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Easter on the Island



Easter on the Island is a weekend full of ceremony, tradition and whimsical celebrations. Residents and visitors will rejoice at waterfront sunrise Easter services. The Krewe of Junkanoo will host their annual Easter Party complete with deviled egg and Easter Bonnet contests. And, the Easter bunny will leave brightly colored eggs easily spied on the white sands of Pensacola Beach. These young Beach residents are preparing for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Beach Community Church, Saturday, April 7. Readyng their baskets for the big weekend are (L to R): two-year-old Lauren Pinkston, Jesiah Fitzgerald, 6, and seventeen-month-old Sissy Rowe. Story, Page 2.

Blessings and Joys of Easter Abound on Pensacola Beach

The blessings and joys of Easter week will be abundantly available on Pensacola Beach this year beginning with Palm Sunday services at the Pensacola Beach Community Church April 1 at 10 a.m. and a mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Mission at 9:45 a.m. Our Lady is located at the south corner of Via de Luna and Avenida 18 and the Beach Church is located just across the street at the same intersection.

Maundy Thursday services will be at the Beach Church at 7 p.m. on April 5. Saturday morning at 9 a.m. will bring the popular Annual Easter Egg Hunt for youngsters fifth grade and younger at the Beach Church.

"We will have four different hunting areas for age groups," said Gordon Paulus,

organizer. "There will be a special area for pre-schoolers."

Each child will receive a prize. The church is accepting donations of plastic eggs and wrapped candies. All children are welcome to attend the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Krewe of Junkanoo will host their annual Easter Celebration at the Sandshaker on Saturday, April 7 from 1 to 6 p.m. The highlight of the event will be an Easter Bonnet Contest. Beach cooks will battle it out in a Deviled Egg Contest with categories to include Most Like Grandma's, Most Unique Ingredients, and Best Presentation. Games and a 50/50 raffle will be held. Boogie, Inc. will get everyone up on the dance floor to do the Bunny Hop.

"There will be our usual Jelly Bean Guess," said Amy

DePew, krewe member. "We promise this is one of the most fun adult parties of the year."

Easter Sunrise Services, a tradition of many years on the Beach, will be held in two locations this year. The Pensacola Beach Community Church will host an Easter Service at 6:30 a.m. at the Amphitheater on Portofino Boardwalk and the Calvary Church of Gulf Breeze will present a Sunrise Service at the Gulfside Pavilion at 6:30 a.m.

"Everyone is encouraged to attend this 45 minutes service," Dr. Chuck Randle, Beach Church pastor

said. "We want to welcome everyone who would like to participate in this service. We will sing and bring a joyous Easter message to those who attend."

The final services of the day will be a mass at Our Lady at 9:45 a.m. and services at the Beach Church at 10 a.m.

"Guests are always wel-

come to attend our church and enjoy Easter traditions with us," Chuck said.

Weather reports were not available at press time, but chances are that Easter will be warm and sunny, so everyone can enjoy a great day on Pensacola Beach.

Sunday, April 1

Palm Sunday Service
Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Mission 9:45 a.m.
Pensacola Beach Community Church 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 5

Maundy Thursday Service
Pensacola Beach Community Church 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 7

Easter Egg Hunt
Pensacola Beach Community Church, 9 a.m.
Krewe of Junkanoo Easter Party
Sandshaker Lounge, 1 to 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 8

Easter Services
Portofino Boardwalk, 6:45 a.m.
Gulfside Pavilion, 6:45 a.m.
Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Mission, 9:45 a.m.
Pensacola Beach Community Church, 10 a.m.

Touart Addresses Beach Residents Concerns at March 14 SRIA Meeting

Pensacola Beach leaseholders have bombarded the Santa Rosa Island Authority office with telephone calls regarding the County's clean up citations they received. George Touart, County Administrator, appeared at the March 14 Full Board meeting of the Santa Rosa Island Authority to reassure beach residents they had not been singled out for the clean up.

"The twenty code enforcement officers who came to the Beach did issue 350 citations, but we issued 20,000 citations county wide," he said. "We want to get the Beach back in order. If Beach residents feel they have been unfairly cited or if someone was

overzealous, we want to correct that."

Touart also pointed out that the county is doing its part and has hired two contractors to come to the Beach to clean up the sand.

"This won't cost you or the SRIA a dime," Touart said.

The Island Authority is still in pursuit of a visioning plan for the future, and approved an expenditure of \$6500 to hire Wallace, Roberts, and Todd to give them some guidelines. The firm is the one which prepared the Land Utilization Plan for the Beach in 1988.

John Fernsler who managed the project in 1988, sent a letter to the Authority saying that his

firm derived great satisfaction from the improvement of the Island. He said they would look forward to assisting Pensacola Beach plan for another twenty years. A workshop to be conducted by WRT will be scheduled in April.

Board member John Peacock commented, "This is an unbelievably great opportunity for such a small amount of money."

This action took place after Dave Hemphill, Baskerville Donovan engineer, recently reviewed the fourteen current studies for the future of Pensacola Beach. He had reported that the WRT Land Utilization Plan was the most comprehensive.

Hemphill asked the Board to approve the bid of \$243,000 to restore Cowley Park submitted by the Morette Company. The work will include repairs to the track, infield sod, resurfacing the basketball/roller hockey court and tennis courts, tables, landscaping, and playground equipment. Hemphill also noted that the expenditure was FEMA funded.

In his Manager's Report, Buck Lee told the Board that Fox television had just finished shooting the last episode of Prison Break at Ft. Pickens. He estimated that the filming crew spent \$500,000 while on location on the Beach.

Sandy Johnston, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, reported that 1729 guests had gone through the Visitor's

Information Center in February. She commented that the Beach had enjoyed spring breakers, snowbirds, baseball and softball teams. She said the hotels were filling on weekdays and weekends.

Vernon Prather, chairman, spoke at the Board Member's Forum, complimenting the four new board members for their work so far.

"I would like each board member to work more closely with staff and the General Manager," Prather said. "I would like to see the chair of each committee become more involved with staff."

The SRIA Committee Meetings will be at the Island Authority office at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28. All meetings are open to the public

Partners Pitch In To Help Beach School Finances

Program Sets One Hundred Thousand Dollar Goal

Conna O'Donovan, co-chair of the Partners-In-Education program at the Pensacola Beach Elementary School announced the campaign has already resulted in \$20,000 in donations on its way to achieve a goal of \$100,000 this year.

The Partners Program which was highly successful under Conna's direction when it was instituted in 2005, is now the school's major fundraiser. Pensacola Beach Elementary School is a charter school which must rely on community financial

support to keep operating.

"The Beach people have responded so well to this program," Conna said. "A charter school relies on the community support to fund the school's needs."

This year the school board members are reaching out and inviting Gulf Breeze businesses to join the program.

"Since the start of the program in January 2005, we have established over 80 partners," Conna said. "We would not be here today if it were not for the generosity of our partners."

The partner levels are Sandpiper, \$250; Pelican \$500; Turtle, \$1000; Heron \$2000; and Marlin, \$5000. Partners from all levels receive recognition in the school yearbook, *Island Times* and *Gulf Breeze News*, and on a sign at the Beach School. Incentives increase as the levels go up.

The school welcomes everyone to join as partners. Call Conna at 232-4001 or Todd McCurdy, 528-6121 or Principal Jeff Castleberry at 934-4020 for more information. The program can now accept credit cards.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



I was attracted by a photo of a man, wearing a tuxedo, and standing in a field of grain in a brochure I received about two years ago. The man's name was Heintzman and he was standing in a field of golden flax on his farm in Onaka, South Dakota. My curiosity was piqued, so I read the entire brochure. Why he was dressed in formal attire as if to attend a Mardi Gras Ball was never made clear. I think he was accepting an award; however, what flax can do for you was made extremely clear.

Peppered with little phrases like "Flaxivity...eating Dakota Flax Gold for happy longevity" and "just for the well of it." This text was entertaining as well as informative. At least to me who had never had a speaking acquaintance with a lignan. A lignan, it seems, is an anti-cancer compound found in many plants, but one of the richest sources is Dakota Flax Gold. For sure. For instance, according to the brochure, you would have to eat 90 pounds of cabbage at one sitting to get the amount of lignans contained in a fourth cup of DFG. Or you could try consuming 82 pounds of bananas, 75 pounds of strawberries, 26 pounds of broccoli, or 12 pounds of wheat. And I always thought flax was a component of paint!

By now, I'm hooked. And, although everyone is aware that eating Omega 3 is essential to a healthy diet, hardly anyone reaches the required input. Here

comes the flax again. It is known to be one of the richest sources of Omega 3s. A deficiency of Omega 3s can cause all kinds of problems. Fish oil and eating cold water fish come highly recommended to augment the Omega 3 requirement.

Well, flax just happens to be a natural source of Omega 3, lignans, and fiber. As the brochure said, "Eat Flax. Save the whales."

