake. Go help Mary celebrate seven decades.

OUR HERO

Our very own Mike "Wipeout" Willet is not only a poker player, artist, musician, songwriter, umpire, surfer and short stop, he can now add HERO to his resume. Mike pulled a very lucky person from the grip of a rip recently. After hearing a lady screaming he grabbed a surfboard lying on the beach and fished out the drowning human. Great job, Mike. You are now the *Island Times*' Special Hero.

CANDIDATE FOR KNIGHTHOOD

Once again Kathryn Curle sent the correct answer to an *Island Times* trivia question, but, alas was too late. She emailed, "Hopefully one day, I will be able to sit at the Roundtable. I keep trying to sign up with the post office for the pony express because I have a horse and she is very fast. My *Island Times* would get to me faster." No matter what, it is always great to hear from Kathryn.

GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME

Summertime and boating go together, so the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club is welcoming new members who want to get out on the water.

Coming aboard this month are Michael "Mitch" and Catherine Provosty, Doug Stein, Peggy Pangenbeck and Robin Rainey all of Gulf Breeze. Newcomers from Pensacola are Scott and Brenda Becker and Andrew and Barbara Williams.

AND TRIP MAKES THREE

There are now three Dave Daltons in Gulf Breeze. Dave, the retired IBM exec, who spent countless hours of coaching little league teams that his son, Dave Junior or DJ Dalton played on. Fast forward to April 30 when DJ and his wife, Jessica, welcomed a new baby boy, who they have named, Dave Dalton, III. According to Nora Jones, little Dave the third, will be called Trip.

RETIRING NURSE

The vivacious Nancy Kittel has announced that she will be retiring from Dr. Lachowsky's practice on June 30. After all these years of caring for allergy patients, she is ready to travel, swim in her pool and live the life of a retiree. She and her husband Jim are members of the Krewe of Junkanoo.

POSTMISTRESS REMEMBERS

Some of you will remember Martha Gardner, the only postmistress that Pensacola Beach ever had. She called the newspaper office to remind the entire island that well-loved Mayor Bob Merriman will be celebrating his birthday on May 20. Find the mayor at his office on the sand at Casino Beach or his inland location at the Sandshaker to wish him many happy returns.

FIRST DUO WINNER

Ken Jones was back on the Beach May 1 for the Woolly Booger Bowl. Stump, as he is known around the Beach, arrived from Georgia to assist Queen Shugah in keeping the storms away and to set the record straight. Stump pulled out a copy of the September 10, 1992 edition of *The Islander Newspaper* which proved that he was the first Woolly Booger to earn both Rookie Beach Bum and Beach Bum of the Year honors. Apparently, someone had mistakenly said Larry Keever was the first to achieve this lofty goal.

PARTY ON

Larry Charles Shu Schumaker and his wife Cyndi drove from Maryland to the Beach to celebrate Shu's birthday, May 15 with a surprise party at Paradise. Jayne Redmond and Buz Busby are both celebrating birthdays on May 27. They will be partying all day long.

? Trivia ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

Little did Michelle and Daphne Roberts realize what a grand legacy they were part of when they were school aged children growing up on Pensacola Beach. Harry Gowens thought it was all wrong that these two small girls should ride over two bridges on a long trip to elementary school twice each day. He felt Beach kids should have their own school, so he lobbied his friends on the School Board, got their approval, and started the first school on the Island in his A-frame house.

Michelle and Daphne were the correct answer to the trivia question and the winner was newcomer to the Trivia Table, Jim Hill, who now owns an *Island Times* t-shirt.

Michelle and Daphne are now married and have children of their own. Michelle lives in Nashville, Tennessee and Daphne lives in Gulf Breeze where she is a teacher at Oriole Beach Elementary School. They were among the first graduates of

Pensacola Beach Elementary School.

Sir Morrie Drees filed the first correct answer. Deb Friedman had the right answer as did Jayne Drees Redmond who noted that she was probably "wayyy" too late. Yes, she was.

Kim LoBue's goof was a first for the three time champion, when she emailed Jayne and Amy Drees as her answer.

Do you remember Lazy Day? Richard Liveakos and his Lazy Day band were at one time on the top off all the Beach charts. Now, Lazy Day no longer exists. However, you may see Richard on the Beach now and then in a new role. Do you know what he is doing now?

If you know, hurry and email it to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with "trivia" in the subject line and include your name. Deadline is May 26.

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Pensacola Beach Mardi Gras Krewes Reign Over Summer Events

Kings And Queens Make Formal Debut

The Fiesta of Five Flags All Krewe Ball which honors the royalty of all krewes in Northwest Florida is set for Wednesday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hadji Shrine Temple.

New Krewe of Bananimals King Bruce Yoder has already issued an edict to his large krewe that all should attend this ball.

"It would please your king and Queen Darlene Larkin, to have all of you there with us. We'll have a ball," King Bruce said. Dress for this Ball is cocktail attire



Wrecks King Tommy Grice and Queen Paulette Provost will represent the Krewe of Wrecks at the All Krewe Ball.

or your krewe costume. The cost is \$25 per person with tickets purchased in advance. Bar drink are \$2 and the Reunion Band will furnish the music for dancing. Competition is fierce among all the local krewes to win the table decorating contest. Cash prizes are awarded to the top five best decorated tables.

The Krewe of Wrecks is making sure their attendees at the Ball have a safe trip to the Ball and back to the Beach.

Jeff Goudey, Running Around Wreck, has 12 Ball tickets now available and has reserved two tables. Tickets to ride the trolley are \$15 for the round trip. Trolley riders should arrive at 6:30 p.m. Other krewe members are welcome to purchase tickets and trolley passes, according to Jeff. Mail your check, payable to the Krewe of Wrecks, to Post

Office Box 492, Gulf Breeze, FL 32562. The deadline to purchase ball or trolley tickets is June 1, so it's a good idea to order them as soon as possible.

