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Lucky Leprechaun



The Society of Leprechauns will press the luck of the Irish to the outer limits on Saturday, March 17 at its twenty-first annual St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl on Pensacola Beach. There will be auctions and all things Irish for sale at each stop along the way as the crawlers raise funds for Covenant Hospice of Northwest Florida. Lloyd Hess, a famous local leprechaun knows the Pub Crawl route well. He's a dyed-in-the-green veteran of many Pub Crawls, contributes items for the sales, and walks among the leaders as they make their way from pub to pub to drink a toast to St. Patrick. More on this story, Page 2.

Leprechauns Own Pensacola Beach on St. Paddy's Day

The little green people will soon take over the Beach. No, not aliens, but the Society of Leprechauns as they launch their twenty-first annual St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl on Saturday, March 17. The Pub Crawl will honor its founder, the late Paddy Blake. Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. at Bobby D's Beach Bar, when crawlers can enjoy a corned beef and cabbage breakfast. The Leprechauns will leave Bobby D's to arrive at their first stop, Sidelines, at 11 a.m. Stops follow on the hour at Crab's, The Dock, the Sandshaker, Bamboo Willie's, and end at Bobby D's at 4 p.m.

There will be sales, raffles, and auctions all along the way, according to Ruth Gray, coordinator of the event.

"We normally raise about eight thousand dollars during the Pub Crawl," Ruth said. "All the

proceeds go to Covenant Hospice of Northwest Florida."

The annual Bake Sale held at the Elks Lodge on Saturday, March 10 has always been a sell out event when the Leprechauns offer their homemade delicacies to the public.

The Pub Crawl was established twenty-one years ago by the late Paddy Blake. And, that's all it was. A bunch of rowdy guys going for bar to bar to toast St. Patrick.

After a while Paddy, a fun loving Irishman with a deep community spirit, began to make a few changes here and there. He formed the Society of Lepre-

chauns, who under his direction, set up raffles and drawing and conducted sales at each stop on the route. The high-spirited lads and lassies were still having fun,

School from the Pub Crawl, but more recently Hospice is the recipient of the funds.

As the Pub Crawl began to grow in numbers and spirit,

Paddy found a kindred Irishman, Richard Dancer and the two co-chaired the event for many years. After Paddy's death, his wife Shirley, kept the Pub Crawl going to be sure Paddy's legacy would never fade away. Last year, Ruth Gray took over the leading role in the Society of Leprechauns.

"We had more than 200 crawlers last year," Ruth said. "Since St. Patrick's Day is on Saturday this year, we expect as many as 400 participants."

Commemorative t-shirts will be available along with a wide assortment of shamrocks, beads, garters, and other Irish memorabilia, according to Ruth.

Pub crawlers have the option of going to all locations, stopping in one favorite bar, or joining the crowd at any point after the journey has begun. Leprechauns don't like rules, but there is a dress code. Wear green. Green everything, just to prove you are truly Irish.

A special event on this year's Pub Crawl will be the Green Bikini Contest at Bamboo Willie's at 3 p.m.

For more information, call Ruth at 712-4821. Contributions may be made payable to the Pub Crawl Account, and mailed to Ruth Gray, c/o Wade Wilson, CPA, 1601 West Garden Street, Pensacola, FL, 32501.

Pub Crawl Schedule

10 a.m.	Corned Beef & Cabbage Bobby D's
11 a.m.	Sidelines Sports Bar
Noon	Crab's, We Got 'Em
1 p.m.	The Dock
2 p.m.	Sandshaker Lounge
3 p.m.	Bamboo Willie's
4 p.m.	Bobby D's Beach Bar

but now they had a cause, a fundraiser.

During the early years, all the monies went to the Beach

Allen R. Levin Way Honors Memory of Portofino Developer

The memory of all the benefits Pensacola Beach received from Allen Levin during his lifetime will be preserved in the naming of a stretch of Highway 399 as the Allen R. Levin Way. The segment will be from Calle Hermosa to Portofino, the world class resort which Allen developed.

"Allen Levin was a very humble and behind the scenes gentleman who made great contributions to Pensacola Beach," Board member Dr. Tom Campanella said.

Allen passed away earlier this year. Allen's wife, Terri thanked the Board.

"You are correct," she said. "Allen was a humble man, and I speak for the family when I say we are humbled and honored that you would continue his legacy by naming the road after him. I am so touched. Thank you."

Appropriate street signs will be installed at either end of the newly named roadway.

The street naming announcement took place at a three hour session of the Santa Rosa Island Authority's committee meetings on February 28.

The question of a recently recommended definition of what constitutes a hotel room by the Escambia County Planning and Zoning Board came under discussion at the meeting and Vernon Prather, chairman, appointed

Fred Gant and Kelly Robertson to serve on a committee to study the matter, along with him. The proposed broad definition of a hotel room could lead to additional condominium construction on Pensacola Beach. Before the final draft is sent to the Board of County Commissioners, there will be a public hearing in April. The SRIA committee met on March 7, and will meet again March 21 at 11:30 at the SRIA office before sending its recommendations to the full board of the Authority. See *New Hotel*, page 5.

Committees covered a myriad of issues and requests. The highlights, committee by committee follow:

Development and Leasing:

♦ Bob McLaughlin, assistant county administrator told the committee that 353 code violations were issued to leaseholders who needed to clean up their properties. The leaseholders have 15 days to respond.

He also announced that there would be a beachwide Team Up to Clean Up Day on April 14 much like the one at Perdido Key. Volunteers will be asked to clean up debris from the rights-of-way.

♦ Chris Cadenhead, representing the Fishing Pier announced that the building to be constructed would contain a tackle and gift shop and a bar and grill.

♦ In response to a request from Phillip Napier presenting the Grand Marlin Marina developers, Hoffman and Associates appraised the properties along the causeway at \$960,000. The Heliworks parcel and the lot adjacent to the toll booth will be put out for bids if the request is approved at the full board meeting.

♦ Staff reports on visioning plans included at \$30,000 item to landscape Pensacola Beach Blvd. from the toll booth south. Staff felt cleaning the beach and landscaping should be a priority this year.

Architectural and Environmental Committee

♦ Dr. Chris Houser from UWF, gave a report on rip currents. A real time website is to be developed so Beach lifeguards can anticipate where rip currents will occur, and adjust patrols accordingly, saving many lives.

♦ A new fire station will be constructed on the site of the storm ravaged station on Pensacola Beach.

Special Projects Committee

♦ Board member John Peacock presented a clipping from the Pensacola News Journal which appeared to show that Escambia County had only 11 percent of the tourist rental market while Baldwin County had 20 percent. Peacock said the world's most beautiful beach, Pensacola Beach, was not utilizing its assets

well enough.

Administrative Committee

♦ Immediately following Peacock's statements, Ed Schroeder of the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce reported that the beaches of South Walton County have the biggest share, but the rentals in Escambia are showing healthy growth. At this point in the year, Escambia is outperforming others in the market. Escambia now has 20% of the rentals and is ranked sixth in the State of Florida in tourism dollars.

♦ The bid of JaxCom LLC was approved to till the Beach so the sand does not become impacted and impede turtle nesting.

Operations Committee

♦ Debbie Norton, Environ-

mental and Development Services manager, will invite Escambia County traffic personnel to the Beach to get their input on sand in the right-of-way, which is piled up and obscures the line of sight for motorists. Vernon Prather said sand in the right-of-way is a safety issue. "If we cannot see at an intersection, it is so dangerous."

Prather said the staff had advised him that this could become a legal issue if it is not addressed by the SRIA.

The Full Board will meet on Wednesday, March 14, to take action on the issues which have been discussed in committee. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. at the Authority office. All SRIA meetings are open to the public.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



How do you talk to a two-year-old? Mostly talking nonsense and acting like a clown. I can remember when I had a repertoire of jokes and silly songs that my little girls loved to hear during the year before they turned three. I think of those things in the spring since that is where most of them originate. Like "Spring has sprung. The grass has riz. I wonder where the flowers is?" The poem is accompanied by a search for the flowers, under the pillow, under the rug, in the little one's ears. This is all very funny to a two-year-old even if I never found the flowers.

There were the Goit and Boit stories. Really, really silly. There was a skoit named Goit and a guy named Boit walking along the street. Said Boit to Goit, "Look at them thoity doity boids sitting on the coib, a boipin' and a choipin' and a eatin' doity woims."

And this one, said Goit to Boit, "'Tis Spring. 'Tis Spring, the boid is on the wing." Said Boit to Goit, "My woid, how absoid, I thought the wing was on the boid."

Enough of those. But if you use them be sure to use the facial contortions that you think fit the poems. Your baby will crack up laughing.

Sometimes, I would sing whimsical songs to my little girls. The ones they liked the best had no ending. Such as "Be kind to your web-footed friends. That duck might be somebody's mother. Be kind to your friends in the

swamp....."

They patiently waited for the end which never came. Or this one which was most acceptable, "When you come to the end of a lollipop, and there's not another lick. When you come to the end of a lollipop, when you come to the end of the stick....."

No end but they chuckled, giggled, and laughed out loud. Two-year-olds may be smarter than you think. Although I read suitable books to them, they would listen quietly, and then look at me and say, "Tell the story about the boids."

I don't know why a two-year-old fights bedtime, but they do. Although my children were born before the term "terrible twos" became popular, the only time I can remember that they were out of control was at bedtime.

I tucked them in. I sang to them. I found their favorite sleepy time toy for them to hold, and I tip-toed out of their bedrooms as I thankfully felt they were falling asleep.

As soon as I sat down in the living room, they became really thirsty. Like they were out-on-the-desert thirsty. I would just be looking at the beginning of a television sitcom, when I would look up and a little girl would be standing in the living room, rubbing her eyes and announcing, "I'm thirsty." So, off to the kitchen, and then back to bed. Same old routine. Sing a song. Tuck in. Find doll in covers, and kiss goodnight. A two-year-old has an unquench-

able thirst at bedtime. Mine seemed to need a drink of water every night before they could even consider falling asleep. I guess all that commotion would qualify for the "terrible twos." I just thought they were conspiring against me, trying to disrupt my peaceful evening.

So, how do you talk to a two-year-old? First, you give them a drink of water to quench the mighty bedtime thirst and then you sing. Put away the bedtime story books and sing. It just keeps getting sillier.

"Gwendolyn and Christopher went walking up the hill. They walked and walked, and

walked and walked, and I guess they are walking still."

"I don't want to go to bed. I'm having too much fun."

"Sing it again, Mommie," comes a tired little voice.

"Would you like a drink of water first?" I asked. "Yes, they always wanted another drink of water."

"Sing it again, Mommie."

The appropriate gesture which accompanies this song is your index finger and middle finger go walking up the toddler's arm.

"Sing it again, Mommie."

Sing it again. Walk up the toddler's arm on your fingertips.

After about the fourth rendition of this ridiculous song, your baby is snoozing away. Dreaming of Gwendolyn and Christopher walking and walking, and feeling the loving touch of a mother's soft hands as her fingers go walking up her baby's arm.

I always talked to my two-year-olds in terms of spring. And, every spring I think about my little girls and how I entertained them with absurd poems, songs and acting like I was just in from the circus. I wonder if they can remember the many trips I took walking lovingly up their arms until they fell asleep.

"Sing it again, Mommie."

Saddle Up, Pardner and Head to Giddy Up Gala Beach Optimists Round Up Donations

Hey, Pardner, saddle up and gallop over to Flounder's corral for the Optimist Club's annual spring fundraiser, the Giddy Up Gala, 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, April 19. Flounder's will serve its famous Western Barbecue and Tim Spencer will be pickin' at his guitar.

You don't have to be present at round up time, but you could be the winner of the grand prize of \$2500 in cash, or one of ten additional cash prizes. Proceeds from the raffle

and gala ticket sales will benefit the Pensacola Beach Elementary School and other Optimist Club projects.

Optimist Club donation recipients include the Beach School, Bike Rodeo, Oratorical Contest, Just Say No Poster Contest, DARE and Teacher Appreciation. Others include New Beginnings, Favor House, ARC Gateway, Taking Stock In Kids, Pensacola Beach Community Church, Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, PJC

Scholarship, and Sacred Heart Children's Ward Easter baskets and Christmas gifts.

Bettie Lee Sundstrom, Head Cowgirl for the Giddy Up Gala, says, "Ya'll come. Put on your casual party goin' attire and have fun."

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LULLABY

Linda and John Merting are singing lullabies to their new grandson, Baylen Chance Knox, born December 26, 2006. Baylen's parents are Courtney and Brandon Knox of Destin.

QUEEN REMINISCES

Tracey Patterson Mitchell, 1995 queen of the Krewe of Wrecks emailed a note to tell us she really got a kick out of Barefoot on the Beach. She lives in Pensacola now, but thinks of all her Beach subjects around Mardi Gras time every year. Tracey was the queen who wore a tiara every day of her year long reign.

HEAVYHITTER

Scenario: Two runners on base in the Woodham-Navarre Lady Raiders softball game. Haley Curle comes up to bat. Hits a grounder all the way to the outer fence. Runners go home. Final score: Navarre 2 and Woodham, 1. Kathryn and Woody Curle, who are former Beach residents, are bursting with pride over their daughter's great play.

BATTER UP

Congratulations to Pete Della Ratta, versatile sportsman, teacher, Island Times fishing columnist, and now baseball coach. Pete will join the coaching staff of the Pensacola Pelicans. He is a former major league baseball player.

WINNING WORDS

Shelby Hobbs won first place in the Optimist Club's Speech Contest. Shelby is in the eighth grade at Gulf Breeze Middle School. Her parents are Jim and Sherry Hobbs, Beach residents.

THE LANZA BOYS

Nick Lanza, a Beach life-guard, graduated from Gulf Breeze High School and is currently enrolled at UWF. He will attend Auburn University this fall on a Navy ROTC scholarship. Brother Jeff is a junior at Gulf Breeze High School. Both are

graduates of Pensacola Beach Elementary School and were members of the Krewe of Kids.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Janet and Allen Penniman celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on February 23. They celebrated the event with friends, enjoying dinner at Flounder's.

BEACH OR BUST

Moving to the Beach was a whole lot of work for Darla Richardson and Thomas Lumpkin, but getting to live at Santa Rosa Dunes made every ache and pain worth it.

JAN SCRUGGS RECOVERING

Jan Scruggs, manager of The Dock, is doing very well during her recovery from a bone marrow transplant in Houston. She thanks everyone who sent her cards and notes. She could be back home as soon as next month.

LINDA LEAVES

Friends bid Linda Terry goodbye last week. She is moving to Birmingham, Alabama to be near her aging parents. Linda swears she has Beach weekends already scheduled for this summer.

The last trivia question which was to identify the cool dude in the photo, drew a lot of attention. Lisa Hassett was the first to answer, but she picked the wrong brother, Tiger Atkinson. Minutes later, Judy L'Oignon answered correctly, Flip Atkinson. Perennial trivia players Bill Greene and Morrie Drees also answered correctly, but too late. Judy wins the shirt.

By Friday, the *Island Times* email was overflowing with answers from everywhere. Most notably from General Bob Kennedy, who recognized his nephew, Flip, who was the second born of his 39 nieces and nephews. And this from Kathryn Curle, "Of course, the wonderful picture is of Flipper O'Toole Atkinson of the famous Sun Ray Taco Shop." Lots of Flip's old friends recognized him in the photo, among them were Jeff Goudey and Susi O'Lyon.

Flip was a well known chef at McGuire's Irish Pub and later at the Sun Ray Taco Shop which he co-owned with Tiger. He died of a heart attack at age 43 on March 16, 1998. Thanks to Amy DePew for submitting the photo, bringing warm memories of the happy-

go-lucky Flip.

When spring arrives, deep sea fishing starts. One of the fishing charter boats at the Beach Marina is the Miss Marissa. Who is the Captain? The first one to email the correct answer gets a t-shirt. It could be you!

Rules are the same. Send your answer in an email to: islandtimes@bellsouth.net with "trivia" in the subject line. Please include your name and phone number along with your answer. The trivia buff who submits the first correct answer before March 21 will receive an official *Island Times* t-shirt.

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New Hotel Room Definition Draws Fire from Beach Residents, Businesses

What constitutes a hotel room? What constitutes a condo? And, if the two should ever marry, would they live happily ever after? Maybe yes, and maybe no.

Many beach residents and businesses are reacting negatively to the recent definition of a hotel room, approved and recommended to the County Commission by the Escambia County Planning and Zoning Board. The proposal would not limit the size of a hotel room and would allow a sixteen week occupancy by the owner each year. Basically, opponents of the measure say, this opens the door for condominium construction along with hotels on Pensacola Beach.

By the time the Santa Rosa Island Authority subcommittee met to discuss the issue on March 7, the Pensacola Beach Residents and Leaseholders Association had already retained the services of an attorney, Ed Fleming, to fight the change in definition. Also, the merchants of Quietwater Beach Boardwalk had hired Fleming as well to handle their objections.

Julian MacQueen, Beach hotel developer, said, "I want to build hotels. Financing hotels with land and construction costs the way they are make it prohibitive. I will not build anymore. I will go outside of Escambia County."

A 94 unit condo/hotel, The Towers is under construction at the Hilton Garden Inn, a property owned by MacQueen's Innisfree Hotels.

Vernon Prather, chairman suggested to fellow subcommittee members Fred Gant and

Kelly Robertson that the subcommittee explore the following questions:

What effect does this have on sales taxes on the Beach and in Escambia County?

Will it make more or less money collected as bed tax?

What effect does it have on lease fees collected?

Does it have a positive impact on the shoulder season?

Is the wording of the proposed change suitable for a legal definition?

Matt Dannheisser, SRIA attorney, summarized the ordinance saying the former hotel room definition was a 500 square foot limit with an owner occupancy not to exceed 14 days, and there was a limit on amenities.

Dannheisser continued that if a unit is described as a condo that it must have condominium documents and owners cannot be required to pay to stay there or be forced to put their unit in the rental pool. The State of Florida governs these matters.

Dannheisser told the group the reason for the definition is to comply with the Beach's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The plan limits residential dwellings to 4128 and limits hotels on acreage and zoning.

"If it is a hotel it must meet the size limit and owner occupancy criteria and not be considered a residential dwelling which would interfere with the cap," he said.

The SRIA boardroom was filled at the morning meeting with interested people who spoke on the issue.

Margaret Araujo, owner of

International Boutique on Pensacola Beach, asked for affordable hotel accommodations. "I am a military wife, mother, and business owner," she said. "I talk to my customers. Some are working class young people and military. We need to offer affordable hotel rooms for these people."

Prather told the audience that it is the goal of the board to

rebuild, protect and enhance Pensacola Beach.

"I would like to see some quantitative information regard the effects of changing this definition. I would like staff to provide us with numbers that would reflect this," he said.

At press time, the definition change which could lead to the construction of hybrid hotels on

Pensacola Beach was still up in the air.

The SRIA staff will begin researching material to be presented to the subcommittee on March 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the Island Authority office. The matter will be discussed at the Board of County Commission meeting on Tuesday, April 10 at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

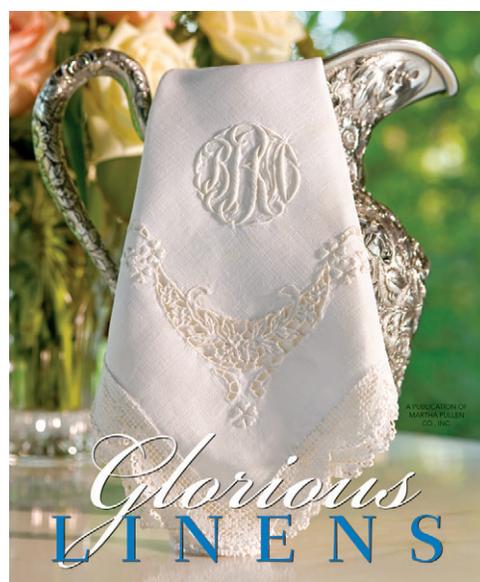


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by kathi lewis

I can't believe this is my fiftieth column! I never thought they'd let me do this for so long or that I'd have so much to say. (Some people aren't surprised that I have a lot to say, I know.) Happy Spring, everyone! As beautiful as the weather is today, I'm totally enthralled with the view from our new home and find it hard to leave my house. Some of you who know me well predicted this and said to me, "When you do get into that house, we're not going to see you for months!"

Well, that's not true as I plan to attend Mental Health Night tonight at Queen (Paulette Provost) Shugah's. She had a birthday March 8, so "Happy Birthday, Queen Shugah!"

I plan to attend the Annual Paddy Blake Pub Crawl. Oh, I know that's not its' official title, but to me it is and always will be. I owe it to Paddy's memory to continue to support the Pub Crawl.

Anyway, speaking of the beautiful weather, we think our grandson, Jesiah, may someday be a meteorologist. He's always loved our colorful weather channel and Sunday we overheard him tell his Mom (they were getting dressed for the recent Renaissance Fair), "the 'temperature' was 47 degrees and there was some cold blowing down!" Mom, Melanie, said it was, in fact, freezing at the Fair. He checks the 'temperature' every morning before school. Hey, that's a good job, you can be wrong a lot and still have a job! Although he's told us "He doesn't ever want to be a grown-up!" My heart just swelled as I said to him, "Why baby, that's just the heart & soul of a true Islander! Pappy and I aren't sure we're grown-up yet."

Nauga Queen, Christine, just kept her nine-month-old granddaughter for nine days. That's a little too long for me, but her daughter, Denise and her husband were on a cruise. So, we wish you well, Queen Christine Bunkie! Grandkids are certainly good for hours of entertainment and pure, sweet love!

Our house is still not finished, but we're working daily to accomplish this. I would like to

remind people that when invited to view a new home, here is the No. 1 question not to ask - "When do you think you'll be finished?" Trust me, we all thought we'd be finished by now. But 'finishing' is a verb that's on-going and seemingly endless. But that doesn't matter to those of us that have finally returned home. We're so extremely grateful just to be back in our home! I have seen the most incredible sunsets from my couch, and soon they will be from our bedroom overlooking the Sound.

Our recipe this week comes from the 'giving-up' of something for Lent. Even though I am not Catholic, or full Irish like Michael Sullivan and Paddy Blake, there is some Irish in my Heinz 57 background and I like to participate in nearly everything.

So, what did I give up for Lent? Well, I decided to give up my regular morning cup of coffee. Instead, I'm going to have a cup (or more) of Irish Coffee each morning. Some may say this is cheating, but how can that be if you're not full Irish and Catholic? That's the joy of being Southern Baptist (some Pastors may disagree - no phone calls or letters, please). I practice my religion on a one-on-one basis with God and everyone who's gotten there before me. (Save me a seat at that great Tiki in the sky!)

Okay, let's cook (actually, it's more of a drinking recipe, so let's mix)

### Irish Coffee

Freshly brewed piping hot coffee  
2 tsp. dark brown sugar  
1 jigger (or more) Irish whiskey  
Chilled fresh whipped cream

Heat the whiskey and sugar. Preheat the glass or cup. Dip the glass rim in the liquor before pouring in the whiskey and sugar. Fill to the top with coffee and stir. Top with whipped cream and serve immediately. Actually, I cheat and use Irish Cream instead of whiskey and you can't drink just one! But to each his own.

Enjoy, share with a friend and crawl until you can't crawl anymore! Happy St. Patrick's Day and may you each find your own lucky clover.



When the Belmont Abbey College baseball players weren't smacking home runs in the tournament, they were shooting for a holes-in-one on the Tiki Island Fantasy Golf Course. Enjoying the sunny weather on March 7 are (L to R): Austin Carithers, Alex Castellanos, Derek Swilley, Nick Popp, John Merritt, and Josh Cable who traveled to the Beach from Charlotte, North Carolina.



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# Business Buzz ~ ~

## CHAMBERCHATTER

At the February Chamber members ship meeting, SRIA General Manager Buck Lee encouraged all beach business owners and residents to write to their elected officials regarding the repair and re-opening of the road to Fort Pickens and the Beach road to Navarre. Buck said, "It is an issue of both economics and safety. We are a cul-de-sac."

Here's the addresses for the United State Senators:

Mel Martinez, 317 Hart Senate Office Bldg, Washington, D.C. 20510

Bill Nelson, 716 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510

Representative Jeff Miller  
324 Cannon House Office Bldg, Washington, D.C. 20515



**Pensacola Beach Chamber members and friends dropped in for martinis at the Olive Drop, February 27. Adding to the fun at the Chamber After Hours are (L to R): Beach residents Mike Cook, BBB, and Woman's Club President Chrissy Cook who brought visiting relatives Elmer and Liz Ciancone from Terra Haute, Indiana. Liz and Elmer have been coming to the Beach since 1968.**



**Wendy Grice, right, made sure that birthday girl Jackie McMillan, left, celebrated in fine fashion February 27 at the Olive Drop. Jackie had a few extra birthday well wishers, since the Chamber Business After Hours was hosted at the same time and same place.**

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Nickelodeon's Slime Across America Tour oozed onto Pensacola Beach, Thursday, March 8. Nickelodeon hero and host Pick Boy is wowed by courageous Beach resident Stephanie Moraes who just got slimed.



Unsuspecting Beach fourth grader Peyton Hoover, left, is about to get slimed during Nickelodeon's Slime Across America Tour March 8. Pensacola's Ashley Woods, right, gets ready for more.

# Toast St. Patrick At Our Lady's Celebration

Grab your shamrock and put on your kilt, Our Lady of the Assumption Mission has gone Irish. The Catholic Church located at 920 Via de Luna is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Saturday, March

17. Admission is \$5 per person and children under 3 are free. Happy hour begins at 6 p.m. and a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner follows at 6:30 p.m.

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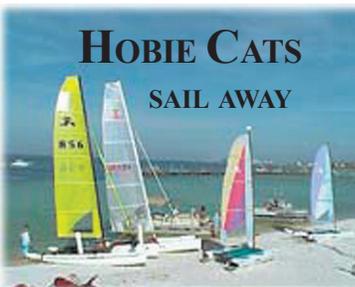
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# A Cross in the Sand



By Dr. Chuck Randle  
Pastor, Pensacola Beach Community Church

While trying to think of something to write about for this article, the phrase, "Beware the Ides of March" popped into my mind. I had heard it many times, and knew it was associated with the death of Julius Caesar, but never really knew its history, so I went to the Internet and discovered some interesting facts.

If you've read Shakespeare's play, Julius Caesar, you'll remember the line by the soothsayer who tells Caesar who is on his way to the Senate, where his death will occur, "Beware the Ides of March." Caesar's response was, "He is a dreamer; let us leave him. Pass." But, Caesar was assassinated on the 15th day of the Roman month now known as the month of March. The idea has survived the centuries, and even today "Beware the Ides of March," generally carries with it a connotation of something unusually bad about to happen. Ides, however, simply identified the 15th day in March, May, July, and October, while the 13th was considered the middle of the month in the other months.

One article on the Internet indicates that the Ides of March are celebrated every year in

Rome. One tradition is to have a toga run by the Hash House Harriers in the streets of Rome where Caesar was killed.

The Hash House Harriers main activity is somewhat similar to our 5-K, 10-K, etc., runs, and the main difference is that the goal is to follow the trail which leads to a cache of beer which is the reason it is often described as "a drinking club with a running problem."

For most of us, the middle of March (the Ides) come and go and we never give it a second thought, except that we are half way through the month which means that our second pay check of the month may be due, or to some it may suggest that life is moving along pretty fast and we'd better make the most of our time. That, I think, is probably the most important thought: What can I do that will utilize my time and efforts so that my legacy will be that I left the world a better place than when I found it? I suggest we embrace the Ides of March for the potential it holds and not dread it.

Pensacola Beach Community Church  
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Via de Luna & Ave 18  
Sunday Services 10 a.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Mission  
Via de Luna & Ave 18  
Sunday Mass 9:45 a.m.

# Friends, Family Bid Farewell To Lloyd

Submitted by Kenny Mattair

Lloyd J. Mattair, Sr., 82, a former General Foreman from the Pensacola Naval Air Station, died of kidney failure on March 3 at the Haven of Peace in Pensacola, Florida.

Mr. Mattair was a lifelong resident of Pensacola, Florida, as was his father, Lloyd B. Mattair, who was Chief Engineer on the historical ship, The Tarpon, famous for Gulf Coast goods delivery in the early 1900s. Mr. Mattair's grandfather, William Ira Mattair, also served on The Tarpon as the ship's pilot.

Mr. Mattair graduated from Pensacola High School and served as a US Navy aerial gunner instructor during WWII. He was stationed in California, North Carolina and Florida.

Mr. Mattair and his wife, Connie Rosique Mattair, were life-

long friends to many Pensacolians. They also made many new friends while RV traveling for more than 10 years around the US and Canada.

Mr. Mattair was a kind, gentle and compassionate man with exceptional mechanical and electrical skills - he knew how to build or repair most anything as demonstrated by the family homes he built in Pensacola and on Pensacola Beach. He spent many years investing in and improving real estate properties to provide for and teach his family about the construction business.

He was a fun-loving and devoted husband and father who loved life and loved his family. He enjoyed local clubs and festivities, was an excellent dancer and was a past member of the Knights of Columbus, Karnival Kavileers,

Gulf Coasters RV Club and was a current member of the Pensacola Beach Elks #497. He loved to boat and fish with his children and grandchildren and many delicious meals resulted from his fishing adventures.

There are many stories of his humor, integrity, fairness, friendship and love. The family was fortunate to have him for 82 years. He taught us many things not just by his words but by how he lived his life with courage, conviction and independence.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Connie Mattair of Pensacola Beach; four children, Lloyd J. Mattair Jr. of Gulf Breeze, Florida; Elaine Mattair of Reston, Virginia; Kenneth S. Mattair of Navarre, Florida and Wayne E. Mattair of Gulf Breeze, Florida and 7 grandchildren.

# Benefit Planned for Local Youngster

Diane and Jon Bicker, former owners of the Beach Kite Shop, helped residents and visitors on Pensacola Beach for years in choosing a colorful and whimsical kite to fly. Now they are asking for help for their twelve-year-old granddaughter, Kylie Valin.

Kylie must undergo brain surgery for the second time. The family is requesting help with the mounting expenses. An account in Kylie's name has been estab-

lished at AmSouth Bank and any donation would be appreciated.

New Attitude Salon, 3238 Fordham Parkway in Gulf Breeze is hosting a fundraiser, Saturday, March 17 all day long. Denise Williams, owner, will be donating half of her proceeds to the Kylie

Valin account.

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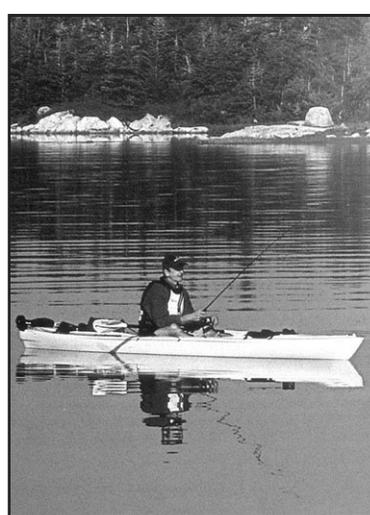
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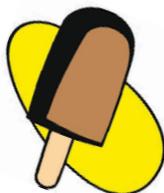
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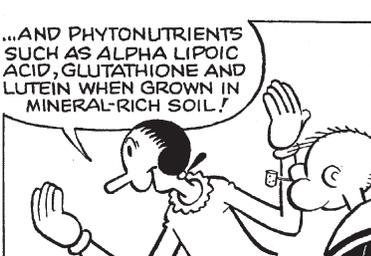
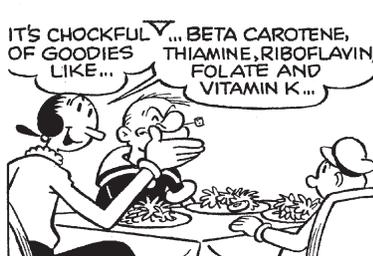
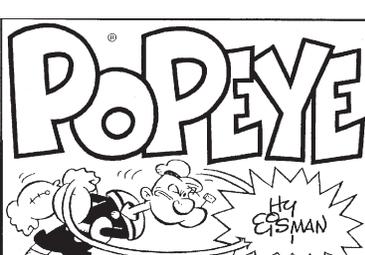
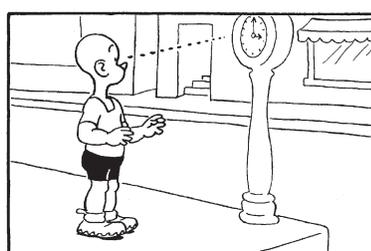
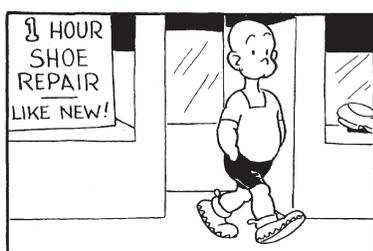
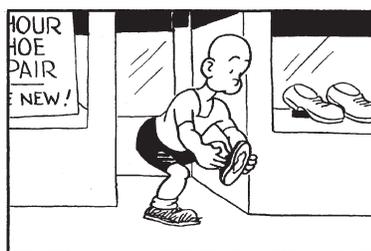
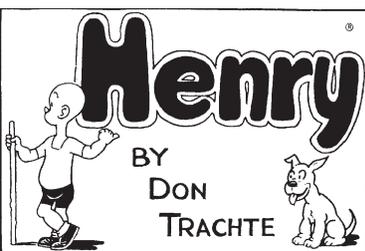


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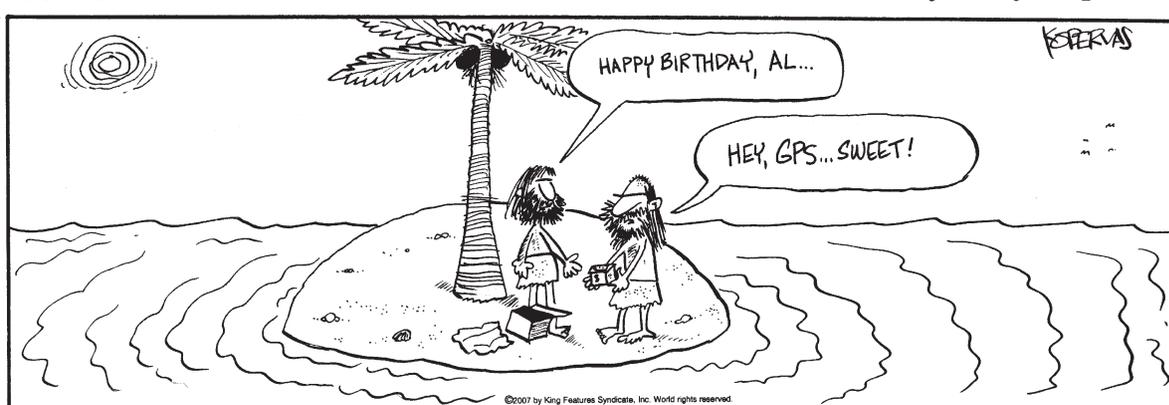
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## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's not easy to bring order to a chaotic situation, whether it's in the workplace or at home. But if anyone can do it, you can. A pleasant surprise awaits you by week's end.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Be careful that you don't make an upcoming decision solely on the word of those who might have their own reasons for wanting you to act as they suggest. Check things out for yourself.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A personal relationship that seems to be going nowhere could be restarted once you know why it stalled. An honest discussion could result in some surprising revelations.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) That unexpected attack of self-doubt could be a way of warning yourself to go slow before making a career-changing decision. Take more time to do a closer study of the facts.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A workplace problem needs your attention, now, before it deteriorates to a point beyond repair. A trusted third party could be helpful in closing the gaps that have opened.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A recent family situation could give rise to a new problem. Keep an open mind and avoid making judgments about anyone's motives until all the facts are in.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Rely on your always-sharp intuition to alert you to potential problems with someone's attempt to explain away the circumstances behind a puzzling incident.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Although you still need to do some snipping off of those lingering loose ends from a past project, you can begin moving on to something else.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) With your self-confidence levels rising, you should feel quite comfortable with agreeing to take on a possibly troublesome, but potentially well-rewarded, situation.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Travel is favored, both for business and for fun. The end of the week brings news about an upcoming project that could lead toward that promised career change.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You might feel suddenly overwhelmed by a flood of responsibilities. But if you deal with each one in its turn, you'll soon be able to hold your head above water and move on.

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by  
Freddy  
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## Goodbye, My Friend

**David Bogan  
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David E. Bogan, age 43, of Gulf Breeze, FL, went home to his Heavenly Father on February 21, 2007, leaving behind the love of his life and wife of 10 years, Dove Hadley Bogan, and their young daughter Joy Dawn Bogan.

David is also survived by his parents, Gene Bogan and Francis O'Pry, his step-mother Elena Bogan, his brother John Bogan, his sister-in-law Christy Bogan, his sister Laura Neilson, his nieces and nephews, Doug, Ginger, Greg, and Julia, as well as many other family members.

David was born in Graham, TX, and spent most of his life in Gulf Breeze and Pensacola Beach. He was a graduate of

Gulf Breeze High school and the University of Florida with a civil engineering degree. David was a professional engineer with the Florida Department of Trans-



portation for 18 years. He was the project manager of the I-10 Escambia Bay Bridge and the Florida Welcome Station as well as many other road projects. He was an avid and talented surfer and

windsurfer, often helping with fund-raising and beach access for surfers. David was an active member and head usher of his church, Calvary Chapel of Gulf Breeze.

Donations may be made to David Bogan Memorial Fund, Surfers on Mission, Globe International, P.O. Box 3040, Pensacola, FL 32516-3040.

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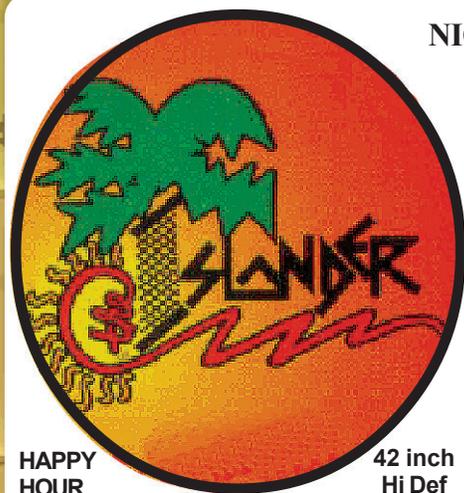
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# Young Beach Authors Put Patriarchs on Pedestals

Pensacola Beach Elementary School students entered stories about their dads, stepfathers and father figures in a schoolwide Essay Contest. Winning essays were sent to Escambia County to be judged in a district competition. Here are some of the winners.

## My Stepdad

By Robbie McLin, Fifth Grade

Out of all the fathers in the world, if I had to chose one it would be a no brainer, my stepdad Dale. He is the most down to earth person I know. There are three main reason that make him great. He has a great sense of humor. He always encourages me in everything I do and he teaches me things. I love my stepdad.

First reason why he is so great is he has a fantastic sense of humor. He can turn everything into a joke. He can make anybody laugh. He can turn a frown into a smile everyday. He is the funniest guy in America. Next, my stepdad encourages me in all the things I do. For example, one time I was in a baseball hitting slump and I almost quit. Then he told me just because you're not playing so great right now does not matter as long as you have fun.

Then he told me you

love baseball so you don't need to quit. After he told me that, I hit a home run over the fence.

Last, but not least, he teaches me things. The thing that he is best at teaching me is how to surf. I am now a good surfer because of him. He taught me all I need to know about surfing. Me and him will be surfing alongside each other for a very long time.

My stepfather may not saved me from a burning building or anything, but he is still the best father. He has the best sense of humor, he encourages me. Last he teaches me things. My father will always be there for me. I love him so much.

## My Father

By Sage Dunne, Fifth Grade

If I had to pick one person to spend the rest of my life with, it would be my dad. I would choose him because he listens to my opinions, spends tons of time with me and comforts me when I am sad. My father always considers my opinions, and most of the time goes with my opinion. He always has time to spend with me for sports, or cooking or even just hanging around. Everytime I'm sad he tells me everything will be alright. My dad should definitely be Father of the Year.

The first reason why

my dad should be Father of the Year is because he listens to my opinions. When I said, "Dad, I want to play volleyball," he didn't comment on the money. He just supported me. About a week or two ago, I told him that I wanted to play softball. So he said, "We have to go get you a mitt and ball!" A lot of time I will remark on how to do something, like cooking or math. Eventhough it usually doesn't work and eventhough my dad is more experienced in both of those subjects, we will still try it my way.

The next example of why my dad is the best is because he spends time with me. A while ago, my dad and I took cake decorating classes. It was prefect because it combined my passion for art and my dad's love of cooking. We had a great time, eventhough I got icing all in my hair one day. My dad also said for my 11th birthday, he and I could go out to dinner together. Even without my siblings and my mom, we could go together!

Finally, my dad could win Father of the Year, because he comforts me when I'm sad. Sometimes people make fun of me at school or in sports, I'll cry at home. My dad will come up to me and let me sit in his lap. Then he listens to my whole story, without interruption. After I'm done,

he'll come up with a resolution. Sometimes he tells me to ignore the people or confront them. His advice always works.

My dad is the most fantastic man in the world. I say this because he listens to my opinions; he spends time with me and is the best shoulder to cry on. My dad never says, "You wouldn't like it if you did it." He would say, "Try it if you really want to!"

My dad always brings me to the best places, just him and me. My dad will never tell me to toughen up when tears are streaming out of my eyes. He just listens. If there was a name for the greatest man in the universe, it would be Reed Dunne, my dad.

## My Uncle

By Mary Elliott, Second Grade

Let me tell you what my uncle means to me. First, when I get hurt he cares for me. When I dislocated my arm, he took care of me and helped me get around.

Sometimes I get frustrated at my uncle when he fights with my ant. I know all grownups argue but I don't like it.

Last, but not least, my uncle is nice. He lets me do what I want. He also cares for everyone. I love to go visit my uncle because he takes us swimming in his neighborhood pool. I would

like to go see my uncle soon.

## My Grandfather Maddie Grace McCurdy Second Grade

Let me tell you what my grandfather means to me. The first one is joys. When he came to my birthday I was excited. His present was the best. The present was he was there. Here are some memories of my grandfather.

Every time I go there Papa and I got to Mule Day. Mule Day is a party where you drink apple cider, ride mules, win toys and best of all you get to get your face painted.

Papa and I eat oysters on the porch at his house. He gets them right out of the ocean. He shucks them. Papa and I eat them raw on crackers with cetscup. They are delishas!

Papa and I go to the park every Friday. When Papa and I go, Tarzan always follows us. Tarzan is a squirrel. Papa feeds him nuts. Papa and I keep Tarzan in a cage.

These are a couple of thing my grandfather taught me. Papa taught me how to tie my shoes. Papa taught me the word "invisible" and what it means. I would like to see him more often.

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# Chavis Crowned Beach Poker Champion in Monthly Tournament

Weekly winners of Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun games for the entire month of February gathered to test their skills around the poker tables at the Paradise Bar and Grill on Friday, March 2. Beach resident Tommy Chavis amassed enough chips to claim the title of Champion for the month of February. J.O. Weeks was the runner-up.

That was not Tommy's first win in Paradise. With a warm breeze coming off the Gulf, Tommy Chavis' stack grew to \$248,000 in chip count as he cleared the final table in record time on February 27. Fran Cox rode the Wave and folded several winning hands (it turned out) to hard betting from Mark Julian and Tommy Chavis but survived to claim second.

And, Tommy Chavis, yet again, claimed first prize at Paradise on March 7 with a win over Michelle Bourgeois.

Mark Julian joined the ranks of the winners as he made his skill known on March 5 at Paradise takin' out Trace Lewis in the final.

Winners at Paddy O'Leary's poker tables included Jacob Barry of Gulf Breeze on February 27, Waldo Defendorfin on March 3 and Mark "Dr. J" Julian on March 6.

Games played at the historic

Islander Lounge in downtown Pensacola Beach took on a particular importance, since Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun will take a brief break while new owners get their bearings. An expectant father, Chris Plumley won his first tournament at The Islander on February 24 with Dr. Glenn Burleson playing his way to second at the upstairs Cypress Bar.

In the final game at The Islander on February 28, Justin "The Cobra" Robbins was the

last player with chips overcoming a short stack and runner-up J Mac.

"Everyone with a basic knowledge of the game is welcome to join us," said Rick Uzdevenes, promoter. "We start about 7 p.m Beach time and will play at Paddy O'Leary's on Tuesday and Sunday night. Games at Paradise continue to be on Monday and Wednesday nights."

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# Comfort and Joy

by Pandora de Balthazar

Dreaming of Spring? Think about scents in your bath and bedroom! For centuries, natural herbs and flowers have been the favorite to grace the home, the bath, and the body, for relaxation, rejuvenation, and to enhance the senses. Let's lavish ourselves in lavender.

Around the world, spas are catering to women, men, children, and couples, presenting an environment to enhance the body's relaxation and enjoyment of life.

Today, in our contemporary and fast paced world, you, too, can have your own soothing spa at home. It's a simple, inexpensive, and easy to access way to impact your own senses daily, or even as a gift to a special friend or for a special occasion.

With just a bit of assistance, you can choose from a multitude of natural scents, essential oils, soaps, foaming cleansers, and begin soothing those tired muscles, as well as giving yourself or your honey an invigorating leg and foot massage to improve circulation.

Whether alone or with your

partner, these simple steps will make a day or an evening more memorable.

If it's a celebration, set up an ice bucket and your favorite Champagne, or sparkling wine, with fruit and cheese to enjoy during your own private Spa Day!

Want to know how to start? I prefer to begin with my lavender bath salts in a deep soaking tub. This is an important choice as it gives the body a true chance to unwind and relax. Just one drop of lavender essential with a tiny touch of mint will enhance the experience. Wow! If this doesn't relax you, nothing will!

After your soaking tub, try this - an invigorating foot or body 'rub' with a lavender and crushed mint foot cream [yes, it can be used on the rest of your body!].

This step will bring circulation to those tired tootsies, but it also is warm and a bit 'tingly' to the joints. Great for those sore shoulder muscles, and yes, even those arthritic hands and elbows. If you are a game, internet, or computer junkie, sign up for this

part...the foot cream, when applied on the area of most sore muscles, especially between the shoulder blades and neck, will send you off to sleep, and when you awake, all those aches will be gone, gone, gone.

Thinking nap, or bed time? Light up a new Lavender Candle.

If you want your bath time experience to linger, set lavender candles in the bedroom, before your bath, and light them early, creating both an incredible ambiance, and the lingering soft smell of soothing lavender. Your mind and body will reflect this reassuring scent, as you settle into your bed to prepare for a wonderful night's sleep.

[By the way, don't forget to blow out the candles before you drift off to sleep!]

Whether you make it a special spa day, or a daily ritual, the rewards your body and mind will reap are bountiful. Comfort and Joy—what a way to enhance your body's relaxation and enjoy your own home spa.

# Beauty & The Beach

By Danah Gibson

These Beauty Tricks are straight from the kitchen cupboard and bathroom cabinet. Here are a few little things you might have laying around the house, that could be beneficial to your appearance and save your wallet! Some might sound a little crazy- but they have been known to work!

1). Milk of Magnesia. Used as a facial mask. Apply it straight from the bottle. Let it dry for 5 to 10 minutes. Rinse off with warm water. Pat face dry. One of my clients swears by this, and she has beautiful skin! If you have sensitive skin, try Pepto-Bismol. Apply the same way, but rinse with cool water. Very refreshing!

2). Crisco. Right from the can, Crisco is a big secret among models and nurses. Use it to remove make-up and is highly effective as a moisturizer if you have dry

skin. It is rumored that hospitals even use it to treat psoriasis and eczema. They are known to disguise it as cream "C".

3). Baking soda. Man, I wish I was the inventor of this product. It can be used for so many things besides baking! Besides deodorizing, you can add a little to your shampoo, (in your hand, not in the bottle) to remove any product build up on your hair. Add some to your bath water to soothe itching, irritated, or sunburned skin, or you can mix a couple to teaspoons in water for indigestion. What a great product!

4). Hemorrhoid Cream. Don't laugh- this gives an instant face lift! Use it on puffy eyes, along the jaw line and puffy cheeks- a favorite of die hard party-goers!

5). Visine- its not just for your eyes! In the same way that it removes redness from your eye-

ball, it removes the redness from pimples. Squeeze a little out on a Q-Tip, hold on the desired area for 10-15 seconds, or until it disappears. This will not make the blemish go away, but the redness will lessen. Some people have tried Crest toothpaste (regular, not gel) to make blemishes disappear quicker.

6). Spoons. I always keep two in my freezer for the morning eye puffies. After you take them out of the freezer, wrap them in a paper towel, so they won't drip on you and place on your eyelids for 5-10 minutes. This reduces the swelling and makes you feel more awake!

I hope to see you all on the St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl, and, as always, I will be available afterwards for you folks who like to dye your hair green, but just can't figure a way to get it out!



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# The LIZZARD'S TONGUE



by E.K. Hewson

St. Patrick's Day has to be one of my all-time favorite celebrations. It seems the luck of the Irish always smiles favorably upon me. It was during the 1989 Pensacola Beach Pub Crawl that Harry, my then boyfriend, now husband, professed his undying love for me somewhere between Dirty Joe's and Kevin's. I guess it is safe to assume that 18 years later it wasn't just the green beer talking. St. Patrick's Day is also when I found out that love is not blind. It is unconditionally competitive!

That same year, Harry entered us in the McGuire's Irish Pub Prediction Run. I only agreed to participate in this race because my prediction was to just finish the run and head straight to the beer tent. I had no intention of actually racing or leaving the contents of my stomach on the side of the road. So with very dark sunglasses, bagels, Gatorade and our little matching bright yellow running jerseys, Harry and I left the beach for McGuire's.

As we lined up for the run, I highly encouraged Harry to not run with me. A little voice in the back of my head kept saying, "he runs 6 minute miles, you run 10 minute miles, he's no longer 12 green beers to the wind, this is not good." Yet he continued to promise that he would run my pace and he was secure enough in his manhood that when his classmates from flight school passed us, he'd would be okay with it. Looking back on that moment in time, I was either really hung over or delusional or probably both.

Sure enough, the gun fired and we began the silent trod down Gregory Street. I was in no

mood for idle chit chat because it was taking all of my concentration to put one foot in front of the other while watching for any signs of a meltdown from Harry. A few of his friends passed us and made comments about the shirts he bought for all of us to wear. Harry just laughed and continued to stick to his promise that he would not make me run any faster than I was capable of. Or so I thought.

As we headed down along the water front on Bayfront Parkway, we could hear the chant of an Aviation Officer Candidate School class approaching from behind. I turned around to see a group of future Naval aviators running in formation, chanting and carrying a banner. They were gaining on us and somehow my cute and cuddly leprechaun turned into a maniacal Marine. Thus at mile three in the middle of the McGuire's Prediction Run in historic downtown Pensacola, we had our first disagreement.

"Run faster," Harry yelled.

"No," I said.

"What are you doing?" he asked.

"I'm moving over to let them pass," I said.

"No, you are not."

"Yes, I am."

As we bantered back with no's and yes's, not one, not two, but three AOCS classes passed us by. It was a long 3.2 miles back to McGuire's and the nearest beer tent. I was in a lot of pain both physically and emotionally. My head hurt from the night before and my heart was breaking, too. It was because of me Harry had to do the run of shame. We agreed that for the sake of our relationship, we would never run

a race together again.

So this St. Patrick's Day, I will be lacing up my running shoes solo and competing in the annual MCAS Cherry Point Half Marathon with Harry, my husband, and Harry, our son, as my support group. I also promised my family that I would dig deep and pick up my pace before I let any banner waving, chanting formation pass me.

And who knows? With those two lovable leprechauns cheering for me, a little luck of the Irish and no pub crawl the night before, I just might be able to keep my word.

Until next time...

## Elks Dedicate New Facility

The Dedication Ceremony for the new Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge #497 will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 as part of a three-day celebration. Friday's events will be a Pasta Dinner from five to seven followed by the live music of Dunnotar.

Saturday's schedule begins with Kids Time during the morning hours, with the Dedication at

## New Chamber Officers Begin Plans for Bigger, Better, Beach Business Year

The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce is off and running with a new set of officers and directors and numerous plans for the new year. Sandy Johnston, Executive Director introduced the officers at their membership meeting on February 26. Jeff Elbert, Island Style owner, is the new president. Karen Cook Cowen, Real Estate House owner, is vice president. Diane Tyson from Sabine Marina is the second vice president and secretary. Kristin Amberson, co-owner of Sidelines, PegLeg Pete's and Maria's Seafood is the treasurer. Board members are Nan Harper, co-owner Island Realty, Beverly Boswell, co-owner of the Sandshaker, Nora Jones, Bamboo

Willie's, Danah Gibson, owner of Danah's Hair Salon, Capt. Buddy Rogers, Reel Eazy fishing charter, and Shelley Johnson, owner Island Times.

Jeff thanked the members of the Chamber and said, "I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Chamber. I have lived on the Beach my whole life. I know that we are destined to move on to bigger and better things this year."

Standing committees are as follows: Budget, Kristin Amberson, chair; Diane Tyson and Beverly Boswell, Events, Nan Harper and Karen Cook Cowen, co-chairs. Public Relations and Communications, Shelley Johnson and Lisa Hassett, co-chairs, Lila Cox and Mario Roberts, members. The Membership Committee is seeking volunteers.

SRIA General Manager Buck Lee told the members that the SRIA will spend \$30,000 on new landscaping from the toll booth south to give visitors a better first impression of the island. Buck announced that the Bands on the Beach, free Tuesday night concerts would return on May 1. He also announced that the Blue Angels Air Show will be July 19-20.

Sandy Johnston reported, "The VIC is a drop off point to collect Easter candy and toys to help fill baskets for 300 children who are in protective custody. They will need a lot of donations this year, so anyone who wants to help can leave their contribution at the VIC."

The March 27 General Membership meeting of the Chamber will be at 8:30 a.m. at the Pensacola Beach Resort. The Business After Hours will be on the same date at The Islander Lounge.

For information about joining the Beach Chamber, call Sandy at 932-1500.

2 p.m. and hot dog and burger plates from three to five p.m. Crosstown will play from 7 to 11 p.m.

The Ladies of the Elk's will install their board at noon on Sunday, followed at 1 p.m. by Elk's Installation of Officers. A Fish Fry will be the last event of the Grand Opening on Sunday. The Grand Opening will be limited to members of the Elk's Lodge.

## Woman's Club Plans Leprechaun Luncheon

*Ladies Bring Donations for Mayan Children*

Green is the color of the day for the March 15 lunch meeting of the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club. Members will meet on the third floor of the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge at 11:00 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Chief George Dodge, a native American activist, who will talk about the difficulty that Mayan school children in war

torn Guatemala have without adequate school supplies. Chief George is requesting that donations of pencils, sharpeners, and notebooks, preferably black and white composition books, be brought to the meeting.

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For information, call Sandi Johnson 916-2533



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# Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candace Segar

I think one of the proudest moments of my life was finding out

that my sister, Jane Dundas, was going to be the "Safety Man" on construction projects in North Dakota. How excellent is that? She certainly has the background to qualify for a safety man position. She brings a lot of talent to her new job with both her business degree and experience in the insurance division for a major oil company. In addition to her expertise in paperwork alone, Janie is a formidable hunter and fisherman. You better know your safety regulations if you hunt. This woman does!

And what makes a great



Jane, The Safety Man

safety man? A stickler for detail and nerves of steel. That's her! Trust me she will devour and be able to recite the OSHA rules and regulations. Plus, she will enjoy the daily safety meetings with her crew.

You can't be squeamish in this position. Believe me Janie is tough! When I was little, I stepped barefoot on a roof tack. Janie didn't flinch; she just yanked it out. But not to worry on that scene - Her crew will

be safe; at most she will have to dispense a bandaid.

All I have to say to the crew in North Dakota is this, "Get your safety glasses and hardhats on, because there's a new safety man in town and her name is Jane."

## Beach Legionnaires Tap Boys State Delegates

Boy's State Leadership Program delegates representing the Pensacola Beach

American Legion Post 379 have been chosen according to Post Commander Chuck L'Oignon. Patrick O'Sullivan and Ryan Thompson, both juniors at Gulf Breeze High School are the Post's 2007 delegates.

"It was very difficult to make a choice of only two applicants out of the extremely high quality applicant pool from which we interviewed," Chuck said. "We feel these young gentlemen will be outstanding representatives of our Post, Gulf Breeze High School and our community."

Patrick O'Sullivan works as a production assistant at WSRE, the local PBS sta-

tion. He also works four hours per day as an intern at the Community Development Agency of Pensacola. Patrick has begun working with Joe Scarborough's "Scarborough Country."

Ryan Thompson is the treasurer of the Junior Statesmen of America which is a political debate club at Gulf Breeze High School. He is also active in community civic projects and charity events. He volunteers his time as a chemistry tutor.

The Florida American Legion Boy's State Program is designed to give delegates from the entire state a working experience in government and encourage young leaders to participate in government and civic programs.



Patrick O'Sullivan



Ryan Thompson

## Five New School Board Members Will Take Seats at March Meeting

Five new members will take their seats on the Pensacola Beach Elementary School Board at the meeting on March 26. Patrick Lanza, Shelby Smith, Julie Cardwell, Gordon Sprague and Kim Homewood are the new members.

Board members stepping down include President Dan Green. Also leaving will be Marilyn Sundstrom, secretary; Chris Bayer, treasurer, and Conna O'Donovan, who will continue as the co-chair of the Partners-In-Education program. Teacher representative Sandee Bredesen will return to the Board. Debbie Campanella filled the position in Sandee's absence.

Dan Green spoke to the new members at the February 25 meeting at the school. "It is our goal to have the best K-5 school in the state and I think we have done

it," he said. "With all we have been through, our staff and Board have done such a great job. In 1999, the County decided to close the school and we had to fight very hard to get and retain this charter school. I have been involved for seven years and I think it is time for me to step aside. I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve and I leave the school in capable hands. The future here is so exciting."

Members of the Board still serving are: Todd McCurdy, Reed Dunne and Jeff Gill, parents; and fourth grade teacher Susan McLeod.

Principal Jeff Castleberry announced at the meeting that the FCAT was being administered this week. "It's a stressful time for everyone," Jeff said. "I overslept, hurried, got dressed, thinking I

was late for school, only to discover it was Sunday."

The students, however, were ready for the tests according to Jeff. Scores will be available on the third grade in 30 days and within 60 days on the fourth and fifth grades.

Ken McCurdy said the Building Foundation members approved construction of additional storage space for the kindergarten, first and second grade classrooms. Also, they are planning a Hurricane Preparedness meeting on a Saturday to create a written plan and to prepare a post storm plan.

The School Board will meet next on March 26 at 6 p.m. at the school. Nominations for the Board's officers will take place at this meeting with voting to be in April.

## Bytes & Bits

By Joe Stucky

Q: How will the new Daylight Savings Time change affect my computer?

A: On March 11 you may have missed that first appointment if you were expecting your computer to let you know about it! Having the wrong time on a computer may not be a big deal for home-based users, but for business users the problem may be more complex because many events that occur in business depend on the time being correct.

This year DST began on March 11 (3 weeks earlier than usual) and will end on November 4 (1 week later than usual). If you are using Microsoft's new Vista program the computer should automatically adjust the time. For computers using Windows 2000 or the XP operating system with Service Pack 2, Microsoft is providing a program that will make your computer recognize the new DST schedule. To get that program, go to [www.support.microsoft.com](http://www.support.microsoft.com). There you will also find information about how to fix the Microsoft Outlook calendar program.

For other computers, you will have to set the new time yourself each time DST begins and ends. To change the time, click (twice) on the time in the lower right hand corner of the screen. Set the time, then click on the "Time Zone" tab and remove the check mark from the box that tells the computer to "automatically adjust clock for daylight savings", so that the computer won't change the time on the wrong day.

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Green gem
- 5 - Beta Kappa
- 8 Hallmark offering
- 12 The Wright stuff?
- 14 Hodgepodge
- 15 In-box fillers
- 16 Philippine knife
- 17 "- the season ..."
- 18 Tin alloy
- 20 Runway figure
- 23 Karaoke prop
- 24 Finished
- 25 Melted-cheese recipe
- 28 Wire

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### DOWN

- 1 Toast topper
- 2 "Hail, Caesar!"
- 3 Insult (Sl.)
- 4 Time for an egg roll?
- 5 Swine
- 6 Weeding tool
- 7 Brilliant
- 8 Network that gets wiped out during sweeps
- 9 Oodles
- 10 Anger

- 11 Entrance
- 13 Follow relentlessly
- 19 Supplement with "out"
- 20 Oft-tattooed word
- 21 "Metamorphoses" poet
- 22 Strike out
- 23 Partners
- 25 Cashied in, as a coupon
- 26 Composer
- 27 Corrida critter
- 29 Adversaries
- 31 Rather or Rowan
- 33 Hardly agile
- 34 Lustrous weave
- 36 In addition
- 37 Church furniture
- 38 Way out
- 39 Style of Indian music
- 40 Game lover's channel
- 43 Do some downsizing
- 44 Pistol
- 45 Before
- 46 Wield a needle

## King Crossword

Answers  
Solution time: 21 mins.

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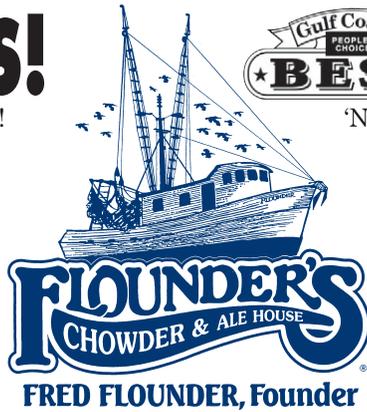
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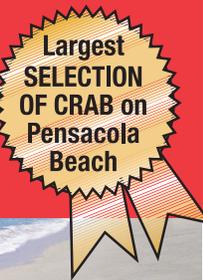


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