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Volunteers Team Up To Defeat Debris



Hundreds of volunteers are joining forces to assist Escambia County, the Santa Rosa Island Authority and the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce during the day long Team Up To Clean Up Pensacola Beach, April 14. Anyone who enjoys a clean beach is encouraged to attend. Team Up volunteers who are ready to start cleaning the Island are (L to R) : JB Schluter, Innerlight Surf Camp; Charlie Gonzalez, Escambia County GIS Department, Lt. Mike Balinsky, USMC, Chamber Board Member Nan Harper of Island Realty, Bob West, SRIA Director of Public Safety, Max Thomas and Emelba Ascanio, SRIA Maintenance Department. See Story Page 2.

Volunteers Will Leave No Litter Unturned on Pensacola Beach

Massive Clean Up Set for April 14

No can, no bottle, no half eaten sandwich, no litter of any description will be left on Pensacola Beach when the Team Up To Clean Up volunteers swing into action, Saturday, April 14.

Every obnoxious, unwanted piece of litter from tiny bits of paper up to twenty-five pound appliances, will be hauled off the island this Saturday.

A contingent of 40 members of the United States Marine Corps will be bussed from NAS Pensacola to help with the work.

Marine Corps Capt. Jason G. Trostle, who worked with Island Times to send the contingent of Marines said, "We are always happy to offer help with community projects. We're proud to be a part of this community."

Other teams which have signed up will work under the direction of Escambia County, the Santa Rosa Island Authority

and the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce include Boy Scouts of America, Fellowship of Christian Surfers, Gulf Breeze High School Key Club and AFJROTC, Innerlight Surf Camp, Pensacola Beach Community Church, and Gulf Breeze St. Ann's Confirmation Youth Group. Other groups are still signing up.

Volunteers will gather at the Gulfside Pavilion at 8:30 a.m. and will join Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson, IV, and Vernon Prather, Chairman of the Santa Rosa Island Authority Board, along with beach residents and businesses to start the massive clean up.

Beach businesses are providing sunscreen and refreshments. Volunteers are to provide their own gloves and hats.

"This will be a one day opportunity for Beach residents to

do their spring cleaning," Buck Lee SRIA general manager said. "Residents can bring yard debris and items weighing twenty-five pounds or less to the curb and the items will be hauled away."

Also, there will be a mini-hazardous waste round up. Resident can bring waste to the Casino parking lot. The following will be disposed of: pesticides and herbicides, oil based paints, paint removers, solvents, brake fluids, stale gasoline, household cleaners, fluorescent lamps, and pool cleaners.

Elderly and disabled persons who are not able to do their own clean up may get help by calling the SRIA at 932-2257.

Jeff Elbert, president of the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce said, "This is the way for the community to get together to clean up the Beach. The businesses in the Chamber have made

this day a special project. We are supplying products and have donated refreshments for the after clean up party for volunteers."

Participating businesses are Bamboo Willie's, Beach Marina, The Break Beach Bar, Cabo Grill, Coca Cola, Crab's, Flounder's, Hawaiian Tropic, Hooters, Island Realty, Island Style, Island Times, Market on the Island, Papa's Pizza, Paradise Bar and Grill, PegLeg's, Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge #497, Sidelines and Surf Burger.

And what happens once the beach has been thoroughly cleaned this spring? As Wade

Lane, SRIA Superintendent of Public and Recreational Facilities said, "My people clean this Beach every single day. Once the Beach is cleaned on Saturday, we need to work together to keep it that way."

The after clean up party will begin at 1 p.m. in the Visitor's Information Center parking lot. Volunteers will be given tickets at the morning sign-in before they take their places in the clean up.

If you have questions about the Team Up To Clean Up, call Kim Duell at 932-2257. For other information, call Sandy Johnston, executive director of the Chamber at 932-1500.

Saddle Up for the Giddy Up Gala

Get your spurs jingle jangle jingling. It's round up time for the Pensacola Beach Optimists who are riding the range to Flounder's from 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, April 19. The chuck wagon will be loaded with the cook's famous barbecue and all the fixins. Tim Spencer will be playing his guitar and all ranch hands are invited to join in the dancing.

The Giddy Up Gala will be a profitable time for some lucky person who will win the grand prize of \$2500 or one of ten additional cash prizes. Proceeds from the raffle and ticket sales go to the

Pensacola Beach Elementary School and other Optimist Club projects.

Bettie Lee Sundstrom, ranch boss, says, "Get on over to the Gala. Be sure to wear your ten gallon hat."

Tickets for the Optimist Club's fundraiser are \$50 per person. You can get more information by dialing Bettie at 932-0684 or 384-7436.

"This is your chance to help Pensacola Beach Elementary School and have a great time hobnobbing with your fellow cowhands. Everybody is welcome. Ya'll come over to the Flounder's ranch," Bettie said.

Hotel Developments Dominate SRIA Agenda

Hotel construction on Pensacola Beach dominated the March 25 committee meetings of the Santa Rosa Island Authority. Owners of the proposed Grand Marlin Marina have abandoned their plans to include a boutique hotel on the former Coconuts property. Citing challenges associated with such a development, they have taken the hotel out of their original request.

"We are adjusting our plans," Philip Napier, builder said. "Should we be successful bidders, we could create an attractive parking area in the slim land parcels. We no longer intend to include a boutique hotel, but certainly will have some water based activity associated with the parcel."

Napier was referring to the three parcels of land in the area which will be put out for bid. Napier felt the \$960,000 appraisal was high. He asked the Board to consider a minimum bid of less than the appraised amount. The Board will not establish a minimum bid, and will reserve the right to accept or reject bids.

Tom Campanella said he had gone to the site and walked the slim parcels.

"The appraisal of \$960,000 blew me away," he said. "The parcel across the street from the toll booth is not big enough to do

anything with. I would pull that parcel out and use it for a buffer for the Grand Marlin Marina."

Tom cast the lone vote against the proposal for bidding.

Plans for a new hotel to replace the former Clarion came before the Architectural and Environmental Review Committee with a new twist on owner financing. Adache Group Architects reviewed their proposed hotel plans as a 19 story building with 216 suites of about 1200 square feet each. Plans included a 5000 square foot conference area, restaurant, bar, indoor pool, lazy river, and 400 parking places.

Joe Endry, who along with David Brannon and Lucien Dancaescu, plans to develop the hotel said it would be financed by "fractional ownership," a proposal where six to eight investors would own each suite and owners would have designated times of the year to occupy the suite.

Joe Endry said, "Pensacola Beach is Escambia County's greatest asset and this development will greatly add to that. I understand that by current policy you must turn it down, but I ask you to study it and ask yourself these questions - Is this really a hotel? Will it have constant transient turnover? Does it meet the criteria? The policy can change. It is years old."

The committee voted to refer the request to the full board.

Robert Rinke, Levin Rinke Resort Realty, made a presentation which included the possible construction of a hotel between proposed Portofino Towers Six and Seven. The hotel, as planned would be a luxury, upscale accommodation, featuring suites measuring 500 square feet.

"I would like to make this the grand finale of the Portofino development," Rinke said. "We will add the best amenities and create a destination on Pensacola Beach."

Rinke said they will await the final decision on the definition of a hotel before they proceed with their plans.

The Wallace, Roberts, and Todd workshop has been set for Wednesday, April 11 at 3 p.m. at the Authority office. WRT has been hired by the SRIA to give them some guidelines as they continue their visioning process. WRT was the South Florida consulting firm which created the 1988 Land Utilization Plan for Pensacola Beach. The meeting is open to the public.

