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Krewe of Kids Celebrates 15 Fun Years of Mardi Gras Merriment



The Krewe of Kids kicked off their fifteenth Mardi Gras season at the Sign Up Meeting held January 20 at Pensacola Beach Elementary School. The krewe which is steeped heavily in Mardi Gras traditions holds fast to their one goal - to have fun. Among the purple, green and gold decorations the young krewe members prepared a handprint banner and munched on their favorite food, cookies. The members of the 2007 Krewe of Kids who are ready to celebrate Mardi Gras on the Island are: (Front row, L to R) Cayson McCurdy, Ryland McCurdy, Clay Clifton, Hannah May and Grace Reese. Second row (L to R): Edgar Shigley, Carlee Amberson, Blair Amberson, Parker Baynes, Benton Byrd, Daniel Green, Jace Amberson and Josh Parrish. Third row (L to R): Maddie Grace McCurdy, Jacob Scarberry, Chad Harvey, Rebecca Summers and Kaylyn Wright. Back row (L to R): Krewe assistants Taylor Baynes and Thomas Fitzgerald; Captain Jackie Henderson, Gracie Stewart, Morgan Parrish, and krewe assistant Madison Murphy. For more about the Kids, Story Page 2.

Krewe Of Kids Marks Fifteen Years As Only Mardi Gras Group They Can Call Their Own

When you're in kindergarten, what does fifteen years look like? A trip to the moon? Going to school forever? A lifetime?

This year, the Mardi Gras Krewe of Kids is celebrating its fifteenth anniversary. A momentous occasion. One to toast with mega cokes and sweets at the annual Royal Doughnut Breakfast. The kids probably find the candy covered doughnuts far more interesting than fifteen years of their Krewes existence. It's a lifetime, after all.

Back in 1993, Shelley Johnson, realized there was not really any one event that appealed to children only. So, she put together the first co-ed social organization for the children on the Beach, the Krewe of Kids, and it still is the only social organization for the Beach's minimasquers. Members must be fifth grade or younger.

The krewe is unique in that it still thrives on \$5 dues plus donations from friends and other krewes. The Krewe of Brewe

adopted them several years ago, and has aided and abetted all their activities ever since.

They also are unique because their first year rituals never changed. They still slosh around in finger paints and create their one-of-a-kind flag bearing their hand prints. They choose a theme, make their own costumes, have a secret handshake and secret cheer, welcome a Biggest Kid, and present a royal court.

The only change that has been made is that they now pa-

rade on Kritter Krawl Day at Casino Beach rather than on Fat Tuesday with the Mystic Krewe of Nereids. And they have a new captain, Jackie Henderson.

"When I realized that my son was turning 21, I decided it was time for me to give up the Krewe of Kids," Shelley said.

So, Jackie, art teacher at the Pensacola Beach Elementary School, took over when her son Thomas, was seven-years-old.

The kids have three events every year. The first is the sign-up when they get to play in the paint and no one gets mad since they are making their parade banner. The second is the Royal Doughnut Breakfast where they can eat all the sugary stuff they want and no one gets mad. The third is the parade at Casino Beach where they don't have to throw their beads to the crowds if they don't want to. And no one gets mad.

Every year, krewe members who have gone on to middle school, and are beyond the age cut, come back to help Captain Jackie.

You will see lots of former beach kids at Mardi Gras, dancing in the streets, watching the parades, belonging to krewes, continuing to be part of the good times.

Maybe, they remember the years they were Indians, clowns, sea creatures or pirates. And, maybe, they don't.

But, somehow the Mardi Gras child inside them, comes out every year.

If you want to watch one of the oldest krewes on the Beach whose members are the youngest, go to Casino Beach on February 10 at 12:30. The Kids Parade will bring a breath of fresh air, a wholesome infusion everyone can enjoy. And, remember, they may be the only be Krewe who does what it pleases. And, nobody gets mad.

Parade of Beach Residents Voice Opinions

A parade of Pensacola Beach residents addressed major Beach issues at the January 24 Santa Rosa Island Authority committee meetings.

The Architectural and Environmental Committee reviewed the controversial matter of how much space and what materials can be used to enclose it under houses on pilings inspired people to render their opinions. The Board had voted to limit the area to 850 square feet at their September meeting. Honoring the objections of Beach residents on this decision, the Board created a group of professionals to study the matter. They made recommendations which were not adopted.

Tona de Mers, president of the Pensacola Beach Residents and Leaseholders Association, told the Board her group voted in favor of following Jim Mallet's recommendations. Jim is a Beach resident and an engineer.

"It is in the mission statement of the PBRLA that we maintain and enhance property values," Tona said. "An arbitrary square foot regulation will do neither of these things."

Beach resident Jack Kirk, said he would like the Board to remember that this is our home.

"Please do not treat us like an inconvenience," he said. "We have families and have to have a place to store the things like sports equipment."

The original intent of limiting the square foot storage area was to cut down on debris scattered on the island following a storm.

Vernon Prather, Board chairman, remarked, "This is a tough issue and I am torn. Not

one of the leaseholders who spoke was in favor of limiting the square footage and we do represent them."

The committee voted to rescind the 850 square foot rule. This issue will appear on the regular agenda at the Full Board meeting on February 14.

The second issue to come before the Architectural and Environmental Committee was sand retention in private yards.

Some Beach residents have retained sand from storms and formed private dunes, vegetated them, and in some cases have built retaining walls. Most dune owners do not want the sand on the Beach to be regulated.

The problem will be studied with Board members Kelly Robertson, Vernon Prather and Tammy Bohannon making a tour of the island to further consider this problem.

"We have two separate issues," Prather said. "Sand piled up on the right-aways and obscuring a driver's line of sight. They should be the priorities."

Ariola Drive resident, Bill Wedel said that leaseholders should be freely encouraged to use overwashed sand to rebuild and vegetate recreational and aesthetic dunes on their leasehold. The issue will remain in committee while it is being considered.

The Development and Leasing Committee discovered that items at the Pensacola Beach Fishing Pier have still not been settled. Chris Cadenhead appeared before the Committee to request a six year addition to his fourteen year

lease. He withdrew his original requests for an extension of time for rebuilding and a lower percentage fee. These changes could lead to rebidding of the contract, according to SRIA attorneys. The matter was held until staff could meet with Cadenhead.

The Administrative Committee discussed the fourteen studies which have been reviewed by the Baskerville Donovan Engineers. A workshop will be held within the next two weeks to consider items which can be used and finding funding for them.

The common items which appeared in all the reports are:

- Update the Land Use Plan
- Develop additional parking
- Possible Parking Garage
- Construction of a Boardwalk around the core area
- Additional public facilities at the Causeway, Park East, Soundside, Ft. Pickens Gate
- Commercial Development at Casino Beach

The Full Board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 14 at 5 p.m. at the Authority Office. All meetings are open to the public.

School Seeks Businesses, Individuals As Partners

Donations Augment School Budget

This year's Partners-In-Education program for Pensacola Beach Elementary School is now under way. The school began seeking partners a year ago and 80 individuals and businesses responded to their call for help. The charter school which must rely on donations to keep going, had lost everything to Hurricane Ivan.

"We would not be here today if it were not for the generosity of our partners," said Conna O'Donovan, chairman. "Each and every donation at all levels of giving makes a difference for the students and the future of the

school."