The Hadji Shrine Temple is located at 800 West Nine Mile Road in Pensacola.

If you have questions about tickets or trolley passes, call Goudey at 850-291-6957.

Bananimals Royalty Rules The Roost

It was all about pomp and circumstance on Sunday, May 3, when the Mardi Gras Krewe of Bananimals crowned their new king and queen at their den, the Sabine Sandbar. All the former queens took the stage to crown Darlene Larkin who will reign for the entire upcoming year along with King Bruce Yoder, who was crowned by all the previous kings. They will be introduced to all the Mardi Gras Society in Northwest Florida at the All Krewe

Ball at the Hadji Shring Temple on June 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The Election of Officers took place with a loud vote of confidence for keeping the same officers; Tim Morgan, president, Rob Jackson, vice-president; Bruce Yoder, secretary, and Mary Jo Tibbits, treasurer. Members voted their approval with screeches, hisses, growls, barking, meowing, braying and oinking.

Coming up on the Krewe's event list is the Battle of the Bands, May 23 at the Sandbar. Competition begins at 11 a.m. The event is a fundraiser for the krewe's various charities including

Santa Rosa Kid's House.

The annual Shrimp Boil will be June 7 at the Sandbar.

Membership in the krewe is still open at \$30 per person. If you want to become a member, send your check made payable to the Krewe of Bananimals, c/o Mary Jo Tibbits, 1309 Autumn Breeze Circle, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563.

The next meeting of the krewe will be June 7 at 4 p.m. at the Sandbar. There will be no meeting in July due to the Fourth of July and Blue Angels weekend. For more information, email King Bruce at



Former Bananimals King Bonz Alexander, center, helps crown King Bruce Yoder and Queen Darlene Larkin.

bruceyoder@yahoo.com.

After Sundown

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peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis



Wow, *Island Times* is in its fifth year already! It's been such an amazing ride that it's hard to even imagine the next five, but I sure don't want to get off. A great big Thank You to everyone who contributes, especially our loyal readers, which means if you're reading this I'm talking about you!

Bill and I have just returned from Biloxi where we celebrated his birthday and Mother's Day. Well, actually on Mother's Day I wanted to drive over and check out one of my favorite places in Mississippi. We thought about going to New Orleans, but I chose Bay St. Louis. I fell in love with this tiny town by the sea many years ago. The streets were once lined with beautiful stately homes turned into antique shops. Sadly, many were lost to the hurricanes. We did find one that had been restored to most of its original beauty and they had photos of before and after renovation. I bought a vintage purse made in West Germany. When the proprietor realized we were from Pensacola, she wanted to know if the economy was as bad here as it is there. I had to tell her that having been poor all my life I really haven't noticed any difference. Somehow we always manage to have what we need and we still get to live in Paradise!

Okay, I know y'all have been waiting on pins and needles to hear all about the new Woolly Booger "No 'Canes Bawl." Johnny Barbato and the Lucky Dogs were rockin' and we were dancing in the sand all night long. I have to tell you about the completely unexpected gifts. My intention was to let everyone sign the new Woolly Booger "No Hurricanes" sheet created for the Bawl and then pin on a hoo-doo/voo-doo charm. Apparently, I did not make my intentions clear and people brought gifts to Queen Shugah. I'm not complaining because you know I loved everything.

Chrissy Cook was the first to greet me with a lovely whistle shell to help me blow the hurricanes away! How cool is that? Then came Lila Cox with Sweet Shop lip gloss

which Queen Shugah will definitely need after all that blowing! Next was Sandi Johnson with the Queen's favorite elixir for soothing her parched throat. (Did they get together on this? I don't know, but I like it!) Quickly following was Shelley Johnson with magical crystals in their own special pouch and delivering Jane Cooper's gift of a Hurricane Catcher made by the Lakota Indians (who really know about power and magic). Paulette Provost brought her special voodoo doll complete with pins while Charlotte Spencer was our Moon Maiden who blessed us with the energy of the half moon. Christine Bunkie Hewerdine assisted with her always ready dancing spirit while our poor Renee Mack was so busy working she never had a chance to play. Lynn Cieutat sent special blessings from Mexico Beach and her late husband, Les, who started the Woolly Booger Social Club. Nancy Kittel and Lois Jernigan were dancing in Mississippi while Jayne Drees Redmond was in New Orleans at Jazz Fest. I handed out gris-gris bags all night and it was wonderful to have you all living in my fairy tale!

Last, but certainly not least, was the gift from our Barrier Island Girl and photographer, D.J. Zemerick. D.J. also told me about a story she had written for a young man in Minnesota named Ryan. When storms threatened our Island and precious baby sea turtles last summer, Ryan demanded to be taken outside several times a day so that he could blow to the south and help keep the hurricanes away. Great work, Ryan! Thanks, D.J. for the beautiful ceremonial earrings and for creating this powerful recipe for keeping the hurricanes away...

Entreaty to Queen Shugah

*Oh, Queen Shugah, draw us near
Ease our Woolly Booger fears.
Protect our island night and day
And keep the hurricanes away!*

Lord, I love living in Paradise!
See ya in the kitchen...



Wooly Boogers came from near and far to help Queen Shugah stir up a storm of voodoo to keep the hurricanes away. Appearing at the May 1 Bawl at Paradise are original Wooly Boogers (L to R): Stump Jones, Bunkie Hewerdine and Andy Brunt.



Queen Shugah Number Somethin' Somethin' Kathi Lewis brought the Wooly Boogers out of hiding for the Keep the Hurricanes Away Bawl, May 1 at Paradise. Accepting gris gris and good luck charms, the all-knowing Queen Shugah had partiers dancing in the sand all night long.