The next SRIA meeting will be the Full Board meeting at 5 p.m. on April 11 at the Authority office. All meetings are open to the public, and a Visitor's Forum is available.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



BITS AND PIECES

Weekend Traffic

If you were trying to get home during the early afternoon on recent weekends, it's a good thing you weren't in a hurry. Traffic, most of it headed for the beach, was backed up through the Three Mile Bridge to Pensacola. Beach residents can count on more of the same as we head into summer. Plan your trips on and off the beach outside of the midday traffic snarls.

Taxes

Leaseholders at Portofino lost their fight against ad valorem taxes in lower court, marking the second court ruling against Beach leaseholders. The Commercial suit had already lost its first round. The residential leaseholders are still hopeful that their suit will stand up in court. Hold on for appeals.

Clean Up

Escambia County's recent citations to Beach leaseholders to clean up the sand in their yards, brought an onslaught of questions and complaints to the SRIA. The project is primarily a matter of Beach pride and to eliminate debris which can wreak such great havoc in a hurricane situation. Sand sifters are available and the SRIA will send help to you if you are unable to clean up the debris yourself. Call 932-2257 and ask for Kim Duell to make your request for help.

Hotel or Condo?

This issue rages on. Many hotel builders say the constrictions of high land and construction costs force them to seek condo financing for their hotel building. Sounds innocent enough until you get into the residential cap on Pensacola Beach and the general public's aversion to more condominiums.

Gigantic Clean Up

Grab your gloves, sunscreen and a bottle of water and head to Casino Beach at 830 a.m., April 14. You will find yourself as a part of a huge group of clean up volunteers working to get the Beach back to pre-Ivan normalcy. After the work is done by 1:00 p.m., refreshments will be served at the Visitor's Information Center Parking lot. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. There will be jobs for everyone.

Thursday Night Strollers

A casual setting is the background for the Thursday night walkers who gather at Surf Side Food Store for their weekly workout. There are no dues or commitments. It's all for fun and fitness. You can run, jog, or walk short distances or long distances. You're the boss.

Angels In Our Midst

Channel Three showcased the Lunch Bunch in the Monday, April 2 Angels in our Midst segment. They are a local group of ladies who support children in protective custody in Escambia

and Santa Rosa counties. Founded by Karen Cook Cowen years ago, the Lunch Bunch has truly become guardian angels to many children. They recently prepared 350 Easter baskets for these youngsters.

Stormy Weather

Meteorologists are predicting an active storm season this summer. What do they know? A whole lot, I guess. They are blaming that pesky Vixen, La

Nina, for nudging El Nino out of the hurricane pathways and causing all kinds of trouble. Let's hope the experts are wrong again, and have to revise their predictions. C'mon La Nina, go back to wherever you were last year.

Spring Things I Miss

Opening of the Carousel in New Orleans' Audubon Park; May Baskets filled with candy and flowers; Trolley Parties;

Spearmint Snowballs; but, most of all, Sunday afternoons with Lazy Day at the Tiki.

Geaux, Saints

The New Orleans Saints will open the season September 6 in Indianapolis, taking on the world champion Colts. The Saints will be in New Orleans at least until 2010, based on a contractual agreement signed last week with state officials. Who dat?

Beach School Kids Stand Tall on Scholastic Ladder

Debbie Campanella, second grade teacher at the Pensacola Beach Elementary School, told the Board at their March 26 meeting, "We are just shining all over the place."

She was referring to the accomplishments of the Beach School students compared to the thousands of students in Escambia County. Most recently, the essays of Abby Jacobs, Maddie Grace McCurdy, and Robbie McLin all placed in the final fifty among 20,000 entered in the Father of the Year essay contest. (See Island Times, March 14 and March 28 editions for the essays.) The three students will be among the honorees at a banquet at New World Landing on April 19.

Dan Green, president, accepted nominations for a new executive board to begin serving after voting and installations at the May meeting. The nominees are: president, Todd McCurdy; vice-president Jeff Gill; secretary Reed Dunne; and treasurer, Patrick Lanza.

The Partners in Education project has established at deadline of July 31 to receive donations. Their goal is to raise \$118,000. To date, they have collected \$47,000, according to Todd McCurdy.

PBES teachers will host a fundraiser on Friday, April 13 called "Dinner and A Movie" at the school. Students may be dropped off at the school at 6 p.m. on Friday night, wearing their

pajamas. They will view a movie and eat pizza. Pick up time for the students will be 9 p.m. The cost is \$20 per child or \$30 per family.

Jeff Elbert, president of the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce presented the school with an honorary membership to the Beach Chamber.

"The Pensacola Beach Chamber recognizes the asset that the school is to our community," Jeff said. "We recognize the dedication of the school board and staff in making this atop rated school in the state."

The next school board meeting will be Monday, April 23 at 6 p.m. at the School. The agenda will include a discussion on class size and enrollment policy. The meeting is open to the public.

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MEDICAL UPDATE

Friends of Jan Scruggs, manager of The Dock, are thrilled to learn she has left the hospital in Houston after undergoing a bone marrow transplant, and is recovering at home in New Orleans. She says she can't wait to get back to the Beach.

ELITE FIFTY

Abby Jacobs, Maddie Grace McCurdy and Robbie McLin who placed in the top fifty finalists in the countywide Father's Day essay contest are in an elite group. Twenty thousand submitted essays, so the fifty winners accounted for one-fourth of the top one percent. And the three are all students at Pensacola Beach Elementary School. Incredible.

NEW SHOES

Jean Curtis, perennial VIC volunteer, made a trip to Biloxi after a long hiatus from the casinos. She tried a quarter slot machine first, which promptly paid \$500. In order to make her money last a long time, she went to the nickel slots, punched in a few coins, and that machine suddenly lit up the whole room, paying twenty thousand nickels. That's one thousand bucks, plenty of cash for Jean to buy new shoes for her fancy collection.

WINE SALESMAN

Richard Liveakos, leader of Lazy Day, was playing a new role

on the Beach recently at the Friday night wine tasting at Bob Temple's Beach Wines and Liquors. He is a fine wine specialist, greeting old friends and filling their glasses.

BEACH PRIDE

Students from Pensacola Beach who are seniors at Gulf Breeze High School have been named as winners of PRIDE Awards, given for high course grades, 90 percentile college entrance exam scores, and having taken at least four classes in the core subject. Summer Schuler won in Math and in Social Studies. The award in Social Studies also went to Elizabeth Bohannon and Brian Weisnicht. Congratulations.

MORRIE IS UP & AT 'EM

After a brief stay in Gulf Breeze Hospital, Morrie Drees is home and doing just fine. In the words of his daughter, Amy, he's his old onery self.

PAWS AND CLAWS CLASSIC

Jim and Pete Amberson played in the first ever Paws and Claws Golf Classic to benefit the Pensacola Humane Society. The tourney was March 2 at Solutia Golf Course. Sidelines and PegLeg's were two of the sponsors.

MADISON TURNS ELEVEN

Madison Murphy, who is in the sixth grade at Gulf Breeze

Middle School, turns eleven today, April 11.

HELLO, MEXICO

Debbie Friedman returned to her teaching duties at PJC after Spring Break, and is now counting the days until summer break arrives. She will spend some time in Mexico followed by a trip to Charleston, South Carolina to visit her daughter Deanna. This time she will include a tour of historic Charleston in her itinerary.

NEW SKIPPERS DROP

ANCHOR

The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club welcomed five new members this month from near and far. Betty Burell, Gulf Breeze, Mickey Clinard and Sara Gilette, both from Pensacola, Susan and John Labate, Morrison, Colorado and Thomas and Melinda Good, Pueblo, Colorado.