Levels include: Sandpiper, \$250; Pelican, \$500; Turtle, \$1000; Heron, \$2500; and Martin, \$5000 and above.

Partners are recognized on the school appreciation board located at the school. They also receive plaques and recognition in the local media.

Members of the Partners program would like to extend an invitation to everyone to help them make a difference at the school.

For more information, call Conna O'Donovan at 232-4001 or Todd McCurdy at 528-6121.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



Magic dust is falling on the island as we reach the midpoint of Mardi Gras. It's a time to get serious about all things Orleanian. Like the roux. Yes, the roux. All great gumbos start with a roux. And the memory of this concoction comes into my mind as I recall how many times my roux wouldn't roux. Most of the time, my efforts turned out to be a sorry little lumpy, burned pathetic looking mess. But, like I said, all great gumbos start with a roux, so I am going to give you some clues. Well, that is, I'm turning to a higher level, a famous real life Cajun for help. Paulette Provost, Mardi Gras queen and member of the Krewe of Nereids, is from Lafayette, Louisiana, arguably the Gumbo Capitol of the World.

"Well, darlin'," Paulette begins. "It depends on whether you're making a three beer gumbo or a four beer gumbo, but both take the same effort."

Effort and magic dust. Anyway, one hand is for stirring and one hand is for drinking beer. According to Paulette, when you have finished the last sip of the third beer, the roux is done and perfect. It will be the color of Godiva chocolate, no lumps, just perfect. Sounds easy. It's not.

If making a roux scares the wits out of you, go to the store and buy a jar of already made roux. So, you have a roux. Now what? Time was when a gumbo was made with certain standard ingredients. Oysters, shrimp, and crab topped off the luscious aromatic dish. No more. There are more variations than there are celebrity cooks. You can let your imagination go wild, provided, of course, that your roux is perfect.

Ingredients which are mandatory are the Holy Trinity of onions, green pepper and celery.

I have researched all kinds of recipes for gumbo from a little hand written cookbook in Breaux Bridge to Emeril's glittering book. There is one recipe that is so unique and so good, it just has to be my favorite. And it's not even from Louisiana. It was created by a native of Pensacola Beach. A very special native.

As we meander through the joys of this season, I think of the third Head Wreck of the

Krewe of Wrecks, Andrea Brunt. Andrea, who passed away, in November was the heart and soul of Mardi Gras on the Island while she guided us through the world of make believe every winter. She smiled a lot, laughed even more, and worked tirelessly. But, it was a labor of love. She really liked her volunteer job, and it showed in all the Wrecks events.

Now, we must go through our first Mardi Gras without Andrea. She will be remembered many times over as we go to the Champagne Breakfast, the Queen's Dinner, the wondrous parade. And, she will be missed.

Andrea, in her relatively short life time, left many legacies on Pensacola Beach. I have chosen one to honor her memory. With apologies to our food columnist Kathi Lewis, I'm attaching Andrea's gumbo recipe as a tribute to her. Which is why I started this column in the first place.

VooDoo Shrimp & Chicken Gumbo

- 2 pounds chicken breasts, skinned
- 2 quarts water
- ½ cup all purpose flour
- 2 cups chopped onion
- 13/4 cups chopped celery
- 1 ½ cups chopped green pepper
- ½ cup chopped green onion
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 ½ teaspoons dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 3 Bay leaves
- 8 oz. can tomato paste
- ½ pound smoked sausage, sliced
- 1 pound unpeeled, head-on medium shrimp
- Hot, cooked rice

Boil the chicken in a Dutch oven, then simmer 45 minutes, uncovered. Dehead, peel and devein shrimp (a pair of small, sharp scissors will help you here.) Place heads and peels in water and boil down to get a rich broth, strain. Set aside. Now for the roux. Place flour in a 15 x 10 x 1 inch jelly roll pan. Brown for 45 min-

utes at 350 degrees, stirring every 15 minutes. Set aside.

Cook onions and next four ingredients in oil in Dutch oven over medium heat, stirring constantly (you may get carpal tunnel syndrome) but you must continue to stir until tender. Add browned flour, thyme and next

three ingredients, stirring until smooth. Add reserved shrimp broth, chicken, tomato paste and sausage. Bring to a boil and then simmer, uncovered, for one hour. If you need more liquid, add chicken broth. Add shrimp. Cover and simmer 10 minutes. Discard Bay leaves. Serve over rice. Al-

ways remember to save the shrimp heads, throw away the Bay leaves.

Did you notice anything different? Did you see that the roux was baked in a jelly roll pan in the oven? You can drink the beers and let your oven do the rouxing. This one's for you, Andrea.

Krewe of Wrecks Meetings • Begin at 6:00 p.m.
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Feb. 2 Rhinestones & Royalty	7 p.m.	Paradise
Feb. 3 Brewski/Nereid Black Tie Ball	8 p.m.	The Dock
Feb. 9 Krewe of Warriors Ball	9 p.m.	Hadji Shrine Temple
Feb. 10 Junkanoo Kritter Krawl	Noon	Gulfside Pavilion
Feb. 10 Krewe of Kids Parade	12:30 p.m.	Gulfside Pavilion
Feb. 10 Krewe of Wrecks Ball	8 p.m.	The Dock
Feb. 11 DeLuna Fest	11 a.m.	The Islander
Feb. 12 Queen's Dinner	6 p.m.	Flounder's
Feb. 12 King's Supper	6 p.m.	Elk's Lodge
Feb. 17 *Krewe of Wrecks Champagne Breakfast	10 a.m.	Crab's
Feb. 17 Krewe of Wrecks Street Dance	1 p.m.	Bobby D's
Feb. 18 Krewe of Wrecks Parade	2 p.m.	Via de Luna
Feb. 19 Red Beans and Rice	Noon	Casino Parking Lot
Feb. 20 Krewe of Coma	6 p.m.	Sandshaker

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Allen Levin

An Uncommon Man

Allen Levin, beach developer died in Pensacola January 12 of a heart attack. He had spent the last two years battling lung cancer and had recently received a transplant. He was cancer free at the time of his death. He was 62-years-old.

Allen was an uncommon man with a common touch. Although much of his time on Pensacola Beach was spent developing condos, subdivisions, and a world class resort, there was a softer side of Allen's personality.

He loved being a part of community activities. When his son, Evan, was a student at Pensacola Beach Elementary School, Allen jumped in and helped the school often.

During the Halloween Carnival which was more fun than fundraiser back then, the parents built their own booths and manned them all afternoon and into the evening.

Allen and Terri built a bean bag toss game, and handed out prizes for hours. Allen loved people, so his contributions were not always just cash, but he participated right along with everyone else in the projects which helped the Beach.

When the developers merged with the Beach Chamber of Commerce, they brought their treasury with them, but that wasn't enough for Allen. He worked side by side with the members to create the first ever Visitor's Information Center on Pensacola Beach. The Santa Rosa Island Authority had allowed the Chamber the use of the old gasoline station while they proceeded with measures to rid the premises of contamination.

Here was Allen right in

the middle, helping paint, clean up and landscape the old station grounds to make it presentable for visitors. He worked every day until the project was satisfactorily completed. His last official act on the VIC was to sweep the truck which had brought potting soil for the planters, and then to hose the truck bed clean, so the female owner of the truck would not have to drive a dirty vehicle home.

