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WILDWOOD ROCKS - Wildwood will rock fans at the Bands on the Beach kick off concert Tuesday, May 1 at the Gulfside Pavilion. A long time favorite of Pensacola Beach residents, Wildwood performs weekly at Flounder's and Paradise. Band members are (L to R) Mike Wheeler, bass and vocals; Freddy Esposito, drums and vocals; Jeff Johnson, electric guitar, flute, mandolin, vocals; Dennis Gossman, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, harmonica, vocals and Mitchell Armstrong, pedal steel, electric guitar, acoustic guitar and vocals. Story, page 2.

Wildwood Rocks At First Bands on the Beach Concert

There will be a whole lot of rockin' and rollin' on Tuesday nights once again. The ever popular Bands on the Beach concerts are back and marking the beginning of the summer season on the Beach. The first free concert from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Gulfside Pavilion at Casino Beach will be on May 1 and will continue through September.

Wildwood, a highly acclaimed band, will open the season. Beach people have lovingly embraced Wildwood as their own since they first started playing as the house band at Kevin's en la Playa in the early eighties.

Michael Wheeler, the leader, has an extensive background in music, dating back to the time when he was ten-years-old when he and Lucky Kelson started their

first band, The Thunderbird Five. Great name. Great future.

Since then, Michael has been a member of a number of locally successful Florida bands. Purple Heritage, The Last Straw, Fat Cat, Wildwood and The Instant Daddios. Michael joined Wildwood in 1976 when the band was still called The Last Straw.

After those early years, Michael's career cross-crossed from music to attending art schools, and back to music. After art school, he was the director for an advertising agency. He returned to Pensacola in 1989 to open a studio in Gulf Breeze, the same week the Bay Bridge was rammed out of whack by a barge. Bad news for his business, so he moved to Meridian, Mississippi to work for an electronics com-

pany. He returned to Pensacola in 2005, picked up his guitar and went back to Wildwood.

The current members of the band are Wheeler, Island Times columnist Freddy Esposito, Jeff Johnson, Dennis Gossman, and Mitchell Armstrong.

Bands on the Beach always draws a music loving crowd, who often bring their coolers and chairs and have Tuesday night tailgate parties.

Some folks show up for din-

ner on the Beach before the concerts and some stay after for drinks or dinner. It's a festive, now established Beach custom, a time when everybody is celebrating and happy.

The Tuesday night Bands on the Beach is sponsored and presented by the Santa Rosa Island Authority as a free community event.

"We changed the name from Blues on the Beach to Bands on the Beach to offer a bigger vari-

ety," says Buck Lee, Santa Rosa Island Authority general manager. "Blues will still be an essential part, but now we can include oldies, soul and much more. We have booked first-rate bands all summer, so come to the Beach and bring your dancing shoes!"

Bands following Wildwood in May will be Midnight Confessions, Tinfeet, Not Quite Fab Five, and Crosstown.

Fireworks, Fractional Ownership Light Up Island Authority Meeting

An announcement from Doug McAllister, Fun Coast Promotions, that there would be Fourth of July fireworks on Pensacola Beach brought a moment of relief to the members of the Santa Rosa Island Authority Board at their April 11 meeting. The Board's focus has been on the change in hotel definition, so the good news was welcome.

"Beach businesses have been stepping up as sponsors," McAllister said. He noted that he is carefully following all regulations. Buck Lee, general manager, said the County had allotted \$20,000 toward the fireworks show.

"There is a great deal to do," McAllister said. "But I think the benefit to the Beach that evening will be worth it. I do not care if I make any money. The only thanks I need are to know there

are children who enjoyed the fireworks on Pensacola Beach."

Getting back to their hotel agenda, the Board viewed a presentation from George Fletcher, Adache Group, which accompanied a request for conceptual approval for the fractional ownership hotel proposed for the former Clarion site. The hotel would include 216 rooms of 1250 to 1465 square feet of space. Olga Dancaescu gave a 45 minute presentation on the proposed hotel. She said the fractional ownership hotel would allow owners to occupy their suites in two week increments three times a year. Considering that each unit would have six to eight owners, there would be a possibility for 48 weeks of owner occupancy.

Joe Endry, one of the developers of the property said, "I want to be sure your concerns are addressed. We can fine tune to make sure this is a legitimate lodging facility. We want to bring a hotel which has a very high occupancy and strong benefits to the beach. This would be a gorgeous flagship on Pensacola Beach."

The Board did not act on the request for conceptual approval, but moved the matter on to the full board meeting in May.

Sandy Johnston gave a report from the Visitors Information Center which included the fact that 3337 visitors went through the VIC in March.

The next meeting of the Authority will be the committees on Wednesday, April 25, at 5 p.m. at the SRIA office. The meetings are open to the public.

County Delays Hotel Definition Vote

The Escambia County Board of Commissioners was greeted by about 75 beach residents, businesses, and developers at their April 10 meeting. The main attraction was the expected vote on the change in hotel definition. As it turned out, the Pensacola Beach contingent will have to wait until the June BCC meeting to get a possible answer.

Board members Gene Valentino and Mike Whitehead made their position clear, favoring the change in hotel/motel definition to expand owner occupancy to 16 weeks per year, as opposed to the current two week regulation. Opponents of the proposed change contend that it will open the door to increased condo construction and will bring a myriad of problems in its wake. Proponents of the change state the need for condo financing of a hotel.

Julian MacQueen, owner of the Innisfree Corporation, which owns a string of hotels, wants to build hotels on Pensacola Beach, but insists they must be condo financed.

"I want to build hotels on Pensacola Beach, but I have to have the financing option," MacQueen said.

Robert Rinke, Levin Rinke Resort Realty, opposes the change.

"If you change the definition, we stand to make money," he said. "But, I stood up in the

Beach Church with Allen Levin many years ago in front of 700 beach residents and promised not to circumvent the residential dwelling cap, and I didn't."

Twenty-five speakers addressed the commissioners, who finally voted in favor of Commissioner Grover Robinson's recommendation that there was a need for more time to study the issue. The matter will come up again at the June meeting of the BCC.

The change in definition was addressed at the full board meeting of the SRIA on Wednesday, April 11. Board members and other spokespersons voiced their opinion on the change in definition.

Tom Campanella said the developers are talking about developing - risk free.

"I find that perplexing," he said. "All of a sudden these projects need to be built without any risk to the developer. They should assume the risk, not the community."

Jim Cox, resident, presented a petition that he had given to the BCC with 158 signatures from people opposing the change.

When Vernon Prather, chairman, asked the SRIA Board if they wanted to go through every point in his memo, the board voted unanimously in favor of hosting another workshop on April 24 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the definition again.

Five Year Olds Ready To Register For Kindergarten

Kindergartners who show up at Pensacola Beach Elementary School with proper credentials on May 1, Registration Day, will be accepted for next year's Kindergarten Class.

"The registration requirements are the same as last year," Jennifer Neal, kindergarten teacher said. "The child must be five-years-old before September 1, and bring an original birth certificate."

They also need to bring their social security number, Florida Certificate of Immunization, and proof of a physical examination within the past calendar year.

Registration will take place between ten and eleven-thirty a.m. While parents are filling out the paperwork in the multipurpose room, the prospective

kindergartners will participate in a short activity with a "buddy" in

the classroom. Lunch will be provided for the children.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



Fishing is not my thing. During the twenty-seven years I have lived on the Beach, I have gone fishing only once. And, that was because my friend, Priscilla Vayda, a writer for the New Orleans Times Picayune, was spending the weekend with me. She loves fishing anywhere, anytime, so I signed us up for a day aboard The Entertainer.

Preparation for the trip was easy enough... a few sandwiches and cokes in the cooler, get up before sunrise, and we were off, headed to the Marina to get on board by six a.m.