DEEP BLUE SEA

Cassie Kreitzberg and her dad, Terry, have made port in their sailing adventure in San Cristobal, Galapagos. They are enjoying the sea lions, exploring and are getting ready for the next leg of their sea odyssey, crossing the Pacific to the Marquesas.

Fortunately, the Island Times had a t-shirt on hand that would fit the big guy, John Pinzino, who is the co-owner of Island Realty. He was the first to email the correct answer to the last trivia question. The question which was multiple choice asked who owned the Visitor's Information Center building. The correct answer is the Santa Rosa Island Authority. John was the big winner (no

pun intended).

We have a t-shirt that will fit the person who emails the correct answer to the following question: "What portion of the old Mai Kai Hotel still exists on Pensacola Beach?"

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 18. Good luck.



These Beach cowpokes are rounding up high spirited party people for the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club's Giddy Up Gala, April 19 at Flounder's. Riding herd on the gala will be (front row, L to R): Dave Sundstrom, Chuck Randle, and Joe Woodall. (Back row, L to R): Bettie Lee Sundstrom and Mary Claus. Marilyn Sundstrom was out riding the range when the photo was taken.

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CHAMPION CHAPEAU - Jeff Goudey took top honors in the Krewe of Junkanoo Easter Bonnet Contest, Saturday, April 7 at the Sandshaker with his creative and colorful cap. The Junkanoos gave bragging rights to Dee Riley, Tracey Dwiggin, and Judy Williamson for their devilishly delicious stuffed eggs. Sandy Huggins guesstimated her way into first prize in the Jelly Bean Game. The Krewe will donate the proceeds from this event to a local charity.

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peas, porridge & a dry martini

by kathi lewis

Lord, I love the smell of wet earth! You know, farm dirt after a soft spring shower has a scent that can't be duplicated and immediately recalls childhood memories. Remember, "April Showers Bring May Flowers..." and we want lots of May flowers. Gardening was something I was forced to do as a child. It was also one of those things I promised myself "I would never do when I was a grown-up." Well, never say never. (I'm just full of adages today, aren't I?) Anyway, we are planning a garden with Jesiah. Last year, some of our workers ate watermelon on the deck and spit the seeds over the railing. Sure enough we had watermelons growing in the fall. After a drenching rain, which washed away all the blooming flowers, there was one watermelon left that continued to grow. This became Jesiah's watermelon, because he's a "watermelon eating machine." We actually cut and ate the watermelon on Thanksgiving Day. It exceeded our expectations and was incredibly delicious!

We are now starting a watermelon garden. We are also adding tomatoes and strawberries, which he also loves. He has big plans for selling these as people walk by the house to go to the beach. So, if you see a fruit stand in front of our house, please stop and enjoy some fresh summer fruit. We are being very optimistic and hoping for a large crop. I'm still hoping that Jesiah and Pappy will do all the work and Nanny can be the "taste tester."

Happy Birthday to Nauga Queen Christine Hewerdine, who celebrated with the SOBs on April 1. Yes, she's an April's Fool Baby, but it was Judy L'Oignon who played the best joke of the day! Got us all. Ask her, she'll tell you all about it.

I talked to one of our missing SOBs, Leigh Fisher. She's no longer missing and can be found working for a casting company out of New Orleans. She helps to hire and confirm the extras for the scenes scheduled for filming each day. As soon as they have a movie requiring ladies of our age group, the SOBs will invade New Orleans to be extras in a movie.

And, we get paid for it? Isn't that awesome! You may yet see some of us up on the big screen. Leigh's doing well and sends her love and hello's to everyone.

You know, that Irish whiskey, uh I mean coffee, worked so well for March, I'm thinking of coming up with another nice morning cocktail for April!

Apparently, Morrie's family scared him half to death when someone told him he was reaching 75, whereupon he immediately went into the hospital in a last ditch effort to miss his own Birthday Party. You can't get off that easily because the Party has been rescheduled! Morrie is doing fine, by the way.

He must have been on some sort of medication though, because at the recent family gathering, Morrie announced the engagement of our la petite Sister, Jayne to Johnny Redmon. Morrie forgot to mention this to either of them, so they were also surprised. Everything worked out well, though, and Jayne and Johnny are officially engaged. (Jayne says, "My Daddy asked Johnny Redmon to marry me!") However it happened, we are happy for the both of you and wish you the best! This brings us, finally, to this week's recipe Shrimp Salad on Croissants, as I intended to make this delicious dish for Morrie's Birthday Party and serve it as a dip, with crackers. Okay, I still will. But, in the meantime, let's cook....

Shrimp Salad Croissants

- 1 lb. cooked small shrimp (peeled)
- 2 celery ribs, diced
- 3 small carrots, shredded
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup finely chopped onion
- Dash salt & pepper
- 2 pkgs. (2 1/4 oz. ea.) sliced almonds
- 8 Croissants, split

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients, except almonds (and croissants, of course). Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours. Just before serving, stir in almonds. I also like to toast the Croissants just a few minutes until they're crunchy. Serve & enjoy.

Don't forget to share with a friend and join our motto for the summer - "Why limit Happy to an Hour?" See ya in the kitchen.



The fine wines flowed as freely as the conversation at the Beach Wines and Liquors' Friday Night Wine Tasting, March 30. Richard Liveakos, right, presented a Chappellet Chenin Blanc to Marcus Conklin and Mary Jo Tibbits. Richard, who is a fine wine specialist for Stacole Fine Wines, is no stranger to Pensacola Beach. Music fans remember Richard as serving up a different kind of elixir when Lazy Day would enchant crowds with their signature style.



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The White Wine To Go With Seafood

If you love shellfish, it's time to take another look at Chablis. We are not referring to the cheap generic white wines of recent years, but the wine from the French town of Chablis. This wine is made from Chardonnay grapes that are cultivated in the northernmost part of Burgundy, where the cool weather leaves the grapes less ripe and more acidic than California Chardonnay. As a result, the wine is leaner and more focused. Its flavor is also reflective of the limestone rich soil in which the grapes are grown, which imparts a touch of mineral-tinged flintiness. There are four levels of Chablis - Petite Chablis, regular Chablis, Premier Cru, and Grand Cru. Any of the latter three types can be appreciated.

Hint: While regular Chablis is a good value, Grand Cru Chablis is very complex with bracing acidity.

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SRIA Subcommittee Reveals Research on Hotel Definition

The ongoing debate of what constitutes a hotel room may be over by now. At press time, the Escambia County Board of Commissioners were to consider the item at their April 10 meeting. Their action will be covered in the next issue of Island Times.

In the meantime, opposition to the new definition, presented by the Planning and Zoning Board to the Commission has been voiced by beach residents, businesses, and yes, some members of the Santa Rosa Island Authority board.

The major change was to allow owners of hotel rooms to occupy them for sixteen weeks as opposed to the two week rule currently on the books. The covenant would be added to the change made last year increasing

the square foot limitation from 500 to an unlimited size. According to opponents of the new language, this is simply a plea by developers for condo financing, a quick way to fund the proposed hotel. By expanding the current policy of room size, length of owner occupancy, and kitchen amenities, the units could become condominiums.

The SRIA subcommittee, appointed to study the problem, met in its third session on April 3, and presented their research which was sent to the Full Board on April 11.

In the report, Vernon Prather, chairman, wrote, "Board members who were present at earlier meetings agreed that promoting transient lodging should be the primary objective of any regula-

tions of hotels that the SRIA might decide to adopt or embrace."

It was noted that the traditional hotel rooms generate over **fifteen times** the revenue generated by traditional condo units.