I have been an off and on, sort of vegetarian most of my

adult life. At first, I followed this path because I couldn't stand the apparently terrible treatment of animals which provide food. I did finally relax my vegan standards and included fish and chicken in my diet. Now, along comes flax. It seems like it is a perfect food source. Besides, if it replaces sardines that's all to the good.

So, I have set my own parameters concerning flax. Every morning I eat the same breakfast, one-fourth cup of flax, a half cup of blueberries, a glass of orange

juice, and a cup of decaf. Guidelines on the flax are that it must be kept refrigerated or frozen and it must be ground fresh every day. I guess if you eat the little seeds in their natural form, they don't do what they are supposed to do. They have to be ground. Dakota Flax Gold sells flax in varying amounts. The starter kit contains a grinder and three one pound bags of the seeds. I ordered the starter kit and have been eating flax for my breakfast cereal for two years.

I honestly don't know what this product is doing for me, but it satisfies my sense of taking care of myself. I also am a true believer in eating chocolate and drinking red wine, but that is another health food story.

I am recording this information because people are always asking me what I am doing. Well, I'm eating flax, chocolate and drinking red wine. All this in the name of good health.

As Heintzman says, "Save the Whales." I'm all for that.

Hundreds of Volunteers Expect To Win the Beach Trash Battle

The Santa Rosa Island Authority and Escambia County are looking forward to seeing a pre-Ivan clean Pensacola Beach by afternoon on April 14. The two governmental agencies are sponsoring a Team Up To Clean Up Day from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 14.

Residents who are able to clean their yards before April 14 can put bags of trash at the roadside on that day for free pick up.

"This is an Amnesty Day, if you will," said Buck Lee, SRIA General Manager. "We don't want you to clean out your garage and bring out appliances and couches. We want you to clean up your yard and we will come along and pick up the bagged trash."

And the Island Authority is offering help to those residents who cannot clean up properties

on their own.

Leaseholders may be eligible for help with removing debris.

"We hope to be able to assign volunteers to meet the leaseholders at their property on April 14 and assist them in moving small debris to the curb," Mary Bolman, Administrative Manager said. To ask for assistance, contact the SRIA office at 932-2257.

Volunteers are asked to supply their own gloves, but trash bags will be provided. Water will be available.

Bob West, Safety Director commented, "It's a great idea to bring your own water bottle and sunscreen. We will have emergency personnel available for heat related problems."

Commissioner Grover Robinson and Buck Lee will open the community project in the Casino Beach parking lot with a few words. Volunteers will receive their assignments and the actual clean up begins at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Robinson is enthusiastic about this community effort. "I will be there on April 14 and am bringing my whole family with me to the Beach Clean Up," he said.

The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce is supporting this effort and playing a major role in the clean up.

Chamber President Jeff Elbert, said, "I am very pleased to see the whole community come together to plan an island

event like this. Everyone expects - businesses, visitors and residents."

Buck Lee noted that the County will send in two road contractors to begin extensive clean up on the island's rights-of-way. He also pointed out that the SRIA will continue to urge residents and businesses to keep the island clean. Plans are to name a yard of the month for residents. Businesses or groups can adopt an area to maintain throughout the year.

And when the Beach is all sparkling clean on April 14, the volunteers will be invited to the tent in the Visitor's Information Center parking lot for refreshments and drinks.

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TWINS AND DAD CELEBRATE

Amy and Matt Drees turned thirty-nine on March 19, just ten days before their dad, Morrie Drees celebrates his 75th birthday. Staff Sgt. Matt Drees returned from a long training session in Utah on March 27 just in time to join the three way birthday party on March 29.

VISITORS

Carlee, Blair and Jace Amberson are entertaining their grandparents, Carolyn and Paul Shuttleworth from Pennsylvania at the Villa Sabine home of their parents, Kristin and Scott.

MORE AMBERSON NEWS

Kay Amberson, Scott's mom, was telling her friends on the Pub Crawl route about her recent successful visit to Biloxi.

THANKS

Chief George Dodge thanks the beach people for their generosity in donating pencils, sharpeners, and notebooks for the Mayan Indian children in Guatemala. He will be driving to South America to take the supplies soon. If you haven't yet made a donation, you can still take the items to Danah's Hair Studio.

BIRTHDAYS GALORE

Mardi Gras is over, so Beach revelers are keeping the good times going by celebrating normal events like birthdays. There

was no scarcity of parties the first two weeks of March with Paulette Provost's birthday on March 8 followed by Susan Newkirk on March 12, Renee Mack on March 14 and Joy Domm on March 14.

NEWSTRAVELS

Joy Domm will think about her birthday all year long (see above). Kathryn Curle put her on the mailing list of the *Island Times* as a gift. Also, Bunkie Hewerdine sent a year's worth of Beach news to Jan and Steve Sutton who moved to Fisher, Illinois. She's hoping the newspaper will make them homesick and they will come back where they belong.

SUNSHINE AND DEBRIS

Kennedy Neal and Hazel Fairey were out enjoying the sunshine on a recent Sunday afternoon, by picking trash out of the sand on the lot where Hazel's house once stood.

NEWCOMER SAILS IN

Patricia Noonan of Daphne, Alabama was the newest member accepted by the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club last month.

PENSACOLA BEACH STILL THE BEST

Pat and Bill Lewis from Calhoun, Georgia had heard so much about the "new" Orange Beach that they decided to make a change and go there instead of Pensacola Beach this year. It

didn't take long for them to discover Orange Beach wasn't for them. They drove here, checked in at Springhill Suites and enjoyed a stay on the familiar, and still laid back beach.

RUN HEATHER RUN

The Beach's Heather Asmar was the overall women's champion in the McGuire's Prediction Run in Pensacola on March 10. She turned in a time of 19:15 in the event. And, Jean Grabowski placed fourth in the Women's Great Grandmaster bracket.

KNIPPER PASSES AWAY

Gerald W. Knipper, 61, formerly of Pensacola Beach, passed away on Monday, March 12. Mr. Knipper was instrumental in getting the hockey court constructed in Cowley Park as a practice field for inline hockey teams. He is survived by mother, his son Jeremy and daughter Katie of Pensacola.

ATLANTA FAN

Atlanta resident Jeff Brewer owns condos at Emerald Dolphin and Santa Rosa Towers. He reads *Island Times* to keep up with what's happening on the beach.

TRIVIA

Lisa Hassett, of the Visitor's Information Center, reeled in an *Island Times* t-shirt with the first correct answer to the last trivia question. The question was "Who is the captain of the fishing charter, the Miss Marissa?" The answer was Mike Newell. So, Lisa gets the t-shirt.

Remember, anyone can enter the Trivia Contest, and get a special *Island Times* t-shirt by sending the correct answer by email before anyone else.

This week's trivia question is multiple choice. "Who

owns the Visitor's Information Center building?"

A. The Residents and Leaseholders Association

B. The Santa Rosa Island Authority

C. The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce

D. The Beach Woman's Club

Only one of the above is correct.

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. April 4. Good luck.

Alys Kline, World War II Veteran, Passes Away

Longtime Pensacola Beach resident Alys Kline, a nurse who held a master's degree in nursing, and who headed several nursing departments in hospitals, died on March 11. She was 89-years-old.

She was a flight nurse during World War II serving in North African, Middle and Far East operations with an Air Evacuation

Squad. She was awarded the American Campaign Medal, European, African, Middle East Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. She was a resident of Sans Souci and was a member of the Crafty Ladies. A memorial service was held at the Pensacola Beach Community Church on March 20.

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Debbie Copeland, left, and Darla Richardson co-chaired the annual Blood Drive on March 10 at the Elks Lodge. A new record of 41 donors signed in with 29 units donated. A one hundred dollar donation was made to the Northwest Florida Blood Center and \$351 was collected to buy patio furniture for the Lodge.

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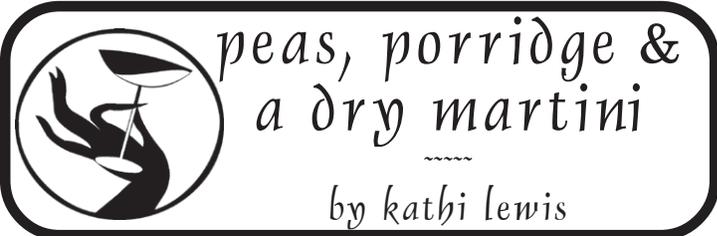
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by kathi lewis

"Spring has sprung and the grass is riz. I wonder where my new car is?" said Cathy Long as she awoke on the first day of Spring. I awoke on the same morning to find my old Caddy smashed and pushed 10 feet from its parking space. By the time we put the puzzle together, Kathy's brand new Volkswagon convertible was found on the mainstreet of downtown Elberta, Alabama, abandoned by a car thief and blocking traffic! It seems the thief stole Kathy's car from her driveway and barely drove it a block before colliding with the giant Caddy. Even though Volkswagon pieces and parts were strewn along the road, along with glass from broken headlights, and a deployed air bag, the thief still managed to drive that car all the way on Hwy. 98 to Elberta! Can you believe it? My neighbors heard the crash and saw the man get out of the car, hide, then return and drive away. And I slept through the whole thing! Surely, alcohol was involved - I'd hate to think sober people do that!

