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Wrecks Royalty



The royal court of the Krewe of Wrecks assembled to lead the twenty-seventh annual Mardi Gras parade down Via de Luna on Pensacola Beach, Sunday, February 18. Blue skies and bright sun greeted the parade-goers lining the street awaiting the arrival of the 52 glittering floats carrying costumed revelers. Reigning over the 2007 Krewe of Wrecks Parade were (L to R): Ship's Officers Rick and Suzi Gordon, Deckhand Jay Johnston, First Mate Helen Yates, Wreck's Captain Ron Christian, Deckhand Brittany Wilkerson; and Ship's Officers Darla Richardson and Robert Condon. Story, page 2.

The Party's Over - Or Is It?

It never rains on a Wrecks parade. This year was no exception as the beloved procession rolled along the streets for the twenty-seventh time. The weather was chilly early in the morning, but by noon, Mother Nature and the crowd's high spirits prevailed. The wind had abated and the sun was shining as the parade started at 2 p.m. bringing cheer and loads of beads and trinkets to the spectators packed in rows along Via de

Luna.

Escambia County Deputy Sgt. Steve Smith commented, "This year's Mardi Gras parade was one of the best we have ever had with respect to a smoothly run parade. We had no major incidents. Of course, there are always things the deputies have to take care of, and some arrests were made. Overall, it was a great day."

Deputies had been working with the Krewe of Wrecks parade officials since early in the plan-

ning sessions. Their safety strategies all worked.

The Krewe of Junkanoo swept the field as the judges awarded them the overall prize, the Grand Marshal's Award for the Best Float and also for the best representation of a theme. The Junkanoos had created a World War II USO Club, complete with authentic uniforms and even a few Andrews Sisters Wanna-be's.

The Krewe of Warriors won

first place in the Best Costume category with their Shogun theme. The Pirates of the Lost Treasure had the honor of riding on the float pulled by the best decorated tow truck.

"It was a great day. Everything went smoothly," Buck Lee, Santa Rosa Island Authority General Manager said. "I just wish there had been a photo taken of the whole core area to show how many people were enjoying Pensacola Beach. I am very pleased with the whole event."

Pick-ups cars, and RVs began arriving on Thursday and by Friday there were no southern-most spaces left in the Via de Luna Shopping Center parking lot. The bridge toll, hotels and rentals revealed an estimated count of 75,000 attending the parade.

Bob Clark, who retired from the Escambia County Sheriff's Department as the officer-in-charge of the substation on the Beach, served as the Grand Marshal of this year's parade.

"That nostalgic USO float won hands down," he said.

There were 52 entries in the parade, all vying for the first place award.

Riding at the head of the procession were the Royal Wrecks, Captain Ron Christian, First Mate Helen Yates, Richard and Suzi Gordon, Darla Richardson and Robert Condon, Ship's Officers; and Jay Johnston and Brittany Wilkerson, deckhands. They will reign over all the beach's Mardi Gras festivities for the coming year.

This year's presentation was made by the Krewe of Wrecks Governing Board after the untimely death of the Head Wreck Andrea Brunt in November. Board members are Kay Turner, Nancy Roney, Phil Simoneaux, Vern Philips, Jeff Goudey, and Sandy Johnston.

Bob West, manager of the SRIA Public Safety Department, summed it all up. "I think things went very well," he said. "I believe the traffic cleared much faster than last year. Now, I will meet with various agencies and we will put together some action plans for next year."

So, it would seem that the party is over. That's really not the case. The Krewes are beginning to think of themes and parties and non-stop fun for the 2008 celebration. Mardi Gras on the Island, where the party never ends.

SRIA Still Debating Vision Studies Land Use Plan Comes Back Again

It's back again. Just when the Santa Rosa Island Authority had apparently sent all the visioning studies into the archives, Board member Kelly Robertson told the board at their February 14 meeting that the 1988 Comprehensive Land Use Plan by Wallace, Roberts and Todd was an excellent document. He urged board members to study it.

"Right now, I would vote against spending money for a new vision study," he said. "We have a Land Use Plan which if you will read and study it, is an excellent document. We also have a Vision 2010 Plan. It is all here before us and we need to make a better effort to study and understand it and make an effort to act on it."

The Board then asked the staff to help them create a way to implement the plan they have. The motion passed 5 to 1 with Dr. Thomas Campanella voting against it.

The sand issue came up once again and Vernon Prather, chairman, said sand is a very passionate issue on the island.

"We need to separate this into sand that is on public land which is a safety issue and sand that is entirely on private property, and entirely different issue."

Dr. Campanella said he would like to move on from the sand issue. "We should develop a policy for the future and find a way to contain sand so it does not blow into the streets," he said.

The Board also revisited a previous decision to set an 850 square foot limit on enclosed areas beneath houses build on pilings. They rescinded their decision and Kelly Robertson ob-

served that he would like the Board to work with architects and engineers to better design walls to limit debris and adopt guidelines and technical specifications to improve break-away walls.

The board approved a request from Kevin Rudski to sub-lease The Islander Lounge to David Kelly, who is also the owner of The Break. No major changes in operation were contemplated.

The Board will hold the discussion on the Olsen Report on sand until the February 28 committee meetings. Also, a discussion on appraisals of the properties from the former Coconuts location to Radical Rides will be held for committee. A report will be made by Hoffman and Associates. This matter involves a need for parking for the proposed marina and Grand Marlin development at the Coconuts location.

The board recognized the work of longtime board member and chairman, Bill Griffith by reading a resolution acknowledging his term of service.

Bill's response was to tell the new board members that this board would be different from any other.

"You have three constituents," Bill said. "The residents and leaseholders on the Island, the tourists and the businesses who serve them and the people of Escambia County who come to enjoy the Beach. It is very hard to please them all, but you must try to do your very best to serve all three. Congratulations to all of you. I hope you have as long and as happy a tenure as I had. Please keep this island beautiful for everyone."

The board also recognized Jimmie Perkins for his service. Jimmie was not present, but Vernon Prather, chairman commented, "It was my pleasure to serve with Jimmie. He was a quiet member of the Board, but when he spoke he did so with authority, compassion and the desire to do his very best."

The SRIA Committee meetings will be Wednesday, February 28 at 5 p.m. at the Authority office.

Engineers Report Major Beach Projects Move Toward Completion

The construction of Via de Luna is moving along more rapidly than expected and is scheduled for completion by August 21, according to Dave Hemphill of Baskerville-Donovan Engineers.

In his report to the Santa Rosa Island Authority on February 14, Dave said, "The Via de Luna Project continues to make up contract time. Roads, Inc. worked weekends in January and February to progress the work."

The South Lane demolition has begun and the old roadway, sidewalks, and driveways will be removed and replaced, according to Dave.

Ft. Pickens Road is complete. Gulf Power is now operating two systems along the artery, above ground and below ground. The lighting contractor will coordinate the installation of the new poles as the old poles are removed. Also, of interest to the residents of Northwest Florida, the Public Safety Building will be complete by May 1, which means indoor plumbing will once again be available to the public.