It was recommended that the SRIA seek input from an unbiased hotel consultant on room size and amenities in the rooms.

In the section on owner occupancy, it was pointed out that there could be a stretching of the sixteen weeks of occupancy by allowing family members to occupy the dwelling. The report recommended that the SRIA adopt regulations detailing densities and special exceptions for hotels.

Board members attending the meeting voiced their opinions on the subject. Tom Campanella said

the figures don't lie. "Our Pensacola Beach dollars generate one third of the county's income. We must embrace what our legal counsel has imparted to us as our power. Traditional hotels generating income are best for Pensacola Beach and best for the County."

Matt Dannheisser, SRIA attorney, told the committee that the legislative act which created the SRIA has given them broad powers, including the ability to establish regulations which do not necessarily agree with the County.

John Peacock took exception to this premise stating that the SRIA did not have the authority

to adopt provisions different from the County.

Board members Kelly Robertson and Fred Gant agreed with Prather seeking the opinion of an unbiased hotel consultant would be a good idea.

Tammy Bohannon would like to see a regulation which ties the development to a flag hotel with a check-in desk, has transient, daily turnover and is clearly available for daily rental.

Although the BCC may have already voted one way or another, the issue may not be settled. The SRIA could still invoke the power granted to them by the Florida Legislature.

Business Buzz ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

Kirk Newkirk is hosting a Kayak Demo Day at Key Sailing, April 14, so curious newbies and seasoned paddlers can experience the latest in eco-friendly watercraft. The event starts at 10 a.m. and features the complete 2007 Hobie line of kayaks. Hobie has a foot powered Pedal Kayak with a Mirage Sail drive as an option. The Gulf Coast Kayak Fishing Club will be conducting "Fishing from a Kayak" demos throughout the day. Refreshments will be served. The event closes about 3 p.m. Kirk noted that everyone is welcome to attend and all equipment is provided. Key Sailing is located at 500 Quietwater Beach Blvd on Pensacola Beach.

SMALL SHOW

Island Realty is one of the

sponsors of "The Really Really Really Small Show," an art exhibit at Artel Gallery which is located at 505 S. Adams Street in Pensacola. The show will run through May 11.

WILDWOOD RECORDS

Wildwood recorded a live CD last weekend on Pensacola Beach using the soundside Paradise Bar and Grill as their studio. Surf over to www.wildwoodrocks.com for more info.

CHAMBER CHATTER

Everyone is invited to attend the Chamber business meeting at the Pensacola Beach Resort at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 24. The Pensacola Beach Chamber has membership levels available for all businesses and individuals located on or off the Island.

BLUE PAWS

Woodlawn Beach Middle School is seeking business sponsors for their 5K Run on April 21. For a \$25 donation you can become a Blue Paw sponsor. Runners and walkers can compete for prizes at the event which begins at 7:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit the school. Call 934-4010 for details.

TAXING TIME

Take a break from last minute tax return preparation to slurp down some fun at the Elk's Lodge rendition of a Mission Soup Kitchen. The Ladies of the Elk's will be dishing up an Irish Stew from 2 to 5 at the Lodge on April 14. Live music begins at 6 p.m. The required dress for the day is "hobo chic" according to LOE President Amy DePew.

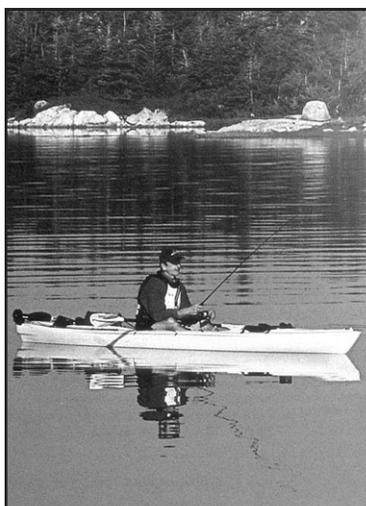
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Eat Dem Mud Bugs

Bamboo Willie's will pay homage to that springtime delight, the luscious mudbug at their annual Crawfish Festival April 20 through April 22 on Portofino Boardwalk. The festival starts at 4 p.m. on Friday; 11 a.m. on Saturday and noon on Sunday. Serving the crawfish will be members of the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce, who will pocket all the tips and dedicate them to the upgrading

of their computer system.

A whole weekend of great bands will begin with LMR2 at 4 p.m. on Friday followed by Ba'nana Republic at 9 p.m. at the Bamboo Willie's mainstage. Other bands playing at the mainstage on Saturday will be LMR2 at noon, Tout Les Soirs at 5 p.m. and Ba'nana Republic at 10 p.m. Sunday's bands will be Tout Les Soirs at 1 p.m. and Ba'nana Republic at 6 p.m. Bands

playing in the shell at the Boardwalk Amphitheatre will be One Jamaican at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Knee Deep at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

A Kid's Zone will feature a petting zoo and the Pelican's baseball team mascot both Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Portofino Boardwalk merchants will hold a sidewalk sale during the festival.

Remember it's a spring thing. Eat dem mudbugs.



The culmination of the Beach Elks Lodge dedication weekend was the installation of officers on March 25. Leading Lodge #497 into its 45th year are: (Front Row, L to R) Sam Magee, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Pat Lunsford, Watch Treasurer, Sandy Huggins, Exhalted Ruler, Terry Connell, Innerguard, and Carol Eschler, Tiler. Back row (L to R) are: Jeff Dykes, Squire, Lance Keenan, Esteemed Leading Knight, PER Robert Randle, trustee, Elaine Tennimon, Life Secretary and Jason Wiggins, Esteemed Loyal Knight.

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 1 PM Tout Les Soirs
 6 PM Ba'nana Republic

Half Shell Stage

SATURDAY 21ST
 1 PM One Jamaican

SUNDAY 22ND
 1 PM Knee Deep

When?
Friday 3 PM
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Sunday Noon

Kids Zone

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Beach School Students Make The Grade

Pensacola Beach Elementary School students have successfully completed their third nine week grading period. Teachers have awarded honor roll status to the following students:

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 Michael Dunne

A/B Honor Roll
 Colin Adams
 Benton Byrd
 Angelica Dempsey
 Richard Earle
 Kylie Finkbone
 Justin Fruitticher
 Daniel Green
 Alise Holk
 Joseph Martin
 Reddon McLaurine

Maguire Foreste
 Lia Lamponne

A/B Honor Roll
 Sara Burnett
 Anna Larsen
 Lani Smith
 Marley Taylor
 Robert Wright

Jon Grigsby
 Colin Hightower
 Peyton Hoover
 Savannah McCleary
 William Royer
 Kiley Stromberg

Margie Pitts' Fifth Grade

A Honor Roll
 Savannah Dunne
 Reghan Elliott
 Mitchell Robbins
 Bailey Trzcinski

A/B Honor Roll
 Cate Hodges
 Arthur Holk
 George Knost
 William McLin
 Stephanie Moraes
 Molly O'Donovan
 Kimberly Stilson

Susan McLeod's Fourth Grade

A Honor Roll
 Savannah Crowdis
 Zane Gill
 William Green
 Madeline Mateer
 Duncan Niven
 Sara Post
 Ian Price

A/B Honor Roll
 Jett Crowdis

Joy McLaurine's Third Grade

A Honor Roll
 Jace Amberson
 Jacob Baldwin
 Megan Cronin



Pensacola Beach Chamber bestowed an Honorary Chamber Membership upon the Pensacola Beach Elementary School in recognition of their contributions to the community. PBES, Inc. President Dan Green, left, receives the proclamation from Chamber President Jeff Elbert at the March 27 school board meeting.