Priscilla was wearing a white silk suit that warm morning. I guess she didn't bring any fishing clothes. Her hair and nails were perfect. She was really ready to fish!

As we got on the boat, I noticed a few ardent fishing friends, Linda Murphy, Icela Rogers, and Jeff Goudey. The trip to the first fishing spot was pleasant. We were all sitting on the deck, chatting and drinking coffee, enjoying a fresh sea breeze.

When we arrived at the spot, everything changed. All the anglers went into immediate action, baiting hooks, positioning themselves at the rail, dropping the lines, forgetting small talk, now fueled by their intensity to catch a fish.

I went into the air conditioned salon, sat down, and ate a sandwich. Suddenly, there was a huge noise, like a football cheer-

ing section had just come aboard. Actually, someone had just caught the first fish of the day. From then on, it was a non-stop bait the hook, drop the line, reel 'em in.

Then, it was off to spot number two. I stayed in my cool comfortable zone. When we arrived it was the same drill. By now, the hampers were filling with fish, and that was before we arrived at spot number three. It was there that Icela caught a huge red snapper, and was the envy of the crowd. All this moving about and fishing, had taken hours. The hampers were filled. It was time to eat and drink a little and head back to shore.

Everybody was sunburned, had bait on their clothes, and they were too tired to chit chat. Priscilla's white silk suit looked like she had been lying face down in a mud pie. You could say everyone was a mess except me. I was cool, full of sandwiches, and didn't have to brag about my "catch."

I did think about what is good and bad about fishing. To a fisherman, there is no such thing as a bad fish story, but I had already made a mental list.

What's good is that fish are tasty, if you have enough tartar sauce. They are also good for you, if you don't count the mercury. Fish fries are unbeatable fundraisers. Fish fries are great summer backyard picnics. The bad part of fishing is that any-

thing that starts at six a.m. can't be good. The fish would much rather stay in the water with their families. And, finally, how unfair is it to have to battle a 100 to 200 pound human being with sophisticated fishing equipment when you're just a little old ordinary fish? (Does not include sportfishing) Well, that's my list and I accept the fact that I am a minority among the angler crowd.

So, now, we are at the dock. As Capt. Jerry Andrews was easing into the slip, I asked Icela if I could borrow her fish for a

minute. I held it up and yelled at Eric Landis, the dockmaster, "Little E, look at what I caught."

He looked up incredulously. "You caught that?"

"Yes," I lied. "I caught it."

Then I handed the big snapper back to its rightful owner.

I don't remember who the mate was on that trip. I just know he had a tangled sense of humor. He wasn't about to let me off the hook, scott free, from going on a fishing charter and never dropping a line. All of a sudden, he turned the hose on me, and I

looked like everybody else, be-draggled.

I was overjoyed when Priscilla said she didn't want her fish and we picked up the cooler and got in the car. As I drove along Via de Luna, I asked Pris if she had fun. No answer. She was sound asleep.

She had ruined a white silk suit, mangled her manicure, and her hair hung in damp ringlets on her sunburned neck. But the fishing excursion was an immeasurable success. I could tell by the smile on her face.

Beach Donations Get To Mayan Indian Children

Chief George Dodge, who collects items for Indian children, has returned after making his first delivery to the Mayan Indians in Guatemala.

"I delivered a large number of school supplies to the Mayan children," he said. "I am so grateful for all of those

who helped." Chief Dodge reported that

the Island Times article was instrumental in the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club asking him to speak, and subsequently donating supplies and cash. Also, Pat Windham, well

known Pensacola civic leader, heard his speech and is arranging for television appearances for him. The owner of Annais Antiques in Gulf Breeze read the article in Island Times and has offered the shop as a second location for dropping off items. Danah's Hair Salon is the local drop off point. The Mayan children need pencils, notebooks, and pencil sharpeners. Chief Dodge will be making a second trip to Guatemala in the next few months, so all additional donations will be welcome.



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SONARRIVES

Stephanie and Jamie White have announced the birth of their new son, Maxwell Kress White on February 16. He weighed seven pounds and one ounce and was 20 inches tall. Stephanie is a graduate of Pensacola Beach Elementary School. Maxwell is the grandson of Cathy Kress, Beach leaseholder, SOB, and world traveler.

MINIBIKERCHICKS

Blaire and Carlee Amberson, Starfish Holk, and her dog, and Kylie Finkbone, escorted by Kristin Amberson were biking together in Villa Sabine last week according to an eye witness report from Lila Cox.

TOMMYMAKESTHE TEAM

Fifteen-year-old Tommy Sears made the 16 and Over AAU Basketball team in Navarre. His parents own the Market on the Island, Cabana Club and the Cabana Club Café.

ROOKIE TEACHER

The Santa Rosa Education Foundation has named Pete Della Ratta, Island Times fishing columnist, as a candidate for the Rookie Teacher of the Year award. He teaches at Woodlawn Beach Middle School. The candidates will be honored at a reception on April 26 at the Russell Center. The winner will receive a \$1000 scholarship provided by the Gulf Breeze Area Chamber

of Commerce.

I LOVE MY DAD

Beach School first grader Abby Jacobs entered her heartfelt essay about her dad, Dr. Richard Jacobs, in the Escambia County Father of the Year essay contest. Abby's entry was awarded first prize in the kindergarten through second grade division. Congrats.

ATKINSON'S AN AVIATOR

Annie Atkinson calls our attention to a reference to her dad, in the poker story, April 11, as an Air Force vet. Actually, in the real world, away from the poker tables, Tex Atkinson was a dedicated and decorated Naval Aviator. He is the author of a book about flying combat in the Korean War, "From the Cockpit."

SMALL WORLD

Follow the Yellow Brick Road from Detroit, Michigan to the Sandshaker Lounge, and you may find an old windsurfing buddy you haven't seen in years. Betsy and Henry Patterson, Detroit, were visiting Pensacola Beach when Betsy decided she wanted a Bushwacker. So, Chrissy Cook and Sandi Johnson, met her and Henry at the bar. In their conversation, Rick Sundstrom's name came up. As it turned out, Rick and Henry were windsurfing buddies on Lake Cass in Michigan. Rick and

Marilyn are residents of Pensacola Beach, who return to Michigan every year, not to windsurf, just to visit.

BIG WINNER

Congratulations to Captain Ron Hogue and the crew of Hog Wild, overall winners of the Outcast Cobia Invitational April 14 and 15. Their total catch weighed 296.8 pounds. The prize money was \$193,000. The Hog Wild beat 45 boats entered in the event.

CARVE IT UP

Shawn Taylor, Beach realtor reports that son Blake Taylor took home top honors at the Waterboyz Surf Contest held in Navarre, March 31. He surfed his way to first place for the first time in the fourteen and under boys division.

A TOAST TO DARLA

Darla Permenter's friends and relatives gathered to surprise her at Paradise on her birthday last Saturday. First in line to toast the birthday girl was husband, Doug.

SKYDIVING SCHOOL

TEACHER

Sandee Bredesen promised her Beach School first graders that she would stand on her head and jump out of an airplane if they did well on their FCAT tests. With her headstand complete, she has scheduled her skydiving stunt for this month. Needless to say, her students really look up to her.

TRIVIA

Morrie Drees was the first to email three correct answers to the last trivia question, "What portion of the old Mai Kai Hotel is still in existence on Pensacola Beach?"

The trivia master would have accepted the Real Estate House or the Sandshaker Lounge, but drew a blank on Pensacola Beach Properties. Morrie's answers are verified by the fact that he was the Mai Kai manager in 1976.

Thanks for helping us set the record straight, Morrie.

We thought the Mai Kai

ended just beyond the lobby which is now the Shaker.