Well, fasten you seat belts Islanders, it looks like we're in for the "Toads Wild Ride" this summer!

What a great St. Paddy's Pub Crawl! Be proud, that's a tough group in which to attempt to stand out. But some people definitely made it happen. Queen Ella, for one, refuses to quit until she's known as the "Queen of Bling" and, darling, you are well on your way! What fun and what a great cause to support - Hospice!

Happy Easter to all! I remember how exciting Easter was when I was a child. Not just the baskets filled with treats and eggs, but because my Mother made sure we all had brand new Easter outfits! Oh yeah, I'm talking about from the skin out - new undies, lacy socks, frilly dresses, shiny white "church" shoes for summer, gloves, hats and the obligatory shiny white purse. (My Mother never went anywhere without her purse - she even took it fishing!) Of course, by the end of the day, most all of the 'shiny' stuff was either discolored, stained, torn, or all of the above. When Melanie and I

moved to the Beach back in 1983, we established our own tradition of buying a new swim suit every Easter. (Since we spent the most time in a swim suit all summer, it made much more sense, to me anyway. It never did catch on with my Mother!) Mom always cooked so many eggs, that, of course, we were eating them all week. Luckily, we liked eggs as I know some people that don't. But, then, as Mom always said, "That's why we have chocolate & vanilla ice cream". (Now that I have a grand daughter, I love quotin' Mama!) This week's recipe is a new variation on an old recipe. Everyone has a recipe for deviled eggs and this one just puts a seafood spin on it. Don't be afraid to add things you like and leave out what you don't.

Don't forget to "fancy-up" your Easter Bonnet in time for the Krewe of Junkanoo's Easter Bonnet Party! Okay, let's cook....

Crab Deviled Eggs

12 hard boiled eggs
2 cans, 6 oz. ea., crabmeat
½ Cup mayonnaise
1 green onion, fine chopped
1 Tbsp finely chopped celery
2 tsp. spicy brown mustard
1 tsp. freshly minced parsley
Salt & pepper to taste
3 dashes hot sauce
3 dashes Worcestershire sauce
Additional minced fresh parsley

Cut eggs in half, lengthwise, and remove yolks. Set whites aside and mash the yolks in a bowl. Add the crab, mayonnaise, onion, celery, mustard, parsley, salt and pepper, and both sauces. Mix well. Pipe or spoon mixture into egg whites. Sprinkle with additional parsley. Refrigerate until served.

Here's a great tip for peeling boiled eggs: let eggs cool to room temperature in cooking pot. Place lid on pot and shake vigorously for about 20-30 seconds. Eggs should be coming out of their shells, when you remove lid. If not, shake again.

Enjoy, have a safe and Happy Easter.

A big "Happy Birthday" to my friend, Morrie Drees. I'll bring the fairy dust....

See ya in the kitchen.....



Pensacola Beach American Legion Commander Chuck L'Oignon, left, presented the Pensacola Beach Elementary School a donation of \$500 from the Beach Post. Receiving the generous donation are fifth grade students (L to R): Jordan Cahela and Kaylyn Wright along with Principal Jeff Castleberry.



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FRENCH WINE ADJUSTS TO NEW REALITIES
Faced with a slippage in export numbers that place it behind Italian and Spanish winemakers, the French wine industry is considering adjusting its wine-making standards. Prior to this, the French have not adopted the New World practice of adding wood chips to wine to create an oaky flavor. Instead, they preferred the more traditional practice of storing their wine in wooden barrels. Adopting the new method would make French wine more competitively priced because it costs about ten times less to add wood chips to wine than to store wine in wooden barrels. The French may also alter the alcohol levels in their wines in order to appeal to health-conscious consumers who want rich flavor without the high alcohol content. HINT: The French wine industry is also faced with the reality that the French population is drinking less domestic wine.

French wine producers are faced with declining sales, combined with other wine making regions around the world perfecting their craft and gaining popularity not only in the United States but in their respective regions as well. At Beach Wines and Liquors, Inc. we feature great imported French wines, which we know you'll enjoy. If you have questions about imported wines, like French varieties, call 850-932-8850.

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CHAMBER CHATTER

Beach Chamber President Jeff Elbert announced that a membership drive will take place every Tuesday from 10 am. until noon. If you haven't joined the Chamber, here is your chance to play an active part in the Beach business community. Get involved in the Beach Clean Up, Crawfish Festival, Fourth of July Fireworks, Governmental Affairs or networking that the Chamber offers.

KABOOMDEADLINE

Fireworks are the light at the end of the tunnel according to Doug McAllister of Fun Coast Promotions. Sponsors are still needed for the patriotic Fourth of July Fireworks display, but two dozen businesses have signed on as sponsors. Don't be a dud, help the Beach sparkle on the Fourth. Call Doug at 850-346-9184.

EASTER EATS

Surf Burger and the Cabana Club Cafe have the tables set for Easter morning breakfast. Flounder's and Crabs will have brunch for every bunny. The Greenery has prepared a special Easter Basket Benedict which is worth the drive to Gulf Breeze.

LET'S JAM

Paradise Bar & Grill is opening the stage to amateurs on Wednesday from 6 p.m. until you run out of music. All genres of music are welcome. It's your chance to be a star.

BUCK AT THE CAPITOL

State Representative Dave Murzin reported the SRIA General Manager Buck Lee represented the Beach at Tourism Day, March 13 in Tallahassee.



Debbie Norton, who graced the halls of the Santa Rosa Island Authority office for nineteen years, is moving to Mississippi to assist with the deployment of Katrina Cottages to storm victims. Debbie kept all construction and development on Pensacola Beach within the rules as the Manager of the Environmental and Developmental Services Department. She said she takes with her many fond memories of her friends on Pensacola Beach.

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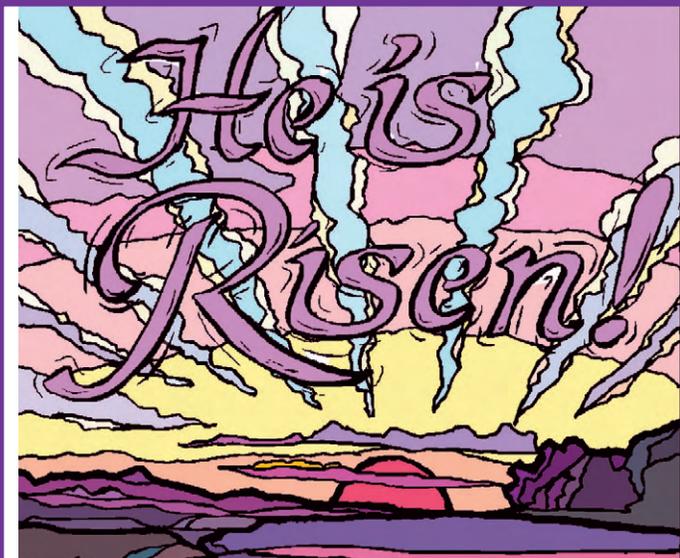
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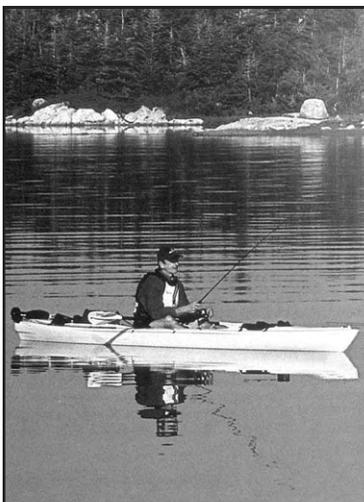


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Is It A Hotel, A Condo Or Both - SRIA, County Commission Seek Answers

When is a condo not a condo? When is a hotel room not a hotel room? When is a hotel room not a hotel room? When is a condo. And, who will determine which is which?

The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners is expected to have the answers soon. But, not before several meetings on the issue take place, including a public hearing on April 10. The controversy came to the front when the Planning and Zoning Board approved a change in the existing hotel room definition last month. They endorsed changing the owner occupancy from two to sixteen weeks. To many Beach people, this change opens the door for the construction of condos. It also opens a can of worms.

A Santa Rosa Island Authority sub-committee workshop last Tuesday attracted a large group of people who presented their ideas. The Committee was composed of Vernon Prather, SRIA chairman, Kelly Robertson and Fred Grant, board members. Robertson and Gant did not attend the meeting, so Prather conducted the meeting along with SRIA staff.

Mary Bolman, Administrative Manager, presented a history and facts on the definition including the notation that the square foot area of a hotel room had already been changed at the county level from 500 feet maximum to no maximum in 2006.