Appleyard Book Chronicles Junior College History

Pensacola Junior College invites the public to a special recognition of local historian John Appleyard who has chronicled PJC's first 58 years in his latest book, "Recollections: The Story of Pensacola Junior College."

The presentation is 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the upstairs lobby of the Barfield Administration Building on the Pensacola campus, Building 7.

From the college's humble beginnings in an old boarding house to its high-tech facilities that cover three sprawling campuses and a dynamic Downtown Center, Appleyard has gathered facts, figures, memories and interviews to portray the college's

influence along the Gulf Coast.

Loaded with 300 photos, the 265-page book illustrates almost six decades of change in the college's programs, architecture and personnel - not to mention fashions and hair-

styles.

"Recollections" is available for a \$45 donation at the PJC Foundation office, Building 17, on the Pensacola campus.

For more information, call 484-1560.

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The detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained from Pensacola Beach Elementary Charter School, Inc. located at 900 Via de Luna, Pensacola Beach, Florida 32561, (850) 934 - 4020.

Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2007 in the Office of Pensacola Beach Elementary Charter School, Inc. at 900 Via de Luna, Pensacola Beach, Florida, 32561.

For additional information, please contact Kelly Rutherford, Accountant at (850) 547 - 4566 or by email krutherford@schoolfin.com.

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Sky's The Limit For New Beach Chamber Leadership

The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce set some lofty goals for itself, under its new leadership this spring, but many are already within reach. The Board began working toward securing a ferry service to Ft. Pickens at their March 22 meeting with Nina Kelson Gulf Island National Seashore ranger in attendance.

"We had long intended to bring a ferry service to Ft. Pickens," Ranger Kelson said. "The concept was included in our 1978 General Management Plan. The hurricane destruction of the road has now made it somewhat imperative."

As plans stand now, the ferry service would begin and end in Pensacola. Chuck Nicholson, owner of the Beach Marina, told the Board, he had researched the ferry idea for about seven years. "The most efficient way to handle the service is to have the ferry run from Pensacola Beach to Ft. Pickens."

Chuck noted that he has been in the charter boat arena for a long time. "We know the regulations and operate safely," he

said. "We have everything in place here to start tomorrow."

A motion was made by Nan Harper that the Chamber support the ferry service from Pensacola Beach to Ft. Pickens and it is vital that it be instituted by this summer.

The full membership of the Chamber met on March 27 and voted to support the report, and also developed additional projects which will be put in place immediately.

Chamber members will be active in their cooperation with Escambia County and the SRIA at the Team Up To Clean Up on April 14. Chamber members will donate food to serve the volunteers.

Jeff Elbert, president, arranged with Hawaiian Tropic to provide sunscreen. Shelley Johnson, Island Times, has secured a contingent of Marines to help with the clean up. Their lunch will be provided by Island Times, JLSC Properties and CRS Commissioning.

Jeff announced that the Chamber's "Meet and Greet"

campaign started on Tuesday, March 27 and will continue on the last Tuesday of each month. Chamber ambassadors will go to businesses and greet current members and prospective members.

Sandy Johnston, executive director, announced that Department of Interior Complaint Forms are available at the Visitors Center. Anyone interested in hastening the replacement of the Navarre Road can fill out one of these forms which will be sent to elected officials.

Sandy also reported that 1729 guests went through the VIC in February. Also, indicative of the tremendous surge in beach attendance was the report from Richard Butler, manager of the toll facility, who said March weekends have mimicked last year's Blue Angels toll booth numbers.

New Chamber projects taking place are:

- Business of the Month will be chosen by random drawing at the Business After Hours. Winners must be present. The first award went to the Real Estate

House.

- A monthly newsletter will arrive electronically for Chamber members. Anyone who wishes to be added to the email list should contact Lisa Hassett at 932-1500.

- Work is beginning on updating the Chamber logo.

- The Chamber is hosting a t-shirt design contest. Artists should bring entries to the VIC prior to April 24 or to the April 24 meeting at the Pensacola Beach Resort (formerly Best Western). The winning design will be selected by the Board of Directors.

Ashley Chisholm, representing E.W. Bullock Advertising, told the membership, "I would like to commend all of you for your energy. You are doers. You seem to be working hard to bring quality to this destination, and improve the Beach. Yet, you keep the charm intact. Congratulations."

The next general membership meeting will be Tuesday, April 24, at the Pensacola Beach Resort at 8:30 a.m. Business After Hours will be at 5:30 at Paradise Bar and Grill the same day.

Businesses interested in joining the Chamber should call Sandy at 932-1500.



ATTENTION ARTISTS

Submit a design for the official Beach Chamber T-Shirt

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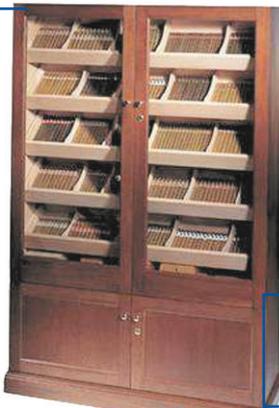
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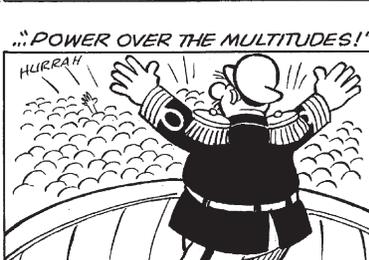
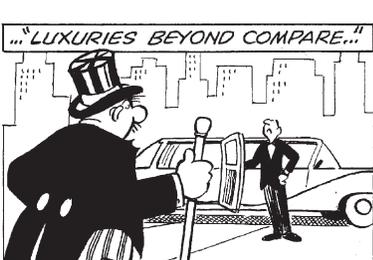
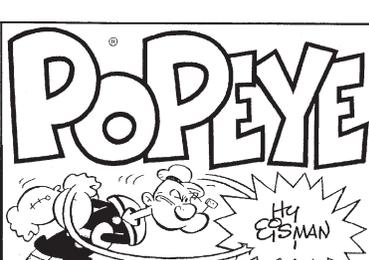
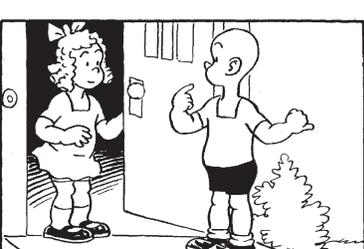
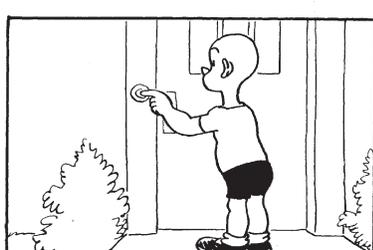
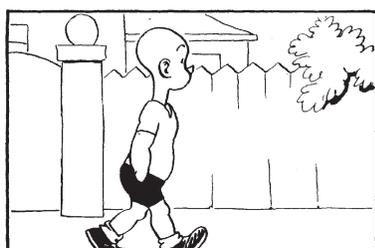
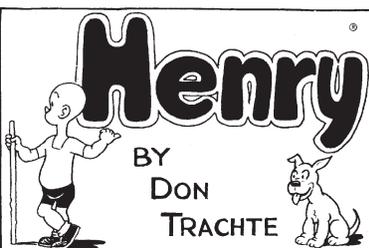
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by Jeff Pickering



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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time to begin setting far-reaching goals and connecting with new contacts. Aspects also favor strengthening old relationships -- personal and/or professional.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A personal disappointment should be viewed as a valuable learning experience. Go over what went wrong and see where a change in tactics might have led to a more positive outcome.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't leave projects unfinished or personal obligations unresolved, or you might find yourself tripping over all those loose ends later on. A relative has important news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Expect a challenge to the usual way you do things. Although you might prefer the tried-and-true, once you take a good look at this new idea, you might feel more receptive to it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Much work has yet to be done to polish a still-rough idea into something with significant potential. Expect to encounter some initial rejection, but stay with it nonetheless.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There still might be some communication problems in the workplace, but they should be resolved soon. Meanwhile, that "tip" from a friend should be checked out.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new relationship appears to need more from you than you might be willing to give right now. Best advice: Resist making promises you might not be able to keep.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) That restless feeling encourages you to gallop off into a new venture. But remember to keep hold of the reins so you can switch paths when necessary.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A demanding work schedule keeps the high-spirited Goat from kicking up his or her heels. But playtime beckons by the week's end. Have fun. You earned it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're beginning to come out from under those heavy responsibilities you took on. Use this freed-up time to enjoy some much-deserved fun with people close to you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Before you get swept away by a tidal wave of conflicting priorities, take time to come up for air, and reassess the situation. You might be surprised by what you'll find.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your leadership qualities are enhanced by a practical sense of purpose that keeps you focused on your goals.