Who will be the next lucky owner of a special Island Times t-shirt? It could be you if you are the first to email the correct answer to the following question, "There was once a waterslide on Pensacola Beach. Where was it located?"

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. May 2. Good luck.

Woman's Club Game Day Luncheon Tomorrow

The Woman's Club annual luncheon has to be Pensacola Beach's most festive springtime affair. The luncheon will be on Thursday, April 26 at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Mission. The party which is open to everyone will be from ten to three p.m. and the ladies promise there will not be one dull moment in the five hour game day.

Players can choose to do what they like best from Bridge, Bunco, Mah Jong, Rummy, Hearts, Dominoes, and Scrabble.

If you don't want to join in the games, you can bid in the si-

lent auction, participate in the 50/50 raffle or maybe win a door prize.

All of this will be served up with a delicious lunch which will be from noon until 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 each and must be purchased in advance. Tickets may be purchased from the following members: Nancy Crane, 934-8990; Lynda Knell, 934-9008; Dolores Gelfand, 916-4599; or Carol Stark, 934-5836.

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Sea oats which will be available for planting in mid-May will be sold in increments of 25 plants at a dollar per plant. As the number of plants ordered goes up, the price per plant goes down. Orders

from 525 to 1000 plants will be 90 cents per plant, 1025 to 2500, 80 cents each, and 2525 and up 75 cents each.

To place your order, fill out the order form and take it along with your check to the school.

Directions for planting will be included with orders. Also, fertilizer and water absorbing "stockosorb" will be sold on pick up day.

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by kathi lewis

It's another rainy day (and cool) as I write this, but I'm not complaining. I love any weather seen through the windows of our new house! And, it's nice to be back on my own computer. I have a wonderful view of the Sound from here (in fact, the top floor has a view from every window of the Gulf or the Sound). I told all my friends that if our money trees had not been destroyed by Ivan, I would put in an elevator just so the ones who don't want to climb stairs could come and visit me. Because I didn't have internet available, I missed wishing our editor, Shelley Johnson, a Happy Birthday in the last issue. So, "Happy Birthday Shelley", I hope it was fun! Shelley's a little 'sneaky' about her birthdays while I start announcing mine several weeks ahead of time. You should be proud of each year you survive; you've earned them all! Celebrate...I hope I'll still be on line next year and we'll catch you then!

The first thing I hung-up in my new house, was the Kitchen Witch I received from our publisher, Jane Cooper. My Kitchen Witch is one of my prized possessions, and will be evacuated should the need arise again. I love my witch and I think she is doing a good job since I haven't had any mishaps, so far. I'll keep you posted.

Although I must tell you, I haven't exactly been doing a lot of cooking since we moved in. It took a while to install my stove, given to me from my friend, Judy L'Oignon. The stove is a survivor from Judy's old house on the beach. I called Judy to let her know when I cooked on it for the first time and to express my gratitude. I love the stove; it has history, managed to elude the wrecking ball along with several hurricanes, and has survived to continue cooking. It also provided Judy and me with a big laugh because we know of "one" thing that wasn't destroyed!

I hope someone tried that Shrimp Salad recipe. It was delicious! Of course, I like just about anything on a croissant.... This week's recipe is another favorite of mine because it involves puff

pastry. Man, you can put just about anything on that, too!

My biggest love (in the world of food) is bread. I know it's not the best thing to eat all the time, so I don't. But, I'm not above rewarding myself with a bread treat. After all, these days I just consider it "another couple of trips up and down my stairs." I have a lot of stairs - thirty-two outside, to be exact. I'm just hoping it will, at least, keep me healthy. There's got to be a trade-off, don't you think?

I like to use a good sausage in today's recipe. I bought some from the little country grocery in Georgia on our way home from Easter. My mother always bought it there and it's the best I've ever tasted! My mother would always have some for us when we came to visit. Okay, everyone, let's head to the kitchen and cook something good...

### Sausage Rolls

1¼ lbs. bulk ground sausage  
1 small onion, finely chopped  
1 Tbsp. Snipped green onion, or chives  
1 Tbsp. minced basil  
2 Tbsp. minced garlic  
1 tsp. paprika, divided  
½ tsp. salt  
¼ tsp. pepper  
1 pkg. (17.3 oz.) frozen puff Pastry, thawed

In a bowl, combine the sausage, both onions, basil, garlic, ¾ tsp. paprika, salt and pepper. Unfold pastry onto a lightly floured surface. Roll each pastry sheet into an 11 in. X 10 1/2 in. rectangles. Cut widthwise into 3-1/2 in. strips.

Spread ½ cup of sausage mixture down the center of each strip. Fold pastry over and press edges together to seal. Cut each roll into six pieces. Place seam side down on a rack in a shallow baking pan. Sprinkle with remaining paprika. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Yield: 3 dozen.

Enjoy, share with a friend, and don't forget our Motto "Why limit Happy to an hour?" And, if you can't do that, then, remember "It's Happy Hour Somewhere!"

See ya in the kitchen

# McLin Earns Top Spot

By Margie Pitts, PBES Fifth Grade Teacher

Pensacola Beach Elementary School is proud to announce their Student of the Year 2007 Award to Robbie McLin.

Robbie McLin is known at Pensacola Beach Elementary School as a leader, a friend, a diligent worker, and a fair minded boy who can mediate a problem and always praise his peers' successes. In our fifth grade class, Robbie is known as the "voice of reason". He is a keen observer and can help sort out problems among

his classmates with a calm and honest summary. He helps to take the drama out of a situation and is respected and admired by his classmates and younger students.

Robbie puts forth his best effort everyday and has made significant gains in all of his academics. In the SuccessMaker Computer program, Robbie has made a year's growth in 6 months in both reading and math. Robbie's kindness, maturity and all around good citizenship make us proud to recognize him as our Student of the Year.



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HINT: Once you have selected both your red and white house wines, purchase them by the mixed case.

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# Volunteers Send Tons of Trash Off Island

## DARK ON MONDAY

The Cabana Club Café and the Cabana Club Banquet facility will be closed on Mondays. They will both be open Tuesday through Sunday. Go to the Cabana for great food and an even better view. Located just up the stairs from the Market on the Island.

## REV UP IN MAY

Get fueled for fun at Paradise Bar and Grill on May 14 and 15 when High Octane takes the stage. Motor City Josh rolls into Paradise the following weekend to play from 6 to 10 p.m. Come early for a good seat.

## DON'T FORGET MOM

Linda and Wally are the friendly owners of the UPS Store next door to the Greenery Restaurant in Gulf Breeze. Linda reminds that Mother's Day is May 13. If your mom is far away, ship her a little something soon.

## FASHION STATEMENT

Jeff Elbert has become a fashionista on Pensacola Beach. His Island Style store is showcasing famous brands of footwear, breezy ladies fashions and the latest Beach sportswear. You can still get postcards, gift and even baby t-shirts.

## TRUNK TRIVIA

Located among the objects d'art in Flounder's Chowder House is a mysterious trunk. Of course, it is not giving away any secrets about its previous owner - the famous silent screen actress Hattie Carter.

## PEDAL POWER

Tiki Island has a whole fleet of shiny, new beach cruisers for rent. Take a ride down the new bike path on Fort Pickens Road. Cool off with a frozen concoction and some ice cream treats.

## TAKE A BREAK

Acoustic Funk entertains the night crowd at the Break Beach Bar this weekend. Plenty of pool and video games to keep day visitors entertained. Mid-week happy hour begins at 10 p.m. for the night owls.

## GET IT ON THE ISLAND

Surf Side Food Store features Exxon gasoline. The only place to fill up on the Island. You can also fill up on snacks, grocery items or cold drinks while you are there. Check out the whole line of souvenir beach t-shirts that just arrived.