The list of projects still undergoing repairs or renovation are:

| <u>PROJECT</u> | <u>COMPLETION DATE</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Park East Restrooms | Memorial Day |
| Casino Beach Pavilion | May 15 |
| Cowley Park | Spring 2007 |
| Street Signs | May 15 |
| Dune Walkovers | May 15 |
| Ft. Pickens Road Lighting | May 15 |
| Roads No & So of VDL | November 30 |
| Sidewalks | May 15 |

The original request for bids for the repair of Cowley Park received no response, so another RFP has been sent out with the completion date expected to be sometime this spring.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



My husband, Frank, is a shopper. Almost every day he goes to a store and buys something. If it's only a greeting card or a cart full of groceries he makes the expedition into a festival. Ninety-nine percent of his shopping is in stores on the Beach or in Gulf Breeze, but last week he had to go to the Mainland to take income tax information to his accountant on Creighton Road. And, he shopped his way home. That's why we have four cork-

screw cartridges, about a gallon of olive salad, two muffaletta sandwiches and two orders of Church's Fried Chicken.

He decided to stop in a little grocery store and pick up a cartridge that fuels the mechanism that pops the cork out of wine bottles. Once inside the store, the owner brought out three boxes of cartridges, but my husband only purchased two of them. Then, he innocently asked if they had any olive salad. The propri-

etor had olive salad, lots of it, in a five gallon container. You will need this size, he told Frank, handing him a quart jar with a price tag of seventeen dollars. "And you need to take muffaletta sandwiches home for you and your wife."

"My wife is very particular about the foods that imitate New Orleans cooking," Frank said. "She is from New Orleans."

"Ah, but my sandwiches are authentic. She will like

them. He added them to the growing stack of purchases."

"Do you like wine?" he asked.

"No," Frank lied as he prepared to pay for his bag full of stuff. Then he made a quick get away.

On his way down Ninth Avenue, Church's Fried Chicken called out to him. He couldn't pass up the opportunity to get a couple of those delicious biscuits. So, he bought two fried chicken dinners and two biscuits. He drove off and never stopped until he got home.

And that was a good thing. By my calculations, we now have enough wine cork cartridges to open bottles for the next two to two-and-one-half years.

And that's nothing compared to the olive salad. We have about a half a jar left that Frank's daughter brought over from the Central Grocery at Christmastime. We have a small jar from Bruno's and a medium jar from the Market on the Island, and then we have that seventeen dollar jar from the store on the Mainland. How much olive salad can two people eat? I am thinking of sprinkling it on Frank's cereal.

And the muffalettas. They were on a hoagie bun. A hoagie bun! What a travesty.

A real muffaletta comes inside its own crispy bread, round and about the size of a luncheon plate. Whatever was inside the hoagie would not be right. I could not force myself to even try it.

"Well, can we eat fried chicken for lunch?" Frank asked.

"As a matter of fact, I just finished a pot of chili for lunch," I said. "Why don't we have fried chicken tonight?"

He never brought up the hokey hoagie sandwiches again.

Well, here I am with two wannabe muffalettas, a two year supply of wine cork cartridges, and enough olive salad to last at least through next Mardi Gras.

But there's a silver lining here. As I said before, Frank hardly ever shops in Pensacola and now I suddenly realize what a blessing that is. Local store proprietors and managers all know him. They never try to sell him items he doesn't want, and could not possibly ever use.

By the way, if you just happen to be out of olive salad at the moment and you really need some for your muffalettas, bring your cup over. I'll be happy to lend you some.

Hotel Room Definition Could Pave Way for Beach Condo Construction

A number of condominium-hotels could be constructed on Pensacola Beach if a proposal brought before the Escambia Planning and Zoning Board is passed by the County Commission. Gary Smith revealed this information at the February 12 meeting of the Residents and Leaseholders Association.

Basically, one of the topics of the Monday Planning Board meeting was altering the definition of a hotel room.

"The result of the meeting was a definition that would not limit the square foot area of a hotel room and would allow the owner 16 weeks per year of occupancy," Smith said. This definition will be brought before the Board of County Commissioners for a vote.

Gary noted that the Santa Rosa Island Authority is not compelled to agree with the County

Commission and has the legal ability to supersede the decision with a definition of their own.

"I do not believe that changing the definition of a hotel room is good for the island," he said. "We have a community with a mixed use and that is certainly part of its charm. This would not help us retain that mixed use by adding more condos, and it would hurt the business revenue stream."

A motion was made and passed to oppose the change in hotel room definition.

The meeting was conducted by Tona de Mers, president, who announced that she had received two thank you letters from the families of Matt Martin and Cody Cobia for the donation made by the PBRLA to the Matt Martin Surf Contest. Also, a \$500 donation will be sent to the Pensacola Beach Elementary School to

honor the memory of M.J. Menge.

Gary Smith, in his treasurer's report, said recent efforts to increase the membership were working well, and the membership total has now reached about 500. He stated that about half the members lived on the island and the other half were out of town leaseholders.

The next meeting of the PBRLA will be Tuesday, March 13, at 6 p.m. at the Pensacola Beach Community Church. The agenda will include a discussion of incorporation, according to Tona.

Fritz and Friends Stir Up Some Fun - Irish Chefs Tempt Your Tastebuds

Members of the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge will team up with the Society of Leprechauns on Saturday, March 10, so mark your calendars for the Fritz and Friends Fish Fry and Leprechaun Bake Sale which begin at noon at the Lodge. Fritz Givens will be frying fish with all the fixin's for \$8 per plate. The Leprechauns will have tables loaded down with fresh baked goodies. There will also be a 50/50 drawing. Proceeds from these

events will benefit Covenant Hospice of Northwest Florida.

The Elks and the Leprechauns all say the same thing. "Be sure to come early, because when it's gone, it's gone."

The Bake Sale is just one week prior to the now famous Society of Leprechauns annual Pub Crawl which is celebrating its twenty-first year. The Pub Crawl begins at Bobby D's Beach Bar at 10 a.m. on St. Paddy's Day.



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Happy Birthday wishes go to Pat Griffith and to her son Michael, who celebrated February 17.

ALL THE WAY FROM WASHINGTON

Cyndi and Shu Schumaker drove all the way from the Washington, DC area to attend the Krewe of Wrecks Mardi Gras parade. Cyndi, former Beach resident and SOB, just doesn't miss the parade, no matter where she lives.

ABSENTEES

Some notable hard core Mardi Gras participants had to miss the festivities and the parade this year. Pandora de Balthazar and John Parrish traveled to New Orleans to attend the Krewe of Endymion's lavish ball. Melanie Waite was in California visiting

friends. And, Debra and Steve Foley were in Steamboat Springs on their annual ski trip which they take every President's Day. They are originally from New Orleans but live on the Beach now, and are the owners of Surf Burger.

TEN BELOW

A breathless Ed Whitely arrived at the Sandshaker on Fat Tuesday to relinquish his King of Coma throne. He had been in Delaware finalizing some family business. Ed reported that he hurried back to the Beach leaving freezing temperatures of ten below behind him.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CALL

Jim Cox lost his cell phone before the Mardi Gras parade and he didn't bother to look for it in the crowded streets. After the parade he received a call from a friend in Gulfport who had received a call from yet another friend who found her number in Jim's address book. So, the cell phone survived hundreds of dancing feet and is back home with Jim.