Espo's Surf Report

by
Freddy
Esposito



Well it's that time again. Summer here means crowds of people riding everything from surfboards to rafts All floating around waiting for that big swell...and we wait and wait! Out of the whole year, we need surf forecasting more than ever. So...here's some web sites that will help in our endeavor. www.magicseaweed.com www.wetsand.com www.stormsurf.com www.surflife.com and of course my site www.espocreative.com Using these sites is quite easy and will teach you how to predict swells and weather for our areas. Learning what makes surf is essential to our sport. Information is key.

November 2006 indicates that the 2007 Atlantic Hurricane Season will be more active than the average 1950-2000 season; we estimate 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 intense hurricanes of category 3, 4, or 5." says Mr. Klotzbach. Get ready.

Here is the list of names - any of them sound familiar? An-

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Beach resident Cindy Lumpkin likes blue water and Blue Angels. While she and husband Walt fished on the Offshore Animal Too, they caught a dozen or so Spanish Mackerel and got a bonus of watching the Blue Angels practice last Tuesday.



NEW SURFER - His name is Finn. Finnley Joe Allen, born March 22 is chilled out now, but it won't be long until he will be hitting the waves with his big brother Noah and dad Clark Allen. His mom Stephanie Allen says she will watch from the Beach.

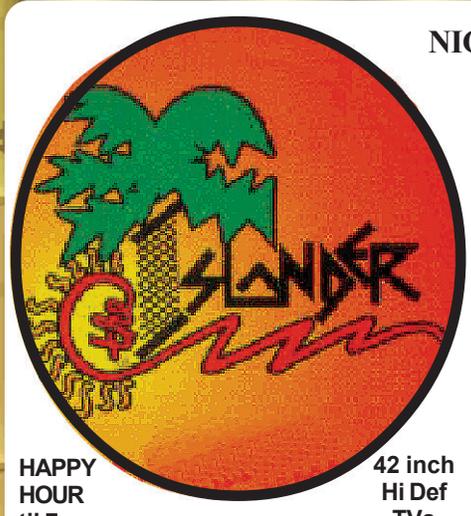
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Fishermen Weigh In, Stories Spring Up As Fishing Fever Spreads

Learning To Fish

Students from Woodlawn Beach Middle School have now completed their hands on, line-in-

tion and the latest fishing techniques.

Seven different stations staffed by volunteers were set up



Woodlawn Beach Middle School students practiced casting and catching last week at Shoreline Park South. Seventh graders who were showing their technique to organizer Pete Della Ratta (background) are (L to R): Hanah Davenport, 13, Gabe' Garnier, 12, and Jasmine Holmes, 13.

the-water fishing classes. Lead by no other than the Island Times fishing columnist, Pete Della Ratta, who is also their athletic director, hundreds of students learned about casting, conserva-

at Shoreline Park South to allow to students time to experience and experiment with each technique. The days were topped of with a picnic lunch and drawing for prizes.

Pete, who is a former profes-

sional baseball player, brings the lessons to life for his students. "This is a great day. All the kids here are learning in nature's classroom how to fish and how to preserve their environment," Pete said. "It just gets better every year."

Dolphin Safe Site

NOAA Fisheries Service has established a website to provide information and requirements to consumers, producers, importers, exporters and distributors regarding U.S. dolphin-safe tuna at DolphinSafe.Gov

"This website will answer many of the questions tuna importers and processors may have in obtaining dolphin-safe certification for their product at an Internet address that's easy to remember," said Rod McInnis, NOAA Fisheries Service Southwest Regional Administrator and a U.S. Commissioner to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission. "It will also help the public feel more confident in the authenticity of the dolphin-safe label."



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tion between tuna and dolphins, found only in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, Congress passed the Dolphin Protection Consumer Information Act in 1990 to give consumers the opportunity to know if the tuna they purchase is falsely labeled. Mandates of this legislation included the establishment of a government tracking program and the creation of a government dolphin-safe logo.

Saltwater Rick's Fishing Report

At the Gulf Pier, the Ling and the King are the thing or you can go home with some Spanish Mac and maybe a Pompano 4 a snack. With a little rod and the proper techne'k, u can catch your lunch from the highest peek.

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Fearsome Fish Finally Caught

Homeowners on Stanford Drive, north of Highway 98 report that

the Boss Bass has finally been caught in Lake Johnson. Armed with a rubber worm and nerves of steel, the angler nabbed the illusive Bass who has been ruling the little lake nestled in the woods east of Gulf Breeze.

"I got this on the third cast late one afternoon," said Johnson. "I put him back. I'll see him another day."



View from the Pier



Jeremy Johnson and Boss Bass

Star Gazers Search Night Skies

Gulf Islands National Seashore Superintendent Jerry Eubanks announced today plans for a stargazing event at the entrance to Fort Pickens Area on Friday, April 20 from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. Weather permitting, volunteers from the Escambia County Amateur Astronomer's Association will set up several telescopes for public viewing. Because of a scheduling conflict the stargaz-

ing event, originally scheduled for March 16, was changed to April 20.

Superintendent Eubanks encourages everyone to visit the Seashore to join us for our stargazing program. The program is free. For additional information about this program or other programs offered at the Seashore, call the Naval Live Oaks Visitor Center at (850) 934-2600 or visit our website at www.nps.gov/guis.



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Veterans, Players Storm Tables

April fourth was Veterans Day at Paradise's Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun poker game. On a record setting night in front of a packed house Air Force vet and local poker superstar, Tex Atkinson flew to the top of the ranks with a come from behind victory in the showdown against Marine vet Bob Barnas from Gainesville, Florida.

Just two nights earlier, "Two Dollar" Dave Teitelman won his first tournament after two years of trying. Michelle Bourgeois was second on April 2.

March ended like a lion on the poker tables at Paradise. Hugh and Tamhara Graham from Wadsworth, Illinois signed in to play with us at Paradise on March 26. Tamhara had a great time finishing second to Dr. Glenn Burleson who had the best time of all. Mark Jullian took the win on March 28 with N.J. Carriere from Sudbury, Ont. Canada in second. He had the time of his life on his vacation as did Brian and Kelly Robinson from Ohio who saw an ad about the poker at the Paradise and booked their stay here with us 4 the cards!

Trey Weeks was the winner at Paddy O'Leary's on March 25. James Ripley was second and David and Denise Dotson spent their vacation time playing poker. Waldo Defindorfin took down the final table at Paddy's on March 27 while leaving Trace Lewis in second. Redneck Anne Vinson made her return to the Beach on April Fool's Day with a strong game and good cards to take the win. Capt. Bud Waite did all he could to take her down, but she just floated boat after boat to stay afloat and claim the goat! She topped off the night with 4 deuces!