Almost 150 volunteers came to Pensacola Beach on April 14 to team up to clean up. When the trash loads were counted after the morning long effort, nine dump trucks had hauled one hundred to one hundred twenty tons of trash off the island. Two 40 yard roll off trucks were filled, and the County sent trucks out the following Monday and Tuesday to pick up the debris along Via de Luna.

The Clean Up, sponsored by Escambia County, the Santa Rosa Island Authority, and the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce was extremely successful, according to Buck Lee, SRIA general manager.

"It all went very well," Lee said. "Now that this has been done leaseholders should continue to keep their properties free of debris."

During the opening ceremonies at the Gulfside Pavilion on Casino Beach, Vernon Prather, SRIA board chairman, recognized the forty-one member contingent sent to the Island by the United States Marine Corps.

"I am honored to be in the presence of the United States Marines," he said. "We thank them for their service to the community and their country."

Prather asked the Marines to stand, and the crowd cheered and applauded.

Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson spoke to the crowd to welcome them. Grover's two children joined the clean up. SRIA board members Dr. Tom Campanella and Kelly Robertson were also on hand to collect debris with their wives Debbie, and Pam, respectively.

The Island Times was instrumental in securing the services of the Marines, provided a grocery sack full of lunch, treats, and souvenirs for each Marine. Also, they received a specially designed t-shirt from Innerlight which had donated one hundred shirts for the occasion.

After the work was completed, the volunteers enjoyed a



United States Marines from MATSG-21 who assisted in the Team Up To Clean Up Pensacola Beach are from (L to R) Front row: PFC Magdalena Benitez , PFC David Tafoya, PFC Joseph Ceja, PFC Danielle Fowler and PFC Kayla Boisvert. Second row: PFC J. W. Dickerson LCPL Melissa Bazyk, PFC Christopher Viduarre, PFC Jamie Snipes, PFC Steven Reinbold, and PFC Michael Houde. Third row: PFC Jerimha Curcie, PFC Brandon Boie, PFC Jefferey Tatum, PFC Steven Bradley, PFC Marshall Hearon, PFC Zachary Powers, and PFC John Taylor. Fourth row: PFC Zachary King, PFC Bryant Combs, PFC Robert Atkinson, PFC Tyler Kraha, PFC Donovan Day, and PFC Markee Cox. Fifth row: PFC Kristina Chepurko, PFC Eric Busch, PFC Joseph Trent, PFC Robert Silavent, PFC Michael Janerio, PFC Dustin Nakamura, and PFC Austin Blais. Sixth row: PFC Michael Garcia, PFC Justin Rende, and PFC John Auclair. Back row: PFC Todd Houser, PFC Steven Bigos , PFC Sean Maguire, SGT Jeremy Ellis, PFC Jason Connolly, PFC Carlos Corrales, and PFC Christi Woods.



Vernon Prather



SRIA General Manager Buck Lee, left, briefs Sgt. Jeremy Ellis, USMC regarding right-of-way clean up on Pensacola Beach.



Team Up To Clean Up volunteers met at the Gulfside Pavilion to attend opening ceremonies and receive assignments. Listening intently to speakers are (L to R): Candace Segar, owner CRS Commissioning; former SRIA Board Chairman Bill Griffith and past Beach Chamber President Jim Hlubek.

lunch under the tent at the Visitor's Information Center. Food trays were supplied by Surf Burger, Hooters, Papa's Pizza, the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge 497, Flounder's, PegLeg's, Sidelines, Paradise, Market on the Island, Crabs We Got 'Em, Coca Cola, Cabo Grill, and The Break. The Beach Marina, Bamboo Willie's and Surf Side Food Store donated ice. Island Style supplied Hawaiian Tropic sunscreen. Island Realty, Bruno's, Lowe's, JLSC Properties, CRS Commissioning and Merchant Paper Company made donations of supplies for the event.

"It was a really great day," Lee said. "We still have a long way to go. Let's work together to keep our island clean."

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# Lights Out For Turtle Nesting Season

Baby sea turtles can't tell the difference between moonlight and a spotlight, and as a result thousands of the two-inch hatchlings die as they undertake the treacherous journey to the Gulf of Mexico from Pensacola Beach.

Sue Smith, Environmental and Developmental Services Assistant for the Santa Rosa Island Authority has announced that a turtle friendly newsletter will be emailed to all beach leaseholders, outlining the steps they can take to help the tiny hatchlings complete their journey safely.

"The bottom line," Sue said, "is turn off as many lights as possible during the nesting season which runs from May 1 to October."

If eliminating all lighting from your residence or business is not possible, there are a number of alternative measures you can take to protect the hatchlings.

"I want to congratulate the Sans Souci Condominium for becoming turtle friendly after their renovation from Hurricane Ivan," Sue said. "This condo is right on the Gulf of Mexico and is completely compliant."

Last year, 70,000 hatchlings in the State of Florida were disoriented by lights leading to their death.

Every mature Loggerhead

or Green turtle returns to her hometown, in this case, Pensacola Beach, to lay her eggs, according to Ranger Bridget Tiffany, Gulf Islands National Seashore. Bridget is available to speak to clubs and organizations on protecting the sea turtles. She can be reached at 934-2855.



After the mama sea turtle prepares her nest, she lays about one hundred eggs. She covers the nest with sand and returns to the sea. It takes about sixty days for the eggs to hatch.

Members of the National Park Service monitor the nests every day during the season. After the hatch date, the baby turtles will emerge and begin their precarious trip to the water. This happens mostly at night since they will wait for a cool time to go to the sea.

All SRIA properties are lighted with turtle friendly lights and they are hoping that all other beach residents and businesses will follow suit.

Following are the procedures to help maintain the Loggerhead and Green turtle population which are now endangered species. These basic rules are from Turtle Time, a turtle friendly organization.

▶ Shut off or shield lights that are visible from the beach. Close drapes or blinds after dark.

Use 25 watt yellow-bug lights where exterior lighting is necessary. Avoid using flashlights or fishing lanterns on the beach.

▶ Remove beach litter. Balloons, plastic bags, foam and other non-degradable pollutants cause the deaths of many sea turtles who mistake them for food.

▶ Quietly observe a nesting turtle from a distance. Do not shine any lights on or around her - she may abandon her effort to nest. No flash photography. Stay behind the turtle so she cannot see you. Call 916-3010 to report the nesting turtle.

▶ Do not harass a turtle by touching her or prodding her to move. Stay out of the way as she crawls back to the water.

▶ Stack or remove beach furniture.

▶ Keep pets on a leash, away from sea turtles and their nests.

▶ Leave sea turtle nest identification markers in place on the beach.

▶ Leave nest sites undisturbed. If you find a hatchling wandering in the daylight, immediately call the Park Service at 934-2855.

A turtle light survey was conducted on the Island on April 2, and sixteen problem areas were

identified according to Sue Smith. Another light survey will be conducted around June 1 to confirm that residents and businesses are doing their part to help the endangered species.

Remember these turtles have been on earth for millions of years, with little threat to their lives until recently.

Making a few simple changes in your summertime lighting can save thousands of turtles. For more information on the cost of turtle friendly lights as opposed to standard lights, and other pertinent questions, go to [www.turtletime.org](http://www.turtletime.org) or call Sue at the SRIA at 932-2257 or Bridget at 934-2855.