BACK ON THE ISLAND

Bettie Lee Sundstrom made sure that Mike and Chrissy Cook celebrated their first night back on the beach in style. She delivered a bottle of champagne to their Villa Sabine residence.

Student Pens Special Story About Dad

First Grader's Essay Heads to District Competition

Abby Jacobs, first grade student at Pensacola Beach Elementary School is the winner of the K-2 division of the Beach School essay contest. She will represent the school in the District competition Abby's teacher Sandee Bredesen submitted her essay. [Abby's essay is printed with her own special spelling of some words.]

My Dad is Special

by Abby Jacobs

My dad is very special. I know he is the best dad in the world! He loves me too.

He is the king of my life. Because he's like a guard. He preteks me.

My dad is a hero to me.

He'll help me with anything. He'll teach me how to play softball like a real coach. He's a hero to other people too. He's a chirpracter. He agusts people. He's got a lot of pacionts.

He makes me lagh a lot. He is so silly. He plays ruf house with me. He tells me stories. Not just any story, a made up story. It was great. He's like a home teacher to me.

I help him with cooking. I'm his mini chef. I help him cook chicken.

He is a good builder. I help him build things. I have to bring him the wood. I also hold blocks that can make even spaces.

He is my hero.

This is all about my dad.

TRIVIA

Banker Cashes in on Old Saying

The next time you go to the Bank of the South you may notice that Judy Lenderman, the manager, is wearing a special *Island Times* t-shirt. The shirt is her prize for being the first to email the correct answer to the last trivia question which was "In like a (blank). Out like a (blank)." Answer: In like a Lion. Out like a Lamb," which is an old animal fable describing March weather.

Thanks to Kristin Amberson whose correct answer arrived within minutes of other runners-up including Jeanette Barron who added that the reverse is also a part of the weather mythology. "In like a lamb, out like a lion."

Kristin explained that the question on 2007 Mardi Gras King Ralph Turner's golf hobby was just too easy and

that's why no one answered it. The trivia master expected a flood of correct answers to that question, and didn't get a single one.



Who Am I?

And, to all the Beach trivia

experts who don't send an answer because they assume it's too late - send it anyway. We are always glad to hear from you. Remember, he who hesitates is lost.

Rules are the same. T-shirt for the first correct answer sent to islandtimes@bellsouth.net. Email your answer with "Trivia" in the subject line before 5 p.m. March 7. Good luck.

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SRIA Requests Funding From Tourist Development Council For New Lifeguard Stations

The Santa Rosa Island Authority is making a pitch this year to the Tourist Development Council to secure funding for new lifeguard stations. Each year, the Council distributes funds based on requests. To date, Pensacola Beach has never received any funding although it is a major factor in Escambia County tourism.

A colorful presentation was made to the Council on February 13 by Buck Lee, SRIA general manager, and Bob West, public safety manager.

The old, open wooden stands now in use by the guards are deteriorating and have a number of major flaws, according to the report.

Among the flaws of the old stations are the

towers require a lot of maintenance and all equipment must be removed at night and re-

turned to the tower the next day. Jumping from these towers is hazardous to the lifeguard's knees.

Other problems include the fact that the towers cannot be secured and they are prone to vandalism and aberrant nighttime activity. Moving the towers due to storm surge weakens the towers structurally.

The advantage of the proposed stations are many, including that they are aesthetically pleasing. They have an all-weather observation platform, protection for equipment from inclement weather, are securable when not

in use, require less maintenance, and are professional in appearance. The total cost for

no drownings. He has implemented a number of upgrades in the lifeguard system, including a raise in salaries and a roving patrol of the entire beach in his jurisdiction. He has supported the new public safety building which is now under construction on Casino Beach, and he has steadily followed all protocol conducive to safe swimming in the Gulf of Mexico. The



Wooden lifeguard tower currently used on Pensacola Beach



Proposed tower which is more efficient, safe and economical to maintain.

purchasing six new towers would be \$212,078 which includes shipping.

Since Bob West took the position of manager of Beach Public Safety, there have been

Pensacola Beach lifeguards average more than 45,000 contacts with visitors per season. The TDC discusses the funding in May and the distribution of funds usually takes place in October.

Letters To The Editor

Help Bring Fireworks

There is a group of Beach businesses and citizens who are supporting an effort by Doug McAllister of Fun Coast Productions to bring a fireworks display to Pensacola Beach for the 4th of July this year. We feel that this event is one that we all enjoy and the tourists really look forward to and to not put this on would be very detrimental to Pensacola Beach in the long run. There were a lot of unhappy people last 4th of July when the word got out that there would not be fireworks on the beach. This is a win win proposition for the entire beach and will show everyone that the beach is really back.

If anyone would like to contribute, please contact me, any amount donated large or small would help bring this to fruition.

John Pinzino
Island Realty

Clean Up The Island

There have been numerous newspaper articles in recent days relating to the growing dissatisfaction with trash and litter on our streets, and on people's property.

The beach needs to be much more proactive in requiring our leaseholders to clean up their properties. Just a short ride down Via De Luna reveals several vacant lots, and half a dozen houses that are trashed, severely damaged (and no sign of even at-

tempted repair) from Hurricane Ivan.

One of the earlier (last week) articles quoted a realtor who said (paraphrased) "How can you expect people to pay a million dollars or more for a home, when all around them is trash?" Exactly!

Buck Lee and Code Enforcement have reacted quickly and favorably when I have called with specific addresses. And, those lots, cars, houses have been cleaned up, removed, or picked up. Why can't the entire beach be canvassed and citations issued for those who do not want to maintain their property? This includes all those pilings sticking up out of the water from piers destroyed and the remainder left to be removed during the next storm with resulting damage to homes and the marine environment, in other words, somebody else's problem.

The SRIA Master Lease holds leaseholders to a fairly high standard as it relates to maintaining their properties. The reasons (read excuses) for failing to enforce our own lease provisions is really inexcusable.

I feel strongly the reason leaseholders have not cleaned up their properties are because they don't live here! If they had to look at their litter and clutter they would clean it up, at least most of them.

Good leaders would take a

proactive position and not wait for a groundswell of frustration before doing what they know they should do - clean up this island so we can be proud of where we live. Don't be like a sullen teenager who waits for the screaming parent before getting off the couch to clean their room.

Gene Reddick
Pensacola Beach

Gulf Breeze Hospital Auxiliary presents the

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by kathi lewis

Spring is on the way and if you're reading this - it means that you've survived Mardi Gras! This year's Mardi Gras started out with sadness in the loss of our Head Wreck, Andrea Brunt. The rest of you carried on as usual and it was wonderful to see Sandy Watkins, who always comes 'back home' for Mardi Gras and Sherri and George Greene, who came from Alabama. No, they did not have banjo's on their knees, but they were both quite entertaining.

Because of the sadness in my heart (which included the loss of my brother-in-law, Ron Williams of GA, on Jan. 12), I did not participate in many Mardi Gras events this year. Ordinarily, I would have gone to every event and, therefore, like many, ended up being too tired to attend Coma.

What happened that led me back into the Mardi Gras events began with a visit to the Elks on Monday. Queen Shugah, Paulette, called me, just minutes after the electricity was connected to our new home! So, it was time to celebrate once again. Coma Queen Lynn had already commanded my attendance at Coma this year and, I admit, I was finally ready to play. Well, those of you who did not attend or haven't in the past, missed one heck of an end to Mardi Gras!

Former Queen, Lynn Cieutat had a brilliant idea with the lighted hat contest! Not only was it the coolest parade, it also ended the Mardi Gras Season for me with a great, big smile! The present King and Queen, being Chuck (LeBum) L'Oignon and Betsy Phillips, lead the parade in the best of spirits and made a fabulous royal couple. I had my biggest laugh when King Chuck said to me, at the Dock, "I am a King of Coma and I have a wife who will put me into one if I misbehave!"

Before we get to the 'reason' for my column, (cooking), I'd like to officially welcome Sister of the Beach Deb Friedman into the Grandmothers Club. Yes, our petite SOB Deanna (Lambert) Moore is expecting a baby sometime in October! Congratulations, Deb, it's an amazing Club to be in!

Okay, this week's recipe

comes to us courtesy of King Chuck of Coma.

This is a fabulous dish that Chuck created and served to us years ago. I know that it has already been published (Krewe of Wrecks Recipe Book), but you may, like me, have lost that cookbook in a hurricane.

So, King Chuck and Queen Betsy, this one's for the Royal Coma Couple...thanks for the happy Mardi Gras ending, for me. It was a magical night that made me laugh and enjoy life and Mardi Gras again.

"This recipe is not as complicated as it looks, much like my husband" spoke the King's wife, Judy L'Oignon.

Okay, let's cook....

## King Chuck's Confetti Flounder

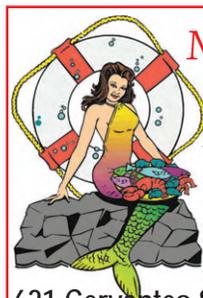
1 green pepper, diced  
1 yellow pepper, diced  
1 red pepper diced  
1 batch green onion tops, sliced  
4-6 oz. fresh mushrooms, sliced  
1 medium Vidalia (or sweet) onion, diced  
8 Flounder filets  
1 lb. fresh crabmeat  
¼ cup olive oil  
½ stick butter  
Garlic salt & Pepper to taste  
Parmesan Cheese  
2 Tbsp. melted butter

Preheat oven to 350. In a large sauté pan, place butter, oil, all peppers and onion, cooking slowly. Meanwhile, divide flounder filets into 4 Ramkins (or au gratin dishes) and sprinkle with garlic salt and pepper to taste. Place flounder in oven for 5 minutes. When peppers and onions are almost soft, add mushrooms and continue to sauté. Remove flounder from oven. Fold crabmeat gently into sauté mix, then divide and cover each flounder with mix. Return flounder to oven for another 7 minutes. Remove, sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and a small amount of melted butter, then put under broiler until slightly browned. Serves 4

Enjoy, share with someone you love and I'll see you in the kitchen.....



**THEY SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST - Betsy Phillips and Chuck (LeBum) L'Oignon were crowned the 2007 Queen and King of Coma as the last hours of the Pensacola Beach Mardi Gras ticked away. The coronation which included a lighted hat parade took place at the Sandshaker Lounge on Tuesday, February 20.**



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# Business Buzz ~ ~

## CHAMBER CHATTER

Beach Chamber committees are forming to support member businesses. Join the Chamber. Remember, membership has its advantages.

## BUSY BUSY

Renee Mack, Manager of the Paradise Complex, Charlotte Spencer, and Lindsey Stanley were all busy keeping hotel guests and visitors happy during Parade Day festivities.

## KABOOM

Silent skies above Pensacola Beach on July Fourth may be a thing of the past. Doug McAllister of Fun Coast Promotions is seeking sponsors for Kaboom 2007 - A Pensacola Beach Fireworks Extravaganza. It's a great way to increase business and celebrate the nation's birthday. If you would like to be part of the action, call Doug at 251-599-4010.

## SPRING BREAK

Students at Pensacola Beach Elementary School along with their counterparts in Gulf Breeze will take a little break from the three R's. Santa Rosa County Schools and the Beach School will have Spring Break from March 12-16. Students in Escambia County, Pensacola Junior College, and the University of West Florida will break March 19 through 23.

## TIME CHANGE

Just about the time you get rested and reorganized from all the Mardi Gras celebrations, those who want to save daylight will ask you to spring forward and reset your clocks. Turn clocks ahead Sunday, March 11 and try to figure out how to recapture the hour of sleep.

## LEPRECHAUNS

Rainbows will lead to a pot of gold for the Covenant Hospice of Northwest Florida after the Society of Leprechauns fill the streets of Pensacola Beach. The twenty-first annual St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl is set for Saturday, March 17.

## NEW AT SANS SOUCI

Longtime Sans Souci resident Lil Kamphuis welcomes Jackie Reid to the Beach from Demopolis, Alabama. Lil made sure that Jackie took time out from her real estate sales position at Island Realty to enjoy all the Mardi Gras parties.



Members of the Pensacola Beach business community attended the Kaboom 2007 sponsorship information meeting presented by Doug McAllister of Fun Coast Promotions at the Hampton Inn, Thursday, February 15. The explosive presentation gave the details of the promotion and the donation opportunities available. Doug expects this one day event to grow into a weeklong celebration on Pensacola Beach in coming years.



REALTOR OF THE YEAR - Island Realty's Nan Harper, left, was named the Realtor of the Year for the Pensacola Bay Area by the Women's Council of Realtors. Nan, who serves as the State Treasurer for the group was able to show off Pensacola Beach to the Women's Council of Realtors President Sherri Meadows, right, from Ocala. The awards banquet was held at New World Landing, February 16.

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# Native Americans Need Help

The Native Americans living on a reservation in Montegut, Louisiana had received no help from any government agency after Hurricane Katrina until December 22, 2006 when the First Nations Intertribal Association arrived with emergency supplies.

"We gave these people their first ray of hope," Chief George Dodge said. "There is still a great need there and on reservations all over the United States and South America."

Specifically, Chief Dodge is seeking the donation of a trailer for carrying supplies to the Monegut location.

"We make trips to Houma with supplies and Chief Albert Naquin of Montegut has to borrow a trailer to take the donations back to the reservation," Dodge said.

On a smaller scale, Dodge is seeking contributions of pencils, notebooks and small pencil sharpeners for the children of a South American tribe in Guatemala.

"Children meet under trees and do not have books or even a chalk board," Dodge said. "I

would love to bring these children thousands of pencils and sharpeners and hundreds of notebooks with lined paper."

The First Nations Intertribal Association will be helping the Mayan children living in war torn Guatemala. The organization has made relief trips to the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, and to the Santee Sioux in Nebraska. They have also taken supplies, with the help of St. Vincent de Paul, to Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

"I am available to speak to groups as to our purpose. When we develop to the degree that we

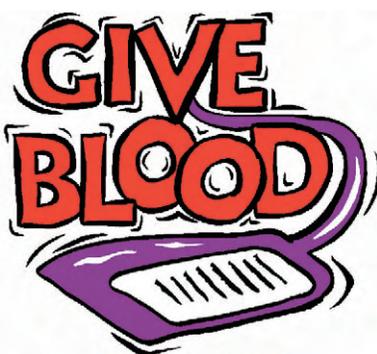
are more than just a handful of volunteers, I hope to assist native peoples across North and South America." Dodge said.

For information email Chief Dodge at white antelope 45@yahoo.com.

If you want to make a donation of pencils, sharpeners, or notebooks, you can leave them at Danah's Hair Salon, 33 Via de Luna, on Pensacola Beach. Dodge will pick up the items there and distribute them.

If you have a trailer to donate, you can contact Chief Dodge at the email above or by calling 850-474-1842

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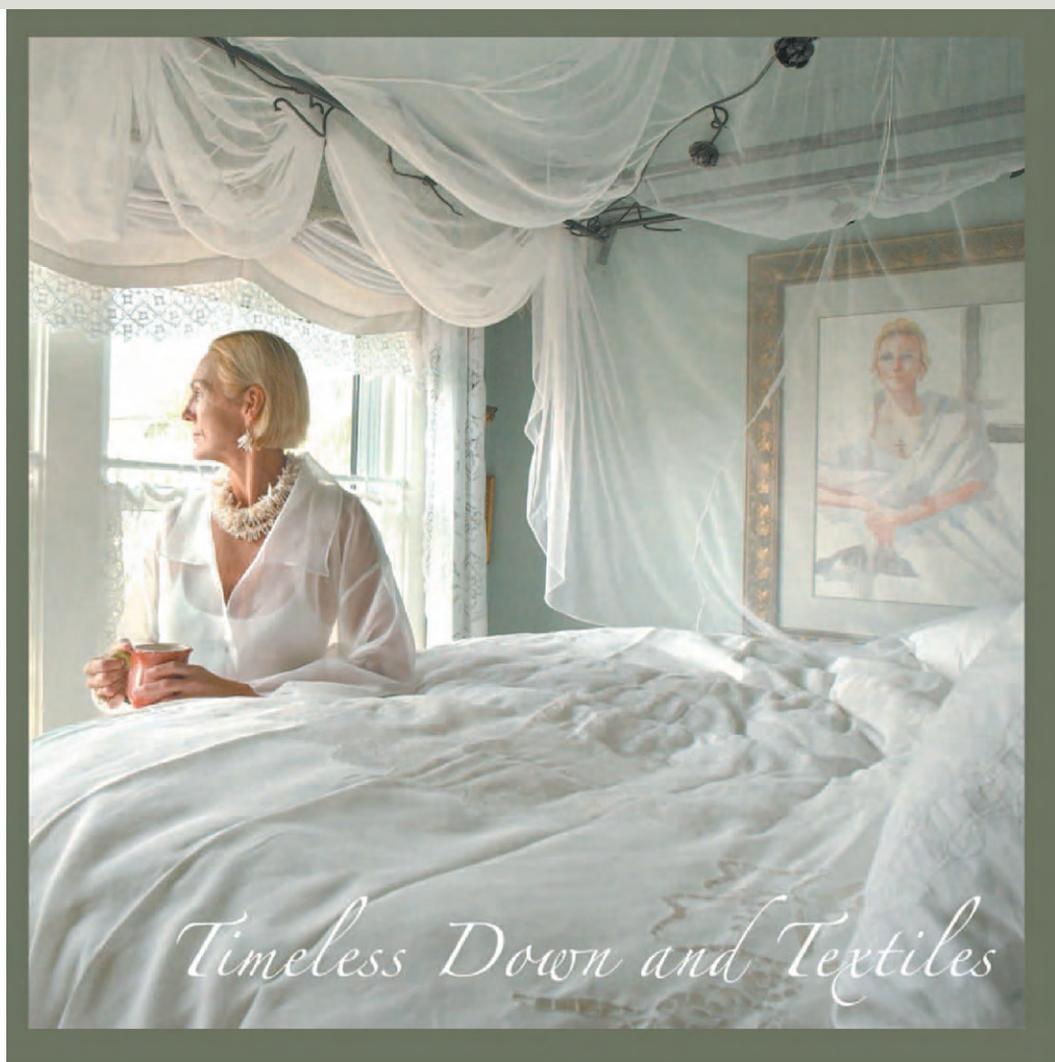
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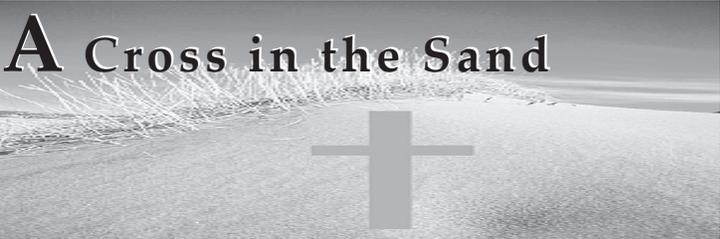


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# A Cross in the Sand

By Dr. Chuck Randle  
Pastor, Pensacola Beach Community Church

On Wednesday, those of the Christian Faith began the observance of Lent - a season of forty days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter.

"Forty" seems to be a significant number in the Judeo-Christian tradition. In the time of Noah, in Old Testament times, we are told it rained forty days and forty nights; the Children of Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years to get to the Promised Land; and the Gospels record that Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness prior to the beginning of his ministry. Some record it as a time of temptation to be the wrong kind of messiah; others refer to it as a time of testing; and many understand it was a time of

preparation for what was to come.

The word "Lent" comes from a variety of Anglo-Saxon and Germanic words meaning spring, a time budding with new life and hope. For Christians, it provides a time for serious, disciplined self-examination. The more liturgical minded churches are very serious about following a pattern of disciplines; less liturgical minded churches observe it in a variety of ways; however, for all it is a time to review our lives and renew the commitments we have made. On second thought, that's not such a bad idea for all people - religious and non-religious. After forty days, we should have a much better understanding of the motivations of our lives.

# Young Professionals Reach New Heights, Accept New Roles

Studer Group welcomed Rachael Johnson as a new partner relations coordinator.

Gulf Breeze resident Rachael Johnson joined Studer Group from the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra where she was director of public relations and director of development admin-



Rachael Johnson

istration. She graduated cum laude from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in public relations.

Rachael is married to Jeremy Johnson of Island Realty on Pensacola Beach who was named as a Top Gun for 2007 by the Women's Council of Realtors, February 16. Realtors are chosen for this honor by attaining certain levels of professional accomplishment. They also must close one million dollars in sales for the year.

Another young professional Dennis Remesch, Realtor with Re/Max on the Coast, was awarded the Top Gun for 2007 designation

by the Women's Council of Realtors at their annual banquet, February 16 at New World Landing.

Dennis specializes in residential home sales for the area. Prior to Real Estate, Dennis worked for an Architectural firm and an Engineering Firm resulting in 14 years experience in Commercial and Residential design.

He and his wife, Anita reside in Gulf Breeze. Dennis

serves on the Board of Directors for the Gulf Breeze Chamber of Commerce and is an active member of the Pensacola Association of Realtors.



Dennis Remesch

An avid beach lover, Dennis can often be found in the Sound with his boat or competing in the many 5K races on Pensacola Beach



Mardi Gras Merchants - Kyle Fogel and Matt Schang worked the hungry Mardi Gras parade crowds in front of Paradise selling hot dogs to raise money for the Pensacola Beach Community Church's Youth Group. The two entrepreneurs with their homemade sign had to return periodically to restock their wares with youth group coordinator Sherry Hobbs who had the grill located at the Surf Side Food Store.

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| <p>Pensacola Beach Community Church<br/>United Church of Christ<br/>Via de Luna &amp; Ave 18<br/>Sunday Services 10 a.m.</p> |  | <p>Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Mission<br/>Via de Luna &amp; Ave 18<br/>Sunday Mass 9:45 a.m.</p> |
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# Catholic Church Prepares Lenten Schedule

St. Ann Catholic Parish, Gulf Breeze, announces the following schedule for Lent:

- Morning Masses in Lent: Monday through Friday at 6:30 and 8:30 AM; and Saturdays at 8:30 AM
- Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays at St. Ann 6:45 PM; Fridays at Our Lady of the Assumption, Pensacola Beach, 6:45 PM
- Fish Fry: Every Friday during Lent 5 PM at St. Ann
- Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 PM during Daylight Saving Time (March 11-Nov.3)
- Parish Reconciliation Service: Wednesday March 21 6:30 PM, St. Ann.
- Easter Sunday: April 8 Mass 8:15 and 11 AM at St. Ann; 9:45 AM at Our Lady of the Assumption Mission, 920 Via de Luna, Pensacola Beach.

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Now retired, Bob Clark served for years on Pensacola Beach leading the Escambia County Deputies in their daily duties as the officer-in-charge at the substation. On Sunday, February 18 he served as the Krewe of Wrecks Mardi Gras Parade Grand Marshal.



The Krewe of Junkanoo members took everyone back to the days of World War II and the USO. Saluting the good old days are (L to R): Susi Mardi, Mike Mardis and Lois Jernigan. The Junkanoo float was awarded the Grand Marshal's award for best float.



Pensacola Beach Woman's Club members Kathy Christoff, Chrissy Cook and Evelyn Wright were among charming ladies who served hundreds of bowls of Red Beans and Rice on Monday, Feb. 19 at Casino Beach. The event raised \$1019 for Covenant Hospice.



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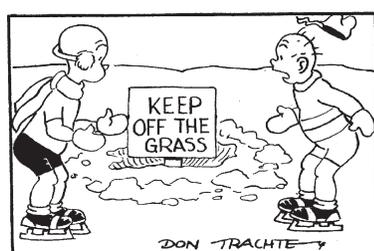
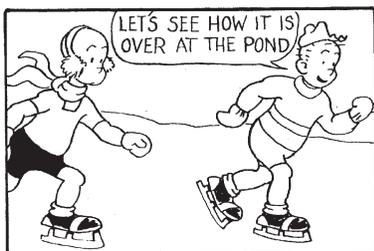
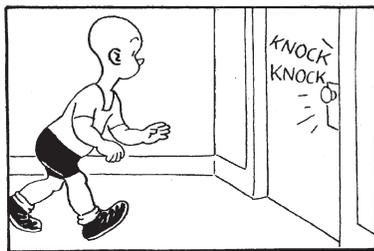
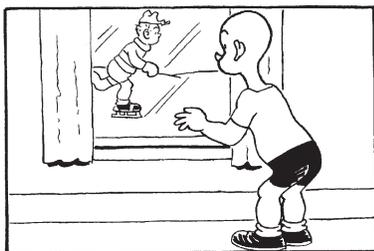
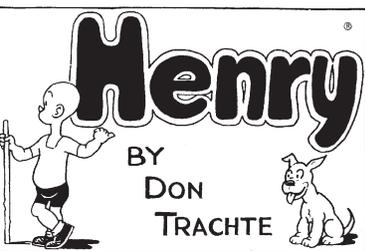
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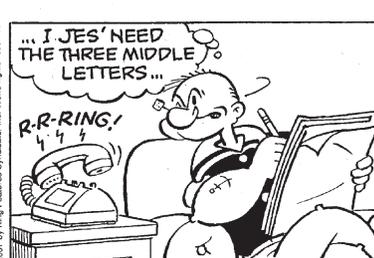


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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine optimism will soon dispel the gloom cast by those naysayers and pessimists who still hover close by. Also, that good news you recently received is part of a fuller message to come.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Feeling jealous over a colleague's success drains the energy you need to meet your own challenges. Wish him or her well, and focus on what you need to do. Results start to show in mid-March.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You're likely to feel somewhat Crabby these days, so watch what you say, or you could find yourself making lots of apologies. Your mood starts to brighten by the weekend.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your pride might still be hurting from those unflattering remarks someone made about you. But cheer up, you're about to prove once again why you're the Top Cat in whatever you do.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding with a co-worker could become a real problem unless it's resolved soon. Allow a third party to come in and assess the situation without pressure or prejudice.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Call a family meeting to discuss the care of a loved one at this difficult time. Be careful not to let yourself be pushed into shouldering the full burden on your own.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) An upcoming decision could open the way to an exciting venture. However, there are some risks you should know about. Ask more questions before making a commitment.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Personal matters need your attention during the earlier part of the week. You can start to shift your focus to your workaday world by midweek. Friday brings news.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You've been going at a hectic pace for quite a while. It's time now for some much-needed rest and recreation to recharge those hardworking batteries.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time to upgrade your current skills or consider getting into an entirely different training program so that you can be prepared for new career opportunities.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Keep a low profile in order to avoid being lured away from the job at hand. Focus on what has to be done, and do it. There'll be time later to enjoy fun with family and friends.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You can be a dreamer and a realist. You dream of what you would like to do, and then you face the reality of how to do it.

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**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps



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Early registration is \$15 through March 1 with late registration from March 3 through March 9 at \$17. Race day registration is from 6:30 to 8 a.m. only and is \$20.

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Pensacola Beach Woman's Club members let the good times roll at their February 15 meeting. In the midst of their annual Mardi Gras luncheon at Hunt Hall they toasted birthday girls (L to R): Doreen Ellis, Louise White, and Carol Ascherfeld. The next Woman's Club meeting will be Thursday, March 15 at the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge. Prospective members are always welcome to attend.



Gayle Shackelford lit up the night at the Fat Tuesday Krewe of Coma Lighted Hat Contest. She won first prize with her purple feathered chapeau complete with nine flashlights around the top. The Krewe of Coma presented her with the grand prize basket full of goodies prior to the procession from the Sandshaker Lounge to The Dock to signal the official end of Mardi Gras on Pensacola Beach for 2007.

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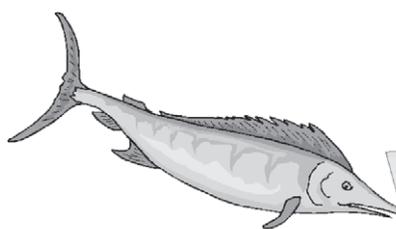


## University Presents Stormworks

Unlike the hurricanes of past seasons, beach residents will enjoy this stormy presentation. The University of West Florida Center for Fine and Performing Arts and the Department of Music will present the Symphonic Band Concert "Stormworks," March 9 at 7:30 p.m. on the Mainstage Theatre in the CFPA, Building 82. Admission to the concert is free and open to the public.

The highlight of the concert will be a piece titled "Stormworks" by Stephen Melillo. The concert will also feature performances of "Into the Storm" by Robert Smith.

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# Bytes & Bits

By Joe Stukey

## Questions for "Your Computer Pals"

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**A:** Maybe...but do your homework first. Vista requires a lot of horsepower to run properly. If your computer is more than a couple of years old, you may have to upgrade your equipment first. Here are some things to consider: Vista comes in 5 different varieties, ranging from the "basic user" to "business enterprises". The best fit for most home users is Vista Premium. For it to run properly on your computer, you must have a minimum of 1 gigabyte of main memory, a 1-gigabyte processor, and 128 megabytes of video memory. Most computers in use today probably don't meet the memory requirements, but some can be upgraded.

A good rule of thumb is: If you're not already running Windows XP, your computer is too old to use Vista. Once you know that your equipment is capable of running Vista, ask yourself why you think you need it. Your computer will continue to run for years without it. Vista has a new look and improved security, in addition to more multimedia capabilities. For more details you can visit [www.Microsoft.com](http://www.Microsoft.com) before making a purchase.

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

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Pensacola Beach Mardi Gras Queens feasted on royal fare at the Queen's Dinner, Monday, February 12 at Flounder's. Lil Kamphuis, center, 1994 Krewe of Wrecks Queen, was introduced with cheers and waves. Sharon Peirce and Edie Draper are to her left with Shelly Geir to her right.



If Tut had been the King of the Mardi Gras, perhaps he would have dressed like this. No one really knows, but Wendell is certain that he has more fun than the famous Egyptian king. Wendell enjoyed the largest free Red Beans and Rice luncheon hosted by the Krewe of Wrecks at Casino Beach Monday, February 19.

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# Poker Craze Continues On Pensacola Beach

Michelle Bourgeois would not say whether most of her cards were hearts as she played her way to first place in the Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun poker games at The Islander Lounge on Valentine's Day.

"Michelle took the chip lead early at the final table and never looked back. Beach businessman J.O. Weeks was the only one with a chance, but fell to King's over, on the last hand," said poker promoter Rick Uzdevenes.

Mark Jullian took down Anne Vinson in a classic poker battle in the historic Islander Lounge on February 21.

Santa Rosa Sound is the backdrop for play at the Paradise Bar and Grill on Monday nights. Glenn Burleson had a great night with strong cards at the final table as he rode a boat to the winner's circle on February 12. Michelle Bourgeois was second continuing her excellent play.

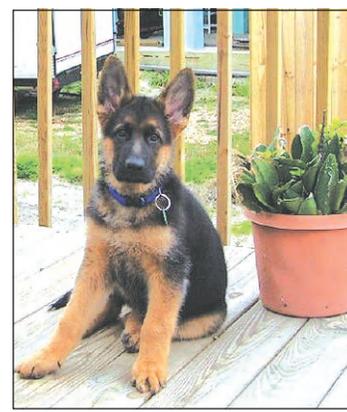
Two well-known beach guys went head to head on February 19 but Tommy Chavis made a late run to overtake Tex Atkinson in the final.

Winners at Paddy O'Leary's Irish Pub included Trace Lewis on February 13 and Anne Vinson on February 20.

"Everyone is welcome to come play Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun," said Rick. "We can even schedule private games for entertainment at your next party."



Beach businessman J.O. Weeks, standing left, deals the hand at the Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun poker game at The Islander Lounge on Valentine's Day. At the end of the night J.O. had enough chips to be the runner up to Michelle Bourgeois.



Four-month-old German Shepard pup Rommel Shearman guards the Mayor of Pensacola Beach. He lives in Villa Sabine with his parents Honorary Mayor Becky and her husband Chris.

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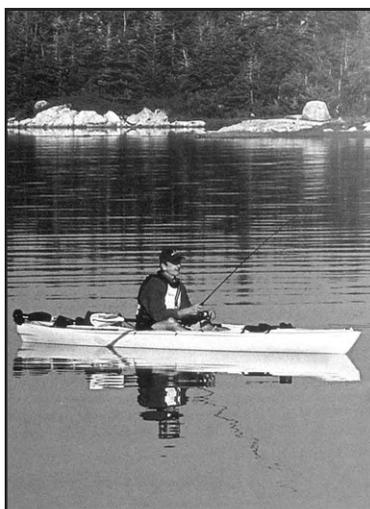
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# The Beauty & Beach

By Danah & Gwen Gibson

Was this a fabulous Mardi Gras season or what? From the kickoff King Cake Party through Parade Day, it was all great! I ran into folks that I only see this time of year. I saw some old friends, and even made some very interesting new ones! I don't know about you, but for some unknown reason Mardi Gras seems to take longer to recuperate from every year! It still hurts!

For this purpose, I have researched some top hangover cures.

## 1). Hair o' the Dog.

Personally, I have never been able to do this one, buy some swear by it. A Bloody Mary, or a tomato juice/beer. (Equal parts of both). This was a personal favorite of Ernest Hemingway. Another popular concoction is a mix of champagne and flat Guinness beer. Yuck. I would rather suffer.

## 2). Caffeine.

This can be taken in many different forms. Coffee, Cokes, Tea etc. This works well for your pounding head by constricting your blood vessels for a while, which leads to number

3). Alka-Seltzer Cold Plus. I don't care if you're sick or not, this one seems to work for me, if only for a few hours, the combination of whatever medicines and caffeine in there, seem to do the trick, until you are ready for number

4). The Greasy Cheeseburger. Doesn't matter where you get

it (as long as you don't have to cook it yourself!) followed by number

5). A nice Long Nap. Definitely the way to go! Works for me every time.

I would just take a minute to thank all of you who donated door prizes and time and effort to make this year's Krewe of Nauga Breakfast the biggest and best ever! Julie Crowell and Susan Kennedy at JME Realty, Ellen Bragg at The Best Western, Rene Mack of Paradise Bar, Grill and Hotel, Ron Roland for his great donation of a personalized pet portrait, the staff at The Dock.

I would love to name each and everyone of you, but my space is running out, and I need to inform everyone that we are now collecting old cell phones and empty ink cartridges for The Humane Society. They can turn them in for money and they really need help. We have a collection box at Danah's Hair Studio, 33 Via De Luna.

We are also the drop off spot for donations of notebooks, pencils and pencil sharpeners for the Guatemalan Indian school children.

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by Pandora de Balthazar

## Wise Winks and Fanciful Sheets

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In years past, the darkness of the evening was the key to sleepy-time, and the light of the day was the clock that woke one up.

In years present, we have lamps and florescents, reading lights, and disco balls to keep us going til all hours of the night.

The ever intriguing Internet, electronic games and old faithful: television, provide us with entertainment 24 hours a day, at whim.

Food has even taken on a fast pace, higher calories, and is of less value to our bodies, yet we feel like we have made progress.

In year's future, we will have more diabetes, heavier bodies, higher blood pressure, and, perhaps, more memories, if we can just remember them!

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# The LIZZARD'S TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



I just spent six weeks as a substitute kindergarten teacher in a Title I public school in Eastern Carolina. Though not one of my students was from a solid middle class family and technically would be classified as impoverished, none was poor in spirit. That is what I loved about these kids and the lessons they taught me. So I would like to share some of their pearls of wisdom. Please remember, they were only five-years-old.

One day in class I was suffering from a terrible sinus headache. One of my students told me that his mom gets "my-brains" all the time and the only thing she can do is lie on the couch and watch Jerry Springer. Now that would give me a "my-brain".

Another day we were practicing the sight word "no." I had asked my students to come up with a simple sentence using the word. I used the example "no running in the halls."

One child wrote the following: No slapping the pohleece or you go to jail. As my students read their sentences, that one sparked a jubilant discussion over whose dad was in jail and why. "You know Mrs. H.," said one little boy, "there's only black and white TV in jail." I guess you learn something new every day.

Every morning I would give my children a hug. This took all of my inner strength since ring worm was being passed from kid to kid like one shared ice cold soda on a blistering hot summer day. Not to mention the few cases of head lice and the con-

stant state of either crusted up or runny noses. I knew for some of my kids it was the only hug they would get and it was because I genuinely cared for them. I had one student who on more than one occasion had suspicious bruises on her body and face. For the first two weeks, she would stand stiff as a board. Then she was the first in line, running to me to get her morning hug. On my last day she said to me, "Mrs. H, I wish you was my mommy. You gives the best huggins and you smells nice."

I could never tell her how many nights I cried over her blacked eyes wishing I were her mommy, too.

Monday morning circle time was always a dicey proposition. As much as I tried to guide and direct sharing, I couldn't always control what would pop out of the students' mouths. Without fail for six Mondays in a row, I was asked if Santa really existed. I never really had to answer because the children who believed were adamant that he did. One devoutly religious boy always answered with "only God truly exists."

My favorite comeback was, "Oh snap, if you think some fat bearded white guy brings you presents, you talkin' smack." How quickly I learned to disguise a laugh as a cough.

Like most five-year-olds, they loved to be read to during rest time and snack time was sacred. Sometimes I would even combine the two, especially on cold, rainy mornings when our outdoor time was transformed

into playing duck, duck, goose in the classroom.

One Friday afternoon I brought in ice cream sandwiches and read The Emperor's New Clothes. One little boy asked the girl next to him if she thought my book was made of real gold. "Of course it is," she told him. "She buys only the best." And to think, I hadn't even looked at the brand of ice cream sandwiches when I bought them.

I am going to miss these kids. Not so much for the funny things they said or the fact that every day they told me I was pretty or nice or that I they liked it when I wore my sparkly shoes. I am going to miss the fact that for six weeks, I was able to make a difference not only in their reading and math scores, but in their hearts as well.

Until next time.

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# Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candace Segar

## Kitchen Runs Amuck

Well I decided to take the kitchen renovation into my own hands; literally! You got it. I pulled out my favorite crowbar and hammer and started ripping out the cabinets, stove and oven. When I got to the latter, I was surprised at what I found behind the scene. I am already to pull the plug, and there was a 220 line pulled and directly spliced to the wires of the stove/oven. Stop, do not pass go, do not collect \$200. Go immediately to the breaker panel and open breaker!

They did use electrical tape and one wire nut. They also used duct tape to re-enforce the strength of the electrical tape or so I thought. I opened up the splices in order to cut and remove the wire. Upon doing so I discovered that they used duct tape as electrical tape, then electrical tape, then duct tape over the electrical tape. Now duct tape is wonderful, but it is slightly conductive. Hello people, have you heard of the Electrical Code?

I also found additional holes that were drilled into the floor, but I can't figure out what they were used for (probably to let the roaches in from the cold).

Now if that wasn't enough they pulled wire outside the wall, but inside the cabinets. I guess that wire was an afterthought. Right now I am tracing the outlets and lights back to the breakers. Oh that's another thing. They did not identify much in the breaker box because they wired everything to the same breaker.

I bet now you are wondering how I am surviving with no kitchen. Well I have a fourth of a kitchen. The side, with the 1960's dishwasher (still works well), refrigerator, sink and microwave is making this process quite comfortable. I plug in the hot plate or the toaster or the popcorn popper or the small oven, one appliance at a time. Besides I discovered it is better to just eat raw fruits and vegetables.

More later. I am back to work.

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For more information, contact Ranelli at (850) 474-2348 or Ted Kirhharr, co-chair, at (850) 266-6192.



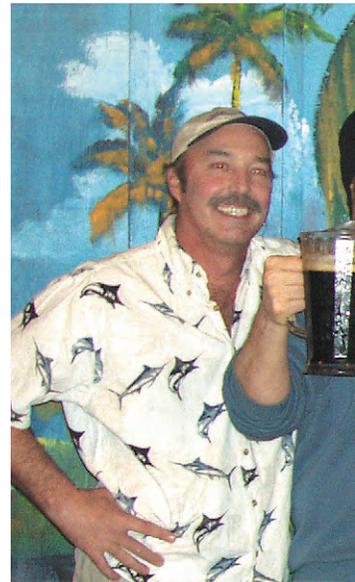
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PegLeg Pete's also honored Jimmy "It's All Good" Wiltcher at the February 12 banquet, who recently left after more than 15 years, to open up his own restaurant, Jimmy's Seafood Cafe, in Gulf Breeze.

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- 5 Hostel
- 8 Pesky kid
- 12 Shaving-cream additive
- 13 Conk out
- 14 Anger
- 15 HOV lane groups
- 17 "To hear," in court
- 18 Be philanthropic
- 19 Silly smile
- 21 Trudge (through)
- 24 Neither mate
- 25 Church area
- 28 Mire
- 30 Under the weather
- 33 Japanese theater
- 34 Arousing suspicion
- 35 Coquettish
- 36 Verily
- 37 Aleutian island
- 38 Hackman or Kelly
- 39 Bug-spray letters
- 41 The Tentmaker
- 43 Episodic TV show
- 46 Impel
- 50 Arabian Sea nation
- 51 Will

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- 9 "For the Good Times" singer
- 10 Screenwriter James
- 11 Geog. subdivision
- 16 Hooter
- 20 Black
- 22 Don't include
- 23 Enthusiasm
- 25 Whatever amount
- 26 "Ulalume" writer
- 27 Fiery
- 29 Furnace fellow
- 31 Pal
- 32 Old-time soap
- 34 Destiny
- 38 Food seller
- 40 Way too small
- 42 Hollywood org.
- 43 Pop
- 44 Flightless flock
- 45 Highlander
- 47 Philbin's co-host
- 48 Coagulate
- 49 Being, to Brutus
- 52 Lennon's lady
- 53 Morning moisture

### DOWN

- 1 Chantilly, e.g.
- 2 Verve
- 3 Information
- 4 Give testimony
- 5 Reply to the J.P.
- 6 Zero
- 7 Capone foe
- 8 Stomach aid



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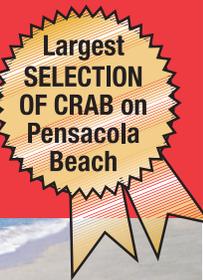
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