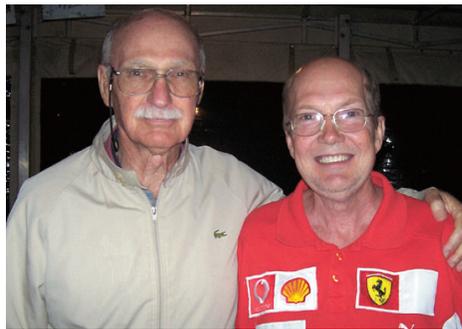
Mark Beachman and Trace Lewis battled it out at Paddy's on April 4, but the luck of the Irish shined on Mark who took the win.

In action at the historic Islander Lounge on March 24 Jeff Lockwood nailed down a big win defeating Fran Cox in the final. Denise Dotson playing out of Russelville, Ark. was third on her first try.

The last day of March was Townie Mike Ballew's big day. Mike, who once played for the "BEAR" started slow then proved who was boss as he cleared the final table of all the top beach players and won his first beach tournament at The Islander. Mark Beachman was a strong second.

Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun crowned Capt. Bud Waite as the March Champion at the monthly tournament hosted at Paradise. Paul Jones was the runner-up. Bud outplayed the best in the area on tournament night, March 31.

Need game info? Call 916-0967.



Military veterans and poker veterans Tex Atkinson and Bob Barnas took the poker tables by storm at Paradise last week.

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Comfort and Joy

by Pandora de Balthazar

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Using Hungarian goose down and a down proof ticking allows your pillow, mattress pad, and duvs to be laundered regularly, and aired in the sunshine for your health and a much better sleeping environment. The Hungarian goose down produced today can be, when purchased from a top quality distributor or retail shop near you, hypoallergenic, and will prepare you to enjoy the most rejuvenating rest.

Recognizing that different body types, weights, and personal choices will change the need for light, medium, or heavier bed covers, you should seek proper advise about the types and sizes of pillows available. Some support your neck only, others merge your body to the mattress. After all, which one

sounds best to you?

Besides, no two people land on the pillow the same way, many sleep on two, and if you have ever had a back ache, or had to remain in the bed more than overnight, it can be one of the most uncomfortable places you find yourself. It's best to learn now about the best bedding available, to remove your body from the chemicals of the mattresses, and to encompass yourself in the finest down bedding and linen you can afford.

As for your linen, it should always be 100% cotton or linen. It's also important to change the linen often, at least twice per week, if not three times, to remove the dust mites, body oils and fluids, and prepare your clean bed for an uninterrupted night's sleep. Your body deserves a great rest, and your martial bed will be all the better for it!

If you are sleep deprived [that means less than 8 full uninterrupted hours of sleep each night], then it becomes very important for you to find out why, design and create a quiet, tran-

quil environment, and make peace with your mattress and bedding or replace it! Nothing should interrupt your full eight hours sleep, and nine is even better.

When you have children, remember that a young child needs 11 hours of uninterrupted sleep, and the faster you enforce this plan of action, the better off both Mother and Child will be! The impact of a sleep deprived adult is multiplied in a child, and our generations are being affected greatly by examples of 5 to 6 hours of sleep per night.

If you truly wish to learn about the effect of sleep on your life, stop by our shop at 9 South Ninth Avenue, and pick up your copy of the book, "Power Sleep," by renowned author Dr. James Maas. Dr. Maas of Cornell University, has studied and written for the last 38 years on the effects of poor sleeping habits on your motor and memory skills. Take time to get sleep.

Enjoy the beauty of life...today! Warmest regards for a great sleep.

Beauty & The Beach

By Danah Gibson

These days men are getting in on the "personal grooming" thing more than ever. Just like women, the right hair style can improve a man's appearance instantly. When choosing men's hairstyles you'll want to pay attention to the trends out there, as well as what works best with your hair and face shape.

Here are some guidelines to go by.

1). Work with what you have. There's no sense in working against your hair type. Too frustrating and time consuming, then you just end up wearing a hat! For example, fine hair, as a general rule, should be kept short to make it appear thicker.

2). Don't fight the curl. If you have naturally curly hair, get a good cut to enhance your curl, and some products to tame it. With our high humidity level on

the beach, hang it up- its gonna be curly!

3). Choosing a style for thinning hair. If your hairline is receding or you have a bald patch to cover up, take this into consideration, growing that hair on the top to do a Comb-over is just not attractive. A shorter style will blend your thinning patches and make them less noticeable. If your hair has pretty much "left the building", consider shaving it all off, al a Bruce Willis, who looks great completely bald. An added extra, women love to feel a clean smooth shaven head!

4). Don't be afraid to ask for advice. This one is self explanatory.

5) How much work is it? Are you willing to use product or blow-dry or are you a low-maintenance kind of guy? This is a major factor when choosing a new 'do.

6). Keep it up! Once you have your chosen style, don't let it get unruly. Regular trims, about every 4-6 weeks will keep that style looking its best.

And, last but certainly not least, ladies take notice of men who take a little time to look their best. Gentlemen - you will feel better, and you'll look better to yourself and to those around you.

Here's to a healthy head of hair and a happy you.

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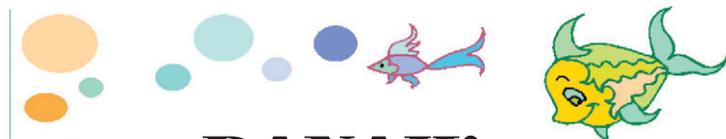
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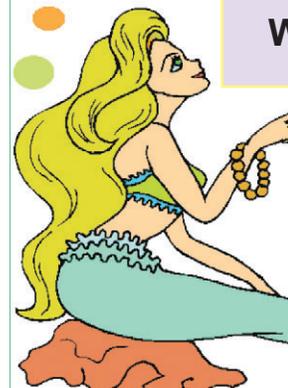


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The LIZZARD'S TONGUE



by E.K. Hewson

Just the other day my son, Harry, and I went hiking in the Piranha Pit. This is a well-marked, three-mile trail through the woods with gentle rolling hills and massive tree roots that if you are not careful will trip you up. The Marines at Cherry Point aptly nicknamed the roots piranhas because they say the roots reach up and bite you on the ankles just before you fall and blow out a knee.

Well as we neared the end of the route, Harry decided he would take the lead. Excitedly he spotted the picnic tables where we would eat lunch and he was confident about his ability to navigate the last few twists and turns. Before I knew it, he came running back towards me yelling, "Snake!" My first thought was his eyes were playing tricks on him and it was a tree branch positioned just so. I had run the Pit numerous times and not once did I encounter a snake. So, as I cautiously took a few steps forward, I saw the snake as well – an absolutely gorgeous Copperhead, neatly coiled in the middle of the trail and basking in the 80 degree sunshine. He had no intentions of moving. Either did we, unless backing up counts. We were at an impasse.

Harry suggested we turn around. I was, however, in no mood to hike an additional 2.95 miles because of some poisonous snake. I had long since drunk all of my Gatorade and my sweat-filled undergarments were starting to chafe. So I just stood there. I stared at the snake secretly wishing I had Harry Potter with me who could have spoken Parseltongue and gotten him to move; not Harry Hewson who was fearfully quoting survival statistics regarding poisonous snakes that he had read in the doctor's office. Things were not going so well as I tried to remain calm and rational. Unbeknownst to my son, many years ago I diagnosed myself as a sufferer of Ophiphobia, the fear of snakes, after crossing the path of a Rattlesnake on the running trails at the Marine base in Camp Pendleton, California.