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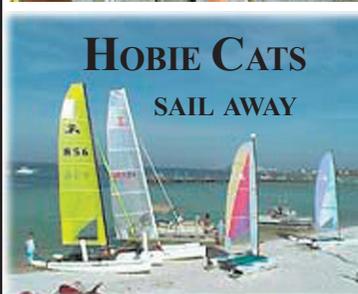
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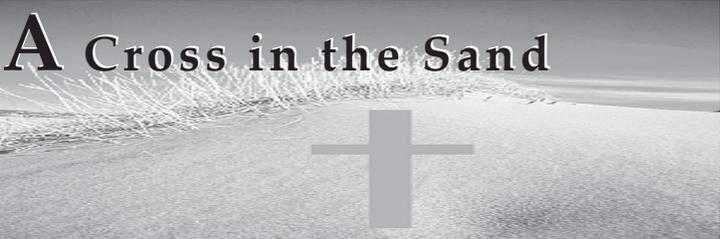
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# A Cross in the Sand

By Dr. Chuck Randle  
Pastor, Pensacola Beach Community Church

"Why would God allow the merciless killings of 32 students and faculty?" was a question posed on national television the other day, not on a religious program, but on a newscast. I wonder whoever started the rumor that everything that happens does so according to a plan laid out by God. And who can be arrogant as to believe they know "the mind of God." If God prescribed that the killings should occur, then why do we hold persons accountable for such actions? If the above belief is true, then the persons should be applauded for doing God's will, rather than prosecuting them! I find it incredible that we put upon God all the bad things that happen simply because we believe "The Plan" is all laid out and we just follow the script. Wasn't there a time when the killer could have said, "This is ridiculous, I should gather up my guns and go home"? He had every opportunity to do just that! For we are accountable for our own actions. In the big scheme of things, we all have been given the powers

of reason to determine what to do with our lives. Some choose to ignore responsibility and give in to anger, revenge, and the dark side of our lives. Who, then, is to blame - our society, violence on television, games that promote violent actions? I don't propose to have an answer that will satisfy everyone...although others may. I do know that I believe in a God of love who comforts us in the midst of tragedy, and brings about healing through our relationships with those who love and care about us. I refuse to put the blame on God. I've forgotten who said, "I have found the enemy, and the enemy is us." The responsibility for what happens in our world is laid at the doorstep of those who perpetuate such crimes and who cultivate an environment where violence is a normal response. Rather than standing around wringing our hands in despair, we should attempt to change that atmosphere... even in limited ways. Maybe, then, we will have a society in which we can all feel nurtured and safe.

# Addie Gibson Celebrates One Hundredth Birthday

The year Addie Foy Gibson was born, 1907, the president of the United States was Theodore Roosevelt, who as a Lieutenant Colonel had led troops in combat up Kettle Hill in San Juan during the Spanish American War. By the way, he was riding a horse. Now, many wars and seventeen presidents later, Addie celebrated her one hundredth birthday on April 22. She has lived through thousands of advances in technology, from horse drawn trolleys to space craft.



Birthday Girl - Addie Foy Gibson

Addie, who is the grandmother of Danah and Gwen Gibson, never could figure out exactly how she was since there were no public records kept in 1907 in Dothan, Alabama. When she found out just a couple of weeks ago that she had lived to celebrate her hundredth birthday, she commented, "Well, I thought it was '07 or '08. Never knew for sure."

Danah explained that a nephew found a record of the date of her birth in an old family Bible. Addie's children are Kathryn, James and John. She has five grandchildren four great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Addie was married at 14-years-old to William Byrd Gibson, who eventually owned a barbershop in Brownsville. After he passed away in 1958, Addie went to work in a school cafeteria.

She still hasn't lost her love for food and thinks nothing of sending her grand daughters out to pickup a burger for her.

Her celebration began with a birthday card from Condaleeza

Rice, sending good wishes from the United States government as she enters the very select group of American centenarians.

"Isn't this the coolest thing," Danah said. "Our Nanny is 100-years-old. I can't imagine life without cars and all the things we have now."

Addie still lives in her home in Pensacola where the celebration continued over two days with all the members of her family who live here and nearby in attendance. There was the traditional birthday cake, petit fours, shrimp, and all the good things she likes. Maybe, her hearty appetite is the key to her longevity. Being one hundred is a subject she doesn't discuss. It's no big deal to Addie.

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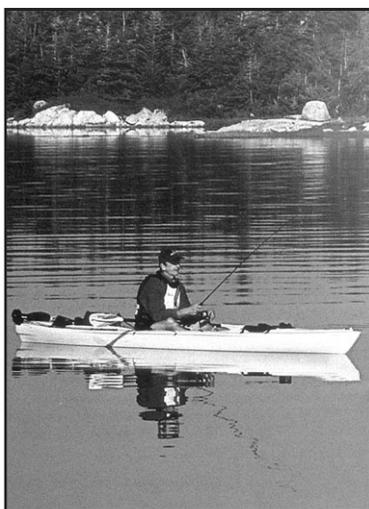
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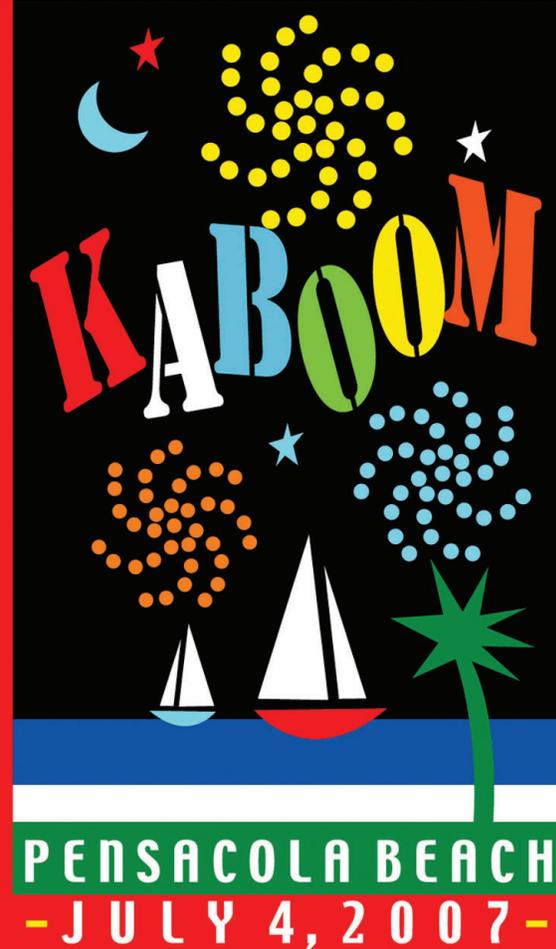
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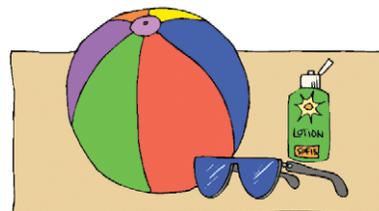