Road To Fort Paves Way To Opening

The re-opening of Fort Pickens to vehicles has taken a long and winding road, but the journey is almost complete. According to Nina Kelson, Gulf Islands National Seashore public affairs officer, the road to Fort Pickens is nearing completion, but officials do not have a firm date when it will be open to the public.

"When paving is complete, the road must pass inspection by the Florida Department of Transportation before it will be released to the Park Service," Kelson said. "We hope to be open by Memorial Day weekend, but cannot make any promises."

The speed limit is posted at 15 miles per hour inside the park and there is no electrical power. All campgrounds are primitive style.

More information is available at 850-934-2600.

Wine Talk

By David Griffin,
Beach Wines and Liquors



WINE IS FOR THE GRILL NEXT DOOR. If you are looking to bring just the right gift wine to a neighbor's barbecue, bear in mind that a crisp wine is the best accompaniment for simple grilled dishes. Crispness comes from acidity, and such whites as Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Pinot Gris/Grigio have the right amount of natural acidity to cut through the flavors of grilled foods and to act as an effective counterpoint. For reds with the same acidic qualities, try Sangiovese (Chianti) or Pinot Noir. On the other hand, if grilled foods are accented with marinades or sauces, the table is set for such bold, expressive, fruity wines as New Zealand Sauvignon Blancs and Alsace Gewurztraminers. Or, try such reds as California Zinfandels or Australian Shirazes.

Hint: If your grilled foods have spicy or peppery flavors, try a wine to match, such as Gewurztraminers and Sauvignon Blancs, or Syrah, Zinfandel, Merlot and some Cabernets. Barbecue time is rapidly approaching and wine is certainly an appropriate drink to serve. Questions about what wines complement a specific food? Ask us, we love to talk about wines. If you are having a party, we'll be happy to help you regarding the quantities of wine you will need. Here at Beach Wines and Liquors, Inc. at 5 Via de Luna, we carry a large selection of wines and other spirits. Give us a call at 850-932-8850.



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BUSINESS BUZZ

FUN-RAISING

Incoming Women's Council of Realtors State President Nan Harper will be hosting a fundraising event in August for anyone who likes to have fun. Details will be forthcoming, but get your party pumps ready. Tickets will be available at Island Realty. Harper, co-owner of Island Realty, notes that proceeds from the event are earmarked for the October Realtor Leadership Conference which will bring one hundred real estate professionals to the Beach.

SHACK MOVES UP

Gayle Shackelford was pedaling her bike around the Beach on a well-deserved day off. She has been promoted to manager at Juana's Pagoda and Sailor's Grill on Navarre Beach. Brothers Ken and Kevin Rudski own the soundfront establishment.

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BYTES AND BITS

By Joe Stukey, Your Computer Pal

Q: "Why can't I get my AT&T email?"

A: For several months now, some AT&T customers have been experiencing difficulty when trying to use their email programs. The cause --- AT&T's merger with Yahoo. As a result of the merger, AT&T is moving its email services to the Yahoo mail system. You will keep your current email address but will be using a different mail server. For customers using Microsoft's Outlook or Outlook Express, there may be an interruption when their email account is moved to Yahoo's servers. Typically, the customer stops getting mail, or receives a message indicating that they are using the wrong password.

The solution is to modify the email server settings in your email program, rather than trying to change

HELLO HOLLYWOOD

Christy Sullivan has a cast of characters at Paddy O'Leary's Pub. These are the usual Beach characters, but on Hollywood Day patrons come dressed as movie stars for the day. The last Hollywood Day at the Pub attracted John Wayne, Jack Nicholson, Clint Eastwood and Gregory Peck. One visitor is the curator of the boat used in the movie African Queen, so he was Humphrey Bogart. Stop in to see Christy and find out when the next star studded event will take place.

BOOZE CRUISE

Capt. JR at Blue Marlin Water Taxi ordinarily chauffeurs his customers across Santa Rosa Sound on sightseeing and nature tours during the day. He now offers an evening excursion for adults which starts with onboard beverages and continues to PegLeg Pete's, Hemingway's Island Grill, and Paradise Bar for what he affectionately calls the Booze Cruise. He says bachelorette parties will love it, too.

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CONGRATS HARRIMAN

Beach resident and Senior Vice President with Baptist Healthcare, Bob Harriman, was honored by the University of West Florida and the Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola with an Ethics in Business Award. Harriman was recognized as an individual who exemplifies the concept of "service above self" and has worked to build a positive sense of worth in the business community and the broader community as a whole.

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CHAMBER CHATTER

The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce monthly membership meeting will be at the Comfort Inn at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26. Business After Hours will be hosted by Island Realty, 45 Via de Luna on the same day from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Prospective members are welcome to attend either function. Call 932-1500 to RSVP.



Thank you to all the S.O.B. 's for the wonderful wishes and the gift card. Baby Max is doing just fine and we are happy to have the family complete. A special thanks to Kathi and Bill Lewis (Nanny and Pappy) for all of the support and help along the way. You guys will always be a part of our family and we love you. Sara Shaw & Rob Harris

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GEEKS WELCOME

Larry Davis, a volunteer in JoAnn Considine's seventh grade geography class for the Junior Achievement program, works at Best Buy and is a member of the famous Geek Squad. Each week he comes to Gulf Breeze Middle School to teach the students about the global economy and its effects around the world. Davis thrilled the students when he showed up in the cool Geek Mobile.

"My kids were so excited when they saw it in the parking lot," said Considine. "Davis makes such an positive impact on my students."