Mary produced figures on the amount of revenue the SRIA receives from hotel rooms and condos. Using Portofino as an example, the annual income to the

SRIA is \$1378 as compared to \$1816 per unit from the Hilton Garden Inn. The figures on the Emerald Isle condo is \$960 per unit compared to \$1319 per unit from Springhill Suites.

Following Mary's presentation, developers and residents voiced their opinions. SRIA board members present at the meeting were Dr. Thomas Campanella, Tammy Bohannon, and John Peacock.

Thomas Campanella favors a regulation which limits the size and length of owner stay.

"I believe we need the revenue that is generated from hotel guests," he said.

John Peacock felt that the market should drive the development of hotels.

He said, "I believe the developers intend to build hotels and run them like hotels."

Tammy Bohannon added her opinion. "I am thankful that we have developers who are willing to invest in Pensacola Beach," she said. "I think we need to look to architectural guidelines and not limit size. I think we need to make sure these are really hotels and that the use cannot change over time to a condo."

Robert Rinke, Levin Rinke Resort Realty, told the group that condo financing is a very quick way to get development money back.

"Of course they are highly motivated to see this happen. But, the fact of the matter is that transient guests spend 300 times more than others on Pensacola Beach. The flag hotels on

Pensacola Beach are some of the most successful in the country."

Jeff Townsend, representing Innisfree Corporation said, "We want to build hotels. If we wanted to build condos we would ask for a rezoning to build them. We want to build better than average hotels. Get away from the Redneck Riviera."

Jim Cox was opposed to the new definition based on the possibility of less revenue to Pensacola Beach.

"Do what is best for the Beach," he said. "I fear that a change in hotel room definition will end up with unrented property which the owner has no obligation to put on the rental market." Jim and his wife Lila own a home, three condos, and a Hilton Towers unit on the beach.

Joe Endry, Beach real estate broker and developer, whose company managed the former Clarion Suites implored the board to study the market relating to this regulation.

"I think it is most important that you do extensive research into the trends in the hotel business. The transient consumers want upscale, larger suites. It is still a hotel and the guests fit the definition. In order to have that upscale hotel built, some units have to be sold to owners," Endry said.

The SRIA has received letters from Grover Robinson, Escambia County Commissioner, and from Bill Griffith, former Chairman of the SRIA board.

Robinson made several recommendations, and he told the Board Santa Rosa Island should be excluded from the ordinance.

"Over the next three months, I propose that we readdress this issue with both sides to research the issue in depth to ensure that the goals of the SRIA and Escambia County can be accomplished with this ordinance. I recommend that the SRIA and the County work together to establish the proposal, and report back to the Island Authority and the BCC by the end of this summer."

Bill Griffith, in his letter, voiced many objections to the condo-hotel financing. "I do not believe changing the policy on defining hotel-condo for financing is the answer. Apparently, the very large hotel and tourist attraction theme park that is proposed for the Fort Pickens Road Holiday Inn property flies in the face of what Mr. MacQueen is proposing," the letter stated.

Joe McCay, general manager of the former Holiday Inn confirmed Griffith's remarks when he spoke to *Island Times*

on March 16.

"When we develop our property it will be a hotel in the strictest sense of the word. There is not a condo option on the development," Joe said.

Griffith was critical of the manner in which the current hotel definition was approved and the way it reached the Planning and Zoning Board.

"It is interesting to see that after working with the SRIA Board and staff, and agreeing with the definition of a condo-hotel, Julian MacQueen went to the Planning Board in September 2006 to have the room size eliminated without any input or knowledge of the action by the SRIA. Further, the present change was placed on the Planning Board agenda, February 13, 2007 without their staff having prior knowledge of this matter, and certainly without any notification to the SRIA of the action being taken."

So, the matter is still up in the air, pending a decision which may be made at future meetings. The SRIA sub-committee will hold a workshop at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 3 at the Authority office. In the meantime, Prather will be working with the SRIA attorney and staff to draft a regulation on the issue. The workshop is open to the public.

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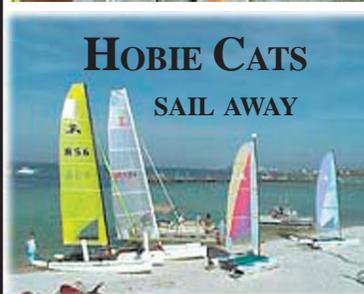
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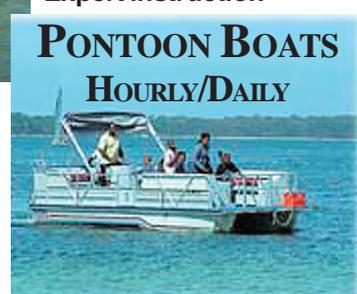
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Margeaux Makes The Grade - Invents Pensacola Beach Game

Life is not all fun and games for ten-year-old Beach resident Margeaux Taylor. The charming fifth grade student at Episcopal Day School got down to the serious business of inventing as a recent school assignment. Margeaux's teacher Nancy Norris challenged her to enter the Invention Convention. So, Margeaux invented a board game and named it the Pensacola Beach Game.

"I thought a long time and came up with a bunch of topics, but I finally decided I wanted to invent a board game about Pensacola Beach," said Margeaux.

Her parents, Angie and John Taylor were amazed at the effort and time that Margeaux dedicated to her invention, but were not surprised by the results.

The game which Margeaux carefully laid out on her living room floor consists of a full color map of Pensacola Beach. The game pieces are miniature silver flip flops. The playing cards are brightly decorated featuring hand drawn beach wildlife. It was all stored in a blue sand bucket. Margeaux beams as she gives instructions on how to play the Pensacola Beach Game.

"It's really very easy. Anyone can play, even my five-year-old sister Madeline," she giggles. "The object of the game is to travel all over the beach and the first one who arrives at the Boardwalk for ice cream wins."

The game board has yellow spaces shaped like suns for players to advance along. Each player draws a card and follows the instructions on it. Sometimes you are rewarded with moving forward for being "turtle friendly" and sometimes you have to go two spaces back for "stepping on a stingray." The artwork is whimsical as are the eco and beach friendly instructions.

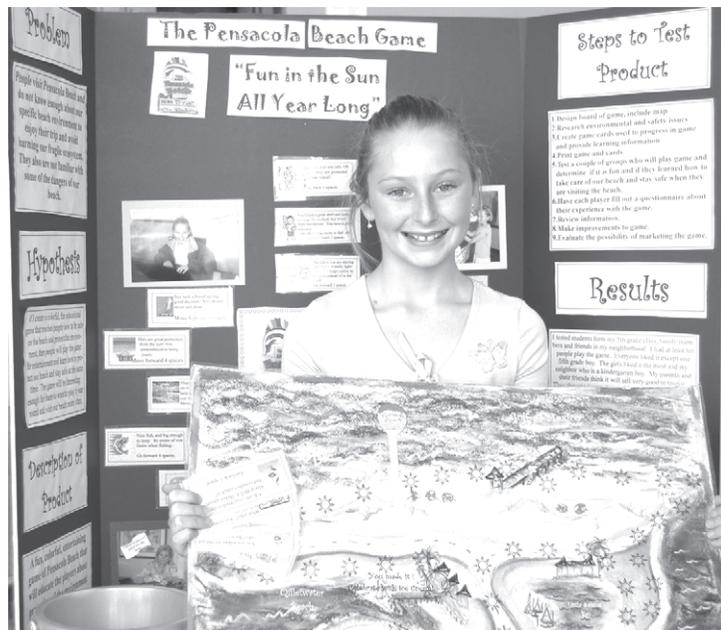
As part of her assignment, Margeaux tested her game to see if other children would enjoy it. She admits that one of her peers did not like it, but surmised that was because he did not win. She wanted the results to be fun and educational.

"Everyone likes playing the game. I hope players learn things about the beach and our environment, too. I think visitors and beach people would like to play," she said.

Margeaux is not just an inventor; she also is an accomplished pianist. She takes tap, ballet and jazz classes from Dancingly Yours on the Beach and she is a member of the Pensacola Children's Chorus. But swimming is her favorite

activity. "I have lived on Pensacola Beach my whole life since I came home from the hospital," she reports. "I can't wait until it is warm

have guessed the multi-faceted ten-year-old already has another money maker. She makes hand-made soaps in pastel colors to sell to her neighbors on the beach.



Margeaux Taylor with her invention, the Pensacola Beach Game.

enough to swim. I go swimming in the Gulf or in Little Sabine everyday."

When asked about her favorite game, Margeaux admits that her new favorite is the Pensacola Beach Game. Before that, she used to play a math board game called Totally Tut. Math, however, is not her favorite subject in school, physical education is.