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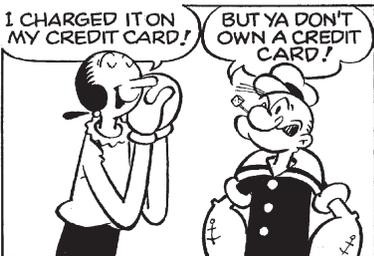
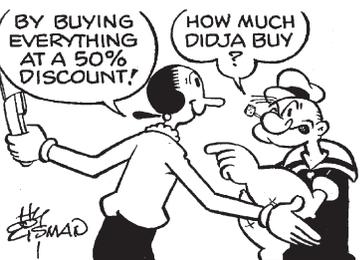
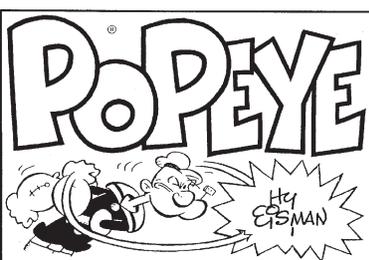
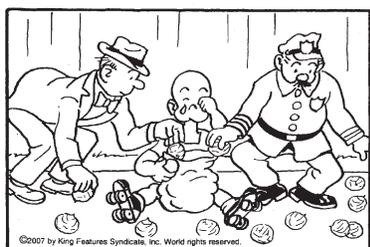
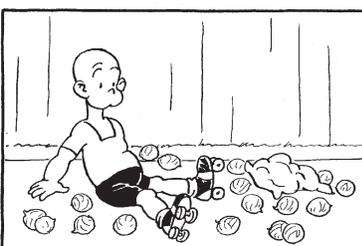
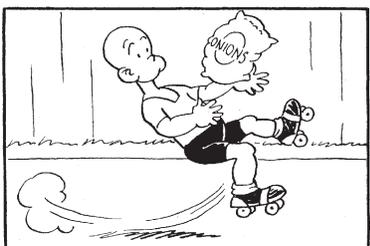
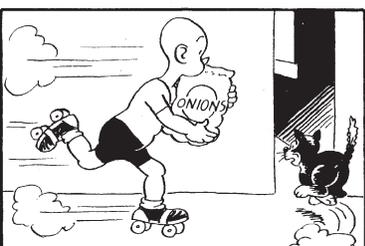
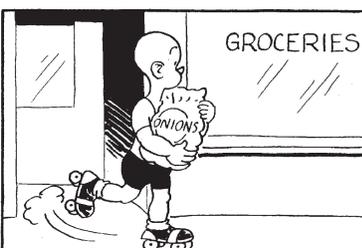
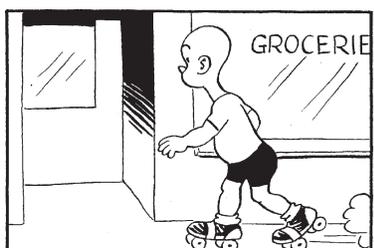
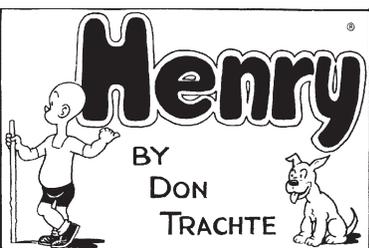
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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You are aware of what's going on, so continue to stand by your earlier decision, no matter how persuasive the counter-arguments might be. Money pressures will soon ease.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) By all means, have fun and enjoy your newly expanded social life. But don't forget that some people are depending on you to keep promises that are very important to them.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You need to wait patiently for an answer to a workplace problem and not push for a decision. Remember: Time is on your side. A financial matter needs closer attention.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You now have information that can influence that decision you planned to make. But the clever Cat will consult a trusted friend or family member before making a major move.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Good news: You're finding that more doors are opening for you to show what you can do, and you don't even have to knock very hard to get the attention you're seeking.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your gift for creating order out of chaos will help you deal with a sudden rush of responsibilities that would threaten someone less able to balance his or her priorities.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Congratulations. Your energy levels are coming right back up to normal -- just in time to help you tackle some worthwhile challenges and make some important choices.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The sage Sagittarian should demand a full explanation of inconsistencies that might be cropping up in what had seemed to be a straightforward deal.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A conflict between obligations to family and to the job can create stressful problems. Best advice: Balance your dual priorities so that one doesn't outweigh the other.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Don't guess, speculate or gossip about that so-called "mystery" situation at the workplace. Bide your time. An explanation will be forthcoming very soon.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Boredom might be creeping in and causing you to lose interest in a repeat project. Deal with it by flipping over your usual routine and finding a new way to do an old task.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You can warm the coldest heart with your lyrical voice and bright smile. You find yourself at home, wherever you are.

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**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps



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# Esposito's Surf Report



by  
Freddy  
Esposito

## David "Roto" Rotenberry

This week we lost another one of our surfers, David Rotenberry. David, Rote or Roto as we called him was a long time local and great friend to so very many of us. We all lose people every year and as we get older it seems more and more often, but losing Roto was somehow different. You see, he was such a strong character and had this total go-for-it attitude in all aspects of his life in and out of the water. All of us on Pensacola Beach remember Dave growing up surfing the pier and the point.

David's approach to surfing was like no other. Strong. Powerful. Fearless. He was a warrior. In fact he lived his life the same way, full of excitement, power and gusto. Anyone who knew him felt his energy. David enjoyed his life to the fullest. He became a great businessman, a great husband,

and pursued his dream of living in California, returning a few times a year to hang with all his friends and family. He even flew out some of his close friends to celebrate his marriage and had the mother of all parties will all the Pensacola boyz. Rote loved his crew.

Like most of our brothers and sisters who pass we will once again unite and celebrate the life of our friend. There will be a paddle out in his name with dozens on surfboards. It will be a proud day to be a surfer and a friend of Roto.

On one of the last days of his life he told our good friend Rim Stanley, "Rim, thanks for all the memories bro."

Well, David Rotenberry from all of us - thank you. We will always remember your big smile and stoke.

All I can say is this - Hold on to your friends very close, people. Life is quite short. Remember everything!

## Grab A Wave Competition Set For Pensacola Beach

The eleventh annual Matt Martin Surf Contest has been scheduled for Saturday, May 5 at 7 a.m. The event which includes eight categories for men and women, will be at the Pensacola Beach Fishing Pier.

Categories will be Boys, 14 and Under; Junior Men 15-17; Men 18-29; Senior Men, 35 and Up; Longboard 30 and Under; Longboard Masters, 40 and Up; Women's Shortboard, all ages; and Women's Longboard, all ages.

Entry fees which must be paid by May 3 are \$40 for the first event and \$25 for each additional event. Entries received after May 3 will require a \$10 late fee. For entry information, please call Innerlight Surf Shop at 932-5134.

Each contestant will receive a free t-shirt.



The Pensacola Beach Optimist Club hosted their annual Oratorical Contest for Pensacola Beach Elementary School students. Finalists competed April 10 at St. Ann Catholic Church. Winners are (L to R): Savannah Crowdis, third place; Jett Crowdis, second place and Madeline Mateer, first place.

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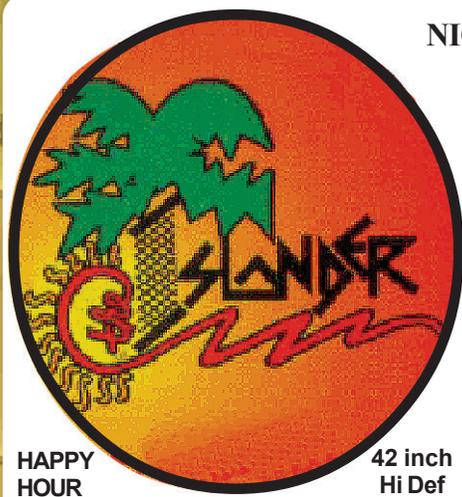
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# Consultants Hold Visioning Workshop

It was déjà vu for John Fernsler, one of the owners of Wallace, Roberts, and Todd consulting firm, when he returned to Pensacola Beach to conduct a workshop on April 11. His firm had created the Comprehensive Land Utilization Plan for the Beach in 1988.

Fernsler complimented the SRIA on the way Pensacola Beach looks now, at the April 11 workshop.

"The blight is gone from Pensacola Beach," he said. "Now, it is important to look ahead another twenty years and find out where you want

to be."

Fernsler told the Board members that they must develop a true vision and assign a hierarchy to address the items.

His recommendations are:

- ☐ Prepare a vision statement which represents a consensus of values and priorities. It answers the question, "What do we want to be?"

- ☐ Develop a strategic action plan for the next five to ten years.

- ☐ Draft a Land Use Plan Update - A twenty year framework for managing growth and redevelopment.

Fernsler then proceeded to tell the Board, "I recommend that you write a vision statement. It is very useful to put together 15 to 20 individuals representing a broad cross section of stakeholders and charge them with writing the vision statement. Then the vision statement truly reflects the vision of the people."