MATHWHIZZES

Pensacola Beach Elementary School's third, fourth and fifth grade Sunshine Math Teams competed against other teams in Escambia County on May 9 at Tate High School. The fifth grade team comprised of Jace Amberson, Lia Lampone, Jacob Baldwin and Jamie Seabrooke earned third place in the team competition. Jamie Seabrooke earned third place in the individual competition.

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Gulf Breeze Middle School students who learned about the Geek Squad are (front row, L to R): Jacob Hammond, Seb Jones, Parker Smith, Tristin Simms, Zack Spencer, Becca Farris, Megan Vaught, Sam Cowen, Maddie Emholtz and Logan Brown Peering through window: Kathy Li and Ali Snowden. Back row, (L to R): Jack Joyner, Nick Morgan, Alex Spencer, Gray Doeseay, Michael Utsey, Christina Ferrara, Sarah Lemon, Regan Beard, Molly Gibbons, Junior Achievement Volunteer Larry Davis, and Adam, both members of the elite Geek Squad.



Pensacola Beach Elementary School Fifth Grade Math Super Stars Team of (L to R) Jace Amberson, Lia Lampone, Jacob Baldwin and Jamie Seabrooke posted a third place finish in the countywide competition on May 9. The team is coached by Leanne Lampone.

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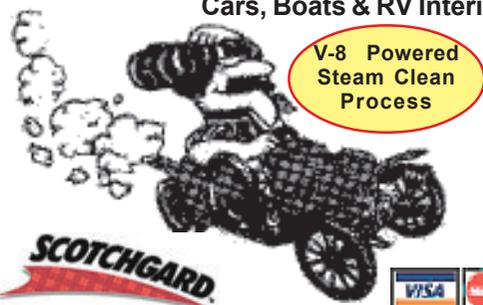


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- 1020 FT PICKENS RD, \$834,000
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[Sales report was provided by Jeremy Johnson, Island Realty]

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The LIZZARD'S TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



CATastrophe Avoided

For the past few weeks I have noticed a small puddle of water on my kitchen floor, strategically located in front of the freezer and positioned as if it might be coming from the automatic water and ice dispenser located in the freezer door. I knew it was not the freezer on the fritz because we had just spent a small fortune replacing its mother board. Plus I checked the contents inside. Ben & Jerry and Bubba were frozen to the core.

So I asked the Kid if he was getting up in the middle night to pour himself a glass of water and then maybe spilling some of it on the floor. That was a negative. Then I remembered the Colonel had a bad habit of over filling his coffee pot using the filtered water from the freezer door by getting sidetracked by his Blackberry buzzing. He said he stopped that practice after I handed him the mop and suggested he clean the entire floor, not just in front of the freezer. Of course, I knew I wasn't the cause of the mystery puddle. That only left one other resident at the house – our cat, Sparky.

I announced at breakfast to both the Colonel and the Kid that I figured out how every morning there was a puddle on the kitchen

floor. It was Sparky's fault. Obviously she had figured out how to jump from the glass top stove over to the freezer and was pushing the lever to get a drink. They thought she was so clever and immediately gave her treats. All I could think of was a more colorful version to the Disney movie title, "That Darn Cat!" As I stood and ate my breakfast (she was sitting on my stool), Sparky gave me the look as if to say, "Human Lady, I didn't do it. I only drink water from your grandmother's heirloom crystal bowls."

In the end, she was right. Once again Human Lady was wrong. Turns out we had a leak in our master bath which just happens to be located on the second floor directly over the kitchen. It

wasn't until the trickle became a steady stream pouring onto the floor from the ceiling above through a recessed light fixture, that we figured out Sparky wasn't as clever as we wanted to think she was.

However in Sparky's cat eyes, the Colonel is her hero because he saved the day and she no longer has to step around a puddle of water on the floor to get to my bar stool. The Kid has continued to retain his tolerated status because he gave her a half bag of fishy treats for no reason. As for me, I received my morning hiss and swat when I tried to remove her from my stool when the Colonel said I might want to be seated when I hear how much it was going to cost to fix the master bathroom. Once again order is restored.

Until next time...

Beach Woman's Club Prepares For Election

The Pensacola Beach Woman's Club will host their annual Election of Officers, Thursday, May 21 at noon at Hunt Hall. The proposed slate is Lynda Knell, president; Sandi Johnson, first vice-president; Janet Penniman, second vice-president; Nancy Wyse, treasurer and Jane McGrath, secretary. Nominations will be accepted prior to vot-

ing. The installation of the new officers is scheduled for June 4 which is the final business meeting in the Club's annual schedule.

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Beach Advocates Board Discusses Issues

The Board of the Pensacola Beach Advocates held their meeting under the trees at Morgan Park, Friday, May 1. President Jim Cox told the group that it had been a full year since Judge Jones had head the arguments on Ad Valorem taxes for Beach residents and had not yet handed down a decision.

Cox discussed the Core Area renovation and noted that the survey sent out by PBA had been well received by Santa Rosa Island Authority Executive Director Buck Lee, the SRIA Board and Baskerville-Donovan engineers.

Discussing the size of hotel rooms on the Beach, Cox said he had talked to Commissioner Grover Robinson on the issue, and Robinson said the plan was a "horrible political football."

The potential owners of the former Clarion property and the Days Inn have already secured their requests to develop large hotel rooms on Pensacola Beach.

Board members discussed the role that the PBA would play in the upcoming planning process for the core area. They determined that the PBA would act as a conduit to be sure that stakeholders are aware of the opportunities to give input dur-



Pensacola Beach Advocates hosted their first ever Spring Fling, May 1 at Morgan Park. Noting that it had been one year since the judge heard arguments in the residential tax suit case, (L to R) Lila Cox, Nora Jones, Sandi Johnson and Fran McCurdy raised a toast to the anniversary of the court date. PBA membership is open to residents, leaseholders and those with a business interest in Pensacola Beach.

ing the planning process.