Many leaseholders manned their battle stations when Allen began his plans for Portofino. Never mind that he had approval from prior years for just such a project. Allen went to the Leaseholders meeting to talk to them. They admitted they really like him. They sued, but the courts ruled in Allen's favor, and today Portofino and its five towers represent a world class destination resort.

As far as anyone knows Allen never turned down a request for charitable or beach projects. No one will really ever know how much this unassuming gentleman did for Pensacola Beach, the Gulf Coast, and the State of Florida. Put it all together with his warmth and love for his neighbors, friends, and all humanity, it would stagger the imagination.

Allen is survived by his loving wife, Terri, sons Andrew and Evan, and their wives, and four grandchildren. He is also survived by three of his brothers, Fred and Stanley, Pensacola; and Herman of Baton Rouge.

A date for the celebration of Allen's life will be announced. Contributions to honor his memory may be sent to the United Way or the Gulf Coast Kids House.



BLOWING KISSES

Eric Geiger was introducing the youngest member of the crowd at the Surfer's Memorial recently, his baby son, Eric Charles Geiger, III. His parents call him "Trip" and he was showing off his newly learned skill, blowing kisses to the ladies.

MAD HATTERS

Lynn Cieutat, reigning Queen of the Krewe of Coma has commanded that all loyal Mardi Gras partyers shall decorate and don lighted hats for the Fat Tuesday walking parade. So be it.

VIKING READS ISLAND TIMES

Steve Kersting of Minneapolis is an Island Times reader, online. He owns a Palm Beach Club condo and likes to keep up with all the Beach happenings.

POKER PLAYER CELEBRATES

Anne Vinson celebrated her birthday at The Islander Lounge, January 21. She's used to hold-

ing the wining hand in the Beach's poker tournaments. Tommy Chavis was the number one cheerleader at her party.

INNER ORLEANIAN COMES OUT

Renee Mack, manager of Paradise Bar and Grill, a former Orleanian, declared the bar on January 21 a Saints Sports center. She served King Cakes in the shape of a fleur de lis, a special order from the Big Easy and prepared her special spicy gumbo

BUSINESS BOUND

Craig Chamberlin, a graduate of Pensacola Beach Elementary School is a junior at UWF. He is pursuing a degree in Business.

FEARLESS BARRY MAKES SUPER BOWL PICK

Barry McCleary, full time attorney and part time pigskin prognosticator has boldly named the Indianapolis Colts as his choice as Super Bowl LXI winners. How does he make his picks? Years of experience and he calls 'em like he sees 'em.

TRIVIA

The trivia master asked for details in answer to the last trivia question. Well, Sandi Johnson of Portofino, researched the question, found the answer, sent a detailed email before anybody else.

The question was "How did the Krewe of Bananimals get its name?"

Sandi's answer: When the Krewe of Animals outgrew its previous dens and moved into Banana Bob's, the members of the Krewe of Bananas took special note of this highly defined and wondrously efficient krewe. The animals were attracting more animals as members of its krewe. The Krewe of Bananas, whose home den was Banana Bob's joined the animals and the cojoined krewe became the Krewe of Bananimals."

Enough already. Try this one, and be the first to email the correct answer and you will get a t-shirt. Ralph Turner is the reigning king of the Krewe of Wrecks. What one sport does he play more often than any other?

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Donations Flow to Beach School, Finance Committee Gives Good Report

Money flowed to Pensacola Beach Elementary School this month according to announcements made at the monthly meeting of the School Board on January 22.

The PTA gave each teacher a gift card to Office Depot for \$1000 to buy classroom supplies and equipment, according to second grade teacher Debbie Campanella. Later, Board President Dan Green reported that he had attended the Surfers' Memorial and received a check for \$7500 from the group and an additional check for \$2500 from Gibby Fail through his company, Fish Pie Records.

Chris Bayer, treasurer, says the school's financial health is good, and that they are doing well with their revenue. He reported that the fundraising system is up and running. Donations may be made online at www.pbcs.org.

Principal Jeff Castleberry received approval for Nancy Trout to be hired as the new music teacher.

Two prospective board members appeared and gave brief resumes. Kim Homewood told a bit about her career with Shell Oil Corporation. She and her husband are consultants to the oil industry. They have three children and she really believes Pensacola Beach is the perfect place to raise them.

"I think the one thing that makes this island great is the great school," she said. "We are committed to this island and want to stay here forever."

Gordon Sprague who spent many years working for the government has been a race car driver, and motivational speaker.

He currently owns a Vermont dairy farm. He has also served on a national board for Florida State University and his grandson, Colin Hightower, is a student at

the Beach School.

Others who have expressed interest in joining the Board are Patrick Lanza, Shelby Smith, and Julie Cardwell. New board mem-

bers will be accepted by vote at the February 26 meeting. Marilyn Sundstrom and Chris Bayer will be leaving the board in late spring.

The February 26 meeting will be at 6 p.m. at the school. The enrollment policy will be on the agenda. The meetings are open to the public.

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by kathi lewis

Happy Mardi Gras! We are well into the Mardi Gras season and I love it! If you are not participating, then you gotta be in the hospital, crazy enough to be put away somewhere or you are just lacking a party spirit. That's hard to imagine, as we all love parties and will celebrate nearly anything on this Island.

If you missed the Nauga Breakfast, something is definitely wrong with you! That is one of the best breakfast parties on the Island, right up there with of the Krewe of Wrecks Champagne Breakfast. It's also the only time you are supposed to get out of bed and put on pajamas to attend a party. This is usually unacceptable at most parties. I love this Krewe because you only have one thing to do in order to join in the fun - that is show up and pay your money at the door. No meetings, dues, thinking, etc. It's strictly fun! Danah was able to make it with her hurt back, and yours truly showed up in a knee brace. But we would never miss a Nauga Breakfast. You may have to wheel some of us in on a gurney at some point, since the golden years seem to me to be only golden for the medical profession. We still managed to have fun.

And nothing was more fun than seeing our own Sister of the Beach Christine "Bunkie" Hewerdine being crowned! She's waited a long time to receive a tiara and she certainly deserves it. Bunkie and I have been friends for over 20 years. Oh, we've had our differences, but true friendship wins every time. And she is a true friend. She spent some time away from the beach while raising her son, Seth, in Gulf Breeze, but he's a big boy now, so it's time for Mama to come back out and play with the Sisters. She has such a loving, giving spirit that makes me proud to be her friend and Sister.

We must have a tiara party this summer. It's been a long time since the last one. For those of you who do not know about tiara parties, they are for past, present and future Queens. If you haven't "officially" been crowned yet, just pick up a tiara for yourself and join the party. Every woman de-

serves a crown...

Don't forget Groundhog Day, this Friday, is also the Rhinestone and Royalty Party at Paradise Bar & Grill. So, get out your finery and shine it up if you haven't already done so. Since, we seem to be in 'winter' season, you might want your shiny, glittery gloves, too. Has there ever been a year that the groundhog did not see his shadow? I sure can't remember one. They should bring the groundhog down here, because I'm tired of cold weather. And with the gloomy weather we've been having lately, he would most definitely not see a shadow anywhere! Where is the Sun? I guess it's been spending its time elsewhere in the Sunshine State. We also have the Black Tie Ball on Saturday, Feb. 3 hosted by the Nereids and Krewe of Brewes. It will be held at the Dock and tickets are available from any of the above Krewe members. (I guess I'll have to decorate my knee brace, but I'll be there!)