As luck would have it about 30 Marines came running up the trail. They were huffing, puffing, spitting and preparing to make the

final thigh-burning uphill charge when then came upon Harry, the snake and me. Stopping to see if we were okay, I pointed to the snake which was about five feet ahead on the trail. Now the Copperhead had a bunch of Marines, one freaked out child and an "overly-calm" mother cornered. He just continued to sun himself with his eyes wide open and his forked tongue lapping at the air. I don't know if the snake overheard, or should I say sensed since snakes don't have ears, some of the Marines' plans to clear the path, but before long it slithered its four-foot self off to safety and we were all clear to move forward. All but Harry.

I tried coaxing him to walk forward to no avail. One Marine tried explaining to him that he was safe and could proceed. No way. Another Marine offered to go back and carry him. Not an option. Finally a Marine came up with the idea that he should go off the trail and around a tree because the snake couldn't see him behind the tree. It worked. Seems he had a similar incident as a kid and that was how his big brother got him to walk forward. All I could think of was how Freud believed that all phobias stemmed from a bad childhood experience.

Later on that evening my

husband, Har, and I were talking about the Piranha Pit adventure and the chances of Harry developing a fear or severe dislike of snakes. His father said I was overreacting and by morning Harry would be telling his friends how he jumped over the snake and wasn't the least bit afraid.

As we went to tuck Harry in for the night our questions were answered. Piled into a shoe box were all plastic snakes, any books about snakes and a handwritten signed statement: "I, Harry Hewson, will never, ever hike the Piranha Pit again."

Oh well, as with every dark cloud in parenting, there is always a silver lining. At least for now, we won't have to rent the movies "Anaconda" or "Snakes on a Plane." Until next time...

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Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candace Segar

A Little of This and Some of That

Big Red

Well, I bought a 20 hp Craftsman riding lawn mower this week. It's shiny red, and it has cruise control on it. I am not joking. I will still have to use the little electric mower in tight places, but the bulk of the work Big Red can handle or rather cut. Go Big Red! (both the football team and my mower)

Royal Fruit

Today I started my eating garden. I planted strawberries yesterday. There are so many rules with these strawberries. Plant them, but keep the crowns exposed. What are they, royalty? I just guessed at what the crown was.

Make sure it's a cloudy day, but the soil should be dry and not wet. Usually on a cloudy day it rains.

Then make sure they get six hours of direct sunlight. How can I do that if it's cloudy? Good grief!

If I had known all of this, I would have planted something else. I actually think the "Weather Gods" read the directions too, because everything weather-wise fell right into place.

Unwanted Guests

We had a opossum conven-

tion on our street last week. I saw four adults, and at least two were pregnant. The babies were born, and they are quite cute. My wonderful neighbors, Ian and Mike, have been humanely trapping them with stinky cat food and setting them free, far far away from home in the woods. My sister, Shelley Johnson, loaned us two humane traps. Thanks goes to Shelley from my neighborhood.

Prime Rate

I am starting to prime and paint Hardy shingles again for the house. I bought eight gallons of primer which should cover about 1000 shingles. That's a 12 day affair. I can prime and paint about 250 shingles every three days, but it's a back breaker.

I will let you in on a little known trade secret. Okay it is my little known trade secret. Do yoga every night, and you will salvage your back. The yoga makes a huge difference when sitting on the ground, lifting the six, eight and twelve inch shingles for several hours. But look at it this way, the lifting is a great exercise for your arms. And it does get you into shape lifting stacks of concrete shingles. Have a wonderful week.



Real Estate House Realtors accepted the Beach Chamber honor of being named the very first Business of the Month at the March 28 Business After Hours. With a panoramic view of downtown Pensacola Beach from the Islander Lounge's rooftop deck, Becky Shearman and Diane Tyson from Real Estate House, Chamber Exec Sandy Johnston and Karen Cook Cowen, REH broker, seal the deal. The Beach Chamber announces the winner of the Business of the Month at their After Hours. The After Hours in April will be at Paradise Bar and Grill on Tuesday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Bytes & Bits

By Joe Stukey

Q: Can I make my computer go faster if I delete my documents and photos?

A: Not unless your main computer disk is nearly full. Otherwise, having data on your computer has no significant impact on its speed. Things that affect how well your computer performs include having too many programs in use at the same time, having more than one person logged onto your computer, spyware or virus programs stealthily using up your computer's resources, and needing a memory upgrade.

Your computer probably just needs some fine tuning to reduce the impact of programs that are running away with your computer's memory. It helps if you know the difference between "disk space" (where data is stored) and "computer memory" (where your programs are run). Extra computer memory "chips" can be purchased at the computer store and can significantly improve your computer's speed.

To look at your disk space, click on "My Computer". The main computer disk is usually identified as (C:). Point your mouse at (C:) --- then right-click your mouse button. Then select "Properties" from the menu. This will enable you to see a pie chart that shows how much disk space is available. You will be surprised at how much disk space is not being used. So, don't delete those pictures of the kids and pets just yet!

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



United States Air Force personnel from the 96 LRS Squadron took a break from their usual duties at Eglin Air Force Base to help the Easter Bunny make some deliveries. Karen Cook's Lunch Bunch tasked the group with delivery of 350 Easter baskets to children in protective custody. The volunteers who carried out the mission with precision and care are (L to R): TSGT Ben Mooneyhan, TSGT Jay Wright, TSGT Stephen Bumgardner, A1C Amanda Hill, SSGT Travis Luedeche, A1C Jacklyn Duclos, TSGT Tim Sandlin, and SSGT April DeLosRios.

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ACROSS

- 1 Exam format
- 5 Bachelor's final answer?
- 8 Spade and Snead
- 12 Humanitarian
- 14 Snare
- 15 In one's innermost recesses
- 16 Anger
- 17 Ward healer, for short
- 18 Low pH
- 20 Lumberjack, at times
- 23 Put an end to
- 24 "Metamorphoses" poet
- 25 Dispose of
- 28 Crib
- 29 Before expected
- 30 Bobby of hockey fame
- 32 Cook in fat
- 34 Celebrity
- 35 Couch
- 36 Enjoy recess
- 37 Perfect
- 40 West of Hollywood
- 41 Met melody
- 42 Like Chicago-style pizza
- 47 Treaty
- 48 Cameo's opposite
- 49 Otherwise
- 50 Grant foe

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51 Ticklish Muppet

DOWN

- 1 Peculiar
- 2 Fish eggs
- 3 Candle count
- 4 Pruned
- 5 "American -"
- 6 Morning moisture
- 7 With much elaboration
- 8 Disrobes
- 9 Saharan
- 10 Timbuktu's land
- 11 Detail, for short
- 13 Stench
- 19 Mimic
- 20 Weep
- 21 Eager
- 22 Sommelier's ken
- 23 Capistrano founder
- 25 Narcissus' cousin
- 26 Tittle
- 27 Picture of health?
- 29 Long story in verse
- 31 "Monopoly" foursome
- 33 Will subject
- 34 Heavy hammer
- 36 One of the Three Bears
- 37 Mock
- 38 Caspian Sea feeder
- 39 Commands an attack dog
- 40 Apportion
- 43 Away from WSW
- 44 Under the weather
- 45 Scrooge portrayer
- 46 Follower of boo or yoo



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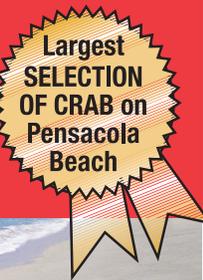
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