Board members present were Cox, Darell McIntyre, Max Scroggin, Glenn Windham, and Sandi Johnson. Lila Cox, membership chairman and Shelley Johnson, Governmental Affairs committee member, were also present.

Currently, there are 200 households who have joined PBA. Membership is open to residents, leaseholders and those with a business

interest in Pensacola Beach.

The PBA board meeting was followed by the first ever Spring Fling held in Morgan Park. Thirty members joined the party and received free copies of Plantings for Your Pensacola Beach Home written by Dr. Jim Morgan. Refreshments were served.

For more information, visit their website at pbadvocates.org

Popular Band Series Plays To Capacity Crowds

The popular summer concert series Bands on the Beach has music fans packing the Gulfside Pavilion every Tuesday night from 7 to 9 p.m. The event is presented free of charge by the Santa Rosa Island Authority.

Southern Breeze will perform on May 26 and the Modern Eldorados will take the stage on June 2. Both bands will serve up a heaping helping of country music. Seating at the Pavilion is limited, so fans are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

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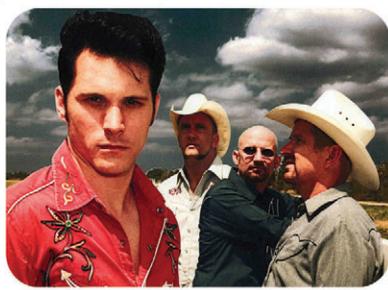


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Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candy Segar

No one treats their tourists better than the folks on Pensacola Beach. Pensacola Beach businesses and residents have raised the bar really high, but I have to tell you the people in Walhalla, South Carolina come close. I went to an auction in Walhalla, and the people there were so friendly.

I have been to a few auctions in this country, but this one was quite different. It was very festive, yet, familiar; you felt as if you had walked into a friend's living room. There was a large concession stand which was essential to the family atmosphere.

It also was essential to the man who sat to my left. He announced at 7:30 p.m. that it was ice cream time. I thought he was going to run over me. I couldn't get out of his way fast enough. He and his wife were unusual. He sat and read a book on gardening and only occasionally looked up. His wife slept through the whole thing. How could you sleep through "Do I hear 5,5,5,5,5, who will give me 2,2,2,2?" And then I wondered why they even came to this? I soon realized why.

It was the people. I had to ask one person where to get my number, and then I asked another man if I could sit anywhere I wanted to. He said, "Of course," and to pick the most comfortable chair I could find. I did, and, boy, was I glad. I sat there for four hours.

While I waited I chatted with yet another man about the proceed-

ings for the night. This is how it stacked up. First the auctioneer sold the furniture (most of it), then he mixed it with the crystal and jewelry which I had no interest in. Then he stopped the auction and said, "It's time to pick your boxes."

I asked the man behind me, "What do I do?"

He said, "Just pick your boxes of stuff you want and take it up front to the tables and you have to bid first at \$5."

I had picked out three boxes. One was a beautiful box from the 1930's with gloves, scarves and hats from the 1950's. I won that one. The other two were boxes full of doll clothes. I won one and lost the other. The one I won had an extra bonus. It had mouse poop in it. I had it on the floor and was taking the clothes out and noticed little poops. Great! I threw the box outside and put the clothes in a container and hand washed them. Well, what do you expect for \$5?

I also was the winning bidder on two vintage baby buggies - one was for dolls, the other one was for kids - both from the 1960's. I think the folks got a real kick out of me as I left. You see I have a Miata and I had to put the top down in order to get the two buggies home. They were pointing and laughing and I was laughing, too.

I had so much fun that night thanks to the nice folks in Walhalla, South Carolina.

Episcopal Church Parties on Mid Summer Night

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Gulf Breeze is hosting the Fifth Annual Mid Summer Night Party on Saturday June 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church. The party features a Silent Auction with an array of exciting items on which to bid, amid a wine, cheese, heavy hors d'oeuvres and delicious dessert reception.

General Admission tickets are \$20 and include food and beverage;

Sponsor tickets are \$30 and include food, beverage and eight tickets for chance drawings. Patrons must be present to win a chance drawing. There will be a drawings for door prizes, and a Wine Toss.

For tickets, please contact Averett Mull at 932-6467 or purchase them in the St. Francis of Assisi Church Parish Hall every Sunday at the conclusion of the 9 a.m. service.

A Cross in the Sand

By
Dr. Chuck Randle, Pastor
Pensacola Beach Community Church

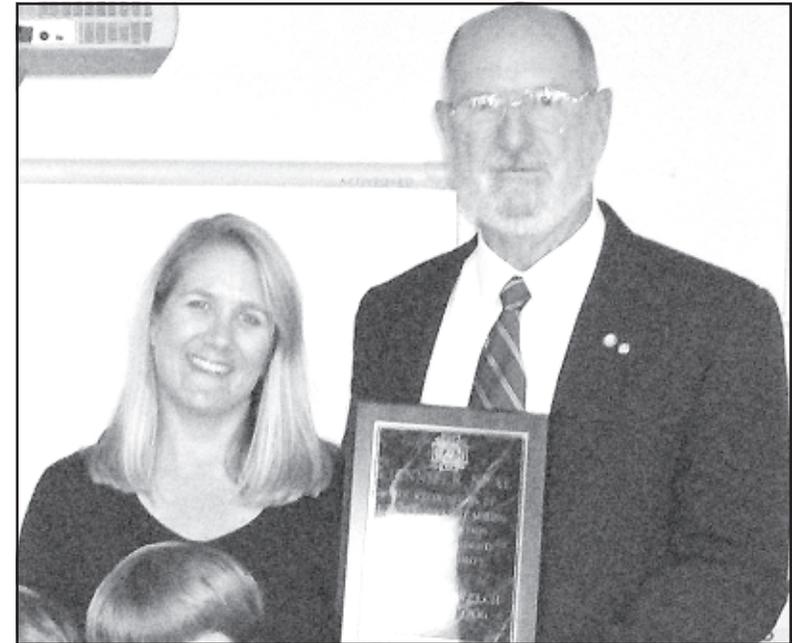
We are sometimes serious, and sometimes humorous, when we speak of doctors practicing medicine. Actually, that is what happens. A doctor cannot go to a medical book and look up categories, such as, "male, American, 6 feet tall, 230 pounds, 55 years old," and then find the prescription that is acceptable to all who fit that category. The reason is that we respond to medicines in different ways, depending on our particular body. One reason we have so many different kinds of medicines designed for one ailment is because some persons will respond positively to one, while others will respond negatively. The challenge of the doctor is to try and determine which medication will work best with that particular body.