Sylvia Vargas of WRT, made a presentation of the work they had done in several areas, especially Key Biscayne, a community which began the visioning process by creating a statement from the stakeholders.

Vernon Prather, SRIA Board Chairman, asked the staff to request that WRT make a proposal to follow up with the idea of creating a vision statement by using a Visioning Statement Committee.



John Fernsler and Sylvia Vargas of Wallace, Roberts and Todd presented visioning recommendations to the Santa Rosa Island Authority board April 11.

## Kaboom! Fireworks Return To The Beach

Fourth of July Fireworks, after a two year hurricane induced delay, are off the back burner, and will light up the sky over Santa Rosa Sound. The Beach's long-time tradition has returned.

Doug McAllister, owner of Fun Coast Promotions, who will produce the display, told the SRIA in a heartfelt speech that businesses had saved the fireworks for this year. (See SRIA story, page 2)

Since the SRIA did not have the funding to produce the Fourth of July Fireworks, many businesses and individuals have come forward with contributions to guarantee the show.

"Right now, the major sponsors are the Grand Marlin Marina and Escambia County has guaranteed \$20,000 to the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce to support the fireworks. Other major sponsors are finalizing com-

mitments," Doug said.

"The Beach Chamber has been very effective in the drive to secure the necessary funds to be able to go on with the fireworks show," Doug said. "Many of the members are backing the fireworks financially, and they have contacted a number of businesses who have sent donations."

"What's important is that kids will once again have the chance to spend the day on the Beach and look forward to the grand finale, the fireworks," Doug added.

The fireworks, which will originate on a barge in the Sound at 9 p.m. July 4, will be visible in many areas of the Beach. However, the best view will be from downtown Pensacola Beach.

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# General Kennedy Commands Respect At Beach Poker Tables

The best bluffers on the Beach gather weekly at three beach bars for Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun games. Organizer and top dealer Rick Uzdevenes describes the action for the last two weeks, "As the temps heat up on the Beach, so does the poker action. We have been seeing a few new faces at the top of the chip stack."

On the second floor of the historic Islander Lounge players battled on April 7, but "Cool Hand" Fran Cox went all the way with Trey "J.O. III" Weeks as runner up. Janie Uzdevenes made a strong run, but ended up in third place. Trace Lewis was awarded the coveted "t-shirt" because a judging error was made on his fi-

nal hand. Just seven days later Jeff Lockwood took the win on a stormy night at The Islander. Larry Gers made a strong showing as runner up.

Poker played at Paradise Bar and Grill sets tables against a backdrop of Santa Rosa Sound. Right around sunset, games are played on Monday and Wednesday nights. Trace Lewis made Island history by winning three weeks in a row at Paradise. J.O. Weeks and Michelle Bourgeois were runners-up to him on April 9. Atlanta Tourist, John Choate, returned for more punishment from the locals, made it to the final table and was the runner up

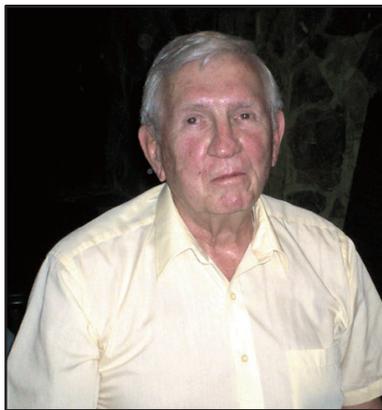
to Trace on April 11 and April 16.

April 18 in Paradise "Redneck" Anne Vinson walked away with the title takin' out all the men at the final table, and then danced a jig around second place finisher J.O. Weeks.

Beach Poker Star Michelle Bourgeois made her presence known by taking out a table load of guys. Scott Stanley

was second place at Paddy O'Leary's on April 8. Two days later Bud Waite won the battle against Fran Cox to take the win.

During the following week of action at Paddy's, Fran Cox returned to win on April 15 with Larry Gers as runner up. The General commanded the



Gen. Bob Kennedy, USAF, ret.



Shannon Chapman shows off his Pompano caught on the Gulf Pier April 15. He fished in unseasonably cold and windy weather to reel this one in.

Saltwater Rick worked hard fishing for Spanish Mackerel last week on the Bob Sikes Fishing Bridge. He said he landed eight, but missed a million.



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tables on April 17 at Paddy's. Gen. Bob Kennedy, retired USAF, took the win and Bud Waite was second.

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In this world of instant messaging and digital everything, we need a place to recharge our batteries. Here are a few timeless tips on how to create the place where we rest.

- Dressing the outside of your bed is not the same as dressing the inside of your bed!

- The selection of Hungarian goose down pillows, mattress pads and duvets is very personal and should be planned for the persons enjoying the bed.

- The linens must be selected to be cool, warm, soft, or crisp, based on your body's tactile feelings, and yes, fabrics come in all sorts of colors, textures, even weights and colors, but white is never "out"—white is an example of purity, and is a classic choice for the inside of your bed.

- Prepare at least 3 changes of linen, six are preferable, so your linen can be changed often and given time to 'rest'!

- Make sure all your choices are machine washable, so your bed will remain clean and fresh—after all, the investment you make can last a lifetime if you take care of it, laundering carefully, and changing your linen.

- Dressing the outside of your bed can be in any color or print, and you can choose heavy

or lightweight fabrics to meet your interior preferences, but you shouldn't choose the inside of your bed that way—use your sense of touch when dressing for bed!

- Contrary to popular belief, 1000 thread count sheets are normally heavier than 400 or 500 thread count sheets, so touch and feel them before you buy.

- Make sure you seek good advice:

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## Prayers Offered To Calm The Waters

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Mission on Pensacola Beach invites all to join them on May 20 at 9:45 a.m. in praying for a safe hurricane season this year. The entire parish will pray at all Masses for grace, courage and safety for the community before the hurricane season begins.

Last year at Our Lady of the Assumption Mission, Pensacola Beach, the parish held a special prayer service, and invited the community to bring an item from home to be blessed. This year, the parish will to repeat the new tradition with prayers during Mass, and ask the entire community to join with them at Our Lady, or at their own houses of worship.

"After we realized the toll the busy hurricane seasons had taken on our parishioners, we soon realized that only prayer would be able to calm the fears we were seeing daily. So a prayer service, aptly named "Calming the Waters" was instituted last year," said Susie Spencer, parish administrator.

St. Ann Catholic Church, Gulf Breeze, and Our Lady of the Assumption Mission, Pensacola Beach, together are a parish of over 2,700 persons serving the community in body, mind and spirit. Information, bulletins and newsletters are available on the web at [StAnnGulfBreeze.Org](http://StAnnGulfBreeze.Org).

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## Beauty & The Beach

By Danah Gibson

In honor of my Nanny, who turned 100 years old on April 22, I have decided to share some information that might be helpful if you have an elderly person who you love and are caring for. My grandmother is still living in the same house she has lived in since the 1940's, thanks to her children who opted to care for her at home, and this is some feat, considering that they range in age from 82 to 69! It's a hard job. They are great with her. My hat's off to all of them and I love them for it. I am very lucky to have a family who cares for each other immensely.

Consider these thoughts:

- 1). Don't force your loved one into cutting off her hair, so it will be easier to care for. Easier

for you, not them. They are already losing a certain amount of dignity and independence, if you pull a change on them now, that just takes more of their "self" away. Would you want this done to you? Always a question to ponder.

- 2). Dry shampoo. They sell this at most stores. If you can't find it, try a beauty supply house. These generally don't work as well as regular shampoo, but it's better than nothing. Having dirty hair just makes you feel yucky.

- 3). Velcro rollers. You can dampen the hair with a squirt bottle, then roll hair up on small rollers, using small sections. No pins or clips necessary. Let it dry and brush it out with a natural

bristle brush. You have a 'do!