Okay, I came up with this special recipe to celebrate all the Royalty this year and I hope you enjoy it. It makes a beautiful presentation and is quite tasty. But, I will dedicate this one to our beautiful Nauga Queen, Christine. So, my dear friend, this one's for you.... Let's cook...

Mardi Gras Crowns

2 cups pineapple slices with juice
1 cup purple grapes, chopped
2 envelopes low-cal lemon flavored gelatin
Green sugar sprinkles

Drain pineapples and measure juice. Add enough boiling water to make 2 cups of liquid. Add gelatin and stir until dissolved. Chill for about 30 min. or until slightly thickened. While this is chilling, chop pineapple and grapes. Stir into thickened liquid and pour into 6 individual molds; chill for 1 hour until firm. Invert onto serving dish and sprinkle with green sugar sprinkles.

Enjoy, stay healthy and celebrate Mardi Gras. See ya in the kitchen or at the next party!



Her royal highness Queen Nauga XIII Christine "Bunkie" Hewerdine was crowned Saturday, January 27 at The Dock on Pensacola Beach to rule over the mystical and elusive Nauga kingdom during the 2007 Mardi Gras.

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HINT: Argentina's wines are generally good values.

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BOOKWORM

The Bookmobile now has two stops to better serve Pensacola Beach Bookworms. It will arrive mid-morning in the Casino Beach Parking lot February 13, 27 and March 13 and 27. Look for the Bookmobile at the Beach Church Parking lot February 6 and 20, as well as March 6 and 20.

MORE BOOKWORMS

Pensacola Beach Elementary School is taking its library into a completely computerized check out system. The number one volunteer and Beach School Board member Marilyn Sundstrom has stepped up to the task of researching and bar coding each and every book in the entire library. She has enlisted the help of her Pensacola Beach Optimist

friends, Bettie Lee Sundstrom and Sandi Johnson. It's a labor of love.

SEMINAR VISITORS

The Studer Group hosted its first seminar of 2007 on Pensacola Beach, January 17. More than 300 health care leaders from 32 states and Canada attended "Taking You and Your Organization to the Next Level." Studer will present two more seminars on Pensacola Beach on achieving health care excellence this year.

MARVELOUS MERMAIDS

The members of the Mystic Krewe of Nereids are famous for their marvelous parties on Pensacola Beach. They cleverly disguise charitable fundraising at the wild King Cake and Moon Pie parties. After all the confetti settled the Nereids sent a check for \$125 to the March of Dimes and another check for \$1100 to the Favor House in honor of Andrea Brunt.

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Beach Mardi Gras - Party Now or Snooze and Lose

The Mardi Gras season speeds forward toward its climatic peak before the final curtain falls. Savor every moment of every party during the next two weeks. If you miss something, you are out of luck for a whole year. Krewe of Wrecks regular meetings are almost over with the grand finale at Sidelines on February 5. If you still do not have a krewe to call your own, ask about any remaining memberships in the Wrecks. Call Kay Turner at 932-4444.

Here's the Party Schedule:

Rhinestones and Royalty

Starts at 7 p.m. Friday, February 2, at Paradise Bar and Grill. Open to everyone. Adam Holt Band, live. Please wear your royal tiaras and crowns and plenty of rhinestones. If you are not a king or queen of anything, wear a crown anyway.

Krewe of Brewe/Mystic

Krewe of Nereids Black

Tie Ball

Get out your best formal

evening clothes and head for The Dock at eight o'clock on Saturday, February 3. Music will be by two famous musical vendors, Wildwood and Boogie, Inc. Cash bar. Heavy hors d'oeuvres. King and Queen of Nereids and the Queen of Brewe will be presented. Tickets are \$30 per person. Open to everyone. Call 438-1660 for ticket information.

Krewe of Warriors Ball

Mardi Gras Ball with a Shogun theme. Party begins 7:30, Friday, Feb 9 at the Hadji Shrine Temple, Nine Mile Road, Pensacola. Tim Jackson's Mr. Big Party Band with horns and a female vocal troupe will entertain. Attire is Themed Costumes, Black Tie, Mardi Gras fun themes, or casual. Tickets are \$30 at the door, but don't try to get in if you are under 21.

Krewe of Junkanoo

Kritter Krawl

Registration from noon to 1 p.m. for the best dressed animals on Pensacola Beach. Saturday, February 10. Animals go on stage at the Gulfside Pavilion where

they are judged. Prizes will be awarded for Owner-Pet Look Alike, Judges Choice, and Most Unusual. Entry fee is \$10. Proceeds go to Animal Charities.

Krewe of Kids Parade

Fifteenth annual parade begins at 12:30 at the Gulfside Pavilion on February 10. Pint sized paraders will steal your heart as they follow along behind their Royal Court and the Biggest Kid.

Krewe of Wrecks

Costume Ball

The annual glittering Krewe of Wrecks Mardi Gras Costume Ball will be at The Dock at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 10. Dancing, eating and drinking will be the main activities. King Ralph Tuner and Queen Sherry Van Dyk will reign over the ball. Formal evening wear or costume required. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

DeLuna Fest

French Quarter type celebration right in the Beach's historic district, Sunday, February 11. Live music by Tribe Irie at The

Islander, Zoe at Paddy O'Leary's, and Paul Ewing at The Break. Do the DeLuna Dance. Bead throw will be from the Islander's balcony. A King and Queen will be selected from among the most fabulous costumed partiers. Get dressed up. Be one of the royals. Food and drink specials all through the party which starts at noon and goes on and on and on.

Queen's Dinner

After all the queens on the Beach get their tickets there are very few seats left for this delicious Prime Rib Dinner at

Flounder's on Monday, February 12 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance at a Krewe of Wrecks meeting or call Kay Turner at 932-4444. This elegant event fills up fast.

King's Supper

The King's Supper will be at 6 p.m. at the Elk's Lodge with hearty fare fit for a king. Tickets must be purchased in advance at a Krewe of Wrecks meeting or call Kay Turner at 932-4444. Hey, Kings, it's a "swap story" time. Wear your Captain's hat.

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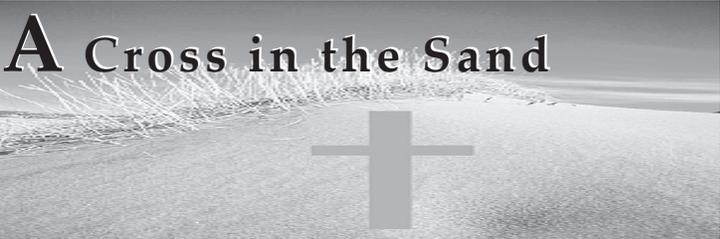
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By **Dr. Chuck Randle**
 Pastor, Pensacola Beach Community Church
The Way To Treat Each Other

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,
 If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
 If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
 If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,
 If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,
 If you can overlook when people take things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,
 If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
 If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
 If you can conquer tension without medical help,
 If you can relax without liquor,
 If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
 Then you are probably the family dog

--author unknown

We often hear about a "dog's life" as if it were one of the worst things in the world, but as I look at it, a "dog's life" is not all that bad. No matter how we treat a dog, most of them will come around wagging their tails and wanting to snuggle up with us. For the most part, they get cared for quite well - a place to sleep, good meals during the day, a snack when performance is good, and a pat on the head with the affirmation, "Good Boy or Good Girl." If we could learn to treat others as we treat our dogs, I think our world would be a more wonderful place.