We sometimes hear, "Well, he's a practicing Christian," or "She's a practicing Jew," and we even get more specific by saying, "She's a practicing Catholic, or Baptist, or Episcopalian, etc."

What is often meant is that the person is serious about following that particular expression of religion. It's different than what happens with the "practicing physician." However, there may be some similarities. Religious practice has to do with the ways in which we treat one another. We may try to be kind and loving, only to be rejected or even taken

advantage of. And we may be insulting to others by the ways we respond. Then we "practice" a different way to achieve the same result. As one person wrote, "Sometimes I practice being a religious person, and sometimes I unfortunately claim the benefits of membership without deserving it. But I'm working - er, practicing - on that."
A psychologist has suggested

that Christianity has focused too much on "orthodoxy" - right belief - and not nearly enough on "orthopraxy" - right practice. To me, the right practice of religion is much more important than trying to espouse what some have insisted is right belief. It requires both because belief determines the manner in which we live; and practice gives evidence of our beliefs.



Pensacola Beach Elementary School Teacher of the Year Jennifer Neal, left, was awarded a special recognition plaque by Col. Victor Looney representing the VFW Post 706 in Pensacola.



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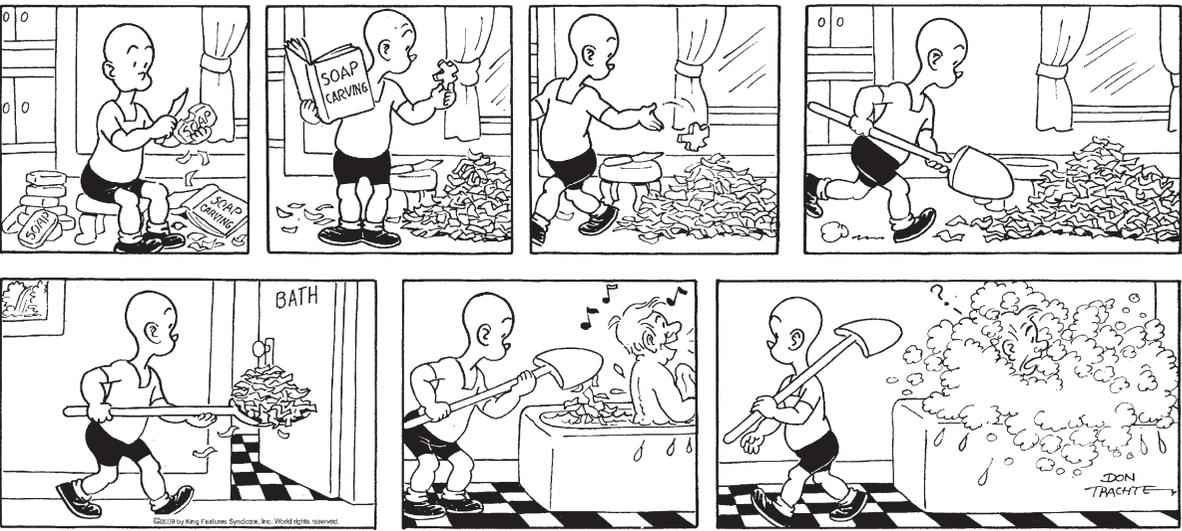
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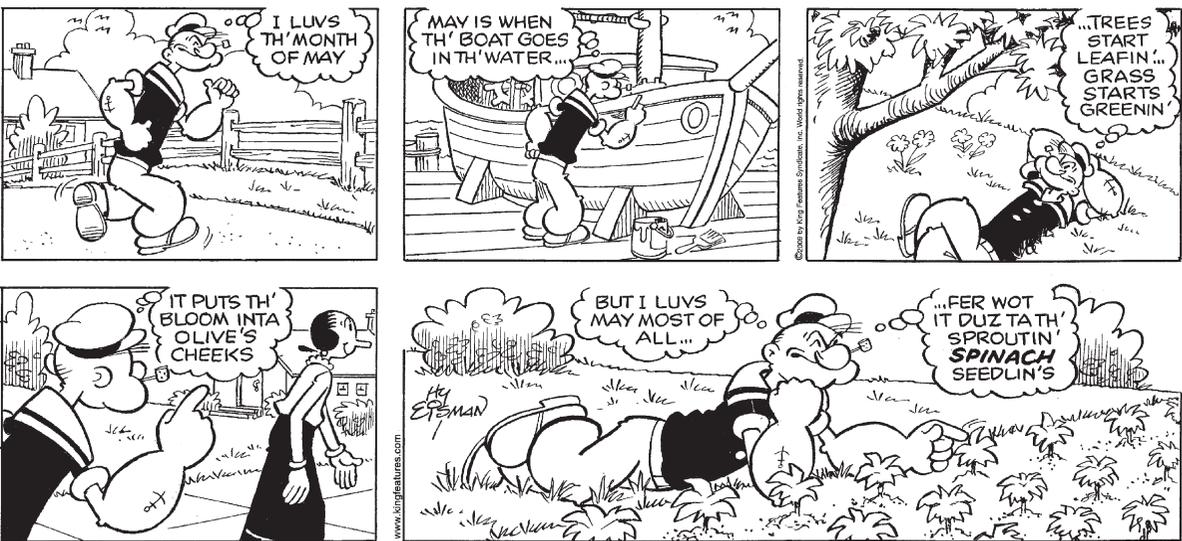
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New Faces, Poker Aces Go Head To Head At Weekly Tournaments