- 4) Get one of those little facial hair razors and take care of facial hair. She might not be able to see it to get to herself, but I'll guarantee you she can feel it! They have these at most drug stores. If your loved one is a gentleman, shave his face for him, sometimes old hands can be quite shaky.

- 5). Make sure all fingernails and toenails are clipped short.

- 6). Lotion, Lotion, Lotion. Doesn't matter what you use, just put it on their hands and feet for them.

- 7). Visit when you can.

Thanks to my Uncle Gabby, Aunt Kitty, and Dad for taking such good care of my Nanny!

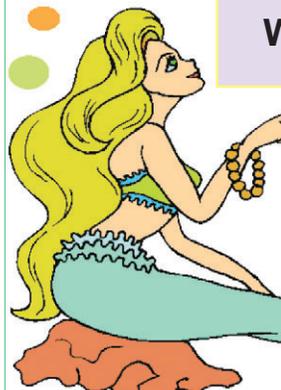


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# The LIZZARD'S TONGUE



by E.K. Hewson

My mother raised me to believe that I could do anything I put my mind to. For the most part, she has been absolutely correct.

If I really wanted to accomplish something be it in my personal life or professional career or athletically or academically, all I had to do was set the bar as high as possible and then let nothing get in my way until I met my goal. So you can imagine how upset I was when I finally realized that I could not spit and run at the same time.

It all started when my marathon training partners and closest friends delicately breached the subject. Okay, they were pretty direct. After all, they can spit with grace, ease and dignity. I believe the conversation went something like this.

"Hold up, I have to get my tissues out of my pocket," I said as my nose was doing more running than my feet due to the high pollen count which was creating yellowish-green dust storms when the wind blew.

"Friend," said Susan in a tone of voice that always indicates that you are about to get a Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel

reservist's lecture, "you need to learn how to spit."

A bit offended by her remark, I countered with, "Spit?"

"Yeah," said my world-traveled, highly sophisticated, master degreed, drop dead runway model gorgeous neighbor Leslie who is training for her sixth marathon. "It's easy. In through the nose, out through the mouth." Then she had to demonstrate.

I promised I would learn to spit and leave the tissues at home. They decided no time like the present run we were on to teach me. I gave my nose one last blow and hoped that my sinuses would remain free and clear for the next five miles. I probably wasn't even 500 yards and I could feel the trickle. Since I couldn't get my tissues, I just wiped my nose on my sleeve.

"Suck it in, spit it out," chanted Leslie.

"What are you going to do when summer comes and you are in a sleeveless shirt?" asked Susan. "Just spit."

Unfortunately, sooner than later, my nose just wouldn't stop running. My first attempt to spit,

I expelled my chewing gum with the former contents of my nasal passages. The next time I hit my own foot. My friends remained positive and encouraged my efforts. Then I did the unimaginable.

As we were running into a somewhat stiff headwind, pollen was misting out of the trees making our eyes itch and let's just say it wasn't champagne that was flowing. I prepared. I aimed. I fired, but did not take into account the headwind. Therefore, it landed right between the soulful brown eyes of our four-legged faithful follower, Sugar.

As I stopped to get out a clean tissue to wipe off her 10-month-old square Boxer snout, Susan, her owner laughingly said, "Spit happens." Yes it does, just not for me.

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# Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candace Segar

## A Thank You

I would personally like to thank Scott from the Merchants Paper Company and the Merchants Paper Company for supplying bags for lunches given out during the Pensacola Beach clean-up.

## A Tale of Two Mitts

This is a tale of two mittens, not kittens, mittens, two kitchen mittens. As Saturday's storm was passing through, I was awakened by the sound of a large boom. I thought one of our windows was broken, but my search at midnight proved me wrong, so I went back to bed and to sleep.

On Sunday morning I woke up and looked out into the backyard and saw downed power lines. There were huge branches from our magnolia tree on top of the lines. I was trapped. The 220 line that fed our garage was hot and blocking the driveway. And there was no way I could move the wire without the two hot conductors arcing. I called my husband Ralph and relayed the information.

His first thought was put on your rubber boots. Those would be my concrete pour boots. Then he and I sat and thought about how to isolate the conductors. And then it hit me. My eyes fo-

cused on two big over stuffed oven mitts hanging on hooks in the kitchen, looking insulating good.

"Ralph, how about two oven mitts?" I asked.

His response, "That will work, but call me so I know you didn't get electrocuted."

"Right on." I said.

So I went out in my rubber boots and leather gloves, and put the kitchen mitts on the two hot conductors to isolate them from each other. I also taped them with electrical tape.

My next job was moving three massive branches off the wire. I had to be careful so as not to nick the insulation. And I had to use one branch as a lever to move the other two.

Once that was accomplished I could move my wire. I carefully pulled it across the driveway, and into the grass along the fence. I then tie wrapped and secured the wire to the electrical pole. So just remember, if this ever happens to you, a conductor in the mitt is worth an arc in the bush.

*[To my readers - Don't try this at home. This column is intended for your entertainment only. Should this happen to you, call a qualified electrical professional.]*

# Bytes & Bits

By Joe Stukey

Q: How can I protect my computer data from damage in the event of a "windstorm"?

A: If you evacuate, take it with you! Nobody likes to think about hurricanes, but the season will be here in just a few months. Thousands of houses were uninhabitable after Ivan and Dennis. Inside those houses were many computers, left behind by their owners. Some of the data was recovered, but most was lost. Now is the time to take some steps to save your data files --- not when the weather starts looking bad. Documents, music, photos, financial data, address books, appointment calendars, and email messages are examples of the information that may be stored on your computers. Knowing how much data you have will help you determine

how to back up the information.

Your options include backing up to a CD or DVD disk, a USB memory stick, or an external storage drive, all of which you can buy locally. A CD holds 700 megabytes (mb) of data, a DVD holds 4.7mb, a memory stick varies from 128mb to 4,000mb, and an external storage drive can store many gigabytes (a gigabyte is a thousand megabytes).

Since no one likes to think about those weather situations, think about this.... would you be in trouble if you woke up tomorrow morning and your computer screen said "operating system not found"? Darn, I wish I had backed up that data and put it in my safety deposit box!

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



**SUPER SLUGGERS** - These four, five and six year old t-ball sluggers have seven wins on the books. They play in the Gulf Breeze Sports Association League but most are Pensacola Beach residents. Members of the Sharks T-Ball Team are ( Kneeling L to R): Mallory Proctor, Kristen Goodroe, Macy Clair Cronin, and Brody Ferguson. Standing ( L to R): Carter Sheppard, Thomas Niven, Clay Clifton, Cayson McCurdy, Patrick Cronin, and Ryland McCurdy. Back row (L to R) are Coaches Chris Swenson and Todd McCurdy



These Pensacola Beach residents were on a Soundside beach at the eastern end of Panferio Drive during the Team Up To Clean Up Pensacola Beach April 14. Protecting wildlife is yet another reason to rid the sand of unwanted debris. Keep in mind the endangered Loggerhead and Green turtles will be coming onshore to nest beginning May 1 and need a dark, clean beach for success.

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## King Crossword

### 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 heeler, for short
- 18 Low pH
- 20 Lumberjack, at times
- 23 Put an end to
- 24 "Metamorphoses" poet
- 25 Dispose of
- 28 Crib
- 29 Before

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- 51 Ticklish Muppet
- 30 Bobby of hockey fame
- 32 Cook in fat
- 34 Celebrity
- 35 Couch
- 36 Enjoys 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

- 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

### 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
- 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
- 46 Follower of boo or yoo



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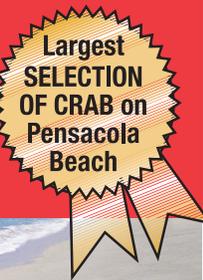
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