In fact, the French philosopher and theologian, Teilhard de Chardin, (at least I always thought it was him), once said, "The way we treat people is the way we treat God."

I think that's a good thought to retain as we move through-out our days. It might make us more aware and thoughtful of the needs of others. It might make us more sensitive as we drive our cars on the highways, and might make us react more kindly to those who treat us with anger or dislike. I wonder what would happen is we made that into a bumper sticker, or placed in on the door of our refrigerator.

"The way we treat people is the way we treat God."

Catholic Mission Invites Artists, Lovers and Leprechauns To Upcoming Events

Exercise Your Creativity

The Hospitality Commission of Our Lady of the Assumption will be offering watercolor classes to anyone (even if you can't draw a straight line). Classes will be held in Hunt Hall on Wednesday mornings from 9 till noon beginning January 31. The classes will run six weeks with the participants completing a painting each week. Supplies will be available if needed. All proceeds will be donated to Our Lady of the Assumption. To register, contact Karen Peterson at (850) 974-6589.

Valentine's Dinner and Auction

Our Lady is hosting a

Valentine's Day Potluck Dinner and Benefit Auction, February 10 at Hunt Hall. All beach and nearby community folks, including snow birds, are invited to attend. For dinner, join us at 6 p.m. and bring a covered side dish to share. Our Lady Hospitality will provide the meat. At this event, bid in a live auction of contributed "gifts" (serious and fun things) to benefit the Beavers family.

Celebrate St. Patrick's At Our Lady

Our Lady of the Assumption shall present its annual corned beef and cabbage St. Patty's day dinner/party open to the community on Saturday,

March 17, 6:30 p.m. in Hunt Hall. Admission is \$5.00 per person and St. Patrick and friends usually attend this function each year, which is always a fun time for the community. Snowbirds and residents alike - join us for this festive evening!



Pensacola Beach Community Church
 United Church of Christ
 Via de Luna & Ave 18
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Teacher Acknowledges Computer Lab Students Success in January

The Pensacola Beach Elementary School Computer Lab is full of hardworking students preparing to take the FCAT according to Monika Springer, lab coordinator. Students who were recognized as the most dedicated during the week of January 8-12 are: Kindergarten, Eric Furrow; first grade Meredith McCurdy; second grade, Edgar Shigley; third grade, Jacob Scarberry; fourth grade Peyton Hoover; and fifth grade Reghan Elliott.

The following week kindergarten Alli Seeker was named the Student of the Week along with Julia Wasner, first grade; Kylie Finkbone, second grade;

Tristan Scott, third grade; Colin Hightower, fourth grade and Stephanie Moraes, fifth grade.

Students have continued to improve their computer skills along with math and reading grades through the use of the Success Maker software program.

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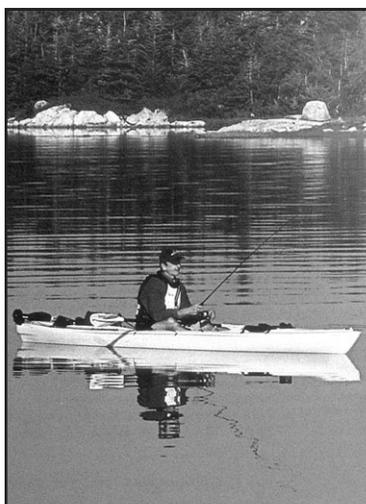
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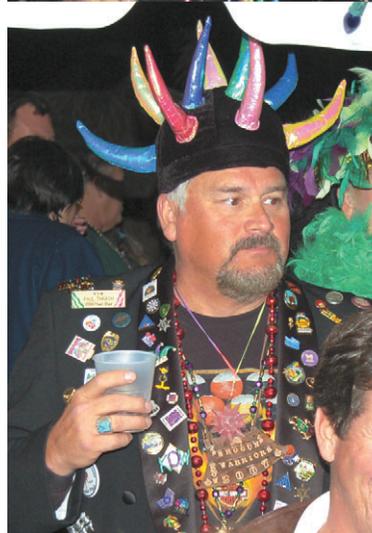
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Partiers come from everywhere to catch the Nereids Moon Pies at the Shaker. (L to R) are: Mary Ann Shea and Joe Shea from Delaware; Andy Cummins and Chrissy Spalding from Indiana.



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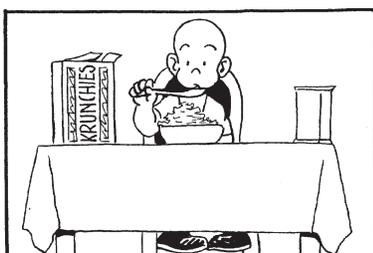
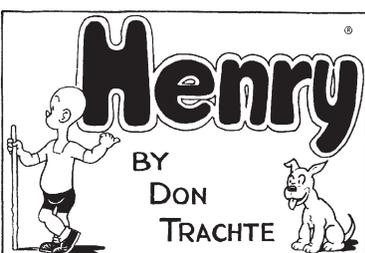
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of mixed signals can create an unreliable situation in which to make decisions. Best advice: Hold off on making any commitments until you're sure you know what's going on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An apparently friendly offer comes with some strings attached. Be careful not to get tied into something you don't really want. Thoroughly examine all your options before making a choice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) If you're not careful, distractions can interrupt your best efforts. Continue to focus on what you need to do. You'll soon have lots of time to enjoy the rewards of your dedication.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Knowledge replaces suspicion as you begin to learn more about that "act of betrayal." On a lighter note, someone close to you might be planning a pleasant surprise.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Control your sometimes-overactive jealousy gene before you find yourself saying or doing something that you could later regret. Best advice: Stop obsessing and move on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to loosen up and do something wonderful and exciting before your more reserved nature resurfaces. A message brings news of imminent change.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Cheer up. Things begin to improve significantly by mid-February. However, you might still need help to get through the rest of this sometimes-difficult period.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Something you learned last week takes on new meaning as you begin to relate it to another situation in your life. It's best to keep this matter to yourself for now.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your energy level is climbing, and so is your self-confidence. Good for you, because you'll need a good dollop of both to tackle an exciting challenge on the way.

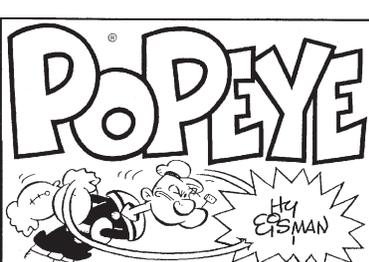
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family issue might interrupt a career-linked project. Try to give the matter the attention it needs, but be careful not to jeopardize your workplace situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some self-doubt shows up this week, causing you to question your ability to handle a new challenge. But you know you can do it, and this is your chance to prove it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A personal matter requires you to be as clear and forthcoming as possible in order to avoid misunderstandings. A career move is eased with the emergence of new facts.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of reaching people that makes them feel good about themselves. You would be a splendid motivational speaker.

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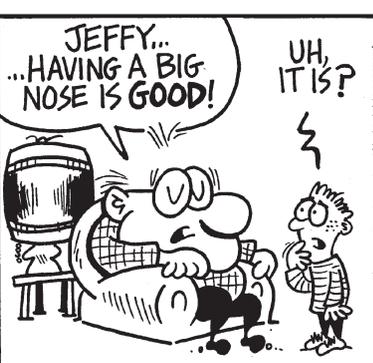
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Espo's Surf Report



by
Freddy
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[Ed. Note: Freddy had to take a brief hiatus from writing this week. He swears he is not out surfing somewhere. He would like to you to visit his website]

If you have not traveled to www.espocreative.com ever or recently, wax up your mouse and dive right in. The site immerses visitors and surfers alike into the world of surfing a la Espo. Feast your eyes on the sumptuous artwork which is served up from Freddy's brain to the computer screen or visit the EspoCreative part of the site. You will step into the more serious design, marketing and computer repair section. It's a credit to the years that Freddy has put into the art form of promotion through websites and computerized graphics.

Wave forms, surf report and cams are all just a click away.

Two Bridges - One Finish Line

So, you've made a New Year's resolution to get in shape. Get a good start to the year by participating in the Tenth Annual Pensacola Double Bridge Run on Saturday, February 3. The Double Bridge is shaking things up for its tenth birthday, starting with a new route. 15K runners will begin on South Palafox Street by the Palafox Pier at 7:30 a.m. and will run against traffic. 5K runner start at 7:35 a.m. in front of Dolphin Stadium in Gulf Breeze, run around the stadium, and continue against traffic up the overpass going toward Pensacola Beach. As usual, the race will end at Hooter's on Pensacola Beach for the post race party.

There are several ways to register for the Double Bridge Run. Registration forms are available at the Pensacola Sports Association office, 101 West Main Street, Pensacola, at all local Hooters restaurants and online at www.DoubleBridgeRun.com. Registration is \$25 for the 5K run/walk and \$30 for the 15K run. There will be no race day registration this year, so please register early.

Another new feature is that the busses will be shuttling runners to their cars after the race.

Wave forms provides a scientific mapping system based on wave height, wind speed and peak direction. Cams allow you to voyeur onto beaches as close as Casino Beach, Destin or Mexico Beach or gaze at Cocoa Beach. And, of course, the Surf Report which is too often flat.

But perhaps the most interesting part of the site is the Rant.

The rant section is newly revamped and hosts a forum for discussion on topics like "Central Gulf Exploration," "What's In Your Quiver," "Want A Surfer's Memorial T-Shirt," "Spambots," and "Any Carveboarders Out There".

A free exchange of ideas which flow from the original question posed with answers and colorful comments. Most are to the point. Some are pointed and others are down right sharp.

Surf or surf the web.

Proud Who Dats Go Marching In

Chicago Bears 39 New Orleans Saints 14

When the New Orleans Saints ran onto the turf at Soldier Field on Sunday, January 21, they had already left fourteen AFC teams and fourteen NFC teams in the dust. They were one of four of the nation's best remaining teams.

The sight of snowflakes falling on the helmets of the South's division winners didn't seem quite right. Even the fleur de lis were turning blue. Somehow, the Saints never did get warmed up. How warm can you get in sub-freezing temperatures?

And yet, out of the blue, came the game's most spectacular play. When Reggie Bush snagged a Brees pass and bumped and dodged his way to the end zone. The odds were against him all the way, but when he came close to the goal line he realized he was far enough ahead to do a flip into the end zone, and then stand up and dance a little jig.

What a rookie! While it would finally represent half of the Saints total score, it was, nevertheless, a

play to be long remembered.

Prior to the game, many of the sportswriters were predicting a Saints win. This bolstered the fans' already frenzied spirits. After all, these guys must know more than the average armchair coach. But, the Saints did not win.

So, when they sloshed off Soldier Field on that cold, wet Sunday afternoon, they were still the runners-up in the NFC Championship game. They were divisional winners, guided by the Coach of the Year, Sean Payton. Their quarterback Drew Brees had been named the starter in

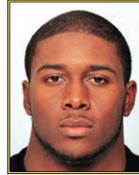
the Pro Bowl. And, yes, they had only been one game away from playing in the Super Bowl. Considering their forty year record before this year, who could ask for more?

More than that, they brought hope and pleasure to an almost lost city. They gave that city the promise of greater and more glorious moments to come. The Saints gave their fans a great ride in 2006. The proud Who Dats are joyously looking forward to fall 2007.

Geaux Saints.



Sean Payton



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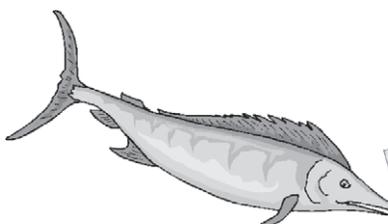
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Don't Miss A Word

Should Dah, Would Dah, Could Dah!

By Pete Della Ratta

What do you make time for these days and how do you prioritize the "Things to Do List"? There are not enough hours of sunlight in the day or enough dark time to get done what needs to get done these days. It seems the right time to do it is now but we do not have enough time to get it accomplished.

"Let's go fishing this weekend" is one statement I always hear or how about "When was the last time you were on the water" is the other question I always hear.

My answer to the first one is, "I don't have time to sneeze, never mind rig a rod and reel" and that is when the next question has to be answered like this; "I crossed the bridge to go to a meeting the other day. Does that count?"

My poles are collecting dust as we speak. I feel like fishing is like the boat you use. The more you do it, the better it runs and the more relaxed you are when you are in that element of the outdoors. The more I think about it, the more I should make time to spend on the water, so stress goes out and relaxation does its work. Who doesn't want to have a rod and reel in the hand, with a cold drink next to them waiting for the drag of the reel to start screaming so a few stories can be shared between friends for a lifetime? That is relaxing to me and some others I know. I guess it comes down to how you can slow this crazy world down long



enough to enjoy what has been put here for our enjoyment.

I do not want to look back when I retire and say I wish I would have gone fishing or went to the beach more often with my family instead of going to that meeting or practice. Why not take a day off of work and enjoy what is in front of you? Isn't that what paid time off is for and not for saving up just in case of an emergency?

I am the worst at spur of the moment. Everything has to be planned in order to be fun or exciting to me, but I am learning how to enjoy what I have and make the best of it with the time that has been allotted to me. Having the time and making the time for whatever you want to do are two separate worlds but each correlates to the other for just that reason. If it does not get done, then when is it going to? If I just start it, which is the hard part, then I will want to finish it as fast as I can because I hate an unfinished project.

The important lesson in all of this mess is if the task does not get done at this very moment, then is it going to be a life or death matter? Can it wait until another weekend so you can save some of your sanity and rig that rod and reel up for a day on the water with some friends?

I know the next time I "should da" will be a "did it" and didn't regret it!



Pensacola Beach Woman's Club has a way of making their members feel special. At the January 18 meeting they toasted to Marilyn Lazear and Liz Knaus who were celebrating their birthdays.

Beach School Students Score High Marks

The following students at Pensacola Beach Elementary School have been named to the Honor Roll for the second nine week grading period.

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"A" Honor Roll
Michaele Dunne

"A/B" Honor Roll

Colin Adams
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Alise Holk
Joseph Martin
Maddie Mccurdy
Reddon McLaurine

Joy McLaurine's Third Grade Class

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Ian Price
William Royer
David Taylor

Margie Pitts Fifth Grade Class

"A" Honor Roll
Savannah Dunne
Reghan Elliott
Mitchell Robbins
Bailey Trzcinski

"A/B" Honor Roll

Arthur Holk, Jr.
William Mclain
Stephanie Moraes
Molly O'Donovan
Kimberly Stilson



Pensacola Beach Elementary School students entered the Elk's Lodge "Why I am proud to be an American" Essay Contest last month. Family and friends gathered around Kimberly Stilson, center, when she received her \$100 Savings Bond award are (L to R): Jim McReynolds, Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge; Beach School Staffer Irene Rathbone who is also Kimberly's grandmother; Kimberly, Kelly Stilson, mother; and teacher Margie Pitts.

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Queen of Poker Crowned, Women Play Weekly

Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun headquarters has announced that a true poker coronation has taken place on Pensacola Beach. Rising among the chips and cards, Janie Uzdevenes has been crowned the Poker Queen for 2006. Her official title is the Top Female Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun Player of the Year. She battled to a third place finish at the end of year Champions Tournament held at Paradise Bar and Grill which made her the last woman standing, or rather, sitting. The Champions Tournament is open only to past champions from monthly tournaments.



Janie Uzdevenes

played at the waterfront tables of the Paradise Bar and Grill on Pensacola Beach. On January 15 Tim Rinker took the chip lead and did not let up until he secured the win. Fran Cox challenged him right at the end, but Tim took the final hand and all the chips with two pairs.

"We had a great crowd with some new ladies playing the first time," said Rick Uzdevenes, promoter. "Local J.J. was a welcome sight for the guys, as was

Melanie. Paradise owner, Fred Simmons, even stayed around and watched the action."

The following week Michelle Bourgeois overcame much adversity to defeat all the top players and then took out Fran Cox in the final for a big win on January 22.

Paddy O'Leary's hosts games on Tuesday nights. Fran Cox took out Jason Funk in the final hand on January 16. That's Frannie's sixth win at Paddy's! Two new names popped up on the winners list on January 23 at Paddy's. Scott Stanley defeated Jay Donaway in an action packed evenin' of poker in Downtown Pensacola Beach.

The Islander Lounge offers twice as much action by hosting games on Wednesday and Saturday. Waldo Defindorfin made a short stack comeback to take the

January 13 Saturday Night Poker Tournament at the Historic Islander Lounge. Steve Shrader and Trace Lewis called Waldo's all in and went all out. Steve had enough chips for second place. Trace was a strong third.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17 a 90 minute final table battle royal ensued. Travelin' Jamey Prowant rode Truckin' Larry Richard into the sand to claim the first place t-shirt and his name in The Island Times. Chester Rice made his first appearance at the Beach and had a great time on the foosball table where he ended up beating the card champ Jamey Prowant.

Saturday night action heated up when Trace Lewis pulled out another come-from-behind charge to capture the January 20 crown. Birthday Girl Anne Vinson did

everything she could but claimed second place anyway in a packed upstairs Cypress Bar at the Islander Lounge.

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Mardi Gras Mistress Pamela Sullivan preferred to mask at the Sandshaker's Costume Party, January 19. She noted that her whole costume came from Venus in Paradise where she works.



Mr. Mardi Gras Tommy Grice shows his true colors at the Sandshaker Costume Party, January 19 on Pensacola Beach. Who Dat gonna have a better costume than Tommy? No one apparently.



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Beauty & Beach

By Danah & Gwen Gibson

With Mardi Gras events, Valentine's Day, and wedding season upon us, I have decided to add a new service to my repertoire, which I believe will benefit women of all ages. Makeup lessons! (Yes, I am professionally trained in this area. I have also had 32 years experience of painting my own face!)

Who will benefit? Teenagers who are just learning to apply makeup, may have mothers who either don't wear makeup, or don't know much about applying it. Women who would like to wear makeup to enhance their looks, but aren't sure how or where to start. Aging ladies, whose old "routine" just isn't working for them anymore. All of these categories of gals will benefit along with women who would like to learn more about the art of application.

These sessions will last typically one hour, with the client bringing her own makeup, applying it in her normal fashion, while I observe, ask questions and take notes. Then, a summary list will be made of what you can do to improve and simplify your routine.

Next, we will remove all of the makeup that was just applied, and I will do my thing with my kit. This

hands-on application will include a personally designed choice of colors, along with application tips and techniques.

The client will leave with a list of reminders, face map of where to apply what color, and solutions to any problems we might address - almost a kind of a prescription!

I do alot of Bridal makeup, and it is such a joy to me to see the look on the bride's face when she glances in the mirror, and sees how beautiful she really is. One of the many great pleasures of my job!

These lessons will include everyday looks, evening party spruce-ups, and just about anything that you want to know. My brain is bursting with this knowledge, and I would love to share some of it! This is also my small way of "beautifying the beach!"

The cost for this service will be \$25. Please call to schedule in advance. This would also make a great gift certificate for Valentine's Day, guys!

The Hair Hotline is open for Beautifying the Beach appointments at 932-4323.

It's Mardi Gras season. Get out and attend a party or parade. It's good for your spirit. Let the good times roll.



by Pandora de Balthazar

As Mardi Gras approaches, the days need to be longer to accommodate the joys of this happy and celebratory season.

One of the things that seems to get lost in the party planning is getting enough sleep. Perhaps we need more slumber parties, pajama parties, and pillow parties to encourage all our revelers to slumber to fun and fantasy this Mardi Gras. Until then, I'd like to encourage all of you out there in Paradise to:

Sleep the sweet sleep of peace, love, comfort and joy. It will make the difference in your Mardi Gras party time! So, here's a little rhyme, to help you keep time, and hopefully make you think about getting your winks!

Fill up your SLEEP BANK, with hours to spare...

'Cause when Mardi Gras comes, you'll be pulling out your hair!

Late night parties and work schedules combine...

To make your head ache and take out the shine!

If you want to make memories and have fun all the time,

Make sure to sleep and get bed rest so, for sure, you'll be fine!

Give yourself credit and accept how it is,

Good sleep is important, so make it your biz!

Fill up you SLEEP BANK, it

takes two for one,

One hour of sleep loss takes 2 more to have fun!

Sleep deprivation, lack of sleep, has been undeniably the source of numerous health consequences.

For those of you out there who believe you can sleep when you are dead, think very carefully about that, because you are lining yourself up to be affected by many consequences of sleep deprivation. You already know some of the problems caused from lack of sleep, but may not realize that sleep alone can, and has been proven to cause many illnesses, such as: obesity, heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, migraines, depression, irritability, memory problems

and poor work performance, not to mention quality of life issues.

In fact, if you sleep less than 8 full hours of uninterrupted sleep nightly, or if your child sleeps less than 11 [yes, eleven!] hours of uninterrupted sleep nightly, then you are depriving yourself of powerful rejuvenation furnished by the body in the sleep cycle.

So, if you truly want to enjoy life and have a happy and fun Mardi Gras, think now, and make your plan to achieve 8 or 9 hours each night and begin to feel the difference in your body's motor skills and your mind's memory skills, not to mention how much more fun you will be to those around you at work and at play. Please call us: 850 432 4777

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The LIZZARD'S TONGUE



by E.K. Hewson

Well my Super Bowl frenzy, as exciting as it was, is officially over after the Chicago Bears trounced the New Orleans Saints in the NFC Championships. Just as well, like my beloved Saints both my son, Harry, and I lost our bids for free Super Bowl tickets. Some kid from Corona, California won the NFLRUSH.com contest. Let it be known that I'll be switching both my brands of soda and chips. My loyalty to the Saints, however, is as true and unwavering as the day the franchise was founded which brings me to certain observations about all the so-called "Who Dat Believers" in Eastern Carolina and throughout the U.S.

A few weeks ago I couldn't go anywhere in my small rural town without seeing black and gold fleur de lis insignias and number 25 Reggie Bush football jerseys. I even saw a shopper at the commissary wearing a New Orleans Saints parka. We chatted in line and he admitted that the closest he ever got to New Orleans was when he was stationed in Pensacola. He considered himself an avid football fan in general and was hopeful that New Orleans would go all the way. Somehow I have the feeling the next time I see him he will either be wearing a Bears or Colts jersey – the team du jour of Super Bowl XVI.

My all-time favorite sports writer and commentator is National Public Radio contributor and Sports Illustrated senior writer Frank Deford. I was hoping that I could find something he had written or said that would define today's Saints fan. He was curiously quiet. My internet research left me punting on fourth down after I read one article after the next that people, notice I didn't use the word fan, wanted

the Saints to win because it was a Cinderella story and New Orleans desperately needed a happy ending. Just for clarification, Drew Brees wears cleats not glass slippers, and he probably arrives for games in some kind of chauffeured SUV, not a pumpkin. So I decided to come up with my own playbook on what constitutes a Saints fan.

A true New Orleans Saints' fan must be first and foremost humble and a gracious loser. Conversely, he or she must also be able to call a friend or relative during any nationally broadcast Saints game and yell "Who Dat!" whenever New Orleans makes a big play and hang up immediately for fear of missing the next series of downs. To Saints fans, there was only one Manning to ever play in the NFL and he wore the number 8. A long time Saints fan has been to at least one game in Tulane stadium and has at least once worn a bag over his or her head while either watching a game live or on TV. Placing small brown paper bags over any type of voodoo dolls or gris gris puts a fan into an altogether different category. The ultimately loyal Saints fan will not only remember when Tom Dempsey kicked the record breaking 63 yard field goal, but will have owned the 45 rpm record

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made from the final seconds of that November 1970 game. (By the way, "These Boots Are Made For Walkin'") is on the flip side of that 45. Down, but not out, Saints fans can rattle off all the has-been quarterbacks and coaches the Saints acquired. Some have even been photographed for the beach newspaper while enjoying cocktails at long gone infamous beach establishments. The litmus test for anyone who lives on Pensacola Beach and claims to be a Saints fan is this simple question: Do you know Bobby Draper?

Finally there is the fanatical Saints fan who knows the exact amount of days from the date of this publication until the first kick-off of the 2007 season and that the Promise Land awaits the Saints in Glendale, Arizona on February 3, 2008.

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Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candace Segar

Sometimes columns just pop into my mind. This week, well, I was searching. I called my nephew, Harry "McFlye" Hewson, who answered the phone with a comment about sailors, and I responded with, "This is your captain."

This comment was met with, "Good one, Duckie."

I then told him I had a dilemma. "Do you know what a dilemma is McFlye?"

He answered no, he didn't. So I defined dilemma and asked him for help in writing my column. Here are my nine-year-old nephew's contributions to this column or what I will fondly refer to McFlye's topics.

Harry Hewson got Principal's Pride two nine week sessions in a row.

"What is that?" I asked.

"That means all A's in all subjects," McFlye replied.

"Good job!" I said. I need more news."

"Okay, how about an employee of the month," he volunteered.

"Who was employee of the month?" I asked.

"I don't know Duckie. Select someone who is employee of the month like Sponge Bob."

"Okay, then I'll make Sponge Bob of the Gulf of Mexico, the Employee of the Month."

After laughing my head off, I continued. This was getting good.

"I need something else. What else have you got for me?"

"Jumping rope for the American Heart Association. It serves as a fundraiser and gets your heart rate up. It helps children all over the world," McFlye reported.

I asked him to elaborate on that.

"Sure," he said. "Number one, it provides research dollars for new equipment for heart disease and number two it provides our gym at school with more equipment."

This was perfect. We had accomplished so much in this one phone conversation. McFlye had made me laugh, had given me good information and had written my column.

By the way McFlye has published his own newspaper. It is full of hand drawn artwork with hilarious stories which his mother helps him photocopy at Office Depot. He charges one dollar for a subscription.

What can I say? It's genetic!

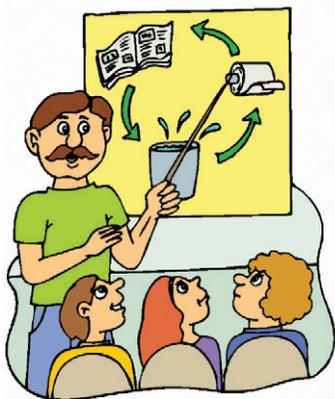
Junior College Offers Self Defense Class For Adults and Children

Safety experts agree that the single most important factor in surviving a criminal attack is to have a personal, safety strategy in place before it is needed.

That's the focus of "Refuse to Be a Victim," a handbook and name of a new Pensacola Junior College Continuing Education course.

The course is offered for adults 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 10, and for parents and children (preschool and up) 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Pensacola campus. Cost is \$30 per person.

Lessons cover the psychology of criminal predators, mental preparedness, self-defense physical training, personal protection devices, home/automobile/technology security, out-of-town-travel security, and students also receive a copy of "Refuse to Be a Victim."



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"Employment as a Lifeguard with the Park is a great opportunity to earn extra money for college or for the summer. The starting salary, depending on experience, is \$10.82 - \$15.79 per hour," said Superintendent Eubanks. Lifeguards will receive on the job training for Open Water Rescue (USLA) and First Responder (National Registry) courses. Those interested in applying should contact the Park's personnel job line at 850-934-2601 or obtain information online at www.usajobs.opm.gov.

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- 5 Taxi
- 8 Pub refreshments
- 12 Press agent?
- 13 Dos Passos trilogy
- 14 Stick in the mud
- 15 Languid
- 17 Largest of the seven
- 18 Pianist-composer Erik
- 19 Tea Party figure
- 21 One-on-one battle
- 24 Conk out
- 25 Cheat on a test
- 28 Faction
- 30 Thanksgiving abbr.
- 33 Monokini's lack
- 34 Argonauts' skipper
- 35 Cain's mother
- 36 D.C. VIP
- 37 Anise-flavored liqueur
- 38 Boast
- 39 Comic-strip squeal
- 41 Small combo
- 43 Toppled
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- 1 Rembrandt's creations
- 2 Met melody
- 3 Emcee
- 4 Sloppy
- 5 Poolroom need
- 6 Ninny
- 7 Wild party
- 8 Cremona craftsman
- 9 Audience
- 10 Pennsylvania port
- 11 Burn somewhat
- 16 Romanian money
- 20 Mideast gulf
- 22 Birthright barterer
- 23 "Mephisto Waltz"
- 25 "60 Minutes" home
- 26 Raw rock
- 27 "Meet the Press" participant
- 29 Entrance
- 31 Eggs
- 32 What couch potatoes do
- 34 Monologue component
- 38 Prepared lobster
- 40 Cheer up
- 42 Mrs. McKinley
- 43 Movie
- 44 Lotion additive
- 45 Almost here
- 47 Contemptible
- 48 Being, to Brutus
- 49 Dance lesson
- 52 A female deer
- 53 A billion years

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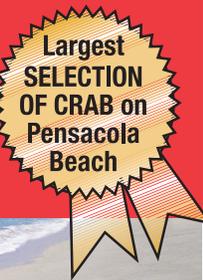
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