Three new faces appeared in the winner's circle during Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun poker tournaments. The luck of the Irish put Mike Sullivan ahead of the crowd who played at Paddy O'Leary's Irish Pub on April 29. Sullivan earned his first win. Eric Weatherford was the second place finisher. Other first time winners included Raymond Ellis who outlasted Phil Tracy on May 5; and Pierre Falgout, who came to the Beach to visit his brother on May 7.

Texas Hold 'Em Results are as follows:

Paddy O'Leary's

April 29

1. Mike Sullivan
2. Eric Weatherford

April 30

1. Josh Nichols
2. Kristin Larmier

May 3

1. Phil Tracy
2. Billie Urquhart

May 5

1. Raymond Ellis
2. Phil Tracy

May 6

1. Phil Tracy
2. Billie Urquhart

May 10

1. Donnie Beall
2. Miguel Thompson

May 12

1. Kim Duell
2. Brandon Delles

May 13

1. Michelle Bourgeois
2. Justin Scher

Sandshaker Lounge

May 4

1. Billie Urquhart
2. Phil Tracy

May 11

1. Capt. Mike Holcomb
2. Donnie Beall

From The Chip Stack

Phil Tracy made his stand on the final days of April to earn the Player of the Month title. He has already started gathering points with steady play during May.

Good luck to Josh Nichols who is headed to school in Tallahassee. During his last night on the Beach, he played Texas Hold 'Em

4444 Fun with uncanny success hitting four 4s on the final hand and ending up with a chip count of 4,400,000 in 4Fun chips.

Poker promoter Rick Uzdevenes said, "I have not ever met a nicer young man. All class and no sass."

The poker family had lots of good wishes for Brandon "The Artist" Delles who drove from New Orleans to play poker on the Beach on his birthday, May 6.

Mother's Day players were

hot, hot, hot. Phil Tracy drew to a hand of four Queens. Jenny Doherty hit four Aces. The always lucky Waldo Defindorfin hit the rarest of hands - a Royal Flush in spades. Read 'em and weep.

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun is open to anyone with a basic knowledge of the game. Games are played at Paddy O'Leary's and the Sandshaker Lounge. For more information, call Rick Uzdevenes at 850-324-2667.



Mike Sullivan

Beach School Motivates Students With Classroom Technology

Pensacola Beach Elementary School students have been immersed into a computerized learning environment thanks to a partnership between the Parent-Teacher Association and the Pensacola Beach Elementary School's board of directors. Promethean ActivBoards, which replace whiteboards and their ancient predecessor, the chalkboard, have been installed in each classroom. The cost sharing project was completed at the conclusion of March.

The Promethean ActivBoard was designed by teachers, for teachers to transform the classroom into a truly interactive learning environment.

The first ActivBoard at the Beach School was installed in Jennifer Neal's kindergarten classroom in October 2008.

"The students adapted to it instantly. It engages them at many levels, keeping their attention much longer than any other learning tool," said Neal.

According to the Promethean Corporate website, Interactive whiteboards enable anything that can be seen or done on a computer screen to be projected onto a whiteboard. Sounds simple enough, but seeing it in action is nothing short of magical.

Daily lessons are projected onto the large whiteboards stationed at the front of each classroom. A special stylus gives students the ability to digitally write on, or drag-and-drop items across the board.

ActivBoards are equipped with internet capabilities, so that a mere tap of a stylus enables students to further research topics via the worldwide web. Videos can be integrated into the daily curriculum.

"It's all there at our fingertips," said Neal. "I save my planning, lessons and notes in my computer. The Activboard is an extension of my computer, but the entire class can view it."

Students in first through fifth

grades have quickly adapted to the use of the new technology.

"I really like it," said fourth grader Kylie Finkbone. "It is exciting and I want to use it more."

Pensacola Beach Elementary School, which was designated a Blue Ribbon School in 2007, is a

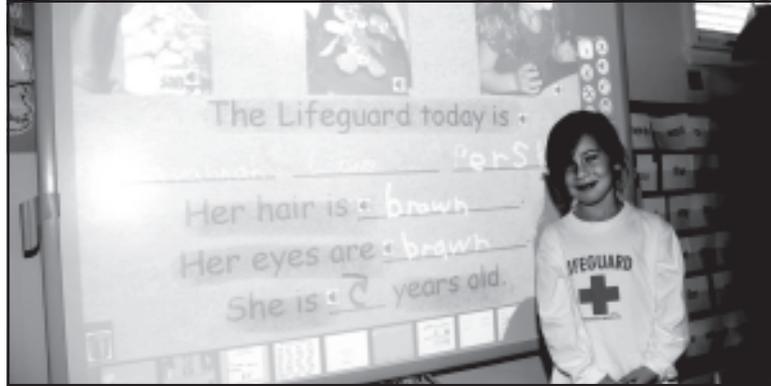
leader in using this technology.

"There are a few schools in Escambia County who have ActivBoards, but our neighbors in Gulf Breeze do not yet have these," said Neal.

Principal Jeff Castleberry is pleased with the cutting edge tech-

nology and the old-fashioned teamwork that it took to purchase it.