The energetic entrepreneur intends to market her Pensacola Beach Game, so everyone can play. She has created a website at www.pensacolabeachgame.com for that purpose. But, as you might

Ladies Host Tax Man Mission 497 Party

If the tax man is about to drive you to the poor house, you can forget your troubles at the Tax Man Mission 497 meal at the Elk's Lodge, April 14 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Anyone who has a few bucks left in his pockets can buy tickets to win a Wino Basket and a Forget Your Troubles Basket.

"This event is a fundraiser to buy some palm trees for the lodge grounds," said Amy DePew, president of the Ladies of the Elk's who are hosting the hobo party.

A thick Irish stew will be served mission style, according to Amy, who urges everyone to get in the soup line.

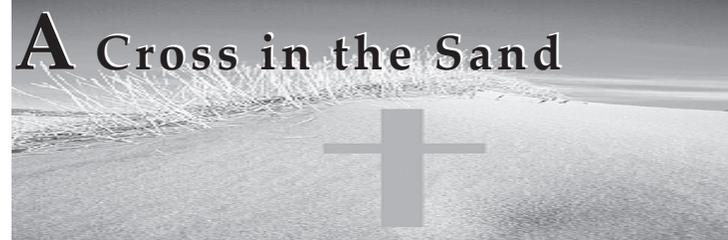
"Proper attire is requested," Amy said. "Wear tattered clothing like a beach bum or rail riding

"It is kinda like a lemonade stand," she said laughingly. "Only it's soap."

Her talent for capturing the magic of the island that is her home and reproducing it as a board game is stunning, but not surprising after you spend some time with her. It is apparent that she welcomes the chance to share her enthusiasm for the beach.

"I love Pensacola Beach. It is the best place in the whole world to live" she announced.

And, as for the school assignment, Margeaux received an A plus.



By Dr. Chuck Randle
Pastor, Pensacola Beach Community Church

Many people may wonder why Easter egg hunts are so popular around Easter. The Internet is a great source of information. One article indicated that an average of 72 million dozen eggs were purchased at supermarkets in the United States in 2005. Due to the fact that many families decorate eggs for Easter, or use eggs as part of the Passover Seder meal, during the week prior to Easter, the total sold was 76.1 million dozen eggs; and during the week of Easter itself, the number reached 93.4 million dozen.

Eggs, as a symbol of new life and rebirth, have been around for centuries. Long before the birth of Jesus, pagan people used eggs to celebrate the return of the sun and the rebirth of nature each spring. Jewish people used a roasted egg on the Passover Seder plate as a symbol for life and the hope of salvation for many. Christians have adopted the egg to represent the Resur-

rection. So, when we see children out enjoying hunting decorated eggs, it is more than just an activity. It spans ages, cultures, and varied religious traditions, and is representative of deeper meanings that our children may have yet to learn.

The Beach Community Church will conduct the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7, beginning at 9 a.m. The egg hunt is open to all children. Please meet on the parking lot and the hunt will proceed from there.

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Young Artists Create Winning Posters In Pensacola Beach Optimist Club Contest

Pensacola Beach School students created colorful posters with strong statements to enter in the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club's Poster Contest last month. The theme was "Say No To Drugs, Yes To Love."

Winners were judged by Pensacola Beach Optimist Club members and are as follows:

First Grade

1. Blair Amberson
2. Morgan Churchill
3. Meredith McCurdy
4. Abby Jacobs

Second Grade

1. Reddon McLaurine
2. Gigi Dempsey
3. Starfish Holk
4. Mary Elliot

Third Grade

1. Lia Lampone
2. Jace Amberson
3. Marley Taylor
4. Megan Cronin

Fourth Grade

1. Maddie Mateer
2. Peyton Hoover
3. Sara Post
4. Jett Crowdis

Fifth Grade

1. Sage Dunne
2. Ally Francis
3. Bailey Trzcinski
4. Stephanie Moraes

Fourth and fifth grade winners will be entered into additional Optimist contest levels which culminate in a statewide competition.

Debbie Campanella, Beach School Teacher of the Year and Optimist Club member commented, "The entries were all excellent this year, and the choices

for award winners were very difficult to arrive at."

The Pensacola Beach Optimist Club's motto "Friends of Youth" is evident in their commitment to serving the area's youth.

If you are interested in joining please call Mary Claus, PBOC vice president at 206-1341 or attend a PBOC meeting, held on the first and third Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at the Pensacola Beach Community Church House, Via De Luna and Avenida 18.

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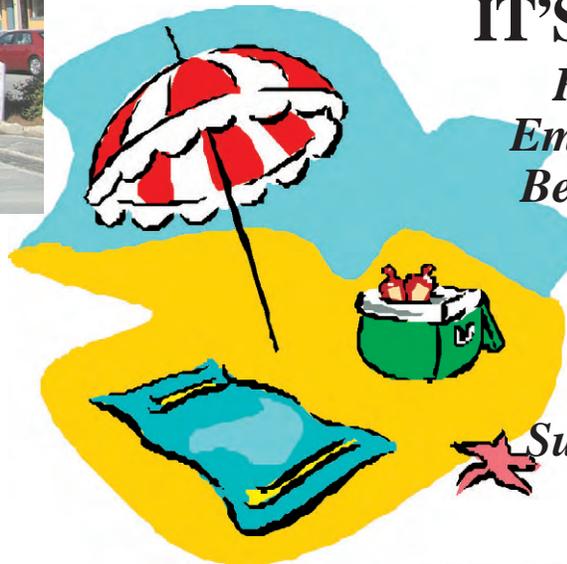


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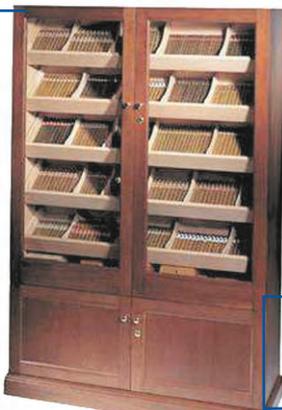
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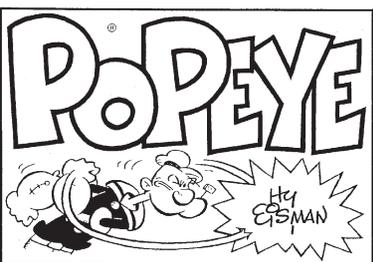
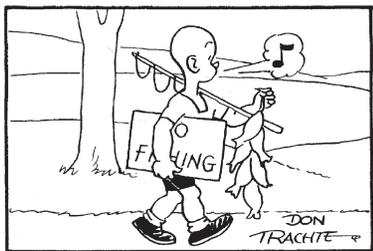
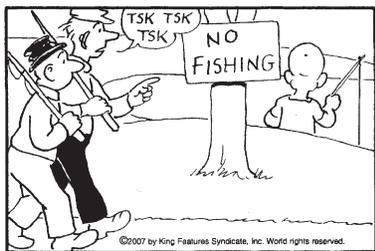
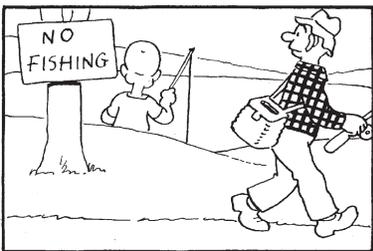
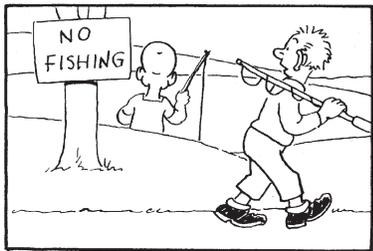
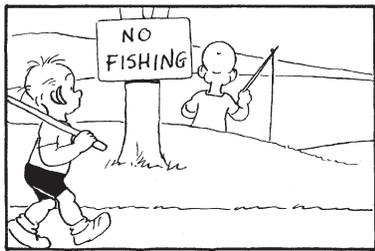
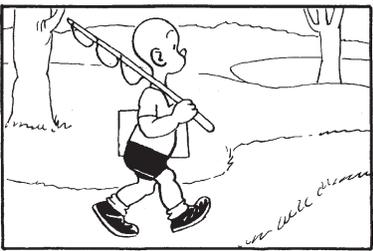
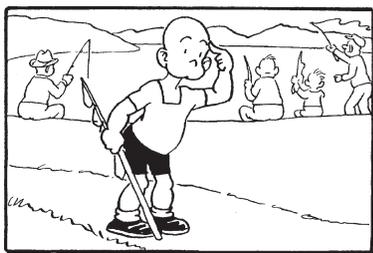
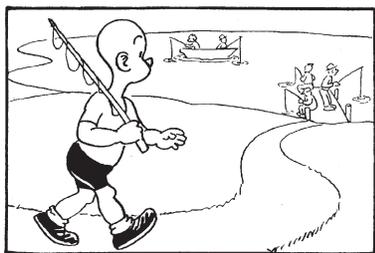
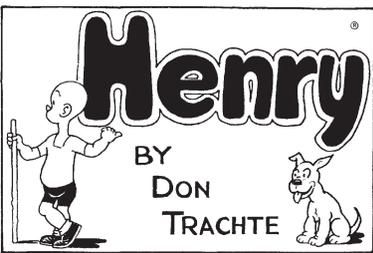


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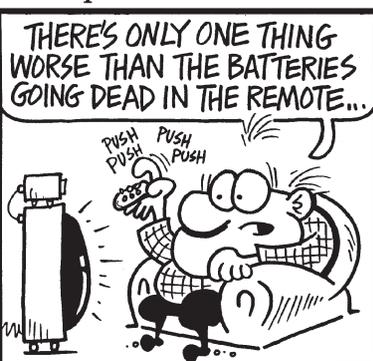
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The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be careful about doing someone a favor when you don't know the full story behind the request. Don't rely on someone's unsubstantiated assurances. Insist on all the facts before you act.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That workplace problem still needs your attention before you can finally close the book on it. Meanwhile, a long-anticipated reunion gets closer to becoming a happy reality.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might be demanding more from others than they can give. Best advice: Have a long and frank talk to determine what the facts are. Tensions should abate as the week winds down.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Aspects are favorable throughout this week for making contacts that could be important to your career plans. Meanwhile, an old friend offers the advice you're seeking.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's time to stop licking your wounds from past mistakes. Get up and get going toward your future. Loyal friends will be there to help the Lion get back into rip-roaring shape.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Take time out to go over what's expected of you before you begin your new project. Otherwise, you run the risk of pushing yourself harder than you need to.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An unusual request could put you in an awkward position. Best advice: Deal with it immediately. The longer you delay, the more difficult it will be to get out of it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You should feel recharged and ready for whatever your workaday world holds for you. The same positive energy spills over into your personal relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A prospect might be less than it appears to be. Like the Archer in your sign, you always aim for the truth. And this is no time to settle for less than full disclosure.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Start doing some serious thinking about a career move that could entail more than just changing job sites. Some lifestyle changes might also be involved.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With tensions easing at the workplace, a more positive environment once again encourages the free flow of ideas so typical of the always-innovative Aquarian.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Show some of that usually hidden steel-strong Piscean backbone, and stand up for yourself if you hope to make a case for that promotion you know you deserve.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy doing new things and staying ahead of the crowd. You would make a fine military leader or sports coach.

Esposito's Surf Report

by
Freddy
Esposito



It seems that our Santa Rosa Island Authority wants to rename part of Via de Luna after Allen Levin, the Portofino developer. Now, before I start this, let's all take a big deep breath.

The renaming of roads happens all the time all over the country. It's to honor people who have contributed to the local area. People who have made positive change. People who have made a difference.

The Levins, who I have known for years, have made changes. Lots of them.

But, I rarely remember the Levins - let's say hanging out at the Tiki with Fred Bates or fishing the pier with Joe Sealy.

I don't remember them surfing with me and Yancy and BZR, or hanging out at Kevin's.

Look people, there's nothing wrong with the intention of naming a road after someone who is a pillar of the community.

But let's be careful. Let's represent the spirit of our small beach community, too.

So, I want to suggest a name that really represents the flavor of the beach. TWO WORDS....HARRY GOWENS

Harry gave back to this beach with his love and time. He built the first school with money out of his pockets, not for profit, but for the children. Harry wanted this beach to prosper, without over development and have this thing they call soul.

If we are to represent our beach with a positive force, something that our children will appreciate, then it is our responsibility to uphold tradition. It is our responsibly to honor the people that have lived and worked hard on this beach.

Think about this. What do we tell our children? "Hey, this road is named for the guy who

was a developer." Or "This road is named for the guy who built the first and only school from the kindness of his heart." Hmmm? Really think people. What are we doing here?

There are tons of people who have made a difference here on our beach. Drees, Tuners, Waters and many more. But to rename the road for a developer doesn't make much sense to anyone who has lived here all his life.

Let there be no mistake, I am not discounting what Allen Levin has done and I am not putting down the SRIA's idea to honor him. I'm just saying stop and think!

Legacy is forever. Set an example for our children. Something they can be proud of.

Write letters. Go to the Santa Rosa Island Authority meetings. Put your two cents in!



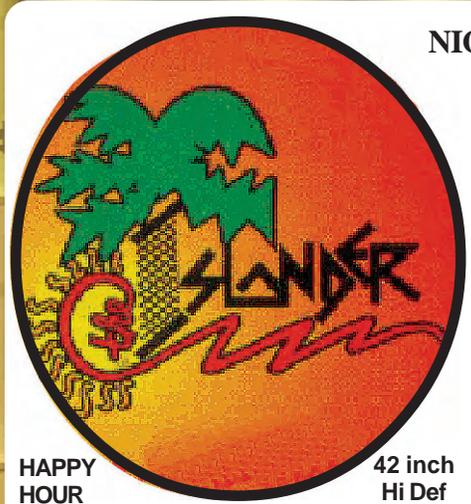
Shirley Blake, center, is the gal of the hour during the Society of Leprechauns' twenty-first annual Pub Crawl, March 17. When the clock struck one, the crawlers made their way from Crabs to The Dock to continue the party. Sharing the luck of the Irish with Shirley are (L to R): Pam and Danny Blake, John and Diane Quadrozzi and Jackie Henderson. The Pub Crawl proceeds benefit Hospice of Northwest Florida.

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My Fishing Experience

By Pete Della Ratta and Kevin Maye

To the Young at Heart;

This story is about an eighth grade student Kevin Maye from Woodlawn Beach Middle School who participated in last year's first Fishing and Boating Curriculum held at the school. An avid fisherman, he tells his recollection of the first experience he had on the water with his dad.

Look for future writing and stories from our future anglers and boaters.

My Fishing Experience

What is your most memorable moment in your fishing history? One of my most memorable experiences is when I went deep-sea fishing for the first time.

Deep Sea Fishing

When my Dad and I went deep-sea fishing for the first time we did not know what to expect. We had never been fishing in the Gulf of Mexico in a 57-foot boat before. The boat was coming out of Destin, Florida. The name of the boat was Sweet Jody. My Dad told me that we were going to go out fishing for my tenth birthday. My birthday was going to be during the school week, so we went on the Saturday before. I was really looking forward to the day that we were going to go fishing on the Sweet Jody.

Lucky Bait Fish

Before we went to the dock that morning we stopped and fished for baitfish that we could use for bait to try to catch bigger fish. We had pretty good luck and caught some pinfish, croaker and a couple of finger mullet in our cast nets that we could use for bait on our trip. We hoped that our luck would continue through the day that we had planned.

When we got to the boat docks we were a couple of minutes early so tried to catch a couple more baitfish there. We saw a couple of ladyfish swim in real quick and we thought that if we caught them we could use them as cut bait for grouper and snapper. I tried cast after cast but they were just too fast for me. All I could catch was pinfish and the occasional croaker. By that time a couple more people showed up and they were lining up by the boat. So we started to line up, too and then we started to board the boat.

Boarding the Boat

We were near the back right side. There were about fifteen other people going with us on the

Sweet Jody. When we got on the Sweet Jody we waited a couple of minutes to get situated then we got ready to get underway.

The First Spot

It was about a half-hour trip to the first spot we were going to try. We caught triggerfish and mangrove snapper. My Dad even caught a red snapper that was within the legal limit. We fished or a couple of minutes then we brought up our lines and moved to our next spot.

Snapping Up Fish

We drove for about 15 minutes then we stopped and dropped out our lines again. We caught mutton snapper and grouper. We did not get much action and moved to the third spot.

Amberjack

There, the first time I dropped my line I had a nice bite. At the same time my Dad had a good bite, too. I brought my fish up first and then one of the deckhands got a gaff. The deckhand said that it was an amberjack. A couple of minutes later my Dad had finally brought up his amberjack. He put them along with our other fish we had caught that time in the cooler.

A King at the Last Spot

Then we had time for just one last spot. So we headed there and dropped our lines. We didn't have any bites for the first 10 minutes then there was something that was nibbling at the end of my line. At first I thought it was a snapper. It was yanking line out as fast as I could bring it in. It took awhile before I brought it up to the surface. As soon as I got the fish near the surface, the fish kept going back down. Just like when I caught the amberjack, the deckhand got the gaff. When the deckhand gaffed the fish he said it was a king mackerel. My Dad and I have heard of people catching king mackerel and smoking



them. We asked the deckhand if the mackerel was in legal size limit, which it was. After that we caught a couple of snapper and grouper, which were size limit too. The deckhand put the fish that we caught in the cooler with the other ones we had caught earlier.

Fish Stories

We soon started to head back to the dock. While some of the other people were fishing, they had caught some weird fish. When we were heading back to the dock, the deckhands were telling people about the fish. One of the fish was a remora. The deckhand said the remora had a suction cup on the top of his head that stuck to sharks and cleaned them. Another fish was a robin fish. The robin fish had little legs that it used to walk on the sea floor. It also had fins on the side that looked like wings. After the deckhand showed us and told us about the neat facts about the fish, my Dad and I went into the cabin and ate a little bit. After about 15 minutes, we arrived back at the dock. When we got to the dock the deckhands were filleting the other people's fish.

Heading Home

After we watched them we got our fish cooler, got into our truck and headed home. When we got home we had to clean the fish. We took our time to clean them to make sure there were no bones. That night we cooked some of the fish on the grill. That experience was a great one and if I had the chance again, I would like to take it again! That is my most memorable experience and it always will be!

Silent Auction Features Fishing and Sailing Bid 'Em Up

St. Francis of Assisi has scheduled a Midsummer Night Party on Saturday, June 9 from 6 to 9 pm at 1 St. Francis Drive in Gulf Breeze. This is the third annual fundraising party and includes a silent auction.

Wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served while guests bid on an array of exciting items donated by local artists and

businesses. The Silent Auction features travel packages, original art, sailing and fishing adventures, and local restaurant gift certificates. All proceeds will be disbursed to charities.

General Admission Tickets are \$15 and include food and beverage. For tickets please contact Marilyn Milmore at 476-3566.

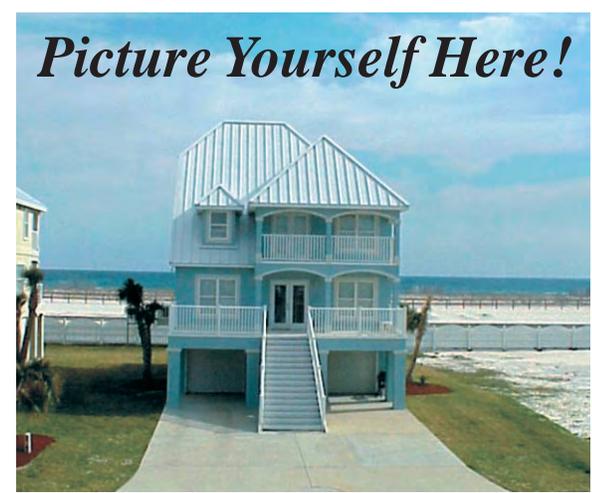


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VILLA SABINE HOMEOWNERS TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP - Villa Sabine homeowners shared their St. Patrick's Day spirit by drinking green beer and munching on tasty pizza after their neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, March 17. Sabine residents Scott and Kristin Amberson donated the suds for the following hard working neighbors: Back Row (L to R) Lucien Dancaescu, Ted Mansfield, Jim Cox and Henry Pearson. Middle Row (L to R) are: David Hambrick, Dave Dunbar, Doug Gordon, John Penniman, Thomas Campanella, Brian Finkbone, Frank Gomez, Bob Browning, Daniel Green, John Klein, Chrissy Cook, Kylie Finkbone, Rita Finkbone, Mike Cook, Mark Mitchell, and Pauline Pearson. Front row (L to R) are: LyAyn Dunbar, Judy Gomez, Debbie Campanella, Hazel Fairy, Jinny Dancaescu, Anna Mitchell, Rob Wilson, Gail Green, Suzanne Young, and Karen Mansfield. Still out cleaning the area were Sonia Browning, Brenda Creel, Ben Gomez, Dan Green, Jim Hales, Dan Lockman, David and Debbie Miles, Carol Pohlman, Wanda Radcliffe, and Liz Roberson.

Photo by Lila Cox

Beach Poker Players Have Plenty of Choices In Paradise

Poker players don't have to hunt for a friendly game on Pensacola Beach since Texas Hold 'Em 444 Fun hosts games five nights a week at three different venues.

Players who want to push in their chips with a backdrop of Santa Rosa Sound should arrive at the Paradise Bar and Grill just before 7 p.m. on Monday and Wednesdays nights. Be prepared to face winners such as J.O. Weeks who chalked up back to back wins at the Paradise. Visitor Jason Porter from upstate New York took out top beach player Mark Jullian in a night long battle on March 14. The following Monday, March 19 Redneck Anne Vinson played her cards right and outlasted Dr. Glenn Burseson. On a beautiful first day and night of spring, Trace Lewis took out Mark "J" Beachman in a thirty hand back and forth battle to claim a long awaited Paradise win.

Action at Paddy O'Leary's takes place on Tuesday and Sunday nights. Winners include J.O. Weeks, Steven J. Bailey and skateboard surfer Jimmy "Z" Chellberg.

The historic Islander Lounge in downtown Pensacola Beach has resumed its poker

night with games starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Everyone is invited to play Texas Hold 'Em 444 Fun. You must be at least 21 years old and have a basic knowledge of the game.

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Bridal Registry: Ohmigosh! What do I need? What can I ask for? What does he want?

Let's start at the beginning: One of the first and most important areas which should be well planned and thought out for most brides and grooms is often the last to be completed: The Bedroom - That's right. The marriage bed!

The bed, the mattress, the down pillows, the lightest down duvet possible, exquisite sheet sets in 1000 thread count [and at least 4 to 6 sets so you can have a change], pillow slips and pillow shams, bed dressing for every day and dress up, just like your china. The night stands, the lighting, the black out drapes, the attention to detail in the room in which you and yours will spend the most—and the most impor-

tant-- hours of the rest of your life!

In years past, the family planned from birth for the dowry and the trousseau of their daughters. Without one, a young lady simply wasn't presentable for marriage. Most often, all the women in the family, of all the generations, made the linens, sheets, nightgowns and dresses which they took to their marriage bed and home.

The down was plucked, washed, prepared, and made into quilts, duvets, and the finest down pillows a bride could take to her husband. The sheets were made, bleached for hours in the sun, laundered lovingly and folded with lavender to await that incredible day of marriage. As many as 144 sheets.

Just as in the rest of the home, a woman's ability to 'present' her home in the appropriate manner was a direct reflection upon her upbringing, as well as a direct reflection upon her husband as to their standing in life. In fact, sheets any color other than white reflected impurity and even so-

cial standing. White sheets, like Egyptian cotton, were de rigueur.

It's time to reflect and return to the classics. Planning a home should begin with the bedroom, where the couple should share their most intimate moments. The marriage bed, plumped full with down and sleek, cool and crisp sheets, should be inviting and soothing for the couple to seek their moments of quiet, respite, and joy. Imagine how much longer our relationships can last when soothed and rested.

Take time to live the beautiful life as a couple, investing in the areas of your home where you truly will spend the best part of your life. Fill it with memories and items for daily use that give you pleasure today, as well as for the future, not to mention to create classic traditions which will be enjoyed by the generations.

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Beauty & The Beach

By Danah Gibson

Spring has sprung and everyone is headed to the Beach. The water is a tad chilly yet, but it still feels good to sit on the sand with a drink in your hand. Don't worry about what to pack in your beach bag. Here's some hints:

* Lip Gloss is critical for preventing chapped, dried out skin, but even more importantly, for avoid sunburned lips! Look for SPF 15 or more for the best protection for your kisser.

* You don't need foundation, unless it is a light one which contains sunscreen.

* Waterproof mascara to accent your eyes. It won't slide down your face after swimming or a game of volleyball.

* To add some color use a natural or light pink lipstick. But keep it in a ziplock bag in your cooler. Eye shadow and lipstick

tend to melt in the Pensacola Beach sun.

* No matter how badly you want a tan, bring sunscreen to protect your precious skin from overexposure!

* Just in case you do get a sunburn, do your body a favor and slap on some aloe. A medium-sized plastic bottle is more than you will need, and you'll thank yourself for remembering it if you happen to fall asleep on the beach.

* Have you ever been caught in a sand storm? Well I have, and I can't stress enough about the value of a bottle of eye drops in case those pesky particles of sand find their way into your eyes, whether by a storm itself or by a playful game of football or beach soccer. Though they are possibly the most obvious item, don't forget your sunglasses!

* When you spend time playing on the beach, what happens to the top of your head is likely the last thing on your mind. To help prevent sunburn on your scalp, consider packing a hat of some sort, a bandana or a hair scarf.

* If dried-out hair due to excessive exposure to sun, chlorine or saltwater is a concern of yours, fret not! When you return home from your beach day, try a deep-conditioning treatment or masque.

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The LIZZARD'S TONGUE



by E.K. Hewson

Last week my son Harry began his three week spring break from his year around school schedule. As we were walking along the sandy riverfront near our house aboard MCAS Cherry Point, he asked me what I used to do during spring break. I had to think. First off, I don't really remember having an official spring break until middle school and growing up in New Orleans it was always tied into Mardi Gras. Then I told him of my favorite spring break ever.

My mother, Jane Waters Cooper, decided to take all her girls away from New Orleans and to this most glorious island nestled along the Gulf waters. For being one of the most beautiful places in the world, it was still rather undeveloped and immedi-

ately felt like home. I remember staying in the only high rise at the time watching the sun set out the back sliding glass door. I had visited this natural treasure before, but only from the eyes of a weekender. This time I would be there for one whole week.

The days were filled with endless digging in the sugar white sand, the making of sandcastles, chasing ghost crabs and imitating sand pipers. Sunscreen was something only red heads and kids who freckled easily wore back in the 70s, so my skin turned ever so pink and though it was hot to the touch the night air kept me cool. I went fishing at dusk with my older sister's husband and the thought of sharks never entered our minds. We rode our bikes to

get ice cream and bought rafts from a convenience store. I spent one whole day climbing around an old fort and wondering what this place looked like in the 1800s. Our nights were filled with grilling on the BBQ and going out to eat at the one family style restaurant.

Harry knew right away that I was talking about Pensacola Beach. His connection made me feel good because the Beach has changed since I was a little girl tourist and a young woman resident. Yet, somewhere through all the new and improved development, the unbridled spirit of the Island remains. It must be those glorious sun rises and sun sets, the emerald green waters and that sugar white sand.

Until next time...



The Pensacola Beach Woman's Club celebrated St. Patrick's Day and toasted the month's birthday girls at their March 15 membership meeting at the Elk's Lodge. Accepting happy birthday wishes are (L to R): Sharon Peirce, Marie Lord, Edie Draper, Louise Greenley, and Mildred Price. The Woman's Clubbers are busy planning their annual Game Day Fundraiser which will be at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Mission, Thursday, April 26.

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Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candace Segar

Going To The Dump Is Not For Amateurs

I have had fun the last two weeks going to the dump. Now you know it's a strange sensation when you go to the dump, and they recognize you.

My husband, Ralph, commented, "How do they know you? You haven't been there for awhile."

My reply, "I'm the woman with the braids."

Now my last trip, I did see another woman who drove up and was two slots down from me. She was nicely dressed. I am covered in leaves and muck from the trash I am dumping with sweat running down my face. She is perfectly coifed. And my jaw dropped when I saw what she was throwing away. Golf clubs, clothes, boots, things that people could use. Her truck load of stuff should have gone to a charity. It was not dumpster stuff!

Then to add insult to injury, her execution of throwing out the stuff was poor form. She threw it out one item at a time with a most genteel manner. No

rhythm to her method.

I have established certain protocol for the dump.

Law #1 - Dump trash - not good recyclable stuff.

Law #2 - Don't dress up to go to the dump. Why? Because it's the DUMP!

Law #3 - Don't gingerly pick up your items one by one unless they have nails sticking out of them. Then disregard law #3. Get your stuff dumped and move on so the next person can get in there.

Law #4 - Make sure your items are segregated. She did drop off the TV in the right section?

Law #5 - Wear good protective gloves which helps with law #3.

Law #6 - Offer to assist your fellow dumper if he or she has some huge items, and the individual is alone. I always offer to help, which surprises some men.

Law #7 - Be courteous and friendly. Who knows you might get a new set of golf clubs to take home with you!

Bytes & Bits

By Joe Stuke

Q: How often should I "defrag" my computer's hard disk?

A: The schedule for defragmenting a disk will depend on how many files you add to (or remove from) your computer. If you're using Windows XP, the way to find out if your computer could benefit from that process would be to run the "Defragment" program about once a month and choose the option to "analyze" the disk. The program will let you know if it needs to be done. To find the program, click on the Start button and bring up the list of programs installed in your computer. Click on "Accessories", then "System Tools", then "Disk Defragmenter". Windows 98 doesn't have the "analyze" option.

So, what does that program do anyhow? When you are adding new files and programs to your computer they may be scattered around in different parts of the disk. When you delete files, empty spaces will be left between the files that remain. Result -- the

files are "fragmented" on the disk. The Disk Defragmenter moves all the files into one area so that they are organized and all together, putting all the empty space at the end of the disk. Then the computer can retrieve the files faster when you request them.

You may not be able to run the program if your computer's disk is almost full because the computer has no place to temporarily hold all the data while it is being shuffled around.

This article was provided by The Stuke Group. For questions, contact Joe at joe@ycpals.com or at 206-3156.

Optimists Sponsor Beach Oratorical Contest

The preliminary session of the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club Oratorical Competition is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3 at Pensacola Beach Elementary School.

"Members of the club volunteer with such enthusiasm for this competition and the children and

Authors of 1998 Incorporation Study Explain Process To Leaseholders

Two of the authors of the Pensacola Beach Incorporation Plan of 1998 spoke to the Residents and Leaseholders Association at their March 13 meeting, and explained the roadblocks which stand in the way of incorporation.

Although there have been several incorporation proposals over the years, this one was recognized by the Department of Community Affairs in Tallahassee as a very comprehensive document, according to Kent Marple. He explained the steps necessary before incorporation could ever take place. First, a bill calling for the abolition of the SRIA would have to pass the state legislature. Then there would have to be a special referendum and waiver of population requirement. Before any of this can take place, however, the plan would need a unanimous vote of approval of the six members of the Northwest Florida legislative delegation and majority vote of approval from the Escambia County Commission.

Joe Barron, who also served on the 1998 Incorporation Committee, told the group how great the level of commitment and enthusiasm has to be by everyone involved in working on the product.

"If you want to take this on, be prepared," he said. "The work is not easy. You must be ready to poll the residents, speak to homeowners associations, and convince and involve commercial leaseholders. You need a strong attorney. There has to be money for the studies and expenses."

"We are all serfs out here," Kent Marple added. "We have an appointed government with only one elected member. With incorporation we would have a city government with local control. You would have some local say so."

After the speeches, Tona de Mers, PBRLA president, commented that if Commissioner Whitehead continued his attempts to have the SRIA abolished, then this is something we would have to work on."

their families always have a rewarding experience participating in this PBOC project," reported BJ Davis, Optimist Contest chairman.

Finals for this youth project are scheduled for April 10 and the location shall be announced at a later date.

Agenda items were brought up for discussion including the recent hotel room definition.

"I am cautiously optimistic about our new SRIA board," Tona said. "But, now we are faced with a change in a County definition which would, in fact, circumvent the residential cap."

The proposed new definition of a hotel room includes unlimited square footage and sixteen weeks per year of owner occupancy.

A discussion on the joint effort of the Island Authority and the County to clean up the Beach followed.

"I find the idea of being forced to sift anything bigger than a bottle cap out of the sand in my leasehold sufficiently terrifying," Tona said.

Johnny Johnson, who was a

candidate for the elected SRIA position, spoke in favor of the clean up campaign.

"We must maintain a community standard and a clean yard must be part of that. I am certain it has an environmental impact. The SRIA needs to do their part as well," Johnny said.

Tona offered to inquire officially on behalf of the PBRLA concerning the conflicting wording in the citation and verbal instruction from Code Enforcement officers. The citation says simply "clean up" and the instructions say to "sift the sand."

The next meeting of the PBRLA will be at 6 p.m. April 10 at the Pensacola Beach Community Church. All residents and leaseholders are welcome to attend the meeting and to become members of the Association.

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- 1 PC alternative
- 4 Mandible
- 7 Peacock's pride
- 11 Fanzine topic
- 13 Biblical suffix
- 14 Music lover's setup
- 15 Siamese
- 16 Halloween shout
- 17 Otherwise
- 18 Second-largest of the 50
- 20 Indigent
- 22 Wrigley product
- 24 Easily influenced
- 28 Nightwear
- 32 Sorrow
- 33 Eastern big wig
- 34 Burst
- 36 Clinton's veep
- 37 Competitor
- 39 Highest-ranking
- 41 Handy
- 43 Actress Zadora
- 44 On in years
- 46 Entrap
- 50 MPs' quarry
- 53 Hiatus
- 55 Let fall
- 56 Repast
- 57 Rage

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- 59 Household critters
- 60 Afternoon social
- 61 Moment
- 8 Have a bug
- 9 Conditions
- 10 Tell tales
- 12 It's between the U.S. and Canada
- 19 Total
- 21 See 44-Across
- 23 Treasure-hunt help
- 25 Lotion additive
- 26 Standard
- 27 Genealogy chart
- 28 Llamas' home
- 29 Writer Kingsley
- 30 Jazzy style
- 31 "Mayday!"
- 35 Little boxer?
- 38 Drag behind
- 40 Greek consonants
- 42 On the level
- 45 Challenge
- 47 - and crafts
- 48 Libertine
- 49 Grand story
- 50 Rock-concert gear
- 51 Teeny
- 52 Bran provider
- 54 Shell game need

DOWN

- 1 Catcher's aid
- 2 Liniment target
- 3 Wheedle
- 4 One of the Bushes
- 5 On
- 6 War cry
- 7 It's between the U.S. and

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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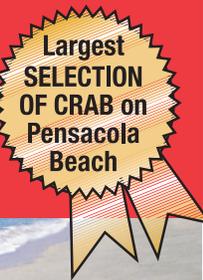
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