"I will tell you that the PTA and the Board worked hard to raise the funds to bring this learning tool to the Beach School. Our kids will never know what it's like to clean a chalkboard or eraser, but they will be prepared to embrace the technology of their generation," Castleberry said.



Beach school student Savannah Persky works on the internet capable ActivBoard in Jennifer Neal's kindergarten class.

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Visitors should be prepared to walk about half a mile down the roadway and out to the beach. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on in the sand. For more information, call 850-934-2600.

Take Two Apples

and call me in the morning...
The doctor is in and she's hip, too!
By Tracey Pinkston, J.D., M.D.

Purple has always been the color of royalty. When the Spanish landed on our beach 450 years ago, a purple flag flying would probably have made them think of their monarch across the sea. Now we often see a purple flag flying over Pensacola Beach, but it is not a king or queen that commands our attention, but jellyfish. Of course, other hazardous marine life may be recognized by the prestigious purple flag, but it is most always the jellyfish that are the kings and queens of our waters.

When the jellyfish are in residence, they provide some upset for the local peasants in terms of stings. Then I see folks with all kinds of strange remedies trying to care for their wounds. We are fortunate in that we do not have the really deadly and dangerous types of jellyfish frequenting our shores. The Portuguese man-of-war and the box jellyfish can induce fatal stings through powerful neurotoxins and anaphylactic reactions. If you travel to an area where jellyfish are more serious than our local variety, heed warnings and make sure you or the life-guard facilities have appropriate medical supplies, or just keep feet firmly on land.

Here, our jellies are not exactly innocuous, but still not overly concerning under usual circumstances. Their stings are painful and can cause rashes or blisters, but generally would not cause death unless someone had a particular sensitivity. Locals usually don't even look to see if the purple flag is flying, but merely plunge in. Tourists even more so. They have awaited their vacation and no flag, even a purple one, will keep them out of the water. That's where the strange remedies come in.

The most common one is meat tenderizer. Alas, this only makes your leg or arm or whatever more tender....well, really not even that. There is no reason to

bother carrying meat tenderizer with you to the beach unless you plan on making sandburgers. The most concerning so-called remedy for jellyfish stings is-I'm sure everyone has heard of this one-urine. Now, urine really does not do anything good for a jellyfish sting. So, please don't pee on anyone or ask any of your friends to pee on you if you get stuck by a jellyfish.

What can you do? Well, the first important thing is to prevent any more stings. This means get out of the water and wash the stung area with ocean water. It is important to wash off any remaining tentacles or stinging cysts with the same kind of water the jellyfish lives in. If you use fresh water to wash the cysts off, they will discharge, causing more stinging.

The next thing to do is to destroy the toxin as much as possible. This is what those other "remedies" claim to do, but don't. To denature the toxin, pour vinegar on the area. This will denature the toxin and lessen the extent of the burning and itching. Thereafter, you can usually treat the sting as any other type of dermatitis with some topical anti-itch medications.

If the sting is extensive, becomes infected, or is complicated by breathing problems or other serious signs or symptoms, then seek medical attention immediately. So, be sure to take some vinegar with you to the beach, especially if you see the royal purple flag, and please don't pee on anyone!

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

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Pandora de Balthazar, right, hosted a reception at her Pensacola showroom for Opera fans on Thursday, April 30. Pandora, a patron of the Arts, introduces The Reverend Chuck Randle, left, to Indra Thomas, center, the star of the Opera Aida.

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readin' the water

by Saltwater Rick

It's spring time and the weather is really heating up the fishing. Bait fish are all over and where there are little ones, there are BIG ones. The Spanish Macs are tearing up the bait around the Beach Bridge and will hit just about anything you throw at them. Specks are all over the grass beds and live Shrimp or Finger Mullett on a bobber will get you one real quick in the morning or late evening.

Wading is coming into season and a white stringray grub on a mono leader always does the trick for me. Just toss it to the grass line and bounce it off the bottom for deadly results.

The Big boats are out everyday with catches of Cobia, Kings and all

sorts of others, so book yourself a ride or go with a friend.

Tournament season is in full swing, so make sure your signed up just in case.

Send your pics to the Island Times so all your friends can get a look at your catch. Fishing photos can be emailed to islandtimes@bellsouth.net.

Won't be long until school is out. Be sure that you are teaching the young ones to respect and enjoy our local bounty. If you teach a kid to fish, he or she can enjoy it for a lifetime.

The waters are yours, so do yourself a favor, Go Fishin'.

Queens Ready To Hook Kings

A new queen will be crowned at Paradise Bar and Grill on Saturday, May 30, but this time it will have nothing to do with Mardi Gras. The lady angler with the biggest King Mackerel catch will be named the Queen of Kings and take home a first place prize of \$2000. The tourney, in its second year, begins with a Captain's Meeting on Friday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Paradise. Fishing begins on Saturday with the weigh-in set from 3 to 7:30 p.m.

"We will have lots of cold beer, good food for spectators to watch the weigh-in," said Renee

Mack, Paradise general manager. "We have plenty of space for boaters to tie up, too."

Live music will begin at 6 p.m. as The Sauce Boss takes the stage and serves up a big helping of bluesy beach music. Dancing in the sand is encouraged.

The entry fee is \$150 per boat. There are additional options to enter for cash prizes. The top five anglers will receive cash and prizes. First place is guaranteed \$2000 and the following will be awarded if entries meet minimums: \$1250 for second place, \$750 for third place, \$500 for

fourth place and a prize package for fifth place.

According to the Saltwater Events website, anglers who video their catch can enter the live action clip to be eligible to win a video camera. All entries must be posted at AnglerTube.com within three days of the catch.

Last year's entries included Beach anglers Beverly Boswell and Pam Lane. Tournament sponsors estimate a field of 30 boats will enter.

Entry forms are available <http://saltwater-events.